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Special Issue: Our Five-Year Plan



Working to protect the Greater Sage-Grouse.
Photo by Scott Carpenter



Bald Eagle receives expert care at the Wildlife Care Center.
Photo by Ali Berman



Exploring the land at Marmot.
Photo by Ali Berman

Our Exciting Future!

Introducing Portland Audubon’s Strategic Plan



Dear Portland Audubon Members,

Welcome to an exceptional issue of the *Warbler*. Throughout our organization’s 115-year history, the strategic use of our people and resources to protect native birds, other wildlife, and their habitat has kept Portland Audubon at the forefront of Oregon’s conservation movement. Whether sparking creation of the West’s first national wildlife refuges, pioneering the concept of “wild in the city” to protect urban habitat, or helping pass statewide legislation to fund Outdoor School for every child, clear strategy has guided our success in keeping Oregon a place where birds, other wildlife, and people thrive.

In recent months, our board, staff, and volunteers have collaborated on a thoughtful examination of Portland Audubon’s future and how we can better serve a changing community. Changes in our society highlight a need for us to expand our work, and point to greater opportunities for Portland Audubon to make a difference. For example, national politics suggest that our focus on state and local actions provides the most effective path for gains in conservation, even for solving global problems such as climate change. Today’s decreasing rates of outdoor recreation expose a growing void between kids and nature, as glowing screens draw young people away from birds and trees. Our expanding education programs prove we can

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prevail against this current. Lastly, the demographics of our region are increasingly diverse, and Portland Audubon and its supporters must be as well if we’re to remain an effective voice for birds and nature.

Thanks to our broad array of programs—from educating kids about the natural world, to training supporters how to influence policy decisions—Portland Audubon occupies a unique place that allows us to make the most of today’s challenges and opportunities. That’s because we not only nurture and expand people’s love of nature, we also enlist our supporters in efforts to make a difference. That chain of relevance—bringing people from connection to caring to conservation—is key to our success.

Our new strategic plan calls for Portland Audubon to reach for the next level: to improve how we connect with an increasing diversity of people; to expand our efforts to educate and inspire the public about birds and nature; to better care for rescued birds and native animals; and to enact and enforce policies that protect species in the wild. To achieve these goals, we’ll be making substantial investments in our facilities, from our much-loved Wildlife Care Center (page 4) to our Marmot Cabin educational facility on a 91-acre sanctuary at the foot of Mount Hood (page 2). We’ll improve how we connect with you by making substantial investments in communications (page 3) and the opportunities to engage



Nick Hardigg and Dan Rohlf. Photo by Tara Lemezis

our expanding community of donors, volunteers, and nature lovers. Our conservation program has set its course to expand our efforts to protect birds across the Oregon landscape, to continue making the Portland metro area the greenest region in the United States, and to increase our efforts to fight climate change right here at home (page 3). And our programs will expand relationships with added communities, and provide exciting new opportunities to connect, care, and conserve.

In the following pages, you’ll hear from many in our community regarding our plans for the future. This is an exciting time to be a supporter of Portland Audubon, and we thank you for exploring what the coming years have in store.


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Our Five-Year Plan



Environmental Education: Inspiring a Love of the Outdoors and a Passion to Protect the Natural World

by Nicki Dardinger, Education Director

Environmental education has been a central component of Portland Audubon's work since the organization's inception in 1902. Realizing the value of connecting with people of all ages, and not only providing knowledge about the natural world but also inspiring people to love and appreciate its beauty and inherent value, is critical to achieving our mission to promote the understanding, enjoyment, and protection of native birds, other wildlife and their habitats.

Why does Portland Audubon's education work matter? We know that today's children are tomorrow's conservationists. It is critical that youth have opportunities to fall in love with trees and forests, salamanders and frogs, birds and butterflies—and so much more. It is only through these nature-based experiences that students develop a deep appreciation and caring for the natural world. This foundation then sets the stage for youth to develop into engaged adults who are thoughtful problem solvers dedicated to addressing environmental challenges.

Over the coming months, our education team will begin executing the organization's strategic plan, an effort that includes tripling the capacity of Marmot Cabin, enabling us to impact thousands of youth each year on immersive overnight experiences. We'll also strengthen our relationships with community partners to meet the needs of underserved audiences, and harness interdepartmental collaborative efforts to instill opportunities to inspire and educate throughout our many programs.

A Portland Audubon Treasure: Marmot Cabin

Marmot Cabin, located on our 91-acre sanctuary in Sandy, Oregon, will play an important role in our new education initiatives. Thanks to the recent addition of two 30-foot yurts, we now have the ability to serve up to 40 youth on each overnight program. We've just finished our first summer camp season back at Marmot! From building shelters to learning how to make a five-minute fire to tracking wildlife in the forest, campers were immersed in the outdoors. And in the evenings, the kids retreated to the yurts. Nine-year old Erik had this to say: "The yurts look good, they feel good and they are awesome! Plus they feel like home."



Overlooking the Joe Miller Wildlife Sanctuary at Marmot Cabin. Photo by Severin Piper

Welcome Nicki Dardinger, Our New Education Director

In late June, right in time for the start of summer camps, we welcomed Nicki Dardinger all the way from Florida as our new Education Director. Nicki comes to us with an extensive background in environmental education, having spent nearly two decades serving in a variety of education and fundraising positions at nonprofits and colleges in Ohio, New York, North Carolina, and Florida. She has a BS from Cornell University and has served as a state park naturalist, conducted research on an endangered species of rattlesnake, trained raptors for programs and flight shows, written grants to improve college graduation rates, protected sea turtle nests on the Carolina coast, managed a White-tailed Deer immunocontraceptive project, and led numerous environmental education

initiatives designed to inspire folks of all ages to take action to make a difference for the natural world. She is a strong advocate for the value of environmental education and the impact it has on people, the community, and the earth.

Nicki is thrilled to have landed in Portland, Oregon, where she lives with her pet family that includes her pup, a cat, two snakes, two rabbits, a turtle, and a lizard. When not at work, she enjoys running, baking, cheering on her favorite sports team (THE Ohio State Buckeyes!) and exploring new places with Gracie (the pup!).



Nicki Dardinger



Friendships formed. Photo by Clay Showalter

The work at Marmot is not yet done. Planning is underway for the second phase, a stage that will require additional fundraising and enable us to reach Marmot's full potential as an environmental education hub. We hope to have construction underway next year. The original cabin, now unable to accommodate the programs offered at the facility, will be replaced with a new structure equipped with a kitchen and bathrooms to accommodate larger groups and an activity room for youth to gather, learn, and play. When completed, Portland Audubon will have the capacity to touch the lives of 4,500 people every year at Marmot, instilling a lifelong appreciation and respect for the natural world.

While Marmot Cabin and surrounding Miller Wildlife Sanctuary are beautiful, it is the land's story that has captured my heart. Back in 1977, Joe Miller chose to give Portland Audubon 91 acres of his family's land because he believed in the importance and impact of our work connecting youth with the inherent beauty of the Pacific Northwest. Joe's gift to us has created a permanent legacy—a treasure that enables thousands of future conservation leaders to have a safe and beautiful place to fall in love with the outdoors.

Strength in Community

Our education team recognizes that we cannot—and should not—go it alone. Over the years, we have built strong partnerships with several Community Development Corporations in Portland, engaging a more diverse audience in environmental education and nature connection. In the coming years, we will increase these efforts to reach a broader audience, helping to reduce barriers that many communities face, while recognizing that communities have varying relationships with nature. Additionally, we will offer more programs that engage all family members, understanding that including the *entire* family, not just the children or adults, is critical to our success in providing programs that meet the needs of those we serve. The new Marmot facilities will enable Portland Audubon to invite a new group of individuals and families to join our exploration of the outdoor world within a safe, friendly, and community-based place.



Marmot Cabin. Photo by Ali Berman



Outside the Yurts. Photo by Clay Showalter

Over the coming years, we will work to strengthen existing partnerships while also establishing new relationships and taking the time to understand the needs of communities that have been historically underserved by Portland Audubon and the environmental-conservation community. We are committed to developing programs that are responsive to community needs as well as supporting community efforts to care for the environment in their neighborhoods.

More Than Just Environmental Education

An important component of our future educational programming will be drawing on the collaborative opportunities within the organization. One aspect of Portland Audubon that makes us so impactful is our varied and strategic approach to conservation. The synergy of biological research, advocacy initiatives, rehabilitation of native wildlife, and environmental education makes Portland Audubon a conservation powerhouse. Whether it is providing hands-on opportunities for youth as part of a community science project, incorporating wildlife injury prevention messaging into programs, or creating a youth advocacy program, Portland Audubon has a unique ability to create numerous opportunities to connect, build relationships, and nurture environmental stewards.

These are exciting times for Portland Audubon, and the education team is thrilled to have the opportunity to reflect on community needs and build programs that will be responsive to those needs and inspire *all* people to love and protect the natural world around them.

Camper practices survival skills at Marmot. Photo by Clay Showalter





Our Five-Year Plan



Conservation: Building on More Than a Century of Effective Grassroots Advocacy

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

Much of the landscape that is protected in Oregon today is the result of advocacy by Portland Audubon activists. From the first wildlife refuges in the West at Malheur, Klamath, and Three Arch Rocks, to our local natural areas like Oaks Bottom and Ross Island, Portland Audubon's legacy of protecting wildlife and wild places is written across the state, both close to home and in the remotest reaches of our state.

Our vision has long recognized that we not only have to protect the big, wild landscapes but also that we build healthy cities. That means access to nature within walking distance for all residents, and the human and ecological health benefits that result from creating green, sustainable, equitable communities. It is a vision that places the highest priority on grassroots engagement—politics are ephemeral, and the only way to truly make lasting forward progress is to build a movement that is broad, deep, and diverse.

Today, in an era of climate change and declining biodiversity, when the imperative to build on this legacy of natural resource protection has never been more clear, we find it besieged by unprecedented threats. The next several years will be about opposing efforts to roll back longstanding environmental programs and protections, but at the same time—thanks to the resiliency of the Portland Audubon community—we have an opportunity to galvanize support and move powerfully forward. In fact, lack of leadership at the federal level makes it all the more critical that we lead locally and statewide.

The Portland Audubon Strategic Plan identifies three primary conservation goals:

Protecting birds and bird habitat across the Oregon landscape
From its inception, Portland Audubon's core mission has been about protecting birds, and we continue to fully embrace this driving force. In protecting wild birds, we ultimately protect the health of the ecosystems on which both birds and people depend. Birds are a powerful indicator of the health of our ecosystems—the proverbial canary in the coalmine. They are also a powerful way to connect people to nature, from what we do in our own backyards and communities to the broader landscape. Today, birds in Oregon and across the country are in great peril, with more than one out of every four species experiencing significant long-term declines.

Portland Audubon's efforts to protect wild birds will focus on three general areas. First, we will continue to address the primary cause of bird declines: habitat loss and fragmentation. Our work spans Oregon's oceans, forests,

grasslands, wetlands, and deserts. Some initiatives, such as restoring Malheur and Klamath National Wildlife Refuges, build on a legacy that dates back more than a century. Other work, such as building Oregon's system of Marine Reserves, represents new frontiers in wildlife habitat conservation. Second, we will work to recover Oregon's most imperiled bird species. Long-term priorities include recovering old-growth-dependent species such as the Northern Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet. Newer priorities include recovering Greater Sage-Grouse and restoring the California Condor to Oregon's skies. Third, we will pursue campaigns to address major hazards to birds in Oregon, including window strikes, light pollution, cat predation, poaching, and contaminants such as lead ammunition. We already have staff positioned at the Oregon Coast, and we will be adding staff in Eastern Oregon to achieve this agenda.

2 Making Greater Portland the "greenest" metropolitan region in the United States
Portland Audubon's commitment to urban conservation dates back decades and includes conceiving and advocating for what ultimately evolved into the metro greenspace system. Many of the natural areas we take for granted today are the result of local grassroots advocacy by Portland Audubon activists. We have long recognized that protecting nature close to home is critical to creating sustainable, equitable, healthy communities, and building a culture of conservation. In the coming years, our priorities include expanding the greenspace system by passing a bond measure and addressing gaps in greenspace access; restoring the region's reputation for leadership in green infrastructure initiatives such as urban tree canopy, green roofs, and green streets; and restoring our urban rivers and streams to ecological health. We will also work to expand our amazing Backyard Habitat Certification Program, delivered in partnership with the Columbia Land Trust, which already has enrolled over 4,000 households and 800 acres of land, to cover the entire metro region.

3 Limiting the region's contribution to climate change while adapting to a changing climate
Climate change represents the seminal environmental issue of our generation, and while the threat of climate change has long informed all of our work, the Strategic Plan elevates combatting climate change to a top priority. In recent years, Portland Audubon activists have played a key role in some critical climate victories, including new protections for Oregon's floodplains and banning new fossil fuel infrastructure in Portland. In the coming years, climate-change-related



Portland Audubon works to protect the health of our landscapes for people and wildlife, from urban areas to the remotest regions of Oregon. Photo by Bob Sallinger

work will occupy an even more prominent place in our conservation agenda.

This work will include:

- Ensuring that cities in the Portland Metro Region are national leaders in converting to clean-energy alternatives
- Promoting green infrastructure such as trees and green roofs to protect local communities, and especially underserved communities, from the impacts of climate change
- Promoting policies such as protection of floodplains that build landscape resiliency
- Promoting wildlife-friendly siting and development of renewable energy resources.

No effective conservation group works alone. We are proud to work with an expanding array of partners and coalitions. We will continue to strive to work not only with other conservation groups but also at the intersection of conservation and environmental justice, recognizing that the work can only be sustained if it is inclusive and equitable.

We encourage your support to get this work done! Portland Audubon has always been about grassroots activism, and in recent years we have doubled-down on our capacity for community organizing. This year we will be adding a new youth activist program geared toward youth under 18 who are interested in promoting change. Our activist program provides a multitude of ways to get involved, from getting your yard certified as wildlife habitat, to collecting data on wildlife locally and across the state in our community science initiatives, to advocating for wildlife and wild places to decision-makers at the local, state, and federal levels. Get involved, find the role that is right for you, and together we will create a healthier landscape for people and wildlife.



Common Yellowthroat. Photo by Scott Carpenter

Communications: Engaging All with Nature and Portland Audubon

by Ali Berman, Communications Manager

What's the most frequent way that you connect with Portland Audubon? Our *Warbler* newsletter? Facebook page? BirdWord e-newsletter? Website? Chances are, many of your day-to-day interactions with us take place without ever leaving your home. Every blog, tweet, and email action alert we send out allows us to connect with you and join together as a force for good, protecting native birds, other wildlife, and their habitat. Our communications program elevates every single one of our initiatives, giving us a public platform to organize advocacy campaigns, promote our environmental education programs, and raise funds during our year-end campaign.

For a 115-year-old organization with such a substantial history of impact and dedicated following, it's surprising to hear how many people don't understand who we are, what we do, and how well we do it. Achieving our conservation goals requires us to step up our efforts to convey the wonderful and important opportunities we have to offer.

A good communications strategy and the tools to reach a broad audience are directly tied to how successful we are at accomplishing our mission. And that's why we are excited to announce, as a part of our strategic plan, Portland Audubon will be investing in its communications program, allowing

us to increase our impact by better telling our story and reaching more people than ever before.

To achieve that goal, in the coming year, Portland Audubon will invest in updating our look and feel, fine-tuning our messaging, and redoing our website and materials (like our *Warbler*!), an approach that will assist in every aspect of our strategic plan and help grow our education, conservation, and sanctuaries programs in ways we have long only dreamed about. And from your perspective, these changes, set to debut in late 2018, will make it even easier to stay in touch, get involved, and learn about how you can advocate for birds and their habitat.

Throughout its history, Portland Audubon has grown strong thanks to our passionate community of members, volunteers, donors, and activists. Many of you have been with us for decades, advocating for birds, restoring habitat, taking classes, and making Oregon a better place for all life. Now, in order to continue to grow, we need to care for the community we've built together and simultaneously expand by developing new relationships.

Oregon has experienced a boom in growth over the last few years, with thousands of folks flocking to our state, in large

part thanks to our beautiful landscape and environmentally friendly policies. Portland Audubon is the oldest conservation organization in Oregon and has a powerful history of shaping these lands we call home. From establishing the West's first national wildlife refuges at Malheur, Klamath, and Three Arch Rocks back in the early 1900s, to helping save the Elliott State Forest this past summer, this organization has worked for more than 115 years to preserve our natural treasures for people and for wildlife. And that's a legacy and promise for the future that we want to share with our neighbors so they can become stewards of their new home.

We'll strive to make our organization a more inviting, compelling, and inclusive place for all people. After all, our multiple websites, social media, *Warbler*, BirdWord, and many other publications are the public face of the organization, the way most people interact with us each day. By sharing what's most relevant to our many audiences, in an inclusive way, we stand to strengthen our relationships and our programs by adding more voices to the chorus.

We can't wait to get to work and use our upgraded tools to better advocate for native birds, other wildlife, and their habitat. Stay tuned.



Our Five-Year Plan



Wildlife Care Center: Looking Forward

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

Wildlife rehabilitation has been part of Portland Audubon's legacy dating back to our founding in 1902. Since our inception, Portland Audubon has recognized that the visceral connections between people and wildlife created through wildlife rehabilitation could have profound implications for inspiring people to love, understand, and protect the natural world. The stories of the animals that pass through the doors of our Wildlife Care Center are modern-day parables for how we intersect with and impact the wildlife that surrounds us. Portland Audubon prides itself on being a science-based organization, but the Care Center provides something that is perhaps every bit as important: empathy for these wild travelers on our shared landscape. Each animal that passes through our doors is a reflection of something that has gone wrong, but also an opportunity to engage an individual, a family, a neighborhood, and a community in taking proactive steps to protecting wild places and wildlife. As we look forward in our new strategic plan, we have thought carefully about how we can best utilize the power of the Wildlife Care Center to further propel Portland Audubon's efforts to inspire people to love, understand, and protect nature.

A Brief Look Back

William L. Finley, the legendary naturalist, conservationist, nature writer, and wildlife photographer who founded Portland Audubon and served as its first president, rehabilitated a wide range of wild animals at his home in Jennings Lodge, just south of Portland. The stories of these animals were captured in photographs, films, and stories that became wildly popular across the United States. Portland Audubon's archives, housed at the Oregon Historical Society, reveal that interspersed throughout extensive correspondence with the most renowned politicians, scientists, and intellectuals of the era, are the stories of these wild animals that Finley and his family cared for at their home. For years, Finley traveled with an educational California Condor named The General as he made his way around the state advocating for the protection of the first wildlife refuges and national forests in Oregon.



Great Horned Owl intake exam. Photo by Tinsley Hunsdorfer

In the 1930s, Portland Audubon created what, as far as we can tell from our research, was the first formal wildlife rehabilitation program in the United States. After securing its sanctuary on Cornell Road in 1929, Portland Audubon President Willard Elliot and his wife, Lillian, moved into an onsite caretaker's cottage and began accepting injured and orphaned wildlife. Portland Audubon's board reports from the 1930s document the wild animals treated at the Care Center and the types of injuries they incurred. Resident birds, including a Western Tanager named Cheery, were one of the big attractants that brought people up into the then remote West Hills of Portland to visit the sanctuary.

The current Care Center was built in 1987 and 1988, a two-year effort driven primarily by volunteer energy to replace the Elliotts' dilapidated, half-century-old caretaker's cottage that was still serving as Portland Audubon's rehabilitation center. The modern era of the Wildlife Care Center was signaled by the move of our most famous educational animal at the time, Owen the Barn Owl, from a perch atop the refrigerator in the cottage to a much larger display cage, replete with a heated barn façade.

In the 30 years since the current Care Center was constructed, more than 80,000 wild animals have passed through its doors, while Care Center staff and volunteers have responded to more than a quarter million "Wildlife 911" calls. The Care Center has grown to be Portland Audubon's largest volunteer program, relying on the contributions of 200 volunteers each year. All along the way, although the mediums and messages have grown more sophisticated, the Wildlife Care Center has continued to tell the stories of the wild animals that surround us.

Looking Forward

In the next few years, Portland Audubon will complete significant renovations to the existing Care Center that will substantially increase and expand educational outreach opportunities, volunteer opportunities, research capacity, and most importantly, the quality of care we are able to provide for wild animals. The renovations we are pursuing include construction of new flight cages, expanded educational bird cages, the addition of a surgical suite and second critical care ward, major equipment and database upgrades, and remodeling of the Care Center lobby/interpretive area.

Many people associated with the Wildlife Care Center went into the strategic planning process hoping that a centerpiece of the plan would be the construction of a new, state-of-the-art Care Center at a new site within the greater Portland Area. There are both huge opportunities and constraints that cannot be fully addressed at the Cornell Road site. Portland Audubon has spent considerable energy exploring the potential for a new Wildlife Care Center in recent years, and we are deeply appreciative of all the internal and external stakeholders who contributed, time, energy, and ideas to this effort.

The Portland Audubon board of directors has determined that the time is not right to take on this move—Portland Audubon has the blessing and burden of many extraordinary opportunities, many of which are detailed in this issue of the *Warbler*. Strategic sequencing is critical, and the scope and scale of building a new Care Center from the ground up would have precluded other critical objectives, including building the capacity for a larger, future campaign. The vision of a new Care Center has not been lost or abandoned, but it is also not likely to occur in the five years covered by this strategic plan. We will continue to explore opportunities and are particularly interested in donated property that could house a new rehabilitation center.

Meanwhile, we are undertaking substantial improvements that would either be transferable to a new facility or are long-term investments that benefit our current campus regardless of whether the Care Center moves.



Bald Eagle release. Photo by Tom Schmid

In addition to these exciting renovations, we'll pursue several other significant goals:

Creating opportunities for youth to volunteer in the Wildlife Care Center: Currently the Wildlife Care Center requires that volunteers be at least 18 years old. In the next year we will create a formal WCC Youth Volunteer program that for the first time will allow youth to engage directly in the rehabilitation program.

Expanding wildlife research: The animals and calls that come into the Wildlife Care Center represent an incredible repository of information about wildlife and how people interact with wildlife. Over the years, the Wildlife Care Center has participated in developing a number of scientific articles and presentations. In the coming years we will be working to install infrastructure to allow us to increase our research capacity and formalize relationships with local research institutions to ensure that Care Center data is easily accessible to researchers.

Updating *Living with Wildlife* Resources: The Care Center has long served as the region's "Wildlife 911," responding to upwards of 10,000 inquiries per year—the place to call for questions about how to provide stewardship and resolve conflicts with wildlife. We will be working with our communications program to ensure that information and resources are easily accessible to people and communities interested in protecting their local wildlife populations.

Promoting campaigns to reduce and eliminate wildlife hazards: The Care Center is a catalyst for some of Portland Audubon's priority conservation campaigns. In the coming years, the Care Center will work hand in hand with our conservation advocates to ensure that the most significant hazards facing wildlife in Oregon—including window strikes, light pollution, cat predation, poaching, and lead toxicity—are addressed.

Expanding our educational bird program: The strategic plan provides for expanding our capacity to house educational birds, which will allow tens of thousands of people to learn about our amazing wildlife and hear their stories up close.

Please contact **Care Center Manager Lacy Campbell** (lcampbell@audubonportland.org) if you would like more information about these initiatives and how you can support and become involved.

Baby birds in the WCC. Photo by Lauren Lark



Become an Audubon Activist!

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. Sign up today to receive regular updates about how you can help move our conservation campaigns forward. Please contact **Stephanie Taylor, Portland Audubon's Conservation Field Organizer**, at staylor@audubonportland.org or 971-200-4681. Visit audubonportland.org/issues/habitat/urban/central-city-plan for more information.

Central City Plan Goes to Council—Opportunity for Portland to Regain Green Leadership

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

Portland has long been recognized as a leader in green infrastructure—strategies to integrate the built and natural environment such as green roofs, urban tree canopy, green streets, and urban natural areas. There are myriad benefits to these types of strategies—they clean our air and water, provide access to nature, address urban stormwater, reduce urban heat-island effects, provide resiliency in an age of climate change, and drive our green economy. However, in recent years, that leadership has been lacking. Portland has failed to introduce new green initiatives, while at the same time it has quietly abandoned some of its leading green programs.

This situation has led many local and national leaders to recognize that Portland has lost its green edge. For example, Vanessa Keitges, CEO of local Columbia Green Technologies and who served as advisor to the Obama administration on green building, has written, “There is a real gap between the myth and reality of what is going on with ‘green’ commercial development and we can see why other progressive cities have surpassed us. Portland is ranked one of the highest for heat island effect and yet PDX installed the same amount of green roofs in 2015 as they did in 2008. We are going backward not forward.” Mayor Wheeler talked throughout his 2016 mayoral campaign about his commitment to reestablishing Portland’s leadership in green infrastructure.

Early this fall the Portland City Council will take up approval of the new Central City Plan. The plan provides policies and goals for the Central City—downtown, Central Eastside, South Waterfront, and the Pearl, Lloyd, and Lower Albina areas—and includes an exciting package of green initiatives:

- Expansion of the Willamette River Greenway from 25 to 50 feet, which over time will allow for increased restoration and access along the Willamette River
- Aggressive restoration objectives along the downtown stretch of the Willamette River
- Requirements to include green roofs on all buildings over 20,000 square feet
- Bird-friendly building policies to reduce the number-one cause of bird mortality in the United States: collisions with windows
- New regulations on lighting along the Willamette River to reduce unnecessary light pollution
- New targets for increasing tree canopy in Central City neighborhoods
- The “Green Loop”—a concept for a six-mile long linear park to connect neighborhoods in the Central City

The Central City Plan has been under development for more than half a decade, and it is time to move these ideas toward implementation. It will be absolutely critical that



Green Roof on OHSU building in South Waterfront. The new Central City Plan will require that all Central City buildings over 20,000 square feet have green roofs. Photo by Bob Sallinger

City Council hear from the public that we support these initiative and want Portland to regain its leadership as one of North America’s greenest cities.

Hearings will be held at City Hall on September 7 and 14 at 2:00 pm.

Check out our webpage for more information on the Plan and how you can submit testimony: audubonportland.org/issues/habitat/urban/central-city-plan

NATURE NIGHTS

Portland Audubon’s 2017-2018 Nature Night Speakers Series is committed to presenting entertaining and expert talks on natural history, wildlife, and conservation issues. Nature Night is a chance for the community to engage with naturalists, authors, artists, enthusiasts, and activists about issues that affect the world around us. With topics ranging from hidden places of the Pacific Northwest, to diversity in the conservation movement, to bats, there is a talk for everyone. Our series takes place on the second Tuesday of the month, September through May (unless otherwise noted).

To RSVP to any or all of our Nature Nights and receive quick entry, go to bit.ly/NATURENIGHT (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 or 503-292-6855.

Humanity & Ecology in Urban Spaces: Creating Community through Soil with Mark Lakeman of the City Repair Project and Communitecture, Inc.

SPECIAL NIGHT! Tuesday, September 19 • 7pm
Montgomery Park
2701 NW Vaughn, Portland

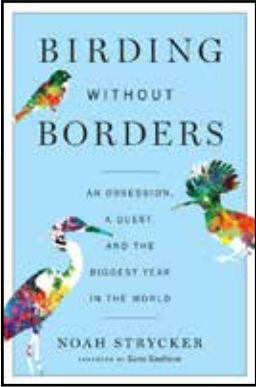
Have you ever entered into a neighborhood and been amazed by a community garden, beautiful street painting, or pollinator habitat? Have you wondered how these spaces connect people and animals to a place, how they bridge gaps between wildlife and humans? Join your Audubon Society of Portland for an exciting talk with **Mark Lakeman** of the City Repair Project about a vision to activate our urban landscape, creating communion among each other, nature, and wildlife.



Mark Lakeman is the co-founder of the **City Repair Project** and **Communitecture, Inc.**, both projects using sustainable planning and architecture to stimulate connections with our landscape and neighborhoods. In his talk, he will pose this question: “Are we serious about becoming a resilient, enduring culture based on respect, preservation, and cultivation of restored ecological systems?” He will empower you with a vision of our future in which people and wildlife live in urban harmony. Using his knowledge of our Roman



colonial infrastructure, Mark will lead us on a journey of the importance of diversity not only in our biosphere but in how we transform our communities into places that respect and sustain both people and nature.



Coming in November

Noah Strycker will make our Nature Night Speakers Series his exclusive Portland stop in November! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 14, location to be announced. Noah will be on hand to sign his new book, *Birding Without Borders* (out October 10) and give you an insider’s perspective on his global Big Year.

SKYGLOW: A Magical Timelapse Film and Conversation Exploring Light Pollution with filmmaker Harun Mehmedinović in attendance In partnership with the Lloyd EcoDistrict

SPECIAL NIGHT! Tuesday, October 17 • 7pm
Location TBA

Join Portland Audubon, in partnership with the Lloyd Eco District, for a visually arresting night of film and conversation with renowned filmmaker **Harun Mehmedinović**. Harun will present *SKYGLOW*, a magical “timelapse video series exploring North America’s remaining magnificent night skies and the grave threat of light pollution to our fragile environment.”



McNeil Point. Photo by Tim Donner

The creeping fog of light pollution is a problem to which we have become largely desensitized, especially in urban settings. And yet this issue affects us all deeply, personally and biologically. Left undeterred, it has dire consequences for environmental health, human health, and the visibility of our night skies. The effects of light pollution are well studied and have been shown to adversely affect circadian rhythms in humans, plants, and wildlife alike, as well as famously confusing nighttime migrants by drowning out the celestial cues they use to navigate.

After traveling over 150,000 miles and taking over three million pictures in three years, filmmakers Harun Mehmedinović and Gavin Heffernan made this film series that “explores the history and mythology of celestial observation, the proliferation of electrical outdoor lighting that spurred the rise of the phenomena known as ‘skyglow,’ and the Dark Sky Movement that’s fighting to reclaim the night skies.” Harun will be in attendance and will explain the depths of light pollution in our cities and the miraculous calm of spaces that are hidden from artificial light. It is sure to be a night to remember.

Educational Trips

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

For registration questions:
Marissa Duncan, mduncan@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6131.
For more information about any of our trips:
Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105 or **Stefan Schlick** at sschlick@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119.

The Sea of Cortez March 3–10, 2018

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



Blue-footed Booby.
Photo by Dick Daniels

Leaders: **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader, and **Steve Engel**, former Adult Program Manager for Portland Audubon
Fee: \$2,895 members / \$3,195 non-members
Deposit: \$1,400 required to secure your place

Sayulita: Birding the Pacific Coast of Mexico December 1–11, 2017

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

Leader: **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: \$2,895 members / \$3,195 non-members
Deposit: \$1,400 required to secure your place

Domestic & International Trips

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

Belize and Tikal
January 10–20, 2018
Leader: **Patty Newland**, local guides
Fee: \$3,095 members / \$3,195 non-members
Deposit: \$1,600 required to secure your place

Colombia—A treasure trove of avian delights
March 16–30, 2018
Leader: **Dan van den Broek**, local guides
Fee: \$4,595 members / \$4,895 non-members
Deposit: \$2,000 required to secure your place

Fiji
March 22–April 6, 2018
Leader: **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen**
Fee: \$3,995 members / \$4,395 non-members
Deposit: \$2,000 required to secure your place

Southwest Florida
April 6–13, 2018
Leader: **Patty Newland**
Fee: \$2,195 members / \$2,395 non-members
Deposit: \$1,100 required to secure your place

Greece
April 28–May 11, 2018
Leader: **Stefan Schlick**
Fee: \$3,795 members / \$4,195 non-members
Deposit: \$1,800 required to secure your place

Eastern Alberta
June 7–14, 2018
Leaders: **Stefan Schlick**, **Dan van den Broek**
Fee: \$1,995 members / \$2,195 non-members
Deposit: \$1,000 required to secure your place



Russet-throated Puffbird. Photo by Fernando Flores



Roseate Spoonbill. Photo by Jordan Walmsley

Northeastern Spain in the Fall
October 30–November 8, 2018
Leader: **Stefan Schlick**, local guide
Fee: \$3,295 members / \$3,495 non-members
Deposit: \$1,600 required to secure your place

Yucatan
December 2018 – specific dates TBD
Leader: **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen**, local guides
Fee: \$3,395 members / \$3,795 non-members
Deposit: \$1,700 required to secure your place

Northwest Trips

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

Nature Illustration at Cape Perpetua
September 8–10, 2017
Leader: **Zebith Thalden**
Fee: \$515* members / \$615* non-members
Deposit: \$250 required to secure your place

Birding the Olympics
October 26–29, 2017
Leaders: **Stefan Schlick** and **Randy Hill**
Fee: \$795* members / \$895* non-members
Deposit: \$400 required to secure your place

Wallowa Winter Wonderland
February 4–6, 2018
Leader: **Stefan Schlick**
Fee: \$200* members / \$250* non-members
Deposit: Fee to be paid in full
Lodging, transportation and food NOT included



White geese. Photo by Candace Larson

Skagit Valley
February 16–18, 2018
Leaders: **Candace Larson** and **Dan van den Broek**
Fee: \$595* members / \$695* non-members
Deposit: \$300 required to secure your place

Klamath Basin
March 22–25, 2018
Leaders: **Candace Larson** and **Mary Coolidge**
Fee: \$795* members / \$895* non-members
Deposit: \$400 required to secure your place

Portland Audubon Birding Days

Once a month, active, fun!

\$60 unless mentioned otherwise
Transportation provided; bring your own food
Limited to 9 or 10 participants (1 van)

October 7 (Sat), 2017 (5am–8pm):
Grays Harbor Bay
Leader: **Stefan Schlick**

November 12 (Sun), 2017 (6am–5pm):
Bayocean Spit
Leader: **Stefan Schlick**

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.

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

HOW TO REGISTER

Choose one of 3 ways to register for Adult Classes:

1. Register and pay online:

Visit class description at www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult and follow registration link.
2. Mail in your check:

Make payable to Audubon Society of Portland. Include with payment: class name, your name(s) and, if this is your first class with us, your full contact information.
3. Register by phone:

Call Marissa Duncan (971-222-6131) to pay over phone. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover.
- Contact Marissa Duncan, Education Program Assistant, at mduncan@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6131.
- Check our website for upcoming classes not listed here!
audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes

Bird Journals: Sketching and painting birds simply for pleasure

Saturdays, 10am–3pm: Class in Heron Hall

Artist and author **Jude Siegel** provides simple approaches for anyone who likes birds and wants to record them easily on paper. Create or continue a bird journal: learn to see and then draw just enough to suggest the bird you saw. Then add some watercolor and create a sense of the surroundings. Fun and easy exercises to help you see, so you can record the birds you see, by hand. You will learn so much that way. No art experience required, just enthusiasm!

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

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

Oct 7: Learn to see shapes. Simple ways to learn to see shapes and a few important details of those birds! Exercises with drawing and watercolor to simplify, get the gist of a bird, and be pleased with your progress.

Nov 18: Bird markings and suggesting locations. Using the principle of “less is more,” we will play with how to suggest bird markings and where the bird is: water, foliage, grasses, rocks. We will use pen, pencil and watercolor in fun ways: stamping and printing, watery paints, drawing tricks.

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

Raptor Identification & Migration

(Session A): Sep 27 (Wed), 7–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Sep 30 (Sat), 8am–5pm: Field Trip to Bonney Butte

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(Session B): Sep 27 (Wed), 7–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Oct 1 (Sun), 8am–5pm: Field Trip to Bonney Butte

Hawks, eagles, and falcons can be challenging to identify, particularly in flight. **Dave Irons** and **Shawneen Finnegan** will cover the basics of raptor identification in the evening class, and then you’ll have an opportunity to practice your new skills on a field trip to Bonney Butte, a hawk migration study site near Mt. Hood that offers an opportunity to see migrating raptors on their way to their wintering grounds. Dave Irons is one of Oregon’s top birders, and Shawneen Finnegan once lived in one of the most famous hawk-watching locations in North America (Cape May, New Jersey), where she observed thousands of hawks each fall.

Class with Field Trip, *limited to 20 participants, transportation provided:*
\$95 members / \$115 non-members
Class-only Option: \$14

Beginning Birding

(Session C): Sep 28 (Thu), 7–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Oct 1 and Oct 8 (Sun), 9am–12pm: Local Field Trips

(Session D): Oct 12 (Thu), 7–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Oct 15 and 22 (Sun), 9am–12pm: Local Field Trips

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

Class with Field Trips: \$65 members / \$85 non-members
Class-only Option: \$14

Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration

Saturdays, 8am–12pm Oct 7, Nov 4, and Dec 2: Local Field Trips

Saturday morning explorations with **Greg Baker** at one of Oregon’s most accessible Important Bird Areas—Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, managed by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. This class series is perfect for those interested in developing and sharpening their birding skills under a variety of field conditions with the tutelage of an expert birder. Explore different habitats on the island, learn bird calls, and search for waterfowl, songbirds, and raptors.

Fee: \$80 members / \$100 non-members
Limited to 15 participants.
Pre-registration – participants register for all three days

Winter Gull ID

Oct 26 (Thu), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Oct 28 (Sat), 8am–5pm: Coast Field Trip (transportation provided)

We will come right out and say it: Most gulls are actually pretty easy to identify. You just need to know what to look for. In the evening class, local guide and author **John Rakestraw** will show you how to recognize our local wintering species by size, shape, and plumage. Then you’ll take part in a full-day field trip to the coast to visit gull hotspots and practice your new skills. Let go of your fear and embrace your inner gull lover!

Class with Field Trip, *limited to 12 participants:*
\$95 members / \$115 non-members
Class-only Option: \$14



Thayer's Gull. Photo by Jamie Chavez



Pacific Loon. Photo by Andrew Reding

Ever wanted to learn to needle-felt?

Crafting: Needle-Felted Hummingbird Ornaments

Sep 30 (Sat), 10:30am–12pm in Heron Hall

In this class each participant will receive their own bird-making kit, and we will go step by step through the needle-felting process and hand-stitch some fabric details to make a cute little hummingbird. The colors for this workshop are inspired by Rufous Hummingbirds, and their flashy colors are a wonderful reminder of the amazing nature right in our own backyards. Class taught by guest wildlife artist **Suzanne Moulton**.

Fee: \$25 (includes all materials)
Limited to 15 participants, ages 8–adult (Families welcome, but kids under 12 must have an adult with them in the class)

Adult Classes

Oregon Pelagic Birds and Boiler Bay Seawatch

Nov 2 (Thu), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Nov 4 (Sat), 6am–5pm: Field Trip to Boiler Bay (transportation not provided)

If you’ve always wanted to know what’s out here offshore in Oregon, this class is for you! **Stefan Schlick** will walk you through all the jaegers, pelagic gulls and terns, loons, phalaropes, tubenoses, and alcids that frequent the waters away from the shore. We will look at field marks and identification details, but also discuss techniques and strategies for seabird observation. For the field trip on Saturday morning we will meet at 8:30am at Boiler Bay State Wayside to do a seawatch and then bird around Newport; you will have to provide your own transportation. Please bring a scope for the seawatch.

Class with Field Trip, *limited to 12 participants:*
\$70 members / \$85 non-members
Class-only Option: \$14

Orchard Mason Bee Nest and Cocoon Cleaning

Nov 6 (Mon), 7pm–9pm in Heron Hall

Bring in your mason bee nest tubes, reeds, or bee blocks designed to be opened for cleaning, and we’ll help you prepare your colony for emergence next spring!

Mark Fitzsimons will show you how to clean mason bee nest structures and keep parasite numbers low, resulting in healthy bees and a growing colony—good news for backyard pollination! We’ll open tubes, reeds, and blocks, identify common pests, sort cocoons, and discuss winter storage and spring nest preparation. Just a few hours of work each winter pays off in a sustainable colony and higher fruit production for you and your neighbors!

Fee: \$14

Intermediate Birding: Stretch Your Wings in Bird ID!

Nov 11 & 18 (Sat), 8am–12pm: Local Field Trips

Dec 2 (Sat), 7am–5pm: Field Trip (transportation provided)

Have you fledged from a beginning birder but do not yet feel like soaring with the experts? This class is perfect for students who want more field time and more opportunities to identify birds by flight pattern, behavior, habitat, voice, and more. During three field experiences you’ll hone your skills and discover new birds under the guidance of experienced birder and longtime teacher **Laura Whittemore**. Two local half-day field trips and a third day-long trip that will venture a bit farther afield.

Fee: \$125 members / \$150 non-members
Limited to 12 participants

Building a More Inclusive Community by Protecting Immigrants’ Rights

At the request of our Conservation Committee, Portland Audubon’s board passed a resolution in opposition to Initiative Petition 22 (IP 22), a ballot measure that would repeal Oregon’s 30-year-old sanctuary law, originally passed to stop the practice of profiling immigrants.

In our new strategic plan, Portland Audubon prioritized Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), advancing an objective that was first approved by the board in 2013 with the adoption of our Unified Diversity Strategy. If passed, IP 22 would allow the use of local and state resources to enforce immigration law if a person’s only crime is being in the country illegally.

IP 22 represents a significant threat to Oregon’s immigrant communities and to our state’s commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. It comes at a time when hostility toward immigrant communities has been gaining ground

at both state and national levels. IP 22 recently obtained enough signatures (1,000) to officially begin the process of drafting a ballot title and language to potentially reach the November 2018 ballot. The chief proponents of IP 22, Oregonians for Immigration Reform (OFIR), have cloaked their fearful rhetoric within the wings of the conservation movement—choosing a tree as their logo, and writing Op-Eds about how immigrants are destroying the environment.

As our Executive Director, Nick Hardigg, described it, “Portland Audubon can’t allow this extreme, fear-mongering group to suggest that it’s in any way aligned with conservation. We work to protect the Earth for the health and benefit of all people.” Our board resolution allows Portland Audubon to work independently and within the One Oregon Coalition to oppose IP 22. Other conservation organizations working on this issue include the Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Oregon Environmental Council, Climate Solutions, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, and the Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club. Visit oneoregon.org for more information.

Sightings

By mid-June most northward migration was complete. On June 27 Steve Engel reported a group of 40 **Least Sandpipers**, some **Western Sandpipers**, and a **Greater Yellowlegs** at Jackson Bottoms in Hillsboro as the fall southbound migrations began. By that time many local breeding birds had dispersed from their nesting sites.

Eastern Kingbirds were reported nesting this summer at Steigerwald NWR and at Ridgefield NWR. Max Smith spotted one at the Koll Wetlands in Beaverton June 11. The **Bank Swallow** colony at the end of Reeder Road on Sauvie Island is again active. **Red-eyed Vireos** were reported during June from the Sandy River Delta, from the Wapato Greenway on Sauvie Island, and in the woods at the end of Reeder Road.

Tom Wnuk reported a **Western Grebe** at the Fernhill Wetlands June 11. John Powell reported a **Clark’s Grebe** at Broughton Beach July 16. Steve Nord recorded a **Whimbrel** at the Tualatin River NWR June 3.

On June 10 Justin Cook saw an **Ash-throated Flycatcher** at Mt. Talbert in Clackamas. Bob Flores and Ron Ezetta observed a **Lark Sparrow** at Steigerwald NWR June 10. Nathaniel Wander reported a **Red-shouldered Hawk** in the north woodland in Oaks Bottom July 3.

On June 5 Beverly Hallberg found a loudly calling **Ovenbird** in the Sandy River Delta. Ovenbirds have a very loud distinctive call that is hard to overlook or misidentify. On July 5 Em Scattaregia and Adrian Hinkle spotted a **Veery** in the Delta.



Eastern Kingbird. Photo by Andrea Reago

Volunteer of the Month: Shawn Maskel by Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Manager

Shawn Maskel has been volunteering in the Wildlife Care Center since the beginning of 2016 and has already logged almost 400 hours! Shawn primarily spends her time helping to clean and feed the animals in rehabilitation and our resident animals but has been covering phones for the past couple of months. Shawn is incredibly generous with her time and is always willing to help out. She explained to us why she volunteers:

“Because I care about wild animals and want to help them! Also, because I enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to learn.”

Shawn has learned a lot already in her year of volunteering. She can handle most species of animals that we get in, and she can handle some pretty tough phone calls (which is the hardest part of the job). But we keep her motivated by providing some incentive. Shawn loves working with the baby hummingbirds (one of her favorites), and right now we have five that need to be fed every 30 minutes.

Shawn gets along with everyone, and her shift mates think she’s pretty great. We asked her what advice she’d give other volunteers:

“Appreciate all the wildlife you get to experience on the day-to-day! And keep up the good work!”



Shawn Maskel. Photo by Portland Audubon

The Wildlife Care Center couldn’t care for the thousands of animals we see each year without the help of our amazing and talented volunteers. Did you know that the Wildlife Care Center makes up half of the total volunteer hours for the entire organization? Our volunteers donate as much time as 25 full-time staff members each year! It’s because of people like Shawn that we are able to do the amazing things we do. From the Wildlife Care Center and Portland Audubon—thank you, Shawn!

Two Yosemite

An Environmental Opera by Justin Ralls

September 8, 15, 16
Lewis & Clark College

Portland Audubon is pleased to be working with NW composer Justin Ralls to present his environmental opera, *Two Yosemite*. *Two Yosemite* recreates the remarkable 1903 meeting between President Theodore Roosevelt and renowned conservationist John Muir in Yosemite National Park, which has been described as “the most famous camping trip in history.” This meeting was one of the events on President Roosevelt’s Great Train Loop Tour of 1903 in which he set the stage for many of the most important public land protections in the Western United States. It was later on this same trip that he met with Portland Audubon founder William Finley, a meeting that would result in the designation of Malheur, Klamath, and Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife Refuges within the next five years. At a time when our public lands are under direct threat, this event is an opportunity to enjoy an evening of great music, revisit the history of our public lands, and renew our commitment to protecting them for future generations.

“The titanic protagonists are well matched by Justin Ralls’ masterful and provocative score. A must-see for the opera crowd, nature lovers, history buffs, or anyone who just loves a good story.” – Spreck Rosekrans, Executive Director, Restore Hetch Hetchy

World Premiere
Friday, September 8, 2017
7:30pm, doors open at 6:30pm
Lewis & Clark College, Agnes Flanagan Chapel
General Admission: \$20

Amphitheater Performances
Friday, September 15, and Saturday, September 16, 2017
7:00pm, amphitheater opens at 6:00pm
Lewis & Clark College Law School Amphitheater
Suggested Donation: \$15
Tickets Available:
www.operatheateroregon.com/tickets/

Thank You to:

- Bebe Anderson for 2 used books to the Nature Store
- Thomas Brock for 3 packs of bleach and 4 bottles of detergent to the Wildlife Care Center
- Claire Carter for 20 nature books to the Nature Store
- Jim Cruce for 20 8×10 wildlife photos, 35 11×14 wildlife photos, 4 12×18 wildlife photos and 56 16×20 wildlife photos to Development
- Mary Dame for 78 used books to the Nature Store
- Valerie Davis for an 8×40 Swift binoculars PoroPrism
- Holly Ho for a Leica telescope
- Randy Lewis for 40 lbs. of bird seed
- Pamela Lindholm-Levy for 14 used books to the Nature Store
- Terry Ling for used garden and bird books to the Nature Store
- Christine Manning for books donated to the Nature Store
- Leslie Myers for 2 mice carriers to the Wildlife Care Center
- Phyllis Oster for *Field Guide to Birds*, *Birding by Ear*, *Birds of Oregon*, and *National Geographic Atlas to Birds of North America* books to the Nature Store
- Reuben Rich for 10 hardbound books to the Nature Store
- Thomas Robertson and Julie Biddle for a 2003 Subaru Outback in working condition donated to the organization
- Trail Butter for 22 Trail Butter squeezable pouches for Education Backpacking Trip
- Andrea Tongue for 15 hardback books donated to the Nature Store
- Alena Wheary for a new insect book and a compass
- Laura Whittemore for 11 used books donated to the Nature Store

Our Wish List

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| For Administration:
AED (automated external defibrillator)
Auditory assistance devices
Binoculars
Scope and tripod | For Wildlife Care Center:
Science Diet Kitten Growth Bleach
Dawn dishwashing detergent
Exam gloves (latex or latex-free)
Paper lunch bags
Small leather work gloves
Kevlar animal handling gloves |
| For Sanctuary:
Loppers • Hand saws
Work gloves | |

If you can donate these items, please first contact Portland Audubon at 503-292-6855 ext. 102, Mon-Fri, to arrange a time for delivery/pick-up.

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October 6, 7 & 8

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- Keynote Speakers: Dan Varland, Coastal Raptors and Tony Starlight
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- Beginning bird walk
- Bird language hike for adults
- Family activities

- Hands-on birding photography walk
- Pacific NW ethnobotany hike
- Kayak & Big Canoe paddle tours
- Birders’ Marketplace (Arts & Crafts)
- Traditional salmon bake
- Picker’s Festival & concert
- and so much more . . .

For more information and the Schedule of Events visit:

www.RidgefieldFriends.org

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Late Summer Optics Specials!

It's time once again for **Nikon Monarch Madness!** This year Nikon is featuring all the full-size Monarch binocular models carried by the Nature Store: the Monarch 5, Monarch 7, and the brand-new Monarch HG. Instant savings range from \$50 to \$100 depending on the model. All models are available in 8x42 and 10x42 sizes. The sale runs through September 20 and offers an instant discount at the cash register.



Nikon Monarch HG 8x42

Carl Zeiss Sports Optics is celebrating their **Fall Field Days** by offering \$100 instant rebates on their mid- and full-size Conquest HD binoculars. The sale begins on September 1 and runs through September 18. The Conquest is designed and built in Germany and features HD (high density, extra-low dispersion) glass lenses for vivid, natural colors from dawn to deep dusk. The Conquest HDs placed first and second in the mid-price category of Cornell Lab's most recent binocular review. Stop in to see why!



Zeiss Conquest HD 8x32

Prices and discount details can be found on the Nature Store pages of our website.

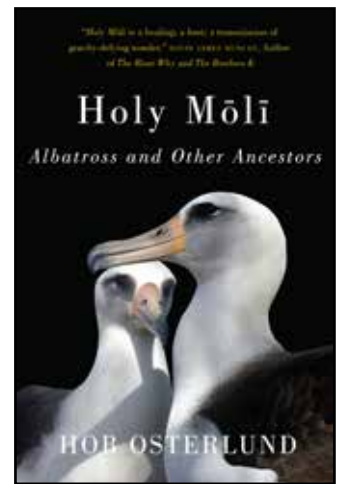
Hob Osterlund Book Signing

Wednesday, September 20, 7pm • Heron Hall

Join us the evening of September 20 as we welcome author **Hob Osterlund** for a reading and signing of her book ***Holy Mōlī***.

Albatross live long. They spend the majority of their years airborne, gliding across vast oceans. In nesting season, they rack up impressive mileage to feed their chicks waiting on the islands of the Hawaiian archipelago. When Hob Osterlund happened upon a few courting albatross on Kauai, she embarked on a personal journey that introduced her to the Hawaiian concept of *aumakua*, spiritual ancestors who occupy the physical forms of animals. Osterlund weaves seamlessly between her own life experiences and her studies of albatross for an engrossing natural and personal history.

Hob Osterlund is an award-winning writer and photographer whose work has appeared in *National Geographic Explorer*, *The New York Times*, *Nature*, and more. As founder of the Kauai Albatross Network, she serves as habitat liaison for private property owners who host Laysan albatross, an iconic species that's begun to repopulate its ancient home in the Hawaiian Islands.



Birding Book Club and Q&A with the Author!

Wednesday, September 20, 6pm

Interpretive Center at Audubon Society of Portland

Join us for a special book club event! The book of the month is ***Holy Mōlī***, by Hob Osterlund. We will meet at 6pm for a brief organizational meeting and discussion to select future book titles, and then attend Osterlund's reading and signing at 7pm! Osterlund will have time for questions from attendees at the end of the reading. All are invited to join this fun and casual ongoing discussion group.

The book club meets on the third Wednesday of every month. The month's book is offered to Portland Audubon members for a 20% discount at the Nature Store. The book club is open to everyone, so contact **Pat Gorman** (gormanp3@gmail.com) to RSVP.

Project Bird Baby Nest Flies in to Portland Audubon!

Suzanne Moulton, local wildlife and children's toy artist, fell in love with Elliott State Forest and started **Project Bird Baby Nest** to celebrate the forest's many natural treasures. A solo hike through that region healed her broken spirit and gave her art new purpose: to be a voice for wildlife. Bird Baby Nest has three components: a multi-artist fiber arts exhibit, community craft felting workshops (see page 7), and a fun board game that will be available at the Nature Store when completed. All components have the common goal of connecting communities to knowledge about the wildlife right at their doorstep, because you don't need to go halfway around the world to see amazing animals!

During September and October, the Birds of Elliott State Forest Textile Sculpture Exhibit will be on view in our Interpretive Center. **Please join us on Thursday, September 14, for a free Artist Reception from 5 to 7pm.** Meet many of the 15 artists who created

the textile birds that will be used to create the children's matching game, Bird Baby Nest: the Elliott State Forest Edition. Enjoy complimentary refreshments and take the opportunity to purchase needle felting kits to make your own Elliott State Forest bird ornament.



Don't Miss Our Used Book Sale!

Come to Heron Hall on **Saturday, September 23, and Sunday, September 24, between 10am and 4pm** for a special opportunity to expand your nature library!

We will be selling a combination of member donations and books no longer needed by our current programs, which may be perfect for a spot on your shelves at home. Hundreds of birding, nature, and travel titles for novice or expert naturalists will be available for purchase. Most will be very inexpensively priced, but we'll also have some rare and collectible titles available. All will be sold on a first-come basis, so please reserve that weekend on your calendar for a chance to see what treasures we'll have on hand! Bargain hunters: on Sunday from 2pm to 4pm most titles will be half off the original low price!



Join Us for the 5th Annual Catio Tour!

Help Us Create Safe Neighborhoods for Birds and Cats

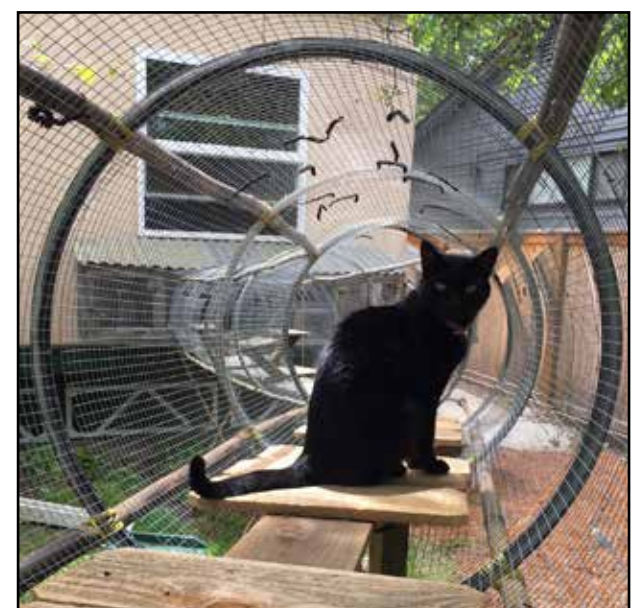
by Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat Program Manager

Backyard habitats are flourishing throughout our metro region! Today over 3,500 properties, comprising more than 825 acres, are enrolled in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, administered by Portland Audubon and the Columbia Land Trust. These yards are bustling with native blooms that nourish the birds we love, as well as the butterflies and bugs that make up the foundation of a healthy ecosystem.

That's great news! However, at the same time we are creating habitat in our yards and neighborhoods for birds and beneficial insects, we also need to be aware of the wildlife hazards that surround us. Among the biggest threats to wild birds in our neighborhoods are free-

roaming cats. For nearly two decades Portland Audubon and the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon have worked together to create safe neighborhoods for birds and for cats.


Join us on **Saturday, September 9, from 10am to 2pm** for our 5th Annual Catio Tour and learn about one of the best ways to keep cats and birds safe. This self-guided tour will feature 11 local catios—ranging from fabulous to frugal—that allow domestic cats to safely enjoy the great outdoors. Come get inspired! Register today at feralcats.com/catio/





Happy cat enjoys its catwalk, made of recycled bicycle rims. Photo by the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon

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

September 7 (Thu), 6:30am–5pm Fern Ridge Wildlife Area, Eugene

Meet **Meg Ruby** and **April Brown** to explore this premier birding hotspot in Lane County. Fern Ridge has a large resident colony of American White Pelicans, and we should see good numbers of ducks, grebes, and shorebirds. We will look for Western and Least Sandpipers, and Baird’s and Pectoral Sandpipers are possible, as are Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plovers. Meet at Tualatin Fred Meyer (19200 SW Martinazzi Ave, 97062) to form carpools. Park near the DR Davis Lock and Safe building in the SE part of the parking lot. Bring extra water, a lunch and snack, and good sun protection, as there is little shade on site. Contact Meg at megruby@gmail.com with questions. **Limited to 16 participants. Register at tinyurl.com/FernRidge-09072017**

September 8 (Fri), 7:30am–11:30am September 20 (Wed), 7:30am–11:30am Beginner Birding at Tualatin NWR

Looking to improve your bird identification or brush up on your skills? All are welcome, but the pace and explanations will be geared toward novice birders. Please meet **Rachel Frennea** at Tualatin River NWR in front of the bathrooms on the north side of the parking lot. Dress for the weather and bring water and snacks. Bring your own binoculars or let Rachel know when you register that you need to borrow a pair. Two dates to choose from. **Space is limited and registration is required.** To register, email Rachel at rachelfrennea@gmail.com.

International Vulture Awareness Day is coming to Audubon!



FREE EVENT!
Saturday, September 2
10 am – 2 pm • Heron Hall

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

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

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

Mark your calendars for this family-friendly Halloween event!



Saturday, October 21, 2017
5:00pm – 8:30pm FREE!

Come celebrate Halloween and learn all about the creatures of the night. Come face-to-face with Portland Audubon’s Great Horned Owl, Turkey Vulture, and Raven. **Trick-or-Treat with naturalists and enjoy a night walk to investigate what creatures haunt the sanctuary at night.** Event will go rain or shine.

Pre-registration is recommended. You can register online at audubonportland.org/about/events/halloween or call 503-292-6855 ext. 108 for more information. Space is limited for event and walks, so register early!

September 21 (Thu), 8am–3pm Sauvie Island: Oak Island & the Narrows

Join **Karen Chaivoe** and **Mary Ratcliff** at Oak Island for some fall birding. Meet at the Sauvie Island TriMet Park & Ride at 8am to form carpools. We will be walking 2–3 miles, so bring water, lunch, and sunscreen. A spotting scope is helpful. Cars going to Oak Island need a parking pass, available at the Cracker Barrel Store on Sauvie Island Road just north of the bridge. Contact Mary at mratclif@aracnet.com or Karen at kchaivoe@comcast.net (503-241-4750) with questions. **Limited to 15 participants. Register at tinyurl.com/SauvieIsland-09212017**

September 24, (Sun), 10am–1pm Fernhill Wetlands

Confused by peeps and other shorebirds? Join leader **Tim Sheldermine** as we walk Forest Grove’s Fernhill Wetlands looking for these migrants and discuss their identification. We will meet in the main parking area at 10am. Bring a scope if you have one. Take Hwy 47 south out of Forest Grove for about a half mile and turn left on Fernhill Rd. After another quarter mile turn left again to enter the parking lot. Call Tim with any questions at 971-221-2534. No reservation needed for this walk.

September 27 (Wed) 8am–12pm Kiwa Trail, Ridgefield NWR

Join **Ron Escano** on a walk on the Kiwa Trail looking for rails and bitterns. The trail will close October 1 so last chance until next spring. The trail is a flat 1.5 mile walk. Dress for the weather and beginners welcome. Meet at the Kiwa Trailhead, Ridgefield NWR, River S Unit at 8am. From I-5 in Washington, take Exit 14 (Pioneer Street/ Washington SR 501). Turn left onto NW 269th St/Pioneer St. and head west toward Ridgefield. At the traffic circle continue to follow Pioneer St and drive about 1.8 miles to S 9th Ave. Turn left on S 9th and continue 0.3 miles. Continue onto S Hillhurst Rd. After 0.4 miles turn right onto the Ridgefield NWR entrance road. **Limited to 15 participants.** Call Ron Escano (503-771-3454) to reserve a spot.

Swift Watch 2017

Vaux’s Swifts are making their annual return from breeding grounds in southwestern Canada and the northwestern United States to roosting areas in Northwest Portland. The Chapman School chimney serves as one of their many staging grounds in preparation for southbound migration to wintering areas in Mexico and Central America. During September, many thousands of Vaux’s Swifts can be seen at dusk flying around the school before making a rapid group descent into the chimney.

Weighing in at only 20 grams, Vaux’s (pronounced “voxes”) Swifts are the smallest swift in North America. These birds roost communally in large, hollow trees and chimneys to conserve body heat. During migration, they stage in or near breeding areas at roost sites such as the Chapman School chimney and build their numbers prior to migration. Group size may reach into the thousands at some of these roosts. Research has shown that it takes swifts about a month to travel from northwest Washington to southwest California, allowing time for birds to replenish their fat stores along the way.

Known for their incredible aerial agility, these small, dark gray birds—affectionately described as “cigars with wings” by birders—spend nearly all of the daylight hours on the wing foraging for insects such as flies, ants, moths, spiders, and aphids. Their aerodynamic body shape and long, pointed wings suit them well for a life in the air. Though superficially similar to swallows, swifts are more closely related to hummingbirds and have a similar wing shape.

During the breeding season, Vaux’s Swifts rely on mature forests with large-diameter hollow trees that serve as roosting and nesting sites. Woodpeckers are also

October 4 (Wed), 7:30am–3pm Central Clatsop County Coast

Join **Meg Ruby** and **Mary Ratcliff** to look for shorebirds, near-shore pelagic birds, and fall migrants. Spotting scopes will be very helpful. Meet at 7:30am at the Cornelius Pass Fred Meyer in Hillsboro (22075 NW Imbrie Dr.) to form carpools. Please park near Imbrie Dr. closer to the Starbucks. Bring lunch and dress for the weather. Contact Meg (megruby@gmail.com) or Mary (mratclif@comcast.net) with questions. **Limited to 18 participants. Register at tinyurl.com/ClatsopCounty-Oct2017**

October 7 (Sat) 8am–11am Vancouver Lake Park

Join leader **Ron Escano** to scope the lake for waterbirds, then explore the riparian woodland for fall migrants. Meet at 8am at parking lot in front of middle bathrooms and we should be done by 11am. Dress for the weather. Beginners welcome! From I-5, take Exit 1-D (4th Plain Blvd), go west on 4th Plain through Vancouver onto SR-501 (Lower River Rd). After 3.5 miles on SR-501, continue straight for 0.6 miles to Vancouver Lake Park. **Registration required.** Call Ron Escano (503-771-3454) to reserve a spot.

November 1 (Wed), 8:30am–3pm Tillamook

Meet **Dick Demarest** and **Ken Chamberlain** at 8:30am in the Safeway parking lot at 4th St. and Stillwell Ave. in Tillamook. We expect to bird from Barview Jetty to Bayocean Spit and will look for waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, and fall migrants. Bring lunch and dress for the weather. Contact Dick (503-407-7912, rdd@demarests.com) with questions. **Limited to 16 participants. Register at tinyurl.com/Tillamook-Nov1**



Vaux's Swifts. Photo by Scott Carpenter

important, as the holes created by Pileated Woodpeckers often serve as the entrance to the swifts’ nest and roost cavities. Unfortunately, population declines have been reported in the Pacific Northwest, due to the decline of forest habitats on which they depend.

Swift watching is a popular activity at Chapman School, and we depend on you and other attendees to be respectful, follow the rules, and make this natural phenomenon a positive experience for all.

- **Please be respectful of the neighbors and the impact this event has on them.**
- While we encourage visitors to walk or use public transit, **FREE** Swift Watch parking is available at Montgomery Park (2701 NW Vaughn St), and after 6pm at SELCO Community Credit Union (NW 25th and Thurman). Do not expect to find on-street parking!
- Portable bathrooms and additional trash cans will be provided—please use them!
- Leash and pick up after your dogs.
- **It is illegal** to consume alcoholic beverages or smoke on public school grounds.

Volunteers from the Audubon Society of Portland will be present at Chapman School throughout September to connect visitors with Portland Audubon’s work in the community and share the unique life history and importance of Vaux’s Swifts. Go to audubonportland.org/local-birding/swiftwatch for details.

Help Us Better Understand our Local Vaux’s Swifts

Biologists at Portland Audubon are looking for additional large roosting sites used by Vaux’s Swifts in the Portland region. If you have seen a group of 1,000 or more swifts using a site, please contact Candace Larson at clarson@audubonportland.org or Joe Liebezeit at jliebezeit@audubonportland.org to report your sighting.

Strategic Gifts Will Carry Us Forward

by Donna Wiench, Interim Development Director

Portland Audubon’s exciting and comprehensive strategic plan gives the direction and impetus necessary to better serve our mission through both education and conservation. The move to expand Marmot into an overnight camp, lodging 60 youth at a time, will allow us to serve an even broader array of Oregon’s young people as they enjoy a week of Outdoor School, as well as winter, spring, and summer camps.

Expanding and upgrading the Wildlife Care Center, the region’s largest and busiest wildlife rehabilitation facility, means that the 3,000 injured birds and animals that enter our doors every year will receive better care. In addition, an upgraded facility will improve our ability to educate the public about conservation and reduce human conflicts with wildlife, two of the main objectives of the Care Center.

To achieve our goals of expanding and improving both Marmot Cabin and the Wildlife Care Center, in 2018 we will launch capital campaigns to make these advancements possible. We are in the early stages, working hard to plan and prepare, while listening to donors and members as they tell us what most motivates and excites them about these needs in the context of Portland Audubon’s history and future. At the same time, we want to make sure that building for the future will not interfere with our ability to take care of the current operations and activities that make Portland Audubon an effective and vital conservation organization.



Spring camps at our Portland Sanctuary. Photo by Ali Berman

Much needs to occur, and we look forward to working and meeting with our membership to bring these projects into reality. Our strategic plan calls for a monumental leap forward in our impact for the region, and we appreciate the loyal and deep support we receive from our members and hope you will be generous once the campaign begins.

Major Gift Match Increases

by Donna Wiench, Interim Development Director

Two of Portland Audubon’s board members are jointly contributing a total of \$50,000 this year to encourage and motivate major giving during the upcoming holiday giving season. The \$50,000 match will be applied to all first-time gifts of \$1,000 and above. Additionally, any major donor who increases their \$1,000 or more annual gift by at least \$500 will have their total amount matched.

Nationally, philanthropic research shows that matches work, and our local experience mirrors that. In 2016, one of our board members contributed \$40,000 as an annual giving match. The result was that first-time gifts at \$1,000 and above increased substantially. There was a 39% increase in gifts at \$1,000 or more in 2016 over 2015, as compared to just a 3% increase in 2015 over 2014. We can’t say conclusively that the match caused the increase, but we do believe it was an influencing factor.

Just this week, I spoke with a donor of significant resources who has supported Portland Audubon for 15 years, but when the match was offered last year, he decided to step up and become a major donor.

At Portland Audubon, a major gift begins at \$1,000, which put the donor in the Blue Heron Council.

For an organization with as large a giving base as ours—10,500 local members and 3,500 folks who only contribute to National Audubon but live in the Portland Metro area—a relatively small number of people give at a major donor level. We are fortunate to have a broad base of givers, but in order to have the impact we could and would like to have, the number of folks who support at higher levels needs to increase.



Marbled Murrelet. Photo by USFWS

Internally, we realize we need to improve our messaging so more of our donors know how much more impactful and effective Portland Audubon could be with larger gifts. There are programs and projects imagined and planned that can be executed when the necessary funds are gathered. If more of our donors knew that, I believe more would be giving at a higher level.

Our upcoming capital campaign, when it is announced in 2018, will also give donors another menu item to support. But even when the capital campaign gets underway, we want to be clear that contributing to the annual fund will continue to be very important.

Go Lights Out with us on September 15!

All migration is upon us! Millions of birds are on an epic southbound flight, and we can help keep them safe on their journeys by reducing the overnight lighting that drowns out the stars they use to find their way.

Last September, more than **2,500 residents and 13 iconic Portland buildings** took part in the Lights Out launch by turning off their unnecessary lights. This year, we hope to have even more participation! All you have to do is turn off your lights at home from dusk until dawn on **September 15**, and then get out to see the stars. Make sure to RSVP here: <http://bit.ly/2vYK88i>



We’re excited to be partnering once again with Lloyd EcoDistrict to get the word out about this night of action, which helps raise awareness about light pollution and its impact on migrating birds, ecosystem health, and human health.

If you want to make a longer term commitment, Take the Pledge to go Lights Out here: audubonportland.org/issues/hazards/buildings/take-the-pledge-to-go-lightsout

Is Portland Audubon in your will?

If so, thank you! And please let us know. Advance notice of bequests helps us ensure that we understand and can fulfill a donor’s intentions.

Through our Legacy Circle we honor and acknowledge donors who have included the Audubon Society of Portland in their estate plans. If you are among these generous friends, please contact Donna Wiench (971-222-6116, dwiench@audubonportland.org) so we can invite you to Legacy Circle events and note your bequest intentions.

A Lasting Legacy Protecting Birds And Habitat for Future Generations

Your bequest to the Audubon Society of Portland is one of the most forward-looking gifts you can give. Your generous and thoughtful gift will help assure a better future for people and for Wildlife!

- ☐ I would like to receive information about including Portland Audubon in my will.
- ☐ I have included Portland Audubon in my will.

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You can honor a special person with a gift to Audubon Society of Portland. Your gift will help fund a future of inspiring people to love and protect nature. You can make an Honor or Memorial gift online at www.audubonportland.org or by calling 971-222-6130. A songbird card acknowledging your thoughtful gift will be sent to the honoree or family.

Artists and Authors Are On Board.
Now, We Just Need You!

Volunteer at the Wild Arts Festival – November 18–19

Our fall Wild Arts Festival is a premier art and book event in the Northwest and a major fundraiser for the Audubon Society of Portland, netting \$180,000 last year. And its success depends on a large, enthusiastic group of over 250 volunteers.

Essential elements of this year's festival are already nailed down:

- ✓ 67 talented artists selected
- ✓ 33 inspiring authors booked for appearances
- ✓ Popular 6x6 canvasses donated by Blick Art Materials
- ✓ 250-item silent auction procurement underway and on schedule

Next up: It's time to start signing up Portland Audubon volunteers to ensure the success of this amazing event on November 18–19.

Not sure what you could do? There are tasks for every sort of volunteer.
• We need volunteers with paperwork skills who can handle check-in or sales.
• We need volunteers with a bit of muscle who can help with load-in and load-out of art and other items.
• We need volunteers who enjoy creating displays to help set up the Silent Auction.
• And we need lots of nice Portland Audubon folks who can greet and guide guests, help with the book fair, staff the 6x6 booth, watch over booths while artists take breaks, and other similar tasks.

Volunteer shifts begin Friday afternoon, November 17, for set-up. Volunteers help transport and set up the Silent Auction items and help artists load in their artwork.

The volunteers who give such extra assistance throughout the festival help make this show a favorite of Northwest artists. They are part of the reason Portland Audubon attracts such great artists each year.

Volunteers are also needed Sunday at 5pm to break down the show and load out art and other items.

Most other shifts are during the show hours, Saturday and Sunday, November 18–19, with a variety of shift times and lengths.

To find out more about volunteering, visit the volunteer page at wildartsfestival.org or email Wild Arts Festival Volunteer Coordinator Jill Nelson-Debord at wafvolunteers@gmail.com.

Other ways to support the Wild Arts Festival

Be a sponsor. Visit wildartsfestival.org/sponsors to learn about sponsorships for businesses and individuals.

Donate to the Silent Auction. In 2016, the auction netted nearly \$30,000. We're looking for these types of items to make the auction successful:
• Gift certificates for restaurants, bookstores, outdoor stores, nature trips, guesthouse stays, and theater tickets.
• New or like-new, nature-related, high-quality art, such as framed photographs, pottery, jewelry, or sculptures.



Photos by Portland Audubon

If you have a donation, download the simple one-page donation form at wildartsfestival.org/files/silent-form. One form per item, please. Items may be dropped off at Portland Audubon after October 1. Questions? Contact Marilyn Scott at mswestlin@comcast.net or 503-722-8136.

Like us on Facebook. Follow festival updates at facebook.com/wildartsfestival.

Mark your calendars and buy your tickets online today at wildartsfestival.eventbrite.com. Then bring your family and friends and prepare to be dazzled and delighted at the 37th Annual Wild Arts Festival, November 18–19!

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, in our Nature Store, or send in this handy form.

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