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Two Donors Offer  
\$150,000 Match to  
Complete Marmot Cabin

Now, we need your help...

by Charles Milne, Development Director

Forty years ago, Joe and Amy Miller donated Marmot Cabin and the surrounding 91-acre sanctuary to Portland Audubon because they believed that connecting kids to nature is critical to both their well-being and the future of our planet. Since then, thousands of kids have experienced the magic of Marmot, taking night hikes in search of bats and owls, tracking bears along a stream, learning to understand bird language, and investigating the subtleties of animal tracking.

Marmot Cabin was originally built as a weekend escape for the Millers. While it served us well for many years, it had major limitations like lack of space for indoor learning, sleeping, cooking, and restrooms. Because of this, we have only been able to offer overnight programs to small groups during the dryer months. In Oregon, that is a big restriction. We knew that by creating an educational facility as impressive as its wild setting, Marmot could become something truly remarkable.

We set to work to build a new facility that could serve as the crown jewel of our education program. We had a vision of doubling our capacity to reach more youth of diverse backgrounds, offering a large indoor education space to run programs year-round regardless of the weather, and making the facility ADA accessible so that more kids could experience immersive nature education.

That dream is now close to becoming a reality. Thanks to many generous donors, a 3,200 square foot facility is being built right now where the original cabin stood. Our goal is to have the new building completed by fall so we can open our doors for Outdoor School come October. **But we need your help to get the rest of the way there.**

To make your gift in support of Marmot Cabin, please visit [bit.ly/supportmarmot](https://bit.ly/supportmarmot) or use the enclosed envelope.

We are asking our members who care about nature education to consider making a special one-time gift or multi-year pledge—in addition to your regular giving—to support an education legacy that will last one hundred years and touch thousands of lives. Your gift to Marmot Cabin will also be doubled, thanks to two donors who have offered to match this special giving campaign with up to \$150,000! If we can succeed in this challenge match campaign, we will ensure that Marmot will bring our outdoor education programming and capacity to a new level—and be ready this fall for Outdoor School, day camps, and overnight programs.

**When the new facility is complete, our overnight camp capacity will triple from 450 camper nights annually to over 1,800.** With a more robust facility, we will also increase opportunities to expand our outreach and scholarship programs for low-income and underserved communities from a diversity of backgrounds. Its ideal East County location makes Marmot accessible to many more communities than ever before, and is a perfect vehicle to engage a broader cross-section of Portland with nature.



Hear campers describe Marmot in their own words on our short video at [bit.ly/supportmarmot](https://bit.ly/supportmarmot)

“Coming to Marmot really made me see nature differently. Now when I look around, I see something that needs to be protected.” – Alexa, 5th grade

This uniquely situated overnight educational facility will inspire all young people to love and protect nature and will set the tone for our future educational programs. Thanks to the passage of the Outdoor School for All ballot measure—funding week-long education camps for every child in Oregon—demand for overnight outdoor educational programs is expected to grow substantially starting this fall. Timely

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There’s Still Time  
to Sign!

Visit the Nature Store by July 5  
to Help Ensure a Clean and  
Just Energy Future for Portland

Registered Portland Voters—you have less than a week to get your signatures on the groundbreaking Portland Clean Energy Fund Initiative! Stop by the Portland Audubon Nature Store during regular business hours any day before July 6 to join tens of thousands of other local advocates fighting for a clean and just energy future for Portland.

By signing the initiative, you can play a role in transforming our green economy, while ensuring that people who need them most get quality jobs. For more information on the initiative and who is supporting it, check out our web page here: [bit.ly/PCEF2018](https://bit.ly/PCEF2018).

**Nature Store hours leading up to the last day to submit signatures:**

**Saturday, June 30: 10am – 6pm**

**Sunday, July 1: 10am – 5pm**

**Monday, July 2: 10am – 6pm**

**Tuesday, July 3: 10am – 6pm**

**Wednesday, July 4: Nature Store closed, but volunteers will be stationed in the Audubon Interpretive Center from 11am – 4pm**

**Final Day! Thursday, July 5: 10am – 6pm**

If you have been collecting signatures in your community, don’t forget to get your completed signature sheets turned in!

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# From our Executive Director

## Marmot Magic: Behind the Scenes

by Nick Hardigg

Over the past year, a dedicated team of staff, contractors, and volunteers has been working hard to create a new Marmot Cabin capable of elevating our outstanding education program to even greater heights, providing innovative nature experiences for many more kids, and reaching communities we haven't been able to before. Hidden in the woods of Sandy, Oregon, and bordering the pristine Bull Run Watershed, an exciting new facility is being born—our first major construction effort in over 30 years.

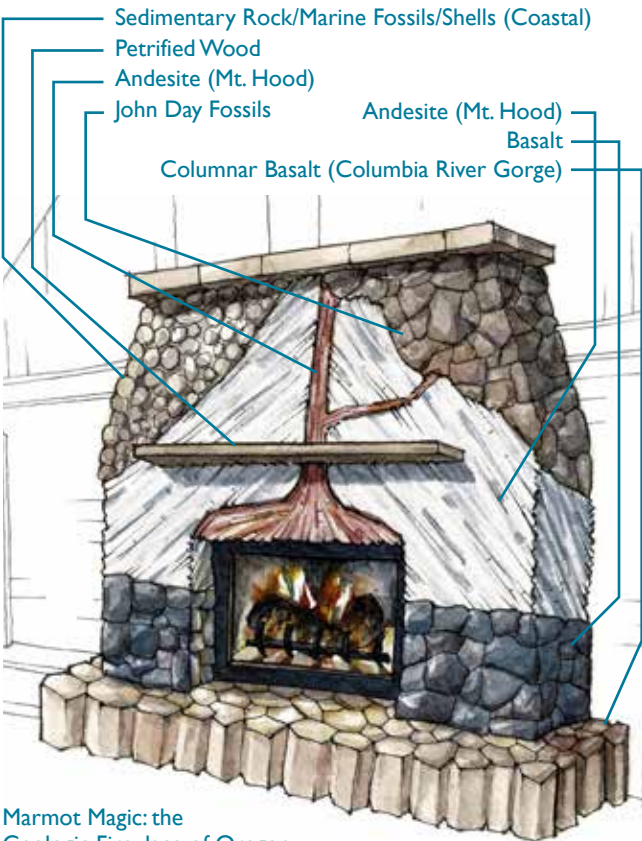
We've sought a lodge that will inspire while keeping programs financially within reach for more community members. And we have other core values to consider—to walk the talk of conservation.

An early challenge—and largely surmountable—was treading lightly on our forests. Our contractor—highly regarded and pressed by our time schedule—strongly advised that we couldn't use sustainably harvested timber and stay on schedule and within budget. We pushed harder and found otherwise: the nonprofit Sustainable Northwest Wood could provide much of the materials we needed, such as sustainably certified (FSC) wood and other sustainably harvested materials (such as madrone flooring). Our greatest challenge was the pace of our learning curve: knowing where to source sustainably, and gaining the confidence that we could succeed without breaking our timeline and budget. Another concern was treading lightly on the surrounding trees. We've curved our decks around a massive big leaf maple and will plant native shrubs and bushes around areas we did disturb.

Another concern was making Marmot safe for birds. Research tells us that up to 1 billion birds are killed by window strikes each year in the United States alone, making it one of the leading conservation issues for bird populations.

Portland Audubon's bird-safe program, led by Mary Coolidge, works with architects and developers to synergize the energy, performance, and design objectives with bird-safe measures. Bird-safe glass is becoming increasingly common in commercial construction, but isn't as readily available for smaller buildings. At Marmot Cabin, our Operations Director, Xander Patterson, paired commercial bird-safe glass with residential window frames. Easier said than done: only one major manufacturer, Jeld-Wen, was willing to provide empty window frames for the project. State-of-the-art bird-safe glass—with ultraviolet stripes most birds can see but humans cannot—was provided by GlasPro. A local window supplier, Irvington Building Supplies, agreed to assemble them. It wasn't easy, but the beautiful results will save birds, serve as an education tool to teach kids and adults about bird-safe solutions, and hopefully help blaze the trail for future bird-safe residences and smaller buildings.

To keep programs affordable at Marmot Cabin, we tried many cost-saving measures. One option proposed by our architect was to install a small wood-stove insert as our fireplace, and to have its chimney veneered with "cultured" stone: molded cement colored to look like rocks. That idea was firmly rejected—our Marmot experience must be a genuine and thoughtful connection with nature. Sanctuaries volunteer Allan Solares found and financially supported a much bolder approach: installing a giant fireplace with a retractable "guillotining" glass front door than can be left open when in use and lowered at night to keep the heat indoors. In keeping with our education mission, this inviting and authentic fireplace will be used to present the geology of Oregon with rock specimens from across the state: from the near-summit of Mount Hood to the fossil beds of John Day to crowd-pleasing thunder eggs and petrified wood. Thanks to our education partners,



Marmot Magic: the Geologic Fireplace of Oregon

the nonprofit Geological Society of the Oregon Country and PSU professor Dr. Scott Burns, we are designing the greatest educational fireplace in the West—the first ever "Geologic Fireplace of Oregon"—telling the story of our state's geologic history in stone.

Marmot Cabin is providing Portland Audubon with its own learning opportunities before the doors open, and will continue to do so as we expand our community partnerships. Just how magnificent, educational, and affordable a child's visit to Marmot can be is up to you. Thank you for considering a gift or multi-year pledge to make our exciting tomorrow a reality.

## Tribute Fund Connects Youth of Color with Nature

### Fund honors departed young volunteer

by Donna Wiench, Legacy and Leadership Giving Manager

*"In nature, she found beauty, holiness and meaning."*

– Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana, Congregation Beth Israel, Portland

Each year receptionists at the Wildlife Care Center answer some 10,000 calls from people across the nation concerned about injured or abandoned wild animals. Folks who called on Saturday mornings may well have spoken with Amy Frank, a young woman deeply engaged in nature, and a regular volunteer at Portland Audubon. In April, Amy died at 25 years of age, and in her memory Amy's family established a memorial scholarship fund.

Amy began volunteering at Portland Audubon in 2013, and contributed more than 900 hours. WCC Manager Lacy Campbell said, "Amy brought intelligence, knowledge, passion, and eagerness. I miss her. We all miss her."

As Lacy worked with Amy, she noticed Amy's gifts. "Amy had an impressive knowledge of wildlife natural history which she drew on to help thousands of people understand a bit more about the wildlife they share this landscape with."

Sometimes on summer evenings, when Amy and her big sister, Lisa, were young, the girls' mom and dad, Sally Rosenfeld and Andy Frank, would bring a family picnic supper to the pond at Portland Audubon's Sanctuary.

Andy said, "Amy could have a great time just watching a squirrel in our yard, or the finches coming to our bird feeders, or even watching bugs. She had a long and deep connection with Portland Audubon. Beginning at an early age she delighted in exploring the nature trails in the Audubon sanctuary. She loved all the wildlife there, particularly the turtles and salamanders. Later, Amy enjoyed multiple summer day camps at Portland Audubon."

Amy once said my parenting strategy was to read to her and send her to Audubon camp; it's not far from the truth."

Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana of Congregation Beth Israel in Portland gave a eulogy for Amy, saying, "Amy Rose Frank was, as her grandfather Alan said, a deep thinker. Quiet and interested in the world. It was the animal kingdom, the



Amy Rose Frank  
September 5, 1992 – April 3, 2018  
Portland Audubon volunteer: 2013 – 2018

birds and fish, which absorbed her. Amy held an amazing knowledge. She was a voracious reader in a family of constant readers, and she retained everything she read. Natural history, nonfiction, and especially science writing held her. She was also a voracious reader of the world. Even as a young child, the family recalls Sally working in the garden with Amy alongside, turning over every rock to see what lived beneath. She was proud to have discovered two distinct species of salamander living in their yard."

The Tribute Fund created by Amy's family benefits Portland Audubon's TALON program. TALON builds leadership in the environmental community that reflects the region's diversity by providing skills-based training and paid apprenticeships in conservation to youth of color living in the Portland Metro area.

Through gifts in memory of Amy, contributors are helping foster the TALON program. So far, 63 people have contributed more than \$22,000 to the Amy Frank Tribute Fund, with \$40,000 more pledged over the next five years. If you'd like to make a gift to the Amy Frank Tribute Fund please go to [bit.ly/amyfrankfund](https://bit.ly/amyfrankfund).

### Thank you to these donors to the Amy Frank Tribute Fund

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# Portland Audubon Outings

Join a free, volunteer-led bird walk to one of our many fantastic natural areas. Please register through **Meetup**, a website/mobile application that facilitates bringing people with common interests together. Join by going to **meetup.com/Portland-Audubon-Outings** and clicking Join Us. You will find the full descriptions of these outings on the **Meetup** group. Contact Erin Law at [elaw@audubonportland.org](mailto:elaw@audubonportland.org) or call 971-222-6119 with any questions.

## July 2 (Mon) 7am–6pm Timberline Lodge

Leader: Ron Escano

## July 12 (Thu) 8:30am–12pm Clackamas River/Estacada

Leaders: Karen Chaivoe and Mary Ratcliff

## July 14 (Sat) 7am–5pm Butterflies of Lookout Mountain and High Prairie

Leaders: Dan van den Broek and Dennis Deck

## July 24 (Tue) 7am–9am Tualatin Hills Nature Park

Leaders: Erin Law and Mary Chambers

## August 8 (Wed) 7am–10am Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

Leaders: Erin Law and Mary Chambers

## August 19 (Sun) 8:30am–11am Sauvie Island

Leaders: Nicki Dardinger and Erin Law

## August 20 (Mon) 7:30am–4pm North Clatsop County/Astoria

Leaders: Meg Ruby and Mary Ratcliff

## August 25 (Sat) 7am–10am Vancouver Lake Park

Leader: Ron Escano

# Portland Audubon Birding Days

Birding Days are active, informative, and fun half- or full-day trips. Price varies. Transportation is included. Bring your own food. Visit [audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/audubon-birding-days](http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/audubon-birding-days) to register. Contact Erin Law at [elaw@audubonportland.org](mailto:elaw@audubonportland.org) or 971-222-6119 with any questions.

## July 7 (Sat) 6am – 4pm A Day in the Northern Coast Range

Leader: Stefan Schlick

Fee: \$60

## August 10 (Fri) 7am – 6pm North Coast

Leaders: Dan van den Broek and Erin Law

Fee: \$60

## August 18 (Sat) 6am – 6pm Fern Ridge Wildlife Area Waterbirds and Shorebirds

Leader: Stefan Schlick

Fee: \$60

# Star Party with Rose City Astronomers and Metro

July 21 from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm

Glendoveer Golf and Fitness Trail  
14015 NE Glisan St, Portland

Join Rose City Astronomers, Portland Audubon, and Metro for an evening of stargazing at Glendoveer. RCA volunteers will bring telescopes to share, as well as their incredible passion for the night sky. Participants will learn about distant stellar objects and constellations of our summer sky, nocturnal wildlife that rely on darkness, and will get to meet a Great Horned Owl while we wait for darkness to fall!

Come prepared to let your eyes adjust to the darkness and leave flashlights at home.



Photo by Harun Mehmedinovic

**Cost: Free, but registration required at [bit.ly/starpartydpd](http://bit.ly/starpartydpd)**

**Details: Suitable for all ages**

No-dogs policy: To protect plants, wildlife, and people, Metro does not allow pets at regional parks and natural areas. Seeing-eye dogs or other service animals are allowed.

*Please note: in the event of cloudy skies, this event will be canceled.*

# Visit Our Sanctuary in Northwest Portland

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

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

Once you return from your walk, head over to our Wildlife Care Center, the oldest rehabilitation center in the country and the busiest in the region. Every year we take in more than 3,000 native animals—from Bald Eagles to Beavers



Barred Owl.  
Photo by Hayley Crews



Spotted Towhee.  
Photo by Portland Audubon

to Barn Owls—and answer thousands of calls and emails from the public, helping them solve problems and peacefully coexist with their wild neighbors. Open seven days a week, you'll see staff and volunteers hard at work during our busiest season of all: baby bird season. And you'll meet our education animals: Aristophanes the Raven, Julio the Great Horned Owl, Ruby the Turkey Vulture, Jack the American Kestrel, and Bybee the Western Painted Turtle, all unreleasable animals who have a permanent home here at our sanctuary.

After the Wildlife Care Center, you can walk over to our interpretive center to see incredible specimens like a Golden Eagle, Cougar, and Great Gray Owl, and then

Bring binoculars and dress for the weather. Beginners welcome!



Relaxing in a catio. Photo by Tinsley Hunsdorfer

# Catio Tour Gears Up for 6th Annual Event

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



On Saturday, September 8, from 10am to 2pm, the Audubon Society of Portland and the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon are teaming up to bring you Portland's sixth annual Catio Tour. This self-guided tour will showcase catios of all shapes and sizes; from fabulous to frugal you'll see creative entries in and out of windows, enclosed "catwalks" across the backyard, and more.

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

Registration for this year's tour is now open! Reserve your place today: [catssafeathome.org/catio-tour-info/](http://catssafeathome.org/catio-tour-info/)



Pileated Woodpecker. Photo by Scott Carpenter

check out our Nature Store, where all the profits are for the birds! With a large selection of binoculars, scopes, tripods, field guides, books on natural history, children's books, bird feeders, seed, and so much more, you'll find items for your home, or gifts for your favorite nature lovers.



Song Sparrow.  
Photo by Portland Audubon

We hope to see you this summer!



# Conservation

## Portland Adopts Important New Environmental Protections in Central City Plan

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

On June 6, the Portland City Council voted to adopt the Central City 2035 Plan, a long-range plan for how Portland’s urban core will grow and develop that was more than six years in the making. The plan includes important and innovative environmental initiatives that help restore Portland to the leading edge of the urban greening movement. We want to particularly note Commissioner Nick Fish’s leadership in advancing the environmental components of the plan. We also want to thank Portland Audubon advocates who submitted thousands of letters and showed up to testify at dozens of hearings and public meetings over the past six years to express their support for keeping the wild in our city.

Among the plan’s most notable environmental features:

**A new Green Roof Mandate:** All buildings over 20,000 square feet will be required to have green vegetated roofs. Green roofs address urban storm water, reduce urban heat-island impacts, clean our air and water, and can provide habitat value and public access to elevated greenspace. Portland’s Central City now has the strongest green-roof mandate in the United States. We will next work to extend this type of requirement to other areas of the city.

**An Expanded Greenway:** The Willamette River Greenway was expanded from 25 feet to 50 feet in the Central City. This will allow more habitat restoration, more public access along the Willamette River, and more resiliency from flooding in the face of climate change. We will be working to ensure that as properties are redeveloped, the new code is implemented and new construction is set farther back from our river.

**Bird-Safe Building Requirements:** Buildings in the Central City will now have to meet a new set of standards designed to address one of the most common causes of bird mortality—window strikes—estimated to kill up to a billion birds in the US each year. The new design requirements will help reduce this hazard and come at a critical time when Portland is experiencing a huge development boom.

**River Restoration Goals:** The plan sets aggressive and specific goals for habitat restoration along the banks of the Willamette, a critical element of providing passage for federally listed salmon through the most hardened, hostile, and hazardous stretch of the entire 187-mile-long Willamette River.

**A Green Loop:** The plan includes an exciting new linear loop park, which will connect Portland’s east and west sides and provide exciting new recreational and restoration opportunities throughout multiple neighborhoods.

**(Somewhat) Darker Skies:** The plan includes very limited restrictions on light pollution along the river, a recognized health hazard for both people and wildlife. This is a small start on a big problem, but there is more to come (see inset box).

**What is Next?** Next up, the City will be tackling the South Reach of the Willamette River, from South Waterfront to the Dunthorpe neighborhood. Codes and protections for this stretch of the river, which includes the majority of intact Willamette River habitat in Portland as well as important restoration



Green roof atop OHSU facility at South Waterfront. Photo by Bob Sallinger

opportunities, are several decades old. The South Reach Planning Process will extend over the next year and a half and will represent an important opportunity to ensure that existing habitat is protected and that new opportunities to restore habitat, create access to our river, and increase climate-change resiliency are prioritized. In particular, we will be working to see the greenway expanded to at least 100 feet, with new restoration goals that provide for salmon, birds, and other wildlife.

Portland Audubon prioritizes these types of planning processes because although they can be long and arduous and at times seem remote from the environment we seek to protect, they are also what integrates nature into the DNA of our city. Site-specific projects are great (and we do those too!), but long-range planning ultimately ensures that nature is integrated into our city at a landscape scale as the city develops and redevelops. It is at this geographic and temporal scale that we can truly ensure a future for our community that is more ecologically healthy, equitable, and resilient.

### We need your help keeping the pressure on City Council to fund a light pollution scoping position in the City’s fall Budget Monitoring Process!

Lighting decisions that are made now will impact our night sky for decades to come. Portland is long overdue for developing a strategic plan to address light pollution—an issue that impacts human health, confuses migrating birds, disrupts ecosystems, wastes energy, and obscures the night sky. Please visit our take action webpage [bit.ly/portlandlighting](https://bit.ly/portlandlighting) to write to the Mayor and Commissioners and urge them to secure funding in the fall 2018 Budget Monitoring Process for a light-pollution scoping position. The Council needs to know that we want this funding to remain a top priority as a key element in helping to ensuring that the place we call home is a sustainable, ecologically healthy, and biophilic city!

Please write to City Council members with the subject line “Please Approve Fall BMP Funding to Address Light Pollution in Portland”

• Mayor Ted Wheeler:	<a href="mailto:MayorWheeler@portlandoregon.gov">MayorWheeler@portlandoregon.gov</a>	(503) 823-4120
• Commissioner Amanda Fritz:	<a href="mailto:Amanda.Fritz@portlandoregon.gov">Amanda.Fritz@portlandoregon.gov</a>	(503) 823-3008
• Commissioner Dan Saltzman:	<a href="mailto:Dan@portlandoregon.gov">Dan@portlandoregon.gov</a>	(503) 823-4151
• Commissioner Chloe Eudaly:	<a href="mailto:Chloe@portlandoregon.gov">Chloe@portlandoregon.gov</a>	(503) 823-4682
• Commissioner Nick Fish:	<a href="mailto:nick@portlandoregon.gov">nick@portlandoregon.gov</a>	(503) 823-3589

## ODFW Commission Reverses Decision to Uplist Marbled Murrelet, Sets Imperiled Seabird on Path to Extinction

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director, and Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager

In a stunning decision, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission voted 4-2 at its June meeting to reverse a decision that it made just four months earlier to raise the Marbled Murrelet’s status from “threatened” to “endangered” under the Oregon Endangered Species Act. The reversal demonstrated a blatant disregard for science, state wildlife law, and the continued survival of this amazing seabird in Oregon. It demonstrated that Oregon’s Fish and Wildlife Agency remains utterly divorced from its core mission to protect Oregon’s wildlife. In addition to reversing the uplist, the Commission voted to delay adoption of survival guidelines until the August 2018 meeting, but without an uplist the survival guidelines have no force of law and would be completely voluntary.

The Marbled Murrelet is a small seabird that spends its entire life at sea except when it comes ashore to nest in mature coastal forests. In February of 2018, the ODFW Commission voted 4-2 to uplist the Marbled Murrelet from threatened to endangered under the Oregon Endangered Species Act. The uplisting was the result of a petition brought in 2016 by Portland Audubon, Cascadia Wildlands, Center for Biological Diversity, Oregon Wild, Coast Range Forest Watch, and the Oregon chapter of the Sierra Club. The February decision to uplist reflected the fact that, despite being listed as threatened under the Oregon ESA for more than two decades, the murrelet continues slipping toward extinction in our state, primarily due to continued clear-cut logging of mature coastal forests, primarily on lands owned and managed by the State of Oregon. Environmental groups

hailed the February ODFW Commission decision to uplist the Marbled Murrelet, and the increased protections the designation triggers, as an essential step in reversing the path toward extinction.

For conservationists long frustrated by an agency that too often seems beholden to fishing, hunting, trapping, and other extraction interests, the February uplisting decision represented not only a critical step to protect murrelets but also a welcome and long overdue indication that perhaps ODFW was finally ready to make the hard decisions necessary to protect Oregon’s most vulnerable wildlife species. That hope was short lived as was witnessed at the June ODFW Commission meeting.

In a surreal hearing held in Baker City in June, 300 miles from the range of the Marbled Murrelet, the ODFW Commission bowed to an angry parade of timber and agriculture industry lobbyists and timber county commissioners, and voted 4-2 to reverse the February uplisting decision. The Commission turned the precautionary principle on its head, arguing that despite decades of data that have already caused both Washington and California to list the murrelet as endangered, it is best to wait with the familiar refrain of “we need more data.” The bottom line is that there simply was no credible scientific basis on which the commission could justify reversing its February uplisting decision—the future survival of the murrelet was sacrificed on the altar of political expediency.



Photo by Robin Corcoran

This reversal lays bare the degree to which the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission has strayed from its core mission. In the coming weeks we will be exploring all avenues available to compel ODFW and other land management agencies in Oregon to do what is needed to protect and recover the murrelet. We will also be talking with the Governor’s office about the need to appoint ODFW Commissioners who are truly committed to protecting the state’s fish and wildlife.

We would like to express our appreciation to Commissioners Greg Wooley and Holly Akenson, who stayed the course and courageously continued to support uplisting in June. We also thank the ODFW staff who spent the past two years transparently guiding the uplist process until it was shot down by the Commission.

Please stay tuned for opportunities as we continue our efforts to protect the Marbled Murrelet and the habitats it depends on. Now more than ever, we need your help to project this bird and let the ODFW Commission know we will not stand for ignoring the mission of the agency it represents.



# Great Blue Heron Makes Full Recovery after Suffering Gunshot Wound

The Portland area is home to amazing wildlife populations. Even in our most developed urban areas, we see Bald Eagles flying overhead, brush rabbits scampering underfoot, coyotes denning in parks, and bats diving through dusky skies. Wildlife are part of our landscape, and their diversity and abundance are just a few of the many reasons Portland is such an incredible place to call home.

However, human relationships with wildlife aren’t always so rosy. Deer get into our gardens, skunks den under porches, crows raid garbage cans, woodpeckers bang loudly on houses. Unfortunately, these confrontations don’t always go well. Animals labeled as nuisance species are oftentimes managed and dealt with in inhumane and sometimes deadly and illegal ways, as seen recently in the poisoning of crows in NE Portland.

What do we do when humans and animals collide? How do we responsibly resolve conflicts with wild animals who share our urban forest, backyards, parks, and city streets? When an injured Great Blue Heron came to the Care Center this April, our staff had a feeling that it too was suffering from human-caused injuries.

The heron was found near Tryon Creek in Southwest Portland, visibly injured and unable to fly. A concerned resident called the Wildlife Care Center, and a volunteer was sent out to retrieve the bird. When the bird arrived at the Care Center, the cause of debilitation was not immediately obvious. There was blood inside the transport crate, but no sign of abrasion.

“Any time an injured heron comes in, I do an X-ray,” explained Wildlife Care Center Manager Lacy Campbell. “Gunshot wounds are very common in herons, and many similar cases have come through the Care Center over the years.”

After a full examination and x-rays, it was confirmed: the heron had been shot and had a bullet lodged in its back.

Unfortunately, illegal shooting of protected bird species remains an all too common problem in our region. Even though they are protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, Great Blue Herons and other protected native birds are often targeted.

While we can’t know for sure the motivation behind shooting this heron, oftentimes these birds are shot or injured in the city when they’re targeting koi, a fish kept in many backyard ponds.



“It’s common that these birds get shot because they will try to eat koi from people’s ponds. I’ve had a number of them come into the Care Center shot because of that. I’ve also picked them up electrocuted from fences due to koi ponds,” said Campbell.

Most Great Blue Herons that suffer gunshot wounds don’t survive. Luckily for this heron, the bullet was lodged in the muscle and did not inflict bone, tendon, or joint damage.

The heron received regular checkups and medication and showed excellent signs for full recovery. The bird was transferred to an outdoor flight cage, where it was given time to build up its strength to fly. After more than a month of care, the heron made a full recovery and was released back into the wild by volunteers and Denise Phillis, the Good Samaritan who discovered the injured bird.

“It was great to be a part of the release and see the bird so healthy and able to fly away. It was not able to do that the day we found it. Portland Audubon did a great job,” said Phillis.

While this Great Blue Heron was lucky to get another chance at life, the questions remain: How do we mitigate risk and conflict with wildlife? How do we coexist with the wild animals with which we share this landscape? It all starts with the awareness that our actions have consequences.

“What we do to our yards and neighborhoods has an impact on wildlife, whether it’s positive or negative,” said Campbell.

“When we build a koi pond, have bird feeders, or keep backyard chickens, they become easy targets for wildlife to exploit these as a food source,” she said. “Everything we do has an impact.”



Next time you’re experiencing urban wildlife in a negative way, think about what circumstance brought them to your yard, street, building, or city in the first place. Examine ways that you can address the root of the problem in a way that benefits everyone. And remember, these animals are usually acting on instinct or searching for the basics: a place to sleep, a meal, or a place to nest.

If you’re experiencing negative impacts from urban wildlife, our Wildlife Care Center is here to help, and we have several resources available that outline ways to address challenges presented by species. Visit our website, [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org), or contact our Wildlife Care Center with questions: 503-292-0304.

## Providing care for animals from Bald Eagles to Western Tanagers to Beavers takes considerable resources.

Please consider making a donation to Audubon Society of Portland’s Care Center to ensure that we are able to treat native wildlife with the highest quality of care possible. Our staff and volunteers treat 3,000 animals a year, field more than 10,000 phone calls with wildlife related questions, and educate millions on how we peacefully resolve conflicts. Your gift can save the lives of wild animals and inspire nature lovers of all ages with a lifelong connection with nature and wildlife!

Donate today at [audubonportland.org/support](http://audubonportland.org/support)

# The Backyard Habitat Program Reaches 5,000 Yards

by Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat Program Manager

When the Backyard Habitat Program started in 2006 as a small pilot project in the southwest hills of Portland, no one expected how popular and far reaching it would become. We were asked repeatedly to justify making such an investment, one yard at a time. Fast-forward 12 years and the program has developed into one of the most broad and in-depth of its kind, serving participants in 11 regional cities within Multnomah and Clackamas Counties. This June, we’re proud to announce that yard number 5,000 has joined our program!



Steve and Lisa Bensen, first to get habitat certified in Wilsonville, pose proudly between program co-managers Susie Peterson (left) and Nikkie West (right). Photo by Kelsey Kuhnhausen

expansion into those areas. Of course, these expansions are contingent on successful fundraising and crucial support from cities and other public agencies. If you live in one of these prospective growth areas, you can help by adding your name to our wait list at [backyardhabitats.org](http://backyardhabitats.org). This helps demonstrate to potential funders that your community wants to be part of our program.

As the program continues to grow, I’m reminded and humbled by the idea that each yard is not just one yard. We’re a massive community that’s gardening for change. And we’re not stopping there. We are 5,000 households of land stewards poised to take action in our communities based on the connections we’re seeing between our yards, the broader landscape, and big-picture conservation priorities.

These yards span nearly 1,200 acres of Multnomah and Clackamas counties, where residents are planting native plants, eradicating invasive species, managing storm water, eliminating pesticides, and stewarding wildlife. Through these measureable and meaningful actions, the program is being recognized as an important agent for a wide range of ecosystem services. To name just a few, these 5,000 backyard habitats are mitigating climate change by curbing urban heat-island effects and sequestering carbon, promoting food security by supporting native pollinators, and creating pesticide-free neighborhoods where people, pollinators, plants, and wildlife thrive.

What’s next, you ask? We’re working with our program partners at the Columbia Land Trust, as well as interested parties in both Washington and Clark counties, to plan for

## Enhancing Your Backyard Habitat

Are you already involved in the program and wondering what more you can do to support birds and other wildlife in your backyard this season? Here are a few tips for enhancing your landscape:

- It’s still nesting season! Please avoid heavy brush removal, pruning, and unnecessary mowing of rural landscapes. These areas are crucial foraging and refuge areas for wildlife. If you’re battling invasive species such as blackberry and ivy, wait until after nesting season for removal.
- Protect your cat and wildlife by keeping your cat safe at home. Provide your favorite feline supervised time outside while you’re gardening or, better yet, build a catio. For inspiration, information and ideas, check out [catssafeathome.org](http://catssafeathome.org).
- Protect your landscape from the summer drought. Hold off on additional planting until the fall rains return. Be sure to water new plantings (less than two years old) deeply but infrequently. Established naturoscapes should not need to be watered if the “right plant, right place” rule is followed.
- Visit other people’s gardens for inspiration! Our Lake Oswego program partners, Friends of Tryon Creek, are coordinating the Annual Lake Oswego Tour. For more info and registration see [tryonfriends.org/backyard-habitat](http://tryonfriends.org/backyard-habitat).



# Ecotours

We recommend booking early because trips often sell out. Deposit required to reserve your place. To register, please visit [audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult](http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult)

For registration questions:  
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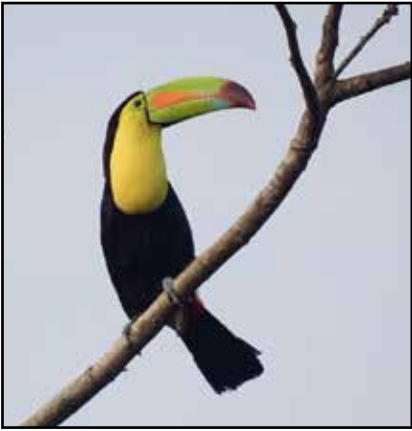
For more information about any of our trips:  
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## Upcoming International Trips

### Yucatán December 10–20, 2018

Join us on an exciting exploration of the biologically rich Yucatán Peninsula of Mexico. While we observe birds and other fauna, our excursions will be centered around a number of awe-inspiring archaeological sites in the heart of the Mayan Civilization.

**Leader:** Ivan Phillipsen  
**Fee:** \$3,375 members / \$3,775 non-members



Keel-billed Toucan.  
Photo by Mike's Birds

### Nicaragua January 26–February 6, 2019

Nicaragua is a relatively undiscovered birding gem in Central America. For a country slightly smaller than New York state, it has exceptionally high biodiversity and is home to over 700 bird species. We will explore a rich variety of habitats including lakes, rivers, cloud forests, and dry tropical lowlands.

**Leaders:** Dan van den Broek and Candace Larson  
**Fee:** \$3,595 members / \$3,895 non-members



Three-wattled Bellbird.  
Photo by Ryan Candee

### Jamaica February 9–17, 2019

Escape the cold, dark days of winter and join this unforgettable trip to the heart and soul of the Caribbean. White sand beaches, warm ocean breezes, turquoise-blue water... all this and more await you in this island paradise. Jamaica is home to 28 endemic birds and with a little luck, we will see them all!

**Leaders:** Stefan Schlick and local guides  
**Fee:** \$2,995 members / \$3,295 non-members



White-tailed Tropicbird.  
Photo by Kansas Photo

### Cambodia February–March, 2019 specific dates to be determined

Watching the sunrise over Angkor Wat as Asian Palm Swifts scream overhead in the morning light is an unforgettable experience. We will spend our first day exploring these amazing temples where an ancient Khmer civilization once thrived. Once encompassed by trees, a few strangler figs have yet to release their grip on these ancient stones and nearby forest patches threaten to take over the city once again. While exploring the city we will look for White-throated Rock-Thrush, Forest Wagtail, Hainan Blue Flycatcher, and Asian Barred Owlet.

**Leaders:** Dan van den Broek and local guides  
**Fee:** \$4,295 members / \$4,595 non-members



Green Peafowl.  
Photo by Cuotrok77

## Upcoming Domestic Trips

### Oregon Coast September 6–9, 2018

Go “behind the scenes” to learn more about the conservation initiatives taking place along the coast. We will explore the Elliott State Forest and Portland Audubon’s Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary as well as visit the Hatfield Marine Science Center, Sea Lion Caves, and the Yaquina Bay State Recreation Area.

**Leaders:** Nicki Dardinger and Patty Newland  
**Fee:** \$795 members / \$995 non-members



Yaquina Head.  
Photo by Lessa Clayton

### Grays Harbor Shorebirds September 14–16, 2018

This is one of the West Coast’s best birding hotspots, where you can expect to see a bevy of shorebirds, and even some seabirds. Early September is peak shorebird migration time; we will look for Pacific Golden-Plovers, and even a Bar-tailed Godwit might turn up among the Marbled Godwit flocks in Westport.

**Leaders:** Stefan Schlick and Don Cogswell  
**Fee:** \$495 members / \$595 non-members



Marbled Godwit. Photo by Bill Majoros

More information available online at [audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult](http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult)

### Birding the Olympic Peninsula November 1–4, 2018

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

**Leaders:** Stefan Schlick and Randy Hill  
**Fee:** \$795 members / \$950 non-members



Harlequin Duck.  
Photo by Scott Carpenter

### New Mexico November 27– December 3, 2018

New Mexico boasts one of the largest numbers of bird species (over 540!) in the US, but it is often overlooked as a birding destination. We’ll bird the Sandia Crest, where all three species of Rosy-finches can be seen, and visit the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge to see up to 18,000 Sandhill Cranes on their wintering grounds.

**Leaders:** Ivan Phillipsen and Kirk Hardie  
**Fee:** \$1,995 members / \$2,295 non-members



Sandhill Crane. Photo by Mick Thompson

**Looking for more travel opportunities?**  
See the full selection of upcoming trips at [audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adults](http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adults)

**Fee includes:** Ground transportation, **double-occupancy** lodging, meals *except dinners*, entrance fees for planned activities and the services of your leaders. International trip fee does not include airfare.

A portion of your fee is a tax-deductible donation to the Audubon Society of Portland.  
Portland Audubon’s International Tours now include a Carbon Offset contribution that will go directly for the stewardship of our 150-acre Forest Park Nature Sanctuary. A flat fee of \$50 per person is included in the cost of these tours and will be used to maintain our trails, plant trees to help grow our native canopy, and sustain this special place for future generations. Thank you.  
Portland Audubon tours are a lot of things, but one thing they are not are photographic tours... so please, no lens over 400mm unless approved beforehand by trip leader.



HOW TO REGISTER

1. Register and pay online. Visit [www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult](http://www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult) for class descriptions and registration instructions.

or  
2. Contact Erin Law, Adult Education Coordinator, at 971-222-6119 to register by phone.

Most classes are held in Heron Hall, located in the Audubon Society of Portland Interpretive Center, 5151 NW Cornell Road, Portland 97210.

Questions? Contact Erin Law, [elaw@audubonportland.org](mailto:elaw@audubonportland.org) or 971-222-6119.

Check our website for upcoming classes not listed here!  
[audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes](http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes)

Introduction to Bird Language:  
A Path to Awareness

July 8 (Sat) 8am–3pm: local field trip

Instructor: Mark Fitzsimons  
Fee: \$60 member / \$80 non-member  
Limited to 14 participants

Birds and Wildflowers  
of Mt. Adams

July 12 (Thu) 6:30–8:30pm: class in Heron Hall  
July 14 (Sat) 6am–7pm: Mt. Adams field trip

Instructors: Stefan Schlick and Casey Cunningham  
Fee: \$95 member / \$115 non-member  
Limited to 12 participants  
\$14 class only

Bird Journals: For the Joy of It

No art experience needed. Each class is complete in itself with a focus and exercises.

Instructor: Jude Siegel  
Fee: \$45 member / \$65 non-member per session  
Limited to 16 participants per session

Creating a Page  
July 21 (Sat) 10am–3pm: class in Heron Hall

Getting the Pose  
August 25 (Sat) 10am–3pm: class at Jude’s studio

Birds in Their Surroundings  
September 29 (Sat) 10am–3pm: class in Heron Hall

Autumn Shorebirds

July 26 (Thu) 6:30pm–8:30pm: class in Heron Hall  
July 28 (Sat) 7am–5pm: local field trip

Instructor: John Rakestraw  
Fee: \$95 member / \$115 non-member  
Limited to 12 participants  
\$14 class only

Western and Least Sandpipers.  
Photo by Scott Carpenter



Taxonomy of Birds

August 23 (Thu) 6:30pm–8:30pm: class in Heron Hall  
August 25 (Sat) 7am–11am: Sauvie Island field trip

Instructor: Stefan Schlick  
Fee: \$60 members / \$75non-members  
Limited to 14 participants  
\$14 class only

The Art of Bird Illustration

September 5, 12, 19, and 26 (Wed): class held below Heron Hall

Instructor: Zebith Thalden  
Fee: \$95 member / \$115 non-member  
Limited to 12 participants

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Connect kids with amazing experiences in nature with Audubon Society of Portland’s Community Summer Camps! Make it possible for a deserving young person to have fun and learn about the environment this summer. For some of these kids, a Portland Audubon Community Camp is their very first experience with nature! Your generous gift of \$36

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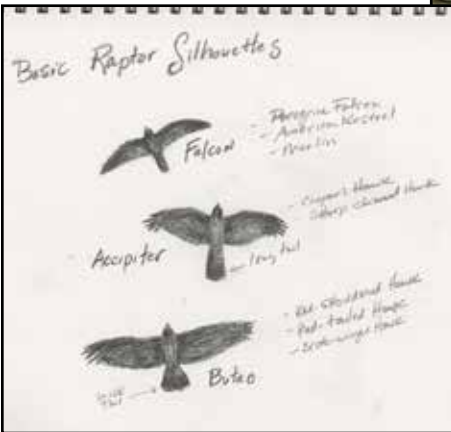
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Grades  
6th–8th

Sketching Nature  
Week 3: July 9–13

Polish your observation and drawing skills as you sketch the wild world of nature that you'll see while hiking in our forested Sanctuary and visiting the Wildlife Care Center. Develop your ability to "capture" wild animals, native plants, and the landscape with pen, pencil, and watercolor paint on the pages of your sketchbook. Become a naturalist in true John James Audubon style as you record the shapes, textures, patterns, and colors of wildlife. (Sketchbook will be provided to each camper)

Pick up/Drop off: Audubon  
Fee: \$315 members/\$335 non-members



Photos by Portland Audubon

Grades  
4th–5th

On the Wing: Birds of Prey  
Week 5: July 23–27

The hunt begins... on the wing, as the wind rushes over feather, foot and talon. With keen eyesight and flexible maneuverability prey is identified, angles are calculated, and the pursuit is on! Join Portland Audubon as we search high and low to learn from and about the Birds of Prey of Oregon.

Pick up/Drop off: Upper MacLeay Park  
Fee: \$335 members/\$355 non-members

Grades  
4th–5th

Nature Detectives  
Week 7: August 6–10 (Overnight Th–Fri)

Grab a magnifying glass and join us as we solve the natural mysteries that are all around us! Every walk becomes a game of detection when you learn the art of reading nature's clues. We'll spy on waterfowl at Sauvie Island, trace the animal trails at Oxbow Regional Park, visit the Columbia River Gorge to examine evidence of the largest floods in the history of the world, and sleuth our way through Portland Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary.

This camp will culminate in an overnight camp-in here in Audubon's own Nature Center. By the end of the week, you'll have the skills to identify common animal tracks, navigate using the sun, read the clouds and predict weather, decipher birds' communications, and more!  
Pick up/Drop off: Upper MacLeay Park  
Fee: \$360 members/\$380 non-members

Grades  
2nd–3rd

Creature from  
the Balch Lagoon  
Week 7: August 6–10

Strange creatures lurk in the depths of the Balch Creek Watershed as a team of young scientists catch and learn from these mysterious critters. With your team by your side, learn about the newts, dragonfly nymphs, crawdads and more "mini-monsters" that wiggle, squirm, and swim in our creeks and ponds.

Pick up/Drop off: Audubon  
Fee: \$315 members/\$335 non-members

Grades  
2nd–3rd

Legends of the Earth Keepers  
Week 8: August 13–17

Unlock the secrets of many of the Pacific Northwest's most exciting stories. With journals in hand, we will travel to local Northwest sites and dive into the stories of the land. We'll hike and explore these sites learning stories that have been passed down for all to learn from. We'll pull on the ancient knowledge of Audubon's Balch Creek to uncover the *Legends of the Earth Keepers*.

Pick up/Drop off: Wallace City Park  
Fee: \$335 members/\$355 non-members





# Field Notes

## by Harry Nehls Meaning Behind the Melodies

Although birders are often confused by location and distance when listening to a singing bird, they regularly interpret calls without thinking too much about it. A lone goose flying slowly over the fields plaintively calling from time to time is obviously a bird looking for company. Birds calling back and forth in heavy cover, or at night as they fly overhead, can easily be interpreted as calls given to indicate the location of individuals.

The warning call given by one species can be interpreted by other nearby species, thus giving mutual protection to all. Once the alarm calls of a nearby **White-crowned Sparrow** caused a small group of complacent dowitchers to become alert and prepare for flight. Later the sparrow again became alarmed, causing the dowitchers to fly off.

The **American Crow** is a very vocal bird whose calls can be easily interpreted. There are lists available giving many of their calls and their meaning. The simple “caw” notes most often heard by humans can have many meanings. Crows vary these calls to indicate territorial defense, calls to assemble, and calls to disperse. Many of the various “caw” calls are given to warn of predators and their movements.

Crows also give calls that are not “caws,” confusing people who do not think they use anything but caws. Many of these non-caw notes are rough and grating, others are quiet and cooing. The “ka-wow” notes used can be mild or sharp.

All species of songbirds have two distinctly different songs; some give a variety of songs. One song is given in territorial defense, the other is the bonding and defense of the female.



American Crow. Photo by Scott Carpenter

Territorial defense songs are loudly sung from an exposed perch, usually at the edges of the territory during the early morning. The male gives the female defense calls off and on throughout the day.

Although bird calls and songs are regularly used to identify the species giving the calls, care must be taken, as there are many birds that imitate the songs of other species. The most famous mimic in North America is the **Mockingbird**, which mimics almost everything it hears. But the introduced **Starling** is a master mimic that can sing long, intricate, musical songs as well as perfect, clear songs of other birds.

**Black-throated Gray**, **Townsend’s**, and **Hermit Warblers** regularly sing each other’s specific songs. **Northern** and **Loggerhead Shrikes** are often heard mimicking other birds calls and songs possibly to attract a meal. One year a **Lark Bunting** wintering in southeast Portland began singing its elaborate song a couple of weeks before migrating. In the middle of each long musical song the bunting added a perfectly complete Song Sparrow song, and to be completely correct, it was given in the local dialect.

# Sightings

The peak of the spring migration passes the Portland area during the last two weeks of April and the first week of May. On May 23 Casey Cunningham reported an early **Common Nighthawk** “peenting” over the Woodlawn neighborhood.

During much of April a large concentration of shorebirds was in and about the Tualatin River NWR. Included in the group were four **Black-necked Stilts**, 23 **Black-bellied Plover**, 2 **Short-billed Dowitchers**, an **Avocet**, a **Wilson’s Phalarope**, and 42 **Greater Yellowlegs**. On April 8 Philip Kline found over 130 **Greater Yellowlegs** in Scappoose Bottoms. Bill Shanahan reported a **Black-necked Stilt** May 3 at the Vanport Wetlands.

Steve Engel reported two **Black Terns** at Jackson Bottoms May 14. A **Forster’s Tern** was at Vancouver Lake May 25. On April 19 Jack Maynard photographed six **Caspian Terns** at the Vanport Wetlands. David Lantz noted one at Kelley Point Park April 6.



Black-bellied Plover  
Photo by Scott Carpenter

On April 27 Tom McNamara heard a calling **poorwill** at Mt. Tabor Park. It was heard several times during the next several days. On May 25 John Powell observed a cooperative **Calliope Hummingbird** in the park.

On April 13 Ed McVicker watched a foraging **Swainson’s Thrush** at the Portland Japanese Gardens. On April 22 Angela Calabrese found a **Red-naped Sapsucker** at Pittock Mansion. On May 6 Nicholas Mrvelj reported a **Brewer’s Sparrow** at Harbor View Park at the University of Portland. Bob Flores reported a **Blue-headed Vireo** April 15 at Frenchman’s Bar near Ridgefield NWR.



Volunteer Mary Ratcliff, Nature Store staffer McKenzie Joslin-Snyder, and volunteer Jackie Sparks. Photo by Portland Audubon

**New Volunteer Orientation is Wednesday, July 25, 6pm–8:30pm** at Audubon Society of Portland, Heron Hall, 5151 NW Cornell Road, Portland OR 97210. Participants are asked to complete a Volunteer Application at **audubonportland.org/about/volunteer/volapp** before attending orientation. Individuals who wish to volunteer in a capacity beyond special events must also attend **General Volunteer Training on Saturday, August 11, 9am–4:30pm**. This training will provide new volunteers with needed background information about Portland Audubon in general, including its sanctuary grounds and programs. New volunteers will sign up for volunteer opportunities that interest them at the conclusion of this training

If you would like to donate some of your time and energy to the Audubon Society of Portland but have questions, please contact **Adam Kinnard**, Volunteer Manager, at **akinnard@audubonportland.org**, or 503-292-6855 ext. 108.

## Thank You to:

- Roy Beaty for 94 plants donated to the Sanctuary
- Robin Carpenter for 15 books
- Tim Heath for 3 surf perches and 1 flounder
- Gary and Carol Gross for used books
- Vernon Jones and Carl Hitt for used books
- Lee Lancaster for bird seed
- Leupold & Stevens, Inc for 2 BX-1 McKenzie 8X42mm binoculars, 2 SX-1 Ventana 2 15-45X60mm angled scopes, and 2 compact aluminum tripod kits
- OFD Foods for 4 dozen freeze-dried backpacking meals
- Alan Locklear and Marie Valleroy for three 4-inch pots of native plants
- Pam and Rick Meyers for custom curtain rod and 2 sets of drapes
- The Timpe Family for 4 pieces of framed art
- Virtuous Pie for 5 pizzas

## Our Wish List

<b>For Administration:</b>	<b>For Sanctuary:</b>
Auditory assistance devices	Loppers
Sit/stand desks	Trowels
Commercial-grade or high-quality vacuum	Hand saws
Birthday cards	Work gloves
Wine and beer	Pressure washer
Wide-screen monitors (4 years old or newer)	
<b>For Education:</b>	<b>For Wildlife Care Center:</b>
Leupold McKenzie 8x42mm binoculars	Science Diet Kitten Growth Bleach
Scope	Dawn dishwashing detergent
Tripod	Exam gloves (latex or latex-free)
	Small leather work gloves
	Kevlar animal handling gloves
	New small-animal anesthesia induction chamber

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.

## Join Our Flock — Become a Member

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

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## Optics Focus: Manfrotto

Since the 1970s, the Italian-manufactured Manfrotto brand has been a world leader in lighting and photography accessories. Over the past decade, they've expanded on their reputation as the Proven Professionals in optics and camera supports by staying at the forefront of modern technology. With new materials offerings, such as carbon fiber tripods and heads, Manfrotto invites you to Imagine More from your gear. The Nature Store is proud to be your local Manfrotto dealer. Stop by today to check out our newest tripod offerings!



### 290 Xtra Three-section Carbon Fiber Tripod

Weighing in at a slim 3.4 lbs, the new 290 Xtra Carbon is the perfect combination of extra rigidity and lightness for the hobbyist on the go. The carbon composite leg tubes enable it to easily and securely support even larger scopes and cameras (up to 11.2 lbs!). The top casting is made of magnesium, as are the adjustable leg locking levers, which can be tightened to counteract any effects of aging and wear. This tripod's four leg angle positions maximize adjustability, while the rapid center column adds flexibility and extends the min-max height range (12.01 inches to 65.16 inches). This tripod comes with a dedicated shoulder bag to ensure comfortable portability at all times. The 290 Xtra is also the most economical of all our carbon fiber tripods, with a member price of just \$274.99. Come by the Nature Store today to experience the difference carbon fiber can make!



## Thanks to Nancy Mattson for 10 Years at the Nature Store!

by Janet Drake, Nature Store Buyer

We would like to extend our deep gratitude and congratulations to longtime Nature Store Manager Nancy Mattson, retiring after just shy of 10 years. Her coworkers, volunteers, and customers loved her for her cheerful outlook, genuine desire to help, and depth of expertise on nearly every topic in the store. Nancy's knowledge of birds, native plants, and PNW ecology was an indispensable resource to so many visitors throughout her decade of service. She was also proficient with binoculars, scopes, tripods, and just about every other facet of the birding optics world. No matter how obscure your question might seem, Nancy was always cool and calm, and had the right answer every time. Under her oversight, the Nature Store was more than a concession, it was a source of enrichment for the whole community.

Gratitude from her former colleagues:

Nancy Mattson.  
Photo by  
Lacy Campbell



*"I loved having Nancy as a manager. She put in the time to make sure I felt welcomed after I was first hired. She was always available for a tour, a lesson, or just a chat. Her open, fun-loving personality was always apparent, and she was always seeking out new ideas and inspiration. Nancy has been an indispensable part of Portland Audubon and will be greatly missed. Best wishes on your retirement and many many thanks, Nancy!"*

—McKenzie Joslin-Snyder, former Nature Store Book Buyer

*"I miss her—and I know we all do. Nancy's smile has been a ray of sunshine in our Nature Store for more than ten years, no matter how dark and cold it might be outside. Hers has been the smile that sold a thousand scopes, and the laugh that welcomed ten thousand visitors."* —Nick Hardigg, Executive Director

## Summer Family Fun!

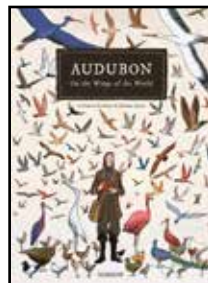
Summer vacation is here, and that means it's outdoor adventure time for the whole family! The Nature Store has everything kids need to get outside and enjoy the sunshine. Harness the power of the sun with a **Green Science Solar Mechanics Kit**, winner of the Red Dot Design Award, for \$19.76 (member price). Or capture the spirit of summer with a **Toysmith Solar Print Kit** (\$12.15, member price). Ready for a family birding excursion? Consider picking up a copy of **Birdwatcher Digest's Bird Watching for Kids**, by Erik A.T. Blom (\$3.59, member price). Don't forget to protect your little birder's eyes from the glare! **Khaki Boonie Hats** from Wild Wild Vest are just \$11.25 for members.



## Summer Reads for the Whole Family

### Audubon: On the Wings of the World by Fabien Grolleau and Jeremie Royer

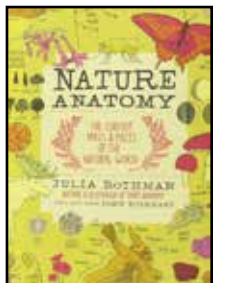
Regular price: \$22.95  
Member price: \$20.66



This graphic novel is based on life on John James Audubon. This beautiful volume tells the story of an incredible artist and adventurer, one who encapsulates the spirit of early America, when the wilderness felt limitless and was still greatly unexplored. Based on Audubon's own retellings, this graphic novel version of his travels captures the wild and adventurous spirit of a truly exceptional naturalist and painter.

### Nature Anatomy: The Curious Parts & Pieces of the Natural World by Julia Rothman

Regular price: \$16.95  
Member price: \$15.22



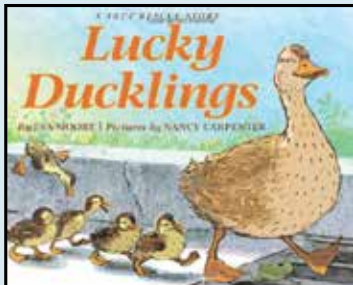
From Goodreads.com: See the world in a new way! Acclaimed illustrator Julia Rothman celebrates the diverse curiosities and beauty of the natural world in this exciting new volume. With whimsically hip illustrations, every page is an extraordinary look at all kinds of subjects, from mineral formation and the inside of a volcano to what makes sunsets, monarch butterfly migration, the ecosystem of a rotting log, the parts of a bird, the anatomy of a jellyfish, and much, much more.

## Kids' Story Time at Portland Audubon!

Join us in the Interpretive Center on the third Sunday of the month, from 1 to 2 pm for Kids' Story Time! We will read a nature-themed picture book that leads into a fun activity. Children ages 3–8 and their adults are encouraged to drop by!. Call the Nature Store, 503-292-9453, for more information.

### Sunday, July 15, 1–2pm

This month we will be reading **Lucky Ducklings**, by Eva Moore, an engaging and charming true rescue story illustrated by a Christopher Award winner! Early one morning, Mama Duck takes her babies for a walk. They follow safely behind her as they leave their pond, waddle through the park, and stop in the little sunlit town's parking lot for yummy breakfast. But one by one, Mama's little ducklings get separated when they disappear into the slats of the town's storm drain. The whole community rushes to their rescue, making for a vivid and exciting drama that children will return to over and over again. Award-winning artist Nancy Carpenter and veteran author Eva Moore have created a delightful new classic with an inspiring environmental message.



### Sunday, August 19, 1–2pm

Book and activity to be announced, but plan to join us for another great read!

## New Gift Arrivals



Lavishy Wallets and Coin Purses  
Starting at \$9,  
member price



Woodstock Chimes  
Starting at \$13.50,  
member price

Marushka  
Graphic T-Shirts  
\$25.20,  
member price

Ancient Graffiti Rain Chains  
Starting at \$55.80,  
member price

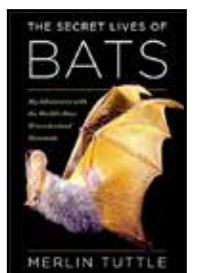


## Audubon Book Club

The Audubon Book Club meets in the Portland Audubon interpretive center on the third Wednesday of every month for a fun and informal discussion. Pick up your copy of the month's book in the Nature Store for a 20% discount to members. The book club is open to everyone, so contact Pat Gorman to RSVP at gormanp3@gmail.com.

## Wednesday, July 18, 7pm – 8pm The Secret Lives of Bats by Merlin Tuttle

From menacing moonshiners and armed bandits to charging elephants and man-eating tigers, nothing has stopped Merlin Tuttle from finding and protecting bats on every continent they inhabit.



## Special Store Hours

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



# Meet the 2018 Mamie Campbell Award Winners

by Adam Kinnard, Volunteer Manager

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

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

To find **Troy Clark**, look for him exploring the wilds of Smith and Bybee Lakes and the Columbia Slough. He is a big part of why these remnants of the historic Columbia River floodplain remain protected. Portland Audubon Conservation Director Bob Sallinger says, “Troy is the ideal activist—he knows and loves the landscape he is working to protect and is equally at home paddling Smith and Bybee in his canoe surveying for birds as he is sitting on technical review and advisory committees.” Troy has represented Portland Audubon on technical advisory committees related to the Slough, led projects such as installing Purple Martin nest gourds at Smith and Bybee Lakes, and is an eloquent and reliable advocate for natural resource protection at local hearings. Thank you, Troy, for showing up again and again to advocate for urban natural areas.

McKenzie Joslin-Snyder of the Nature Store says of **Barb Bryan**, “Barb is a joy to work with. She makes picking up new skills look easy and is always ready to accept new challenges. On top of that, Barb is one of my style icons; I have loved literally every outfit she wears to volunteer.” Janet Drake, also of the Nature Store, adds, “Barb is one of the Nature Store’s rock stars. It’s so nice to know that the store is in good, capable hands during times when staff is away. Any time I see Barb’s name on the schedule, I know it’s going to be a good day!” Since 2012, Barb has given nearly 800 hours to the Nature Store. Thank you, Barb!

There are not enough kind words to describe **April Brown** or convey our gratitude for all she does for Portland Audubon. April began volunteering in 2010 and has given 3,233 hours of service. It is always a joy to see her smiling face on Wednesday afternoons, when she serves as the Education Bird Assistant, ensuring that the birds receive the best possible care, that Education Bird volunteers have what they need to be successful, and that sanctuary visitors have great experiences. She also serves on the Volunteer Council, representing our Portland Audubon Outings programs. Finally, April helped launch the new Community Outreach Volunteer Program and is serving as a role model for new volunteers who want to make a difference! Thank you, April!



From left to right: Troy Clark, Steve Nord, Barb Bryan, Caroline Arnold, April Brown, Devon Rehse, Dolores Weisbaum. Photo by Portland Audubon.

**Steve Nord** began birding at age 9 on Long Island, New York. Dreams of having a job related to birds were first realized as an intern at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in Pennsylvania. That experience started Steve on careers as an interpretive naturalist and field biologist. Today Steve is the birding “guru” at Fernhill Wetlands: since 2015 he has been helping conduct community science surveys there as part of Portland Audubon’s effort to document how birds are responding to the massive habitat restoration project. Steve has been the lead volunteer community scientist at Fernhill, conducting regular surveys and collecting high-quality data. We thank Steve for his inspiring efforts!

**Susan Nolte** began volunteering in 2014 and graciously offers her veterinary skills in the Wildlife Care Center every Friday. Susan not only volunteers in the Care Center, but has helped with the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, the Native Plant Sale, Wild Arts Festival, and more. According to McKenzie Joslin-Snyder, Susan “is a font of information not only on matters of animal health, but also when it comes to native flora. She has a way of delighting in discovery that I can’t help but want to emulate. Her inquisitiveness and sense of humor really brighten up the Care Center.” Thank you, Susan!

If you are looking for someone to wrangle a raptor, crunch some mad data, and bake some of the best cookies in this part of Forest Park, look no further than Devon Rehse. An all-around superstar, Devon tackles data entry, Education Bird handling, and hospital duties, and is a part of the WART (Wild Animal Rescue Team) team. Devon almost singlehandedly helped the Care Center migrate its database last summer—a herculean task. Nicki Dardinger says, “I honestly have no idea how things would get done without her! I appreciate her smiling face, her patience, her incredible organizational skills, and her positive spirit.” Since 2013 Devon has given over 1,300 of her hours to Portland Audubon. Thank you, Devon!

McKenzie Joslin-Snyder says of **Dolores Weisbaum**, “If you haven’t met Dolores yet, you only have yourself to blame. This woman is everywhere, and we’re all better for it!” She has volunteered in the Care Center, on the Volunteer Council,

with the Education Birds, for Nature Nights, Backyard Habitat, Membership and Development, WART, and more. Tony Arnell of our Development department, says that she has been a true asset to their team, using her design skills to update materials. Dolores has also been a huge asset to Adam Kinnard, our Volunteer Manager, meeting many times to offer feedback, provide insight, and generate ideas. She has given more than 1,500 hours to Portland Audubon. Thank you, Dolores!

Portland Audubon Outings wouldn’t happen without the support of dedicated volunteers like **Caroline Arnold**. Since 2013 Caroline has volunteered with Education, Conservation, in the Nature Store, at reception, and for special events like Wild Arts Festival and Vulture Day. Adult Programs Coordinator Erin Law says, “Caroline has an amazing eye for detail and is always getting things finished early. Most importantly, though, she is a great pleasure to work alongside!” According to fellow volunteer Mary Ratcliff, “Caroline is a wonderful editor and has helped Audubon develop the signup forms and Meetup guidelines along with the documents that support the leaders when leading outings. I really enjoy working with her and especially enjoy having an opportunity to bird with her.” Thank you, Caroline!

It is with heavy hearts that we posthumously present this Mamie Campbell award to **Amy Frank**. Amy had a long and deep connection with Portland Audubon. Beginning at an early age she delighted in exploring the nature trails in the Portland Audubon sanctuary. She loved all the wildlife there, and particularly enjoyed finding the turtles and salamanders. She later attended and enjoyed multiple summer day camps at Portland Audubon. That passion continued for Amy when she started volunteering at Audubon in 2013. In that time she logged over 900 hours in the Wildlife Care Center. Amy brought knowledge, passion, and eagerness to the receptionist position in the Care Center. Amy shared with the community here her passion for the natural world, and her love of the animal kingdom. Amy really grew over the years on her Saturday morning shift, and she will be missed by everyone she touched.

## Marmot Cabin Continued from page 1

completion is critical to both maintaining relationships with current school clients and developing relationships with new schools, teachers, and students who may not have been engaged with Outdoor School—or Portland Audubon—in the past.

We believe the Portland Audubon Outdoor School program is uniquely adaptable to the needs of regional students, who learn about animal adaptations, botany, bird language, animal tracking, soil science, and water quality while experiencing the sights, smells, and sounds of the forest. No two programs are the same, as our expert educators adapt to the current state of the forest, turning students’ attention to the call of a Northern Pygmy Owl, identifying Bobcat scat on the trail, or tasting the fresh leaves of an Oso Berry.

The new facility itself is a teaching tool. We can teach the public about the risks of bird strikes with our innovative bird-safe windows, providing a jumping off point to talk to kids about how we can help protect birds by being responsible neighbors to wildlife. Inside the cabin, geologist Dr. Scott Burns and the Geological Society of the Oregon Country are helping us build a monumental fireplace with stones that will tell the geological history of Oregon...from

fossils to volcanoes to thunder eggs.

To get ready for the new cabin, our donors gave generously to help us install two yurts, each sleeping thirty children, bring the driveway and parking up to code, expand the septic system, and put in place a holding tank for fire suppression. The new facility is the last step in our effort to transform Marmot Cabin into something truly spectacular that will allow us to provide exceptional outdoor education experiences for youth.

We know how much this community values environmental education. Many of you have sent your children and grandchildren to our camps, taken a class, or gone on a bird walk with us. Never before has this work been so critical. We are asking you today to give generously so that we can complete the new Marmot Cabin and inspire tomorrow’s advocates by helping kids to build lifelong connections with the natural world.



Photo by Clay Showalter

## Would You Like to Help Complete Marmot Cabin?

Please attend an information session at **Portland Audubon’s Heron Hall Wednesday, July 11, from 6pm to 8pm**

Hear directly from our Youth Nature/Education team, see the building drawings, hear about the plan for financial sustainability, learn about the Bird Safe Glass being installed, and find out what programming and Outdoor School will look like at Marmot. This gathering is for those considering a gift of \$500 or more, though there is no obligation to attend.

To RSVP or ask questions, contact **Donna Wiench, Legacy and Leadership Giving Manager, DWiench@audubonportland.org, 971-222-6116.** Your calls and emails are most welcome.



# Artists. Authors. Auction. Audubon.

## Help Celebrate All Four at the 2018 Wild Arts Festival

by Judy Rooks, 2018 Wild Arts Festival Chair

You can help support Portland Audubon’s conservation and education programs—and have fun with friends—by becoming part of our popular fall fundraiser, the Wild Arts Festival.

This will be the 38th year the Portland Audubon community has teamed up with regional artists and authors to celebrate nature, enjoy Festival activities, and raise money for the Audubon Society of Portland. **The 2018 Festival will be November 17 and 18, at the Montgomery Park building in NW Portland.**

Each year, the Festival attracts nearly 5,000 attendees, who delight in personal and holiday shopping that is both fun and meaningful. Last year’s Festival raised a record-breaking \$200,000-plus.

Here’s how Portland Audubon makes it happen and how you can be part of it.

### Already underway

The Festival is a much-coveted venue for Northwest artists. We had 172 artists—the highest number ever—apply to be in the 2018 Festival. From that very talented group, 65 high-quality artists, representing a wide variety of art mediums and styles, have been selected. To help maintain the Festival’s vibrant appeal, we reach out to as many new artists as possible every year. This year we welcome 18 artists who will be in the Festival for the first time!

The Book Fair committee is combing through this year’s top books to find those that provide a deep sense of place—books about nature, regional history, regional mysteries, cookbooks, and high-quality children’s books. You can look forward to meeting and talking to many of your favorite authors at the Festival, and you’re sure to find wonderful books for gifts for family and friends.

Several sponsors have already stepped up to pledge their support. We are so pleased that the **Backyard Bird Shop** will again be our presenting sponsor. Also pledged as major

sponsors are **Columbia Sportswear** and **Morel Ink** at the Hawk level, and **McCoy & Foat Co. CPA**, and **West Bearing Investment** at the Great Blue Heron level.

### How you can help

There are many ways for you to make a meaningful contribution to the Festival.

**Donate to the Silent Auction.** Fueled by donations from Portland Audubon members and supporters, the Silent Auction is a major Festival revenue producer. “Hot items” in recent years have been jewelry, getaways to B&Bs, beach houses or mountain cabins, pottery, framed art, garden art, metal work, wood carvings and glass art. Other top sellers are gift certificates to restaurants and stores, particularly nature-related stores. And, of course, all things bird related—bird houses, bird feeders, binoculars, spotting scopes, etc. If you are connected to a business that might consider donating nature-related merchandise, please contact us.

To donate, drop off items at Portland Audubon between October 1 and November 9. You can fill out a Silent Auction donor form there or download the form at **WildArtsFestival.org**. Questions? Contact **Ann Littlewood** at **annlittlewood3@gmail.com** or 503 287 8782. (Please note that we do not take used items with the exception of high-value items, accepted on an individual basis.)

**Share your art and donate a 6×6 Wild Art Project.** If you are a local professional or aspiring artist, you can donate a piece of bird-themed art on a 6"×6" canvas. Our sponsor, **Blick Art Materials**, will have canvasses available for you to pick up at their two locations after Labor Day. This is your last year to participate in the 6×6 Project. The committee that has nurtured this delightful community-participation project for the past decade has decided it’s time to stir the creative juices with a new approach. Several fun alternatives are under review. **To receive notice when the 6x6 Project kicks off this fall, email gaygreger@gmail.com.**

**Volunteer.** Festival volunteering tends to be addictive. Many Festival volunteers return annually, not only to help out,



Shopping at one of the many nature-themed booths found at the Wild Arts Festival. Photo by Portland Audubon

but to reconnect with friends who are also regular Festival volunteers and love to share the work and fun of putting on this fundraiser. Consider volunteering, and maybe bring along one of your pals to join the work party, too.

There are lots of different jobs and lots of different work shifts, most spread over two and a half days—Friday evening, November 16, through Sunday evening, November 18. We have a growing need for volunteers with experience using the Square payment-processing program and those who are just comfortable with using digital apps. Also particularly needed are folks who like a bit of exercise with their volunteer stints and can help our artists and our Silent Auction organizers load in items on Friday and/or load out on Sunday. For more information on volunteering, contact **Jill Nelson-Debord** at **wafvolunteers@audubonportland.org**.

**Become or recommend a sponsor.** We have several levels suitable for businesses of all sizes and for individuals. If you want to pledge support or know a business you think would likely support the Festival, contact Development Director Charles Milne at 503-292-6855.

**Plan to attend and shop.** We look forward to seeing you at the Festival! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 17, and Sunday, November 18.**

#### Wanted for WAF Silent Auction

- Clip-on lighting
- Sturdy tabletop frame stands
- Easels
- Jewelry boxes

### We gratefully acknowledge these special gifts:

#### In Memory

**Roger Bachman**  
George and Elizabeth Barton  
Susan Bishop  
Russel and Joan Black  
Scott and Cecelia Goodnight  
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**Deb Sheaffer**  
Ron Earp  
Jack Welch and Mariha Keuchmann

**Ron Spencer**  
Esther D. Spencer

**Marilyn van Dyk**  
Marianne McClellan

#### In Honor

**Phil Jones**  
Adrienne Wolf-Lockett and Robert Lockett

**Bill Rehse**  
NW Natural

Honor a special person in your life with a significant gift that’s meaningful to you. They’ll be listed in the *Warbler* and sent a songbird card acknowledging the donation. Just visit our website, or call 971-222-6130.

## Youth Giving Back in our Community

by Tony Arnell,  
Membership Manager

Through Portland Audubon’s education mission, children are exposed to the importance of wildlife and nature—and the impacts on these young conservationists are seen in various ways. One such inspired youth is Emily Beslie. This past winter, Emily turned 7 years old, and for her birthday, instead of accepting gifts for herself, she asked that friends and family donate to Portland Audubon’s Education Bird program. She raised an amazing \$355!

When asked why she chose to support Portland Audubon in this way, she said it all started with her fun experience last summer in Portland Audubon’s Gnome Homes summer camp for first and second graders. Emily had an amazing time scouring the forest for these elusive woodland residents and building natural homes for them along Balch Creek in the Nature Sanctuary. She’s also excited to come back this summer as part of the Jr. Wildlife Vet 101 camp.

Emily also remembers her summer-camp encounters with Great Horned Owl Julio and Common Raven Aristophanes at the Wildlife Care Center. She learned about these ambassadors for their wild counterparts first hand and the rehabilitation work done every day for injured and



Wild Thing Sponsor Emily Beslie, volunteer Eileen Wynkoop, and Great Horned Owl Julio, a Wild Thing. Photo by Portland Audubon

orphaned wildlife. When asked why she chose to give her donation to the Care Center, she shared that all birds are very important in our world and it is important to help wildlife who are hurt when we can.

With her generous gift, Emily chose to sponsor both Julio and Aristophanes through the Wild Thing program, where community members can sponsor a Portland Audubon Education Animal. She is truly leading by example as one of our community’s youngest philanthropists. If you’d like to join Emily in Sponsoring a Wild Thing today, please visit **audubonportland.org/wcc/edbirds**. Thank you, Emily, for being someone we can all look up to! You are making a difference!



# BIRDATHON 2018

## We Did it Again! Audubon Society of Portland's Birdathon Is a Huge Success!

Our 38th year is nearly complete and yes, we are still the biggest, baddest Birdathon this side of the Mississippi! We are approaching our goal of \$200,000 to protect birds and habitat across Oregon and have raised over \$179,000 so far—thank you so much for your participation and for your donations and pledges! Wonderful new teams, rookie participants, and more fun all made Portland Audubon's 38th annual Birdathon a success!

A huge thank you to 295 Birdathoners! It is amazing that you volunteer your time and ask your friends and family to support your efforts, providing vital funding to the Audubon Society of Portland's important conservation work. And a big, bad thank you to our Birdathon Team Leaders for finding the time in your busy schedules to plan and lead these exciting trips. Birdathon depends upon your generosity, expertise, and leadership—we literally couldn't do it without you!

### Three Cheers for our Team Leaders

Ian Abraham	Bryan Crawford	Wink Gross	Joe Liebezeit	Max Smith
Darlene Betat	Tim Donner	Youn Han	David Mandell	Sarah Swanson
Keia Booker	Janet Drake	Lynn Herring	Kayla McCurry	Dan van den Broek
Lacy Campbell	Steve Engel	Mike Houck	Colleen McDaniel	(2 teams!)
Ron Carley	Mark Fitzsimons	Mariha Keuchman	Micah Meskel	Hailey Walls
Erin Cathcart	Andy Frank	Adam Kinnard	Ivan Phillipsen	Laura Whittemore
Corrine Crawford	Mark Greenfield	Christine Jervis	Meg Ruby	(2 teams!)

### Thank You to our Prize Donors and Sponsors

Academy Theater	Cinema 21	Higgins Restaurant & Bar	Oregon Symphony	Sizzle Pie
Alder Creek Kayak and Canoe	Crane Creek Graphics	Mississippi Pizza	Pastini Pastaria	The Merry Kitchen
Amenity Shoes	Dove Vivi	Moloko	Pollo Norte	Vortex Optics
Annie Bloom's Books	Fire on the Mountain	Mo's	¿Por Que No?	Wilsonville Family Fun Center
Barre3	Float On	Opticron	Portland Nursery	Yoga Shala
Boke Bowl	Garnish	Oregon Shakespeare Festival	Sauvie Island Coffee Company, LLC	
Breitenbush Hot Springs	Grand Central Baking Co.			



Murre the Merrier. Photo by Portland Audubon



Grassroots Grouse. Photo by Portland Audubon

## International Vulture Awareness Day is September 2!

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.



Ruby the Turkey Vulture © Tom Schmid

Swing by Portland Audubon to meet Ruby, Portland Audubon's Turkey Vulture, up close, at 1 pm!



## Audubon Society of Portland

*Inspiring people to love and protect nature since 1902*

*Audubon Society of Portland promotes the enjoyment, understanding, and protection of native birds and other wildlife and their habitats. We focus on our local community and the Pacific Northwest.*

### ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

5151 NW Cornell Rd • Portland, OR 97210  
503-292-6855 • Fax: 503-292-1021  
9am to 5pm, Mon. – Fri.

### SANCTUARIES

Dawn to dusk every day

### WILDLIFE CARE CENTER

503-292-0304  
9am to 5pm every day

### RARE BIRD ALERT

503-292-6855  
www.audubonportland.org

### NATURE STORE

503-292-9453  
10am to 6pm, Mon. – Sat.  
10am to 5pm on Sunday

### INTERPRETIVE CENTER & LIBRARY

Same hours as store



The Audubon Society of Portland is a member of Earth Share of Oregon. For more information, contact Earth Share of Oregon at 503-223-9015 or on the web at [www.earthshare-oregon.org](http://www.earthshare-oregon.org).



Soggy Bottom Birders. Photo by Portland Audubon



Surf Scopers. Photo by Em Scattaregia



Owl Be Darned. Photo by Tara Lemezis

**Many Thanks** to all who helped organize Birdathon by providing prize solicitation, graphic design, letter writing, data entry, celebration planning, and team support. Your work represents many, many hours of dedicated effort: Tony Arnell, Ali Berman, Ron Carley, Anne Eakin, Mark Fitzsimons, Katy Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Kelsey Kuhnhausen, and Charles Milne.

## BUSINESS ALLIANCE

Through their business practices and financial contributions, the following businesses are helping advance our mission and protect Oregon's birds, natural resources, and livability. If you would like to become a member of the Audubon Society of Portland Business Alliance, please contact our Development Director at 971-222-6116.



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