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Portland Audubon:
Protecting Oregon since 1902
History Exhibit a Strong Reminder of
our Statewide Impact

by Nick Hardigg, Executive Director

From now until June 10, the Oregon Historical Society is showcasing an exciting exhibit about how two of our founders—William Finley and Herman Bohlman—launched Oregon’s conservation movement. Their groundbreaking photography and outreach showed birds as few had seen them before, and helped propel this chapter from a small nonprofit into a statewide powerhouse for conservation, far beyond birds and Portland.

Finley and Bohlman risked life and limb to capture images of threatened birds and beautiful landscapes. They also travelled tirelessly on lecture circuits with suitcases of



The hat craze that
decimated Malheur.

glass lantern slides, sharing the magnificent beauty of wildlife that was being decimated by the women’s hat trade. Entire flocks of birds were being wiped out to adorn hats with their plumes.

Through their pioneering efforts as photographers, organizers, and leaders of Oregon Audubon (our original name), they raised awareness of what was being

lost forever and helped pass Oregon’s earliest conservation legislation: the Model Bird Act of 1903. They were also instrumental in lobbying President Theodore Roosevelt to create the first National Wildlife Refuges in the western US, at Klamath, Malheur, and Three Arch Rocks. As rumor has it, President Roosevelt arrived in Portland in 1903 wanting nothing of its crowds, instead demanding, “Where’s Finley?”

Finley and Bohlman were hugely successful with their conservation campaigns, with Finley continuing into public service. He eventually become Oregon’s first Fish and Game commissioner, until losing the job because his conservationist leanings were considered incompatible with his post.

One hundred and sixteen years later, Finley and Bohlman’s effective continuum—from fostering connection

Catching Birds
with a Camera
Finley, Bohlman, and
the Photographs that
Launched Oregon’s
Conservation
Movement

Oregon Historical
Society (ohs.org)
February 23—June 10

Admission: **Free** for
Multnomah County residents.
Portland Audubon members
receive 2-for-1 discount for
\$11 entry fee.

with nature to raising knowledge and awareness to conservation advocacy—continues at Portland Audubon. We are known for many things. Our education programs serve thousands every year, young and old. Our Wildlife Care Center is the busiest wildlife rehabilitation center in Oregon, and the oldest in America (1938). In the 1980s, we helped establish and popularize the concept of “wild in the city”—recognizing that nature in backyards, parks, and rooftops plays a critical role providing wildlife habitat and improving our own quality of life.

Thanks in part to these strong programs in the Portland metro region, our vital statewide work—past and present—may sometimes go unnoticed. To raise support and awareness of this work, we are sharing some highlights that may cause some to rethink what “Portland Audubon” means to conservation. Our story is the dedicated work of many members, partners, donors, activists, volunteers, scientists, and educators, past and present. As the Oregon Historical Society correctly presents it, our work sprung

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BIRDATHON 2018

Counting Birds
Because Birds Count!

Registration begins March 15th!

Join the Biggest, Baddest Birdathon this side of the Mississippi—you’ll explore our region’s birding hotspots during migration, learn from expert birders, AND help raise money to protect birds and habitat across Oregon! Last year, you helped us set a new fundraising record, and we hope you’ll join us to do it again!



Now in its 38th year, Birdathon is like a walkathon, but instead of counting miles, we count birds! You can register for one of our exciting guided teams, you can assemble your own team of bird enthusiasts, or you can Birdathon on your own—whichever way you choose, you’ll get to participate in your favorite pastime while championing the importance of protecting the wildlife and wild places that you love.

Once registered, you’ll invite friends, family, and colleagues to sponsor your Birdathon efforts with a donation or pledge. We have great prizes lined up to reward participants who receive the most pledges, raise the most money, take the best photos, and more. Participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$45 in pledges unless otherwise indicated.

When you sign up for Portland Audubon’s Birdathon, you become an integral part of our most profitable and mission-oriented fundraiser of the year, ensuring that our legacy of protecting native birds, other wildlife, and their habitat continues long into the future.

Birdathon 2018 Teams

Here’s a partial list of Half-Day, Full-Day, and Gonzo Trips (2+ days). Visit audubonportland.org for additional trips and full trip details.

Half-Day Trips:

Great Big Sit: April 28 (Sat), 8am–12pm
Corrinne and Bryan Crawford welcome you to Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. Give your legs a rest and spend a leisurely morning in your lawn chair amidst great company and relax as the birds come to you.

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From our Executive Director

A Historic Perspective on Conservation

by Nick Hardigg

In recent months, we’ve conducted a “listening tour” to hear from many communities across our state, asking questions like “What are your perceptions of Portland Audubon?” and “What do we do well, and what can we do better?” Many people have also shared a deep appreciation for our independence, our education programs, and willingness to take on difficult issues. We also discovered a surprising lack of awareness of our 116-year history and continued statewide role. Places like Malheur, Klamath, Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife Refuge, and the Oregon Marine Reserve network, to name a few, were all protected thanks to our work and collaboration with others.

Lantern slide from Portland Audubon archives.



We hope you enjoy learning more of our history in this issue of the *Warbler*. After all, successful conservation requires a long-term perspective, and recognition that we have the potential to make history every day.

In keeping with the theme of history, we wanted to share a poem from 1905 and a photo of some of our earliest members. Who knew that campaigns for backyard habitat dated back to 1905? We continue to be proud of our independence, and hope you’ll excuse the poetic license of including just one “Advertisement.” Enjoy!

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Bird = Lore

A BI-MONTHLY MAGAZINE
DEVOTED TO THE STUDY AND PROTECTION OF BIRDS
OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE AUDUBON SOCIETIES

JANUARY — FEBRUARY, 1905

Advertisement

By C. C. DAWSON

I have houses newly built,
Bright with paint and newly gilded.
They will be for rent in Spring—
Who will come a-tenanting?

They are in a choice location,
Beautiful for situation.
Sheltering branches round them play,
Turning breath of March to May.

Houses mine, just made for pleasure
Unalloyed, and without measure.
Who the homes I offer take,
Shall be blessed for Love's sweet sake.

These alone are my conditions:
All my tenants are musicians,
And the songs they sweetly sing
Are the only pay they bring.

FREE EVENT!

Welcome Back Vulture Day

Saturday, March 17, 2018
Noon – 3 p.m.

Nadaka Nature Park and St. Aidan’s Church
17405 NE Glisan St
Portland, OR 97230

Have you noticed that you see Turkey Vultures in the Portland area only in the spring and summer months? That’s because they migrate to warmer climates in the winter. But with spring’s warmer and longer days, it is time to welcome them back! We’re lucky to still have good populations of Turkey Vultures in Oregon. 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.

Welcome Back Vulture Day is filled with fun and educational activities:

- Meet Ruby, Portland Audubon’s Turkey, Vulture up close (along with many of Portland Audubon’s other Education Birds)
- Compare your “wingspan” to that of a California Condor
- Make a crafted vulture and mask
- Play “Upchuck Chuck!”
- Learn fun vulture facts
- Find out the differences between Old and New World vultures
- Discover why vultures are important

Come and help us celebrate the beauty of vultures!



Ruby the Turkey Vulture. Photo: Tom Schmid

Join Us to Celebrate Earth Day with the Portland Thorns at a Benefit Game!

This April, we’re thrilled to be partnering with the Portland Thorns and other environmental groups to celebrate Earth Day with their championship winning players and tens of thousands of fans. **Every ticket sold using the promotion code “ASP” will raise funds for Portland Audubon!**



By the time this *Warbler* is at your door, we’ll know the date of the upcoming game, so visit the events section of our website for details. When you buy your ticket using the ASP code, you not only get to see last year’s champs on the field. You’ll also:

- Be seated in an exclusive Earth Day section
- Have a native tree or shrub, donated by Scholls Valley Native Nursery, planted in your honor by Ash Creek Forest Management
- Receive a reusable tote bag as our thanks for attending the benefit game
- Raise funds for Portland Audubon

See you at the game!

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.

Bat Conservation in the Modern World with Cris Hein of Bat Conservation International

Tuesday, March 13
7pm, Montgomery Park
2701 NW Vaughn St

The perception of bats is shifting in a positive direction, and more people recognize their intrinsic ecological and economic value. Yet bats face unprecedented challenges around the world, such as persecution, disease, toxins, wind-turbine-caused fatality, climate change, and habitat loss or alteration. Understanding how to resolve these issues is challenging because bats are notoriously difficult to study; they are small, nocturnal, volant, and emit sounds above our hearing range. However, advances in technology offer new insights into the biology and behavior of these animals and provide opportunities to develop solutions to these issues.



Join your Portland Audubon for a night with **Cris Hein of Bat Conservation International** as he educates us on how we can change our behaviors to help advance and protect these mysterious creatures of the night.

The Shape of Nature: Wildlife and Habitat Connectivity in the Pacific Northwest

with Quinn Read, NW Director of Defenders of Wildlife, and special guest Leslie Bliss-Ketchum, Director of the Samara Group

Tuesday, April 10
7pm, Montgomery Park
2701 NW Vaughn St

Peregrine Falcon.
Photo by
Mick Thompson

Oregon is home to a remarkable variety of fish and wildlife species. The survival of these species depends in part on habitat connectivity—whether the landscape helps or hinders their ability to move throughout the environment to find food, reproduce, and migrate. However, many of Oregon’s fish and wildlife species are at risk of losing this connectivity in the face of increasing development pressure, barriers on the landscape, and climate change.

Join Portland Audubon on Tuesday, April 10, to welcome **Quinn Read** and **Leslie Bliss-Ketchum** as they discuss the impacts of the built environment on habitat connectivity, successful mitigation efforts, and the work being done to protect imperiled wildlife. Learn more about current efforts to preserve and restore vital habitat connectivity throughout Oregon and how you can help.



Coming in May...

Hidden Oregon: Exploring the Obscure Gems of the Pacific Northwest
with Ed Jahn of OPB’s *Oregon Field Guide* • Tuesday, May 8 • 7pm, Montgomery Park

Montgomery Park can be reached on bus lines 77 and 15.

Call **503-292-6855** for more details! These are sure to be talks that will fill up fast, so we encourage you to grab your seat early! EXPRESS ENTRY is available by going to bit.ly/NATURENIGHT (this is not an RSVP but gains you quick access to an event).

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 or call 971-222-6119 with any questions.

Bring binoculars and dress for the weather. Beginners welcome!

March 1 (Thu) 7:30am–11am Company Lake, Troutdale

Leader: April Brown

March 3 (Sat) 9am–11am Smith and Bybee Wetlands

Leaders: Nicki Dardinger and Eric Scheuering
*For beginner birders only

March 7 (Wed) 8:30am–11am Fernhill Wetlands

Leader: Richard Arnold

March 8 (Thu) 7:30am–11am Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Leader: April Brown

March 17 (Sat) 8am–12pm Sauvie Island, Rentenaar Rd

Leader: Ron Escano

March 20 (Tue) 7:30am–11am Washougal Waterfront Park

Leader: April Brown

March 22 (Thu) 8:30am–11am Whitaker Ponds

Leaders: Mary Ratcliff and Meg Ruby

April 3 (Tue) 8am–12pm Sauvie Island, Rentenaar Rd

Leaders: Linda Magnuson and Dena Turner

April 3 (Tue) 8am–10:30am Tualatin Hills Nature Park

Leader: Bonnie Deneke

April 3 (Tue) 7:30am–11am Washougal River Greenway Trail

Leader: April Brown

April 9 (Mon) 7:30am–11am Vancouver Lowlands – end of Lower River Rd, Clark County

Leader: April Brown

April 14 (Sat) 8am–11am Vancouver Lake Park

Leader: Ron Escano

April 18 (Wed) 9am–12pm Fernhill Wetlands

Leaders: Dick Demarest and Kathy Van der Horst

April 18 (Wed) 8am–11am Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Leaders: Meg Ruby, Karen Chaivoe, and Diane Harris

April 25 (Wed) 8am–12pm Sauvie Island, Oak Island

Leaders: Karen Chaivoe and Mary Ratcliff

April 25 (Wed) 7am–10am Mt Talbert Nature Park

Leader: Ron Escano

April 28 (Sat) 9am–11am Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge

Leaders: Nicki Dardinger and Colleen McDaniel
*For beginner birders only

May 1 (Tue) 7:30am–11am Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Kiwa Trail Opening Day

Leader: April Brown

May 2 (Wed) 8:30am–3pm Tillamook Bay

Leaders: Dick Demarest and Ken Chamberlain

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 to register. Contact Erin Law at elaw@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119 with any questions.

March 29 (Thu) 6:30am–4pm Hiking and Birding at Catherine Creek

Leader: Candace Larson
Fee: \$60

April 22 (Sun) 6:30am–2pm Spring Migration on Gresham Buttes

Leaders: Dan van den Broek and Micah Meskel
FREE

Bird Song Walks 2018

Mon–Fri, 7am–9am, various locations: **FREE!**

Portland Audubon is proud to announce the 2018 season of weekday morning Bird Song Walks! From beginner to advanced birders, anyone who is fascinated by the sounds of birds will enjoy these walks. Take advantage of these volunteer-guided walks to the metro area’s prime spring migration hotspots. If you start with the earliest trips, you will become familiar with the common resident species’ songs and then keep pace with the migrant birds as they arrive.

Bird Song Walks begin at 7am and end at 9am. Leave whenever you like. Bring binoculars and a field guide, if you have them. Be sure to dress properly for the weather. Spring mornings can be surprisingly chilly.

Go to trimet.org or call **503-238-RIDE (7433)** for public transportation route information. For natural history information, maps, and directions for these natural areas, see the book *Wild in the City: Exploring the Intertwine*, available at Portland Audubon’s Nature Store.

How to Register for Bird Song Walks

New this year, **registration is required**. 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 Bird Song Walks on the Meetup group. Contact Erin Law at elaw@audubonportland.org or call 971-222-6119 with any questions.

Mondays

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7, 14, 21, 28

Tryon Creek State Natural Area

Leaders: Rick and Stephanie Wagner
For more information about the location: oregonstateparks.org

Mondays

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7, 14, 21, 28

Gabriel Park

Leaders: Sarah Swanson and/or Max Smith
For more information about the location: portlandoregon.gov/parks

Tuesdays

April 3, 10, 17, 24, and May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge

Leaders: Hailey Walls, Laura Whittemore and/or Mark Fitzsimons
For more information about the location: portlandoregon.gov/parks

Wednesdays

April 4, 11, 18, 25, and May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Mt. Tabor Park

Leaders: Gerard Lillie, Meg Ruby, or Tom McNamara
For more information about the location: portlandoregon.gov/parks

Thursdays

April 5, 12, 19, 26, and May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Pittock Mansion

Leaders: Wink Gross and/or Diana Byrne
For more information about the location: pittockmansion.org

Thursdays

April 5, 12, 19, 26

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Education Center

Leader: Steve Engel
For more information about the location: jacksonbottom.org

Thursdays

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Rood Bridge Park

Leader: Steve Engel
For more information about the location: hillsboro-oregon.gov/departments/parks-recreation

Fridays

April 6, 13, 20, 27, and May 4, 11, 18, 25

Kelley Point Park

Leader: Erin Law
For more information about the location: portlandoregon.gov/parks

Fridays

April 6, 13, 20, 27, and May 4, 11, 18, 25

Canemah Bluff Nature Park

Leader: Dan van den Broek
For more information about the location: oregonmetro.gov/parks



Black-throated Gray Warbler.
Photo by Hayley Crews



Yellow-breasted Chat.
Photo by Scott Carpenter.

Conservation

A Huge Win for Marbled Murrelet Protection in Oregon!

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

On February 9, 2018, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Commission voted 4-2 to uplist the Marbled Murrelet from “threatened” to “endangered” under the State Endangered Species Act. This is a huge victory for this small imperiled seabird that nests in old-growth and mature coastal forests and forages at sea. Its population has declined dramatically over the decades because of extensive logging in Oregon’s Coast Range. In more recent years, a growing body of evidence suggests that warming ocean trends pose increasing threats to this species’ prey base of small forage fish species in Oregon’s nearshore waters.

In 2016, Portland Audubon, Cascadia Wildlands, the Center for Biological Diversity, Oregon Wild, Coast Range Forest Watch and the Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club petitioned the ODFW Commission to declare the Marbled Murrelet endangered in Oregon. As part of this process, ODFW staff prepared a status review report that pulled together the latest science, management, and regulatory information for this species in Oregon. The result was sobering. The science has shown that this species is just a fraction of what it was historically in Oregon leaving just a small vulnerable population. Multiple studies indicate Marbled Murrelets suffer from poor reproductive rates and are currently unable to replace themselves in the population. Most dramatically, a recent population-modeling study indicates the Oregon murrelet population has an 80% chance of extinction before the end of this century.

Backyard Habitat Certification Program Expands to New Clackamas County Cities

by JP Marchetti-Mendez, Backyard Habitat Program Assistant

What a contrast this winter has been to last year! Only a few days of snow and below-freezing temperatures meant a welcome return of the usually mild Portland winters. No doubt your newly planted greenery felt the difference as well, and hopefully it has been establishing deep and strong roots in the moist and cool (instead of frozen) soil. Similarly, just like the growing ground covers that you planted in the fall, the Backyard Habitat Certification Program is continuing to spread into new areas.

The growth of our program is due in large part to the steady support from the Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District and Metro regional government. Beginning in March, properties one acre and smaller in Gladstone, Oregon City, Happy Valley, Damascus, Tualatin/Stafford, and Wilsonville area (zip codes 97027, 97045, 97086, 97015, 97089, 97062, or 97070) can receive our array of program services—from site assessments and high-quality technical assistance, staggering discounts on native plants, to eventually earning your very own Backyard Habitat Certification metal plaque.

At the same time, current management practices and regulations have proven to be inadequate. While federal laws have stabilized habitat loss on federal lands, the state of Oregon has continued to allow logging of older forests at an alarming rate and failed to adequately address new threats to the species. Current management practices employed by Oregon Department of Forestry do not establish adequate protection for murrelet occupied habitat and have little oversight or regulation from state and federal wildlife agencies.

The reclassification as endangered will force the State to develop survival guidelines and recovery plans for the species, something it has never done, and to address very weak protections on state forest lands and private forest lands. Survival guidelines are quantifiable and measurable guidelines necessary to ensure the survival of individual members of the species. They would serve as interim protection until endangered species management plans are developed by applicable state agencies and approved by the ODFW Commission. There is a lot of work ahead, but this is an important step forward.

Portland Audubon has been working on recovering the Marbled Murrelet for more than three decades, dating back to the 1980s when we did the original ground work on a



Photo by
Kelsey Kuhnhausen

status report that provided the foundation for the bird’s original listing as threatened under the state and federal Endangered Species Acts.

We applaud the commission for recognizing that the Marbled Murrelet warrants endangered status in Oregon. This win could not have been done without the thousands of public comments submitted to the ODFW Commission on behalf of uplisting as well as the public testimony during the hearing. The hearing room was packed with Portland Audubon activists, including many from the Oregon Coast, representing small businesses, woodlot owners, biologists, and concerned citizens. Thank you for your support and we will keep you updated on next steps.



Lights Out for Earth Hour!

March 24 at 8:30 pm is Earth Hour, a global effort to raise awareness about climate change action by the simple act of turning out our lights and making some noise! One of Portland Audubon’s priorities is reducing light pollution in our community—an effort that saves energy, saves birds, and protects our ability to see the night sky. This year, we invite our members and anyone else who is concerned about light pollution to take part in the hour-long event. Have a candlelight dinner or go stargazing! More at earthhour.org

And don’t forget to **Take the Pledge!** to reduce light pollution around your home. Enrollees get a free sign to show their commitment to saving energy, saving birds, and seeing stars. Hang it in a prominent place in your front yard or front window to help us raise awareness about this important conservation issue! To find out more, visit audubonportland.org/issues/hazards/buildings/take-the-pledge-to-go-lightsout

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from a foundation created by Finley and Bohlman, and the movement never stops. We hope you’ll have the opportunity to visit this remarkable exhibit. Our sincere thanks go out to the team at the Oregon Historical Society and archivist Laura Cray.

Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge

As early as 1922, our impact extended beyond birds by blocking plans to eradicate rookeries of Northern Sea Lions



Beyond birds, Portland Audubon helped save the pronghorn from extinction through creation of Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge in 1936. Photo by USFWS

along Oregon’s coast (blamed for eating salmon, but we showed otherwise). We also helped save North America’s fastest land animal—the pronghorn—from extinction by lobbying for creation of the 270,000 acre Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge in Central Oregon (along with our partner, the Boone and Crockett Club). Today, the Hart Mountain region is recognized as an Important Birding Area, with 239 species documented, including Greater Sage Grouse, Short-eared and Burrowing Owls, to name just a few.

Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuges

In the 1960s, a longstanding effort to establish three new wildlife refuges was nearly stopped when the Oregon Legislature passed legislation barring creation of any new wildlife refuge in Oregon without local approval. Biologist Dave Marshall and a team of board members arranged a meeting with Governor Hatfield to garner his veto, protecting 11,000 acres of critical bird habitat and leaving the door open for future refuges to come.

Today, across Oregon, our conservation efforts continue in force. In coastal areas, we continue to advocate for Marine Reserves and Protected Areas, having played a major role in the 2012 establishment of Oregon’s first five Marine Reserves and Protected Areas. These offshore underwater parks protect fish and wildlife while also increasing area productivity and resiliency for the health of our entire coastal ecosystem. Just last month, protections for the Marbled Murrelet were increased when it was uplisted from “threatened” to “endangered” status by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Services, requiring plans for habitat protection. Last year, we helped block the privatization of Elliott State Forest—including critical old-growth habitat—and set it on a pathway for stronger protection.

Further south, in Klamath National Wildlife Refuge, we continue advocating to keep globally significant wetlands from going dry due to diversion of water for agriculture on refuge-leased lands. At Malheur, we will soon hire our first year-round staff member, continuing our work to ensure a healthy ecosystem through monitoring and restoration of Malheur Lake. These name just a few of our ongoing efforts across Oregon to protect the habitat of birds and wildlife, reported regularly in the *Warbler*, with additional information on our website.

A Sunny and Successful Christmas Bird Count 2017

by Candace Larson, CBC Compiler, and Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager

On December 30, 2017, the 92nd Annual Portland Christmas Bird Count was held under very pleasant conditions, as a robust corps of field birders and feeder watchers attempted to count every bird seen and heard within the 15-mile-diameter count circle. Area leaders Colby Neuman, Dan Strong, Lynn Herring, Lori Hennings, and Portland Audubon staffer Joe Liebezeit led a hardy group of **264 field birders** across the landscape, and Wink Gross organized a contingent of **130 feeder watchers** to add to the data. These efforts paid off with **129 species for the day** (11 more than last year and almost matching our count record of 130, set in 2012.)

The Portland CBC feeds into a data set that encompasses over 1,000 CBC count circles across North America and as far south as Brazil. In its 118th year, the CBC is one of the longest running large-scale data sets in existence. Hundreds of studies have been published using CBC data, and findings have been used to inform important management and conservation decisions that have helped protect birds across their flyways.

This year we had a strong showing of unusual sightings, including Virginia’s Warbler, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Black Scoter, Burrowing Owl, Gray Jay, Common Yellowthroat, Black Phoebe, and Clark’s Grebe. Feeder watchers added Sandhill Crane to the list, only the fifth time this species has been seen in the Portland CBC circle. The Eagle Eye Award, given annually to the field counter who finds the most unusual bird, was bestowed on **Casey Cunningham**, who originally located the **Virginia’s Warbler** in his yard and has been keeping it well fed and watered all winter long.

Several species were recorded at all-time highs for the second year in a row, including Cackling Goose, Ring-necked Duck, American Crow, and Bald Eagle. Anna’s Hummingbird, White-Breasted Nuthatch, and Hooded Merganser were also among the species that hit new records. For a summary of the 92-year history of the count, including details of the last ten, go to **audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc/92**. For more information on



CBC counters. Photo by K. Freitag

Portland Audubon’s community science program, visit **<http://audubonportland.org/issues/community-science>**

Heartfelt thanks to all the area leaders, field counters, and feeder watchers for making this year’s Portland CBC another outstanding success. We look forward to seeing you again in 2018!



Native Plant Sale volunteer. Photo by Portland Audubon

22nd Annual Native Plant Sale: Is Naturescaping for You?

Would you like to see more birds and butterflies in your garden? Are you looking for low-maintenance landscape options? Are you concerned about local ecological health and habitat loss? If so, consider adding native plants to your garden. Portland Audubon’s annual native plant sale will have more than 100 native plant species to choose from this spring! There will be experts on-site to help you select the ideal plant for your home and garden.

Attend the 22nd Annual Native Plant Sale on **Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22, 10am–4pm**, at our Nature Sanctuary, 5151 NW Cornell Road, Portland, Oregon 97210.

Naturescaping versus Traditional Landscapes

Traditional landscape standards tell us that nonnative ornamental plants and green lawns are desirable in a property. Preexisting native plants and soils are removed, new soil is brought in, irrigation is added, and often pesticides and fertilizers are used to support the growth and health of nonnative plant species. This contributes to wasted and contaminated water, disrupted natural processes, and the loss of critical native bird and pollinator habitats. In contrast, naturescaping simulates nature without synthetic chemicals and additional irrigation, helping to support the urban wildlife that lives in your neighborhood.

Portland Audubon’s Native Plant Sale will have some of the most beautiful and attractive plants indigenous to Oregon and SW Washington for your naturescaping needs! We will have native plants of all shapes and sizes from trees to low-growing groundcover. All proceeds go to maintaining our beautiful 150+ acre Nature Sanctuary in NW Portland, enjoyed by more than 40,000 people each year.

Wildlife Care Center

Fishing Debris Poses Threats to Wildlife, But This Glaucous-Winged Gull Beat the Odds

When you cast your fishing line, the last thing you’d expect to hook is a bird. While that scenario may sound absurd, it’s actually quite common.

Birds and other wildlife face many human-caused hazards on our beaches and in our rivers, but one of the leading causes of harm is fishing line, hooks, and tackle.

“We see this often in the Care Center,” said Wildlife Care Center Manager Lacy Campbell. “Fishing line and hooks are common threats to wildlife, affecting everything from gulls to osprey to beavers. It can cause debilitation and even death.”

While many wildlife encounters with fishing debris don’t end well, a seabird in Scappoose had a second chance at survival thanks to a caring individual. In early January, a Glaucous-winged Gull was found on a doorstep at a moorage with a fishing hook lodged in the nares (or nostrils) of its beak. Its rescuer attempted to feed the gull, but soon discovered that not only was it hooked, but fishing line was impeding its ability to eat.

As scavengers and recyclers in the wild, Glaucous-winged Gulls eat anything from fish to other birds to debris, plunging onto the surface of the water or just below looking for food. This makes them especially susceptible to the dangers of fishing lines and hooks.

The gull was brought to our Wildlife Care Center for treatment for injuries to its beak and its inability to eat. After examination, he was also found to be underweight. In this particular case, it was difficult to determine if the bird was debilitated before or after it was hooked.

“Sometimes animals are debilitated and get further injuries as a result. It was unclear if there was another injury first and then it came in contact with the hook, or if the hook was the only cause of debilitation,” said Lacy.

The first step in the treatment was to address the injury to the beak. This included extracting the hook and fishing line, which had to be cut out of its beak. The bird was given fluids, antibiotics, and anti-inflammatory medication. Over the next several weeks, care for the gull included regular checkups, monitoring, and continuation of antibiotics.



Glaucous-Winged Gull. Photo by Portland Audubon

Once the beak was fully healed, the gull was moved to an outdoor enclosure, where it was given time to build up its strength after weeks of indoor care. Before any bird is released, it must be able to get off the ground, maintain lift in the air, and maneuver around obstacles during flight—all of which the gull accomplished with ease.

Once a flight assessment was cleared, the seabird was taken in for a final evaluation. With a well-healed beak, strong flight, and stabilized weight, the gull was cleared for release. On a foggy afternoon in February, the Glaucous-winged Gull was set free, soaring high over the houseboats along the Multnomah Channel in Scappoose—the same place it was found.

We’ve shared stories in the past of animals treated in our Care Center who have suffered after coming into contact with fishing line and hooks, like a Canada goose who had fishing wire around his neck or the Red-breasted Mergansers and Bald Eagle who became ensnared in the same line.

So what can we do? Mitigating risks from fishing debris can be challenging, although not impossible. One of the best ways to prevent this from happening is to pick up and properly dispose of fishing debris and trash.

“Pick up any fishing hooks or debris that you encounter,” said Lacy. “Everything you do leaves a trace. Every action has ramifications.”

Trips often sell out. We recommend booking early. Deposit required to reserve your place. To register, please visit audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult and follow the registration link.

For registration questions:
Erin Law, elaw@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119.

For more information about any of our trips:
Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105 or **Erin Law** at elaw@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119.

Northern Peru—A Treasure of Avian Diversity October 17–26, 2018

Explore northern Peru, an area full of rare and endemic birds and community conservation reserves. A world big-day record was made along this eastern grade of the Andes, where many habitats can be visited within a relatively short distance. In 2014, a team from LSU detected 354 species in a 24-hour period. While we will enjoy the birds at a significantly slower pace, the diversity of species found here is impressive. We begin in the lower Amazonian foothills in the town of Tarapoto at the Koepcke’s Hermit Conservation Center to find this rare and endemic hummingbird, then we will climb on a paved highway up the east slope of the Andes to the cool mountain pass of Abra Patricia (~7600’). At the Huembo Conservation Center, we will view the **Marvelous Spatuletail**. Among lush epiphyte laden trees of the Alto Mayo Reserve and the private Alto Nieva Reserve are some endemic gems such as the **Royal Sunangel**, **Speckle-breasted Piculet** and **Johnson’s Tody-Tyrant**. This has been a reliable location for the very rare **Long-whiskered Owlet**. We will take a cable car to the pre-Inca site of Kuelap, built by the Chachapoyas people. Our last few days will be in Moyobamba at the Wakanki lodge. In the gardens of the lodge up to 23 species of hummingbirds have been found including **Golden-tailed** and **White-chinned Sapphires**, and the **Sapphire-spangled Emerald**.

Leader: Dan van den Broek
Fee: \$3,195 members / \$3,495 non-members
Deposit: \$1,500 required to secure your place

Extension: Cuzco and Machu Picchu October 26–November 1, 2018

Leader: Dan van den Broek
Fee: \$2,595 members / \$2,895 non-members
Deposit: \$1,200 required to secure your space



Long-Whiskered Owlet.
Photo by Dan van den Broek

Yucatan December 10–20, 2018

Join us on an exciting exploration of the biologically rich Yucatan Peninsula. Over 500 bird species are found in this part of Mexico, in addition to multitudes of mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and butterflies. This is the heart of the Mayan Civilization, and our excursions will be centered around a number of awe-inspiring archaeological sites. In the **Sian-Ka’an Biosphere Reserve**, the **Keel-billed Toucan**, **Rose-throated Tanager**, and **Ornate Hawk-eagle** will be a few of our targets. Further inland, we’ll explore the ancient Mayan city of Chichen Itza, one of the “New Seven Wonders of the World,” searching for **Yucatan Jay**, **Cinnamon Hummingbird**, and the **Turquoise-browed Motmot**. We’ll visit the uniquely stunning site of **Tulum**, where Mayan pyramids perch overlooking the Caribbean, and the **Coba** archaeological site, also a reserve for monkeys. We’ll have an opportunity to swim or snorkel in the pristine waters of a *cenote*: a natural pool in a limestone cave. Lastly, we’ll take a ferry over to the small island of Cozumel, where we’ll search for endemic birds such as the **Cozumel Emerald Hummingbird**, **Black Catbird**, and **Cozumel Vireo**. We’ll have time to enjoy the beach and relax on this beautiful island as we reflect our amazing journey.



Chichen Itza. Photo by Daniel Schwen

Leader: Ivan Phillipsen
Fee: \$3,375 members / \$3,775 non-members
Deposit: \$1,700 required to secure your place

Domestic & International Trips

More information available online at audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult
International trip fee does not include airfare.

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

New Zealand October 11–26, 2018

Leader: Ivan Phillipsen, local guides
Fee: \$4,400
Deposit: \$2,200 required to secure your place



New Mexico November 27–December 3, 2018

Leaders: Ivan Phillipsen and Kirk Hardie
Fee: \$1,895 members / \$2,195 non-members
Deposit: \$1,000 required to secure your place



Arizona

Crested Caracara.
Photo by Manjith Kainickara

Arizona in Winter January 9–13, 2019

Leader: Stefan Schlick
Fee: \$1,095 members / \$1,395 non-members
Deposit: \$500 required to secure your place

Nicaragua January 26–February 6, 2019

Leaders: Dan van den Broek and Candace Larson
Fee: \$3,595 members / \$3,895 non-members
Deposit: \$1,800 required to secure your place

Jamaica February 9–17, 2019

Leaders: Stefan Schlick and local guide
Fee: \$2,995 members / \$3,295 non-members
Deposit: \$1,400 required to secure your place

Cambodia February 23–March 8, 2019

Leader: Dan van den Broek
Fee: \$4,295
Deposit: \$2000 required to secure your place

Morocco April 8–20, 2019

Leader: Stefan Schlick
Fee: \$3,895 members / \$4,195 non-members
Deposit: \$1,800 required to secure your place

Northwest Trips

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

Southwest Oregon May 10–13, 2018

Leader: Ivan Phillipsen
Fee: \$795 members / \$895 non-members
Deposit: \$400 required to secure your place

Malheur Foray June 2–6, 2018

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



Central Oregon Coast September 6–9, 2018

Leaders: Patty Newland and Nicki Dardinger
Fee: \$795 members / \$995 non-members
Deposit: \$400 required to secure your place

NEW TRIP!



Eared Grebe. Photo by Dan van den Broek



Townsend's Warbler. Photo by Dan van den Broek

Steens Mountain and Alvord Desert October 3–7, 2018

Leaders: Patty Newland and Candace Larson
Fee: \$895 members / \$1,095 non-members
Deposit: \$400 required to secure your place

John Day Fossil Beds October 5–7, 2018

Leader: Ivan Phillipsen
Fee: \$445 members / \$545 non-members
Deposit: \$200 required to secure your place

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

Choose one of two ways to register for Adult Classes:

1. Register and pay online.

Visit www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult for class descriptions and registration instructions.

2. Register by phone

at 971-222-6119:

Contact Erin Law, Adult Education Coordinator, at elaw@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119 with questions.

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

Check our website for upcoming classes not listed here!

audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes

What eBird Can Do For You
March 8 (Thu) 7pm–9pm: class in Heron Hall
March 11 (Sun) 7am–10am: field trip to Sauvie Island
Instructor: Stefan Schlick
Fee: \$50 members / \$65 non-members (class with field trip, limit 12)
\$14 class only

Little Brown Birds
March 22 (Thu) 7pm–9pm: class in Heron Hall
* Field trip is full, space in class only
Instructor: John Rakestraw
Fee: \$14 class only

Bird Journals for Enjoyment
Instructor: Jude Siegel
Fee: \$45 members / \$65 non-members, per session
Limited to 16 participants per session

Coloration and Markings
March 24 (Sat) 10am–3pm: class in Heron Hall
Surroundings
April 21 (Sat) 10am–3pm: class in Heron Hall
Design Elements for Your Bird Journal Pages
May 5 (Sat) 10am–3pm: class in Heron Hall
Birds in the Field
June 16 (Sat) 10am–3pm: class in Heron Hall

Wild Chickens of the Pacific Northwest
April 12 (Thu) 7pm–9pm: class in Heron Hall
April 15 (Sun) 7am–3pm: local field trip
Instructor: Stefan Schlick
Fee: \$70 members / \$85 non-members (class with field trip, limit 12)
\$14 class only

Warblers and Flycatchers
April 19 (Thu) 7pm–9pm: class in Heron Hall
Instructor: John Rakestraw
Fee: \$14

Beginning Birding
May 25 (Fri) 7pm–9pm: class in Heron Hall
May 27, June 3 (Sun) 8am–11am: local field trips
Instructor: Laura Whittemore
Fee: \$65 members / \$85 non-members (class with field trip, limit 14)
\$14 class only

Birding by Ear
Instructor: Laura Whittemore
Fee: \$115 members / \$145 non-members, per session
Limited to 14 participants per session
Resident Birds: Session A
April 2 (Mon) and 18 (Wed) 7pm–9pm: class in Heron Hall
April 7, 14, 21 (Sat) 7am–10am: local field trips
Resident Birds: Session B
April 6 (Fri) and 20 (Fri) 7pm–9pm: class in Heron Hall
April 8, 15, 22 (Sun) 7am–10am: local field trips
Migrant Birds
May 9 (Wed) and May 30 (Wed) 7pm–9pm: class in Heron Hall
May 12, 26, June 2 (Sat) 7am–10am: local field trips
Nesting Birds
June 6 (Wed) and June 20 (Wed) 7pm–9pm: class in Heron Hall
June 9, 16, 23 (Sat) 7am–10am: local field trips

Summer Camp Registration is Now Open!
Visit audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps for complete schedule, registration details, and scholarship information.

Spring Break Camp 2018 at Portland Audubon is March 26-30

To register, go to audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps for online registration or to download a registration form. Call 971-222-6131 to save a place if you are mailing your form

Spring Break Camps run 8:45am–4:15pm unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY, MARCH 26 – FRIDAY, MARCH 30			THURSDAY, MARCH 29	FRIDAY, MARCH 30
Tails of the Forest: Mammals (Mon), Raptors (Tues), Amphibians (Wed), Birds (Thur), Habitats (Fri) Pick up/Drop off: Audubon 1st grade During this week-long camp, you'll learn about all the tails of the forest and the animals they belong to. Each day we will focus on a different theme as we tell tales about animals, play animal games, and make art projects inspired by what you learn. We will be sure to spend lots of time in Audubon's wildlife sanctuary searching for bushy squirrel tails, slippery newt tails, and spiky woodpecker tails. All 5 days: \$250 member/ \$270 non-member Single days: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member			FOREST Mask-arade Pick up/Drop off: Audubon 2nd–3rd grade Come dressed in your own camouflage to investigate how animals hide themselves in the forest. We'll learn new skills as we search our Sanctuary for hidden homes of forest creatures. Make and take home your very own forest mask. Fee: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member When the Smoke Clears Pick up/Drop Off: Upper MacLeay Park 4th–8th grade We watched closely as the Eagle Creek fire burned through the Columbia Gorge this fall, and now that the fire is out we will venture into the Gorge to witness the aftermath firsthand. We'll learn about what contributed to this large fire, what effects it had on the forests and surrounding communities, and the role fire has in the rebirth of forests and the creation of new habitat. Learn about fire safety, Leave No Trace principles, and what's next for this ever-changing landscape. Fee: \$75 member/ \$85 non-member	Newt Scoot Pick up/Drop Off: Audubon 2nd–3rd grade Come meet the amphibians that live in Portland Audubon's sanctuary! Hundreds of rough skinned newts congregate in our pond in the spring, along with Pacific Tree Frogs and Red-legged frogs. Learn about their unique life cycles, how to safely and respectfully catch and handle salamanders, and how to identify the most common amphibians in Oregon. Fee: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Junior Wildlife Vet 102 Pick up/Drop Off: Upper MacLeay Park 4th–8th grade Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of our Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$75 member/ \$85 non-member
MONDAY, MARCH 26	TUESDAY, MARCH 27	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28		
Nature Art Adventure Pick up/Drop off: Audubon 2nd–3rd grade We will spend the day adventuring through the forest, building natural sculptures and playing games in the trees. We will let our creativity run wild as we gather forest materials to craft fantastic art creations. Come join us while we draw, construct, and explore to our heart's content! Fee: \$70 member / \$80 non-member Clack Attack: Hiking the Clackamas River Pick up/Drop Off: Upper MacLeay Park 4th–8th grade We'll head over to the wild and scenic Clackamas River for an adventure-filled day of hiking! We will explore this often-overlooked natural area, looking for Peregrine Falcons near the basalt cliffs and for Beavers swimming in the river. Learn about the plants and animals that call this place home. Let's hit the trail! Fee: \$75 member/\$85 non-member	Junior Wildlife Vet 101 Pick up/Drop Off: Audubon 2nd–3rd grade Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll grab binoculars and hand lenses to learn about the geology of Portland's volcanic vents, while searching out the birds that call these greenspaces home. Fee: \$70 member/\$80 non-member Birding the Buttes Pick up/Drop off: Upper MacLeay Park 4th–8th grade Spend a day traveling to many of our local east side mini-volcanos. We'll grab binoculars and hand lenses to learn about the geology of Portland's volcanic vents, while searching out the birds that call these greenspaces home. Fee: \$75 member/\$85 non-member	Hawks, Herons, and Hummingbirds Pick up/Drop off: Audubon 2nd–3rd grade Spend the day at Sauvie Island, as we search the skies and scan the fields for some of the 250 species of birds that can be spotted at this Important Bird Area. We'll watch herons build nests at their rookeries, witness Sandhill Cranes dance along the farmlands, and spot all kinds of raptors like Bald Eagles, Red-tailed Hawks, and American Kestrels. After our day of birding and exploring, we will finish the adventure by sipping hot cocoa while sketching and researching some of the animals encountered on the island! Fee: \$75 member/\$85 non-member Searching for Salmon Pick up/Drop Off: Upper MacLeay Park 8:45–5:00 4th–8th grade Run with the salmon in the Upper Sandy River Watershed near Mount Hood on this exciting search for wildlife! We'll visit the Wildwood Recreation Site to explore the trails and diverse habitat and even have the chance to see Chinook Salmon swim by through a special underwater window. Ospreys and Bald Eagles will also be searching for salmon, and we'll try to find them too. Fee: \$75 member/\$85 non-member		

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Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

A Reclusive Raptor

Among the more interesting birds that can be found in the Portland area is the **Red-shouldered Hawk**, a colorful, well-marked bird with a distinctive two-note call.

It is a bird of wet woodlands and boggy bottomlands usually adjacent to rivers, ponds, or other wet areas. It feeds mainly on crawfish, snakes, frogs, worms, small birds, and mammals. It is often seen on low exposed perches where it can be easily seen. Mostly, however, it remains hidden in the crowns of nearby trees, especially during the nesting season.

Originally the Red-shouldered Hawk was primarily restricted to California, with occasional stray individuals noted in Oregon. Beginning in the 1970s the range of this species began pushing northward through Oregon and into Washington. They were soon seen in many suitable areas, with the main concentration in the Portland area at Ridgefield NWR, where several are now regularly seen. Recently one has established a territory at the Fernhill

Sightings

This year’s rather mild winter has allowed birders good opportunities to check out local bird populations.

On December 23 a **Surf Scoter**, a **White-winged Scoter**, and 17 **Tree Swallows** were at Hagg Lake south of Forest Grove. On January 26 Tim Blount found three **Tree Swallows** at the Tualatin River NWR. Abby Haight saw 20 **Tree Swallows** February 3 at Oaks Bottom.

On January 27 Bob Taylor, checking a flock of about 2,000 **Snow Geese** near Vancouver Lake, observed and photographed two “**Blue Geese**.” On December 4 Andrea Johnson observed a **Palm Warbler** and a highly unexpected **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** at Jackson Bottom in Hillsboro. On December 8 David Lantz relocated the gnatcatcher in the same area.

On December 7 Tait Nitens reported a **Ross’s Goose** in the Vanport Wetlands in North Portland. On January 19 Nathaniel Wander closely counted 400 **Lesser Scaup** on the Willamette River below the Broadway Bridge. Ducks often gather in this area, but this number of scaup is unprecedented.

On December 23 a **Say’s Phoebe**, three **Swamp Sparrows** and a **Common Green-winged Teal** were at the Fernhill Wetlands. Rick MacDonald photographed the **Say’s Phoebe** there February 3. A **Swamp Sparrow** has been seen during December at Blount Swale near Canby. The Commonwealth Lake **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** in Beaverton is wintering in the area. On January 22 Steve Nord spotted a **Common Redpoll** at the Beal Wetlands in Forest Grove. S. Ashwin and Zack Slinger noted seven December 29 at the Bybee-Howell House on Sauvie Island.

Volunteer of the Month: Alan Locklear

by Tony Arnell, Membership Manager

Every other month, our Portland Audubon members receive news and updates via the *Warbler* newsletter. In addition, National Audubon Society members in our region also receive the publication—and this is all thanks to the diligent work of Membership volunteer **Alan Locklear**. This March marks the eighteenth year in which Alan has been the single person to input all National Audubon member addresses so they too can receive the *Warbler*.

Alan’s role as data-entry volunteer extraordinaire at Portland Audubon comes after similar roles at various organizations since moving to Portland in 1982. From supporting local radio and political campaigns to other environmental organizations over the years, he has consistently approached his work with an orientation to detail and a high level of data integrity.



Red-shouldered Hawk. Photo by Ray Walton

Wetlands near Forest Grove. This spring an adult Red-shouldered Hawk has been regularly seen in Oaks Bottom in southeast Portland.

The species is still increasing in Oregon and Washington and should be looked for at any wet, boggy area.

Several nests have been found in Oregon, but they are very hard to locate. The adult birds are quiet during the nesting season and do not give away the nest site. The nest itself is small and appears to be a bunch of sticks caught in a crotch.



Lesser Scaup. Photo by Jim Cruce

On December 11 a **Mountain Chickadee** visited Jim Johnson’s feeders in Vancouver. Tim Simpkins reported a **Gray Catbird** at his farm along Harding Road east of Clackamas December 14. Dwight Porter noted a **Mockingbird** along SW Vermont St. in Portland through January.

On January 16 a **Western Tanager** in full winter plumage visited Carolyn Ainsworth’s feeders in Aloha. Steve Jagers spotted a **Harris’s Sparrow** January 28 among a sparrow flock at the Fed Ex parking lot near the Troutdale Airport. Ed McVicker found it again the next day. Phillip Kline checking out a sparrow flock January 29 along Rentenaar Road on Sauvie Island found four **White-crowned Sparrows**, a **Swamp Sparrow**, and an **American Tree Sparrow**.

Of interest, the resident **Black Phoebe** continues at the Whitaker Ponds in northeast Portland.



Alan Locklear. Photo by Portland Audubon

When asked to describe why he continues his long history of volunteer support, he says that “Portland Audubon is one of the most effective conservation organizations in the state amongst an elite few.” Also, our location in Northwest Portland “provides one of the most life-affirming places to work.” That sentiment is evident in this photo of Alan standing in front of the forested view he enjoys while working every Thursday morning. We are grateful to Alan for the amazing impact he has on helping connect our entire community of conservation supporters to the work of Portland Audubon. **Thank you, Alan!**



Volunteers and staff in the Care Center. Photo by Deanna Sawtelle

April is National Volunteer Month!

And we wouldn’t be Portland Audubon without our volunteers!

Our rich history as one of the most effective conservation organizations in the country is a history of the hearts, minds, and tenacity of volunteers. Founded in 1902 by a group of activists, Portland Audubon helped enact one of the first national and state laws protecting birds, advocated for the creation of Oregon’s first national wildlife refuges at Klamath Basin, Three Arch Rocks, and Malheur, and planted our sanctuary on NW Cornell Road with the purchase of 12 acres of former dairy land in 1929. Now with a staff of 40 and a membership of over 15,000, we continue to be powered by the hearts, minds, and hard work of volunteers. From administering medications to sick and injured animals in the Wildlife Care Center, ringing up sales in the Nature Store, leading youth and adults through our sanctuary, introducing visitors to our education birds, participating in community science projects, helping homeowners create native habitat in their backyards, managing our many databases, coordinating our most successful events, and providing vision and direction to the organization as board members—volunteers impact every facet of our work. In fact, in 2017, over 542 volunteers contributed 52,961 hours, providing the equivalent of \$1,181,005 in service, effectively increasing our staff by 25 FTE.

During this month of appreciation, we want to acknowledge our amazing volunteers, who give so much of themselves to protect the things we love here in Oregon. Thank you so much for all you do!

Thank You to:

- Deborah Bailey for 16 books and 1 birdsong set of tapes
- Robert DeLashmutt for one Swarovski Optik Scope
- Nancy Doty-Drummond and David Drummond for two-night beach home stay
- Brenda Enyart for three bags of Sauvie Island Coffee Company coffee
- Barbara Finn for 17 hardbound and paperbound books
- Kathleen Guilfoil for one pair of Bushnell binoculars, Nikon Scope, and Velbon Tripod
- Tom Kreis for *Birds of America* and *An Introduction to Nature* books
- Nels Nelson for assorted hardbound and paperbound Nature Books
- Elizabeth Parmenter for food and supplies for 2017 Wild Arts Festival
- Mei-Ling Shiroishi for one pair of Nikon 7X50 7.3 Vintage Binoculars with case
- Candace Sweeney for outdoor window thermometer

Our Wish List

For Administration:

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

For Education:

- Binoculars
- Scope
- Tripod

For Sanctuary:

- Loppers
- Hand saws
- Work gloves

For Wildlife Care Center:

- Science Diet Kitten Growth Bleach
- Dawn dishwashing detergent
- Exam gloves (latex or latex-free)
- Small leather work gloves
- Kevlar animal handling gloves

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

Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store!

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

Optics Focus: Leupold & Stevens

This month's focus is on our favorite local manufacturer, **Leupold and Stevens**, a company founded in 1907. Originally engineers of water monitoring and surveying devices, Leupold began producing quality sports optics in the 1940s under the guidance of Marcus and Norbert Leupold, sons of the co-founder and avid outdoorsmen. The family ties to Portland Audubon are long and strong. Not only do they support us through their family foundation and personal donations, they have supplied our members, through the Nature Store, with quality fog-free birding optics for decades!

In recent years, Leupold has developed the BX categorization system to assist buyers in understanding the different levels of optics performance. BX-1 are introductory models.

An example is their ever-popular **BX-1 Yosemite 8x30**, which easily adjusts to fit a child's face, but also offers great viewing for the whole family (member price \$116.10). All BX-1 binoculars are **waterproof/fog-proof**, have **BAK-4 prisms** and feature **fully multicoated lenses**. Most are porro prism styles. We also carry the **BX-1 Rogue** compact for drop-in-your-pocket convenience (member price \$89.10).

Next up is BX-2. In addition to the above BX-1 features, all BX-2 binoculars are **phase coated roof prism** designs with **dielectric prism coatings**. An example is the **BX-2 Tioga HD binocular**, introduced in 2017, which we carry in a mid-size model 8x32 (member price \$249.99). This model also has Extra Low Dispersion lenses (HD), which offer excellent color correction and clarity.

An example of BX-3 binoculars is the popular Mojave, which we sold for many years. But just this past year, Leupold redesigned the Mojave, added HD lenses, and renamed it the **BX-4 Pro Guide HD**. It retains the popular open-bridge feature of the Mojave, which makes it easy to hold with one hand, and offers an excellent grip even when wearing gloves. The Pro Guide HD is available in both full size (8x42 and 10x42) and mid-size (8x32) models. Stop by our **Spring Optics Fair on April 7** to experience the Leupold line of precision optics!



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BX Yosemite 8x30



BX-4 Pro Guide HD 10x42

Nature Store Spring Optics Fair

Saturday, April 7, 10am – 4pm
In Heron Hall at Portland Audubon

It's time for our annual **FREE** Spring Optics Fair! We've invited representatives from all our optics lines: **Nikon, Swarovski, Zeiss, Leupold, Opticron, Vortex**, and **Manfrotto**.

Shopping for binoculars, spotting scopes, or tripods can seem like a daunting task. To make it easy, for one day, we are gathering all the experts and quality lines carried by the Nature Store. You'll be able to compare and test out a huge

range of optics and quickly get the answers you need to make a wise decision.

See the newest models, the latest features and accessories to help you enjoy observing nature! Pick up a free cleaning kit!



Swarovski Optik Sighting Scope Day

with Clay Taylor, Swarovski's Naturalist Market Manager

Saturday, March 3, Two Workshops in Heron Hall at Portland Audubon

Sunday, March 4, Digiscoping Field Trip

Pre-registration requested for Saturday, required for Sunday field trip (limited to 12 participants)

10:30–11:30am: The ATX Modular Sighting Scope System & Accessories Workshop

Clay will explain the features of the new system components, how they pair together, and help us understand who will benefit most from using specific products.

1:00pm–3:00pm: Digiscoping Workshop

Clay will go into further detail on using Swarovski digiscoping components for both the ATX and ATS/ATM series to take digital images using either a standard digital camera or your cell phone.



Clay is also offering a special digiscoping field trip on Sunday, March 4.

Pre-registration is requested for Saturday, attend one or both sessions. Sunday's digiscoping field trip is available only to Saturday workshop participants. Call the store to reserve your spot 503-292-9453 or email **Nancy Mattson, Store Manager, nmattson@audubonportland.org**

Nest Boxes at the Nature Store

With spring right around the corner, birds are out and about looking for nesting sites. The Nature Store carries a wide variety of nest boxes and information to cover all your spring nesting needs. From smaller nest boxes for chickadees, wrens, and bluebirds, to larger boxes for owls and flickers, the Nature Store has nest choices for many species of birds. One of our favorite local companies, Garden Artworks, hand makes beautiful nest boxes and feeders. Each nest box is made of red cedar and features a pivoting side panel for clean out, drainage holes, and ventilation slots. In addition the Nature Store carries a number of books and resources to help you choose and site the perfect nest box.

Flipside Hats

The Nature Store is proud to add Flipside Hats to our line of local products! Located right here in Portland, Flipside Hats is dedicated to reducing waste and up-cycling fabrics, supporting our community, and making high-quality handcrafted products. With a variety of styles and designs to choose from (and lots of birdy designs, too!) Flipside Hats make the perfect Portland hat!

Garden Artworks
Bluebird Nest Box
Regular price: \$35.00
Member price: \$31.50



Garden Artworks
Kestrel/Screech Owl Nest Box
Regular price: \$70.00
Member price: \$63.00



Birds in Nest Boxes, by Charlotte C. Corkran
Regular price: \$15.95
Member price: \$14.36



Slouch Beanie
Regular price: \$35.00
Member price: \$31.50



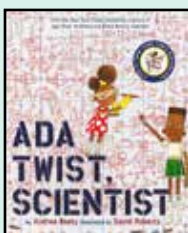
The Weekender
Regular price: \$35.00
Member price: \$31.50

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. Story Time is geared towards kids 3–6, but all are welcome to join. Call the Nature Store, 503-292-9453, for more information.

Sunday, March 18, 1–2pm *Ada Twist, Scientist*, by Andrea Beaty

Ada has always been hopelessly curious. When her house fills with a horrific, toe-curling smell, Ada knows it's up to her to find the source. She embarks on a fact-finding mission and conducts scientific experiments, all in the name of discovery. After the story, kids will enjoy testing out a hypothesis for how rain is made with a fun, hands-on experiment.



Sunday, April 15, 1–2pm *Have You Heard the Nesting Bird?* by Rita Gray

Woodpecker calls from a tree. Mourning doves murmur. But have you heard the nesting bird? In this book, we hear all the different bird calls in counterpoint to the pervasive quiet of a mama bird waiting for her eggs to hatch. In addition to learning bird calls, kids will craft their own owl and nest that they can take home.



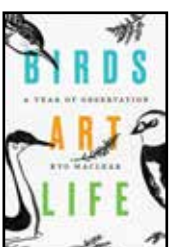
Audubon Book Club

All are welcome to attend these monthly book discussions in the Portland Audubon Interpretive Center. RSVP to Pat Gorman: gormanp32gmail.com

Wednesday, March 21, 7–8:30pm *Birds Art Life: A Year of Observation*, by Kyo Maclear

Regular price \$25.00, Sale price \$20.00

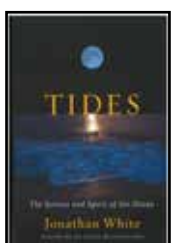
This is a deeply personal year-long inquiry into big themes: *Birds Art Life* is ultimately about the value of reconnection—and how the act of seeking engagement and beauty in small ways can lead us to discover our most satisfying and meaningful lives.



Wednesday, April 18, 7–8:30pm *Tides: The Science and Spirit of the Ocean* by Jonathan White

Regular price \$28.00, Sale price \$22.40

Writer, sailor, and surfer Jonathan White takes readers across the globe to discover the science and spirit of ocean tides. *Tides* covers a wealth of science and history in an accessible, conversational style that lends itself well to discussion for anyone with a fascination with the ocean.



2018 Board Elections

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Portland Audubon is a membership organization governed by a board that is elected by its membership. Members can vote for their preferred candidates by mailing in the completed ballot form (this page) or by submitting it in person at our Reception Desk. All ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 15.

All candidates in this year’s election are running unopposed. As per our bylaws, write-in candidates are not allowed. All candidates were interviewed and thoroughly vetted by the Elections Subcommittee of the Board Affairs Committee. Members may recommend candidates for consideration by the Committee by email to info@audubonportland.org, with “Elections Subcommittee” in the subject heading, or by calling our office, 503-292-6855. Thank you!

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICER POSITIONS (1-year term)

Patrick Slabe, President
Prior to retiring in October 2016, Patrick was employed at its inception by New Seasons Market. As Operations Director he has decades of experience in retail business management and has championed sustainability and safety goals. A longtime supporter of conservation, he is an avid birder. Patrick joined the board in October 2014 and currently chairs the Sanctuaries Committee. “There is much more to be done, to protect, and to improve our natural environment. I am impressed with Portland Audubon’s accomplishments over the past one hundred years, and I wish to devote more of my service to that cause.”

Sandy Mico, Vice President
Sandy’s professional background is in wealth management. She retired as the President of West Coast Trust where she was responsible for investment management, trust, estate planning, and brokerage services. Sandy and her husband are avid birders and participants in many of Portland Audubon’s guided tours and classes. She has served on boards of public and nonprofit organizations for many years and has consulted with boards on investment policies and strategic growth initiatives. Sandy serves on the Board Affairs, Investment, and Executive Committees. “I am passionate about birds and believe that a strong Portland Audubon is critical to their long-term welfare.”

Robert Sternberg, Treasurer
Robert “Bob” Sternberg is a veteran corporate executive with more than 40 years of senior management experience in the telecommunications, software and healthcare industries. He has served as Chairman, CEO, COO, and CFO in various companies, during which he has led finance, accounting, human resources, and administration. He has over 20 years of board and advisory service to nonprofit organizations advancing social service, health care, and entrepreneurship. Bob is currently an interim member of the ASoP board and also serves on ASoP’s Finance and Investment Committees. “I have great respect for Portland Audubon’s conservation and education efforts and would like to assist in furthering ASoP’s endeavors in these areas.”

Anne Sammis, Secretary
A geriatrician and internist with Legacy Health System, Anne has been a bird and animal watcher for over 30 years. She and her husband, Eric, have traveled extensively with Portland Audubon and enjoyed many of our education classes. Anne joined the board because she was impressed with our work in education, conservation, and animal care at the Wildlife Care Center. “I have long admired Portland Audubon, its staff, and its volunteers. I am eager to do some work and give back to the organization.”

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR POSITIONS (3-year term)

Kimm Fox-Middleton (2nd term)
Kimm Fox-Middleton’s background has been in public service: managing visitor services, interpretation, environmental education, and youth programs with the National Park Service. After 18 years with the National Park Service as well as years as Outreach Manager for Portland Public Schools, she has taken her passion of volunteer engagement to her current role as Volunteer and Intern Program Manager for the Oregon Zoo. “I believe we need to make an investment in our youth in environmental stewardship, which begins with volunteering at an early age. By the time students are in high school, it is second nature for them to preserve and protect nature—values that align with Portland Audubon.”

Sandy Mico (2nd term)
Please see bio under Candidates for Officer Positions.

Mary Rose Navarro (1st term, after interim service)
Mary Rose Navarro joined Metro, the regional government, in 2007 to establish the Nature in Neighborhood Capital Grants program after voters approved the Natural Areas bond measure that protects natural areas and safeguards water quality. As program coordinator, Mary Rose combines her creative thinking and collaborative problem-solving skills with a sincere interest in working with diverse communities to support nature projects that are truly responsive to local needs. Before joining Metro, Mary Rose organized grassroots tree plantings for Friends of Trees and coordinated citizen engagement for Portland Parks & Recreation. Mary Rose holds a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning from Portland State University and a BS in Landscape Architecture from Purdue University.

Mary Rose and her husband, Ron, have been active Portland Audubon supporters and volunteers for nearly three decades, participating in the Wild Turkey Birdathon team, Wild Arts Festival, urban conservation programs, and the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. Together with their two children, the family explores Oregon’s natural beauty through hiking, biking, surfing, and of course, birding.

Lizzy Porter (1st term)
Lizzy is a staff attorney with Advocates for the West in Portland. She focuses on representing conservation organizations in federal litigation over public lands, wildlife, and natural resource conflicts throughout the American West. Prior to this position, she worked on water pollution, complex land use, endangered species, and open government litigation as an associate attorney for a private law firm in Seattle. Lizzy has served on the board of directors for a local conservation organization for several years and has experience working and volunteering with young students in the outdoors through camps and a nonprofit gardening program. “Portland Audubon’s leadership on conservation issues and its efforts to educate the next generation of conservationists are impressive. I would be honored to help the organization serve natural and human communities across Oregon.”

Karen Shawcross (2nd term)
Karen has been a member of the Mass Audubon and Portland Audubon for decades. She recently retired as Executive Director of Bienestar, a nonprofit affordable housing provider for farmworkers and the working poor in Washington County. In this role, she worked in partnership with Portland Audubon’s staff for nine years to bring programs like Explorador Camp, family outings, and habitat restoration to Bienestar residents. Karen enjoys birding and has served on national boards of directors and has fundraising experience. “I am particularly interested in continuing the equity and diversity work underway at Portland Audubon, supporting the development of a new Wildlife Care Center, the expansion of art in programs, and outreach to underserved populations.”

Patrick Slabe (2nd term)
Please see bio under Candidates for Officer Positions.

Robert Sternberg (1st term, after interim service)
Please see bio under Candidates for Officer Positions.

2018 Board of Directors Election Ballot

If you are a current Audubon Society of Portland member, you are eligible to vote for our officers and directors. Individual Members are entitled to one vote per candidate. Those with a Family Membership or higher level are entitled to two votes for each of the candidates. You must sign your ballot for it to be counted. Write-in votes will be disregarded.

Vote by Mail: Members may vote by mail, but we must receive your ballot **by 5:00 pm on March 15, 2018**. Please mail to:

**Board Elections Subcommittee
5151 NW Cornell Rd
Portland, OR 97210**

2018 Board of Directors Election Ballot
(Please note: all positions are running unopposed.)

Officers:
(1-year term. All positions running unopposed.)

President: ☐ ☐ Patrick Slabe
Vice President: ☐ ☐ Sandy Mico
Secretary: ☐ ☐ Anne Sammis
Treasurer: ☐ ☐ Robert Sternberg

Directors:
(3-year term. All positions running unopposed. Vote for as many candidates as you wish.)

☐ ☐ Kimm Fox-Middleton (2nd term)
☐ ☐ Sandy Mico (2nd term)
☐ ☐ Mary Rose Navarro (1st term)
☐ ☐ Lizzie Porter (1st term)
☐ ☐ Karen Shawcross (2nd term)
☐ ☐ Patrick Slabe (2nd term)
☐ ☐ Robert Sternberg (1st term)

Your Name (please print):

Your Signature:

Membership Level:
☐ Individual (entitled to one vote per candidate)
☐ Family or higher (entitled to two votes per candidate)



American Avocet. Photo by Scott Carpenter.

\$50,000 Challenge Match Achieved!

Once again, we are thrilled that the Portland Audubon community stepped up to the challenge! We wish to recognize the many donors who answered our call for a year-end challenge match by increasing their annual giving to a leadership level of \$1,000 or more, or by increasing your giving with at least an additional \$500 gift. Your generosity in leadership giving raised \$79,434 and qualified us for a challenge match of \$50,000 from our two generous board members for a total of \$129,434 funds raised. The campaign also allowed us to welcome 19 new donors to the leadership giving level. The ability of our Portland Audubon community to join together and rise up is inspiring to all our members. Thank you!

Joy of Giving
The Good Just Keeps Going . . .
Even after You're Gone

by Donna Wiench, Donor Relations Manager

A few times a year, a simple step taken by a Portland Audubon member, sometimes years earlier, leaves staff and volunteers flat-out humbled when we are notified that Portland Audubon has been named in a supporter's will. Humility and gratitude are the most fitting responses to these unexpected, very welcome, and often significant gifts.

If you're reading these words and care about the Earth, chances are you want to do something that can help make our world a better place. That's exactly what Legacy donors do.

It's not uncommon for a Legacy donor to have developed a bond with Portland Audubon after coming upon an injured wild creature and bringing it to our Wildlife Care Center. WCC staff cares for the creature and lets the rescuer within a few days if and when the animal can be released. Years later, this act of compassion and caring is repeated when the rescuer gives to Portland Audubon through their estate.

Other Legacy donors may choose to give because they appreciate what Portland Audubon stands for, and especially like the dual emphasis on education and conservation advocacy. Perhaps their child went to one of our camps, or they created a certified Backyard Habitat. Many donors say

they appreciate how Portland Audubon is evolving through our new strategic plan's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and support the organization's particular emphasis on racial diversity.

Longtime donor Nancy Knight is like many who have named Portland Audubon in their wills. She is approaching retirement age and says, "I always like to take care of things in advance of need. As I don't have any immediate family and no other folks at this time who I would include in a will, I felt I wanted to donate to a few local organizations. I get a lot of enjoyment out of watching the birds and feel protective of them."

Parents will often designate a portion of their estate for their children and another portion for Portland Audubon. Some see this as a way of teaching their children and grandchildren the importance of giving back to an organization that furthers their values. Member Marcia Wood, whose children are in their twenties, remembers how going on Audubon walks with her own mom deepened her love of nature. She says, "Birds are my special passion. I have no hesitations about contributing something to birds, and I like Audubon's focus on birds, but not narrowly just birds."

Board members get a close-up view of our operations, and Board Secretary Jay Withgott says he's joining the Legacy Circle because he's seen firsthand the significance of estate gifts. "Bequests make a big difference. They give us opportunities to expand what we do; they are what keep us moving forward, and not just treading water."



Member Marcia Wood and Board Secretary Jay Withgott say they and their spouses, Tom Wood and Susan Masta, are happy to name Portland Audubon in their wills.

Most Legacy donors have known Portland Audubon for years. Many tell us that we are in their will, and so become part of our Legacy Circle. When a donor shares their intentions, Portland Audubon staff can better understand their preferences for how the gift is to be used. "For a board member," Jay Withgott says, "knowing that someone has entrusted Portland Audubon with one of the most meaningful gifts they can make deepens our feeling of responsibility to steward resources wisely and with careful attention to what our members want."

To remember Portland Audubon in your will, please use our full name—Audubon Society of Portland—and include our tax ID number: 93-6026088. Please let us know you've taken this step so we can be clear about how you want the money used. We'll include you in our Legacy Circle and extend special invitations throughout the year. Contact Donna Wiench, Donor Relations Manager (dwiench@audubonportland.org, 971-222-6116) with questions or comments.

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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.

Welcome Katy Johnson, Development Coordinator

Portland Audubon is pleased to welcome Katy Johnson, who joined us in November 2017 as the Development Coordinator. She recently graduated from Portland State University with a BS in Marketing and is new to the nonprofit world. Although she is new to Portland Audubon, she is very familiar with outdoor adventures in the Pacific Northwest. Originally from Klamath Falls, she moved to Portland in 2010 and was immediately drawn to the outdoors. Whenever she was not in class or working, you could find her discovering Forest Park or exploring the trails off the Historic Columbia River Highway.

Katy is eager to join a community of environmental educators and activists and learn more about the local

ecosystem. She is excited to be a part of the Membership and Development team to secure resources that will further Portland Audubon's mission. In her free time, Katy can be found cuddling with her two cats while watching a documentary on Netflix, camping on the Oregon Coast, or walking around Northwest Portland looking for a new restaurant or café.



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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BIRDATHON 2018

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A Song in the Morning: May 8 (Tue), 7am–9am

Spend the morning with Portland Audubon Instructor **Laura Whittemore** and Birdathon Coordinator **Mark Fitzsimons** at Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge. Join this special “Birdathon Edition” of Portland Audubon’s spring Bird Song Walks.



NEW! Team Starlight: Date TBD

Join entertainer (and amateur ornithologist) **Tony Starlight** for his maiden Birdathon experience. Start birding on his home turf in Scappoose, and then finish up with a jaunt to Sauvie Island. A minimum of \$200 in pledges is requested.

Jackson Bottom Ramblers: Date TBD, 7am–12pm

Join **Steve Engel**, Hillsboro’s Nature Program Supervisor and former Portland Audubon staffer, for a morning at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve, an Important Bird Area (IBA). Bird its quiet, open waters, rolling meadows, and upland ash and fir woodlands.

Millennial Falcons: Date TBD, 8am–12pm

Calling all young adult birders, photographers, and nature lovers aged 21 to 35! Join **Erin Cathcart** and other avian enthusiasts for a casual half day of birding at Fernhill Wetlands. All skill levels are welcome. Afterward, enjoy bird stories and brews at nearby McMenamins Grand Lodge.

The Fledge: Date TBD, 9am–12pm

Bring your kids and your bird curiosity to this family-friendly, kids-encouraged team that welcomes birders of all levels of experience. This is an easy walk into Reed Canyon and around the trails and ponds at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Gardens. Kids ages 6 to 12 are welcome with a responsible adult.

Full-Day Trips

Mult Madness: May 3 (Thu), 6am–7pm

Wink Gross and **Andy Frank** lead a tour of birding hotspots in Multnomah County. Begin at Vanport Wetlands, then travel to Mt Tabor, Larch Mountain, Eagle Creek, and finish up at Sauvie Island. This is an intensive trip with a lot of fast-paced walking. A minimum of \$50 in pledges is requested.

Clackamas Creepers: May 5 (Sat), 8am–3pm

Bird Clackamas County with Portland Audubon Educator **Dan van den Broek**. Check out some of the best Willamette floodplain wetlands and the Cascade foothills. A minimum of \$50 in pledges is requested.

Soggy Bottom Birders: May 11 (Fri), 9am–4pm

Join Portland Audubon Education staffers **Ian Abraham**, **Tim Donner**, and **Youn Han** for an exclusive tour of Greater Columbia River Basin wetlands. An ideal trip for people of all ages who appreciate birding in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Transportation provided. A minimum of \$75 in pledges is requested.

The Murre the Merrier: May 12 (Sat), 7am–8pm

Sarah Swanson and **Max Smith**, authors of *Must-See Birds of the Pacific Northwest*, lead this day-long trip beginning in Portland and heading to the coast. Enjoy all that spring birding has to offer in the forests, wetlands, and beaches of NW Oregon. Visit the hottest birding spots, spend 13 hours birding, and seek at least 100 species. Transportation provided. A minimum of \$75 in pledges is requested.

Red-breasted Winesuckers:

May 12 (Sat), 8am–7pm

(Open to Wildlife Care Center Volunteers only.) Join **Lacy Campbell** and **Keia Booker** for a full day of fun and birding. Visit hot birding spots along the I-5 corridor, picnic at a wildlife rehabilitation center, and bird the rest of the day. Transportation provided. A minimum of \$50 in pledges is requested.

Whittemore’s Whatzits:

May 13 (Sun), 7am–6pm

Portland Audubon Instructor **Laura Whittemore** and Birdathon Coordinator **Mark Fitzsimons** offer an all-day van trip to two Willamette Valley refuges: William Finley NWR and Ankeny NWR. Great trip for improving your field skills! Transportation provided. A minimum of \$100 in pledges is requested.

NEW! Blue Crested Corvids:

May 19 (Sat), 8am–3pm

Join **Meg Ruby** and **April Brown** to find avian specialties in hotspots of the Columbia Confluence. We will bird the productive and diverse habitats of Steigerwald NWR and the raptor friendly fields and warbler warrens of the cottonwood gallery forests along the Columbia at Woodland Bottoms. A last stop will be determined based on best chance for great birds!

Crow-Magnons: May 26 (Sat), 6am–9pm

Explore the diverse habitats of Wasco County with **Joe Liebezeit**, Portland Audubon’s Avian Conservation Program Manager, and **David Mandell**, professional birding guide. Search the Deschutes River for Yellow-breasted Chat and Ash-throated Flycatcher, explore Wamic’s pine-oak savanna, and add montane species through Pine Grove and Camas Prairie. A minimum of \$200 in pledges is requested.

NEW! Rockin’ Auks: Date TBD, 7am–6pm

Bird the beautiful Oregon Coast with **Ivan Phillipsen**, Portland Audubon instructor and ecotour leader. From Cannon Beach to Cape Meares, look for birds of both the sea and land. We’ll make numerous stops along the way to take short walks while keeping a moderate pace to enjoy the scenery, and tally as many bird species as we can! Transportation provided. A minimum of \$75 in pledges is requested.


Portland Sneak Creepers:

May 6 (Sun), 7am–2pm

Join Portland Audubon Conservation staffer **Micah Meskel** on a behind-the-scenes tour of some of the Portland Metro Area’s most important and endangered habitats, including destinations that Portland Audubon is involved in preserving. The range of habitat types should ensure a diversity of bird species. A minimum of \$50 in pledges is requested.




Millennial Falcons. Photo by Ali Berman



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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.



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The Murre the Merrier. Photo by Arlen Snyder

Gonzo Trips: 2+ days

Wild Turkeys: May 18–20 (Fri–Sun)

Join **Mike Houck**, **Ron Carley**, and other notorious birders for the ultimate gonzo Birdathon. This year the Turkeys head north to Washington State. Begin in Walla Walla with stops at McNary NWR, Potholes State Park, and Yakima Canyon, overnight in Ellensburg. Head west Saturday through the beautiful White Pass area and end at Ocean Shores. Sunday, finish the coast and end at Ridgefield NWR. Transportation and lodging provided. A minimum of \$700 in pledges is required.

Road Runners: TBD (Sat–Sun)

Our bicycle Birdathon team is back! Join **Adam Kinnard**, Portland Audubon’s new Volunteer Coordinator, on a birding-by-bike mini-tour. This excursion begins and ends at Columbia Wastewater Treatment Plant and is supported by awesome cargo bikes! Birding stops include the Columbia Slough, Smith and Bybee Lakes, Kelley Point Park, and Sauvie Island. (There is also a Saturday-only option.) A minimum of \$75 in pledges is required.

Owl Be Darned: May 27–28 (Sat–Sun)

Join **Hailey Walls**, Oregon Zoo Educator, **Kayla McCurry**, and **Christine Jervis** for a 2-day trip geared toward women birders. Travel to Ashland on Friday, then start Birdathoning for Southern Oregon specialties, including an attempt to find a Great Gray Owl as we cross the mountains to the east side on Saturday. Visit Klamath Marsh and Summer Lake before camping for the night at Cabin Lake. Visit Fort Rock before heading home. Transportation provided. A minimum of \$250 in pledges is required.

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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