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Major Conservation Victories:
Good News Always Comes in Threes!

by Micah Meskel, Activist Program Manager

Thanks to our community of activists and partners, Portland Audubon landed three major conservation victories this summer that move our Strategic Plan into action. From leveraging litigation to protect public lands and recover imperiled species, to supporting a local ballot initiative to equitably shape Portland’s clean energy future, these important victories underscore what we can accomplish with the support of committed activists, strong partnerships, and an arsenal of advocacy tools and tactics.

Thank you for your support!

1 PCEF Initiative Qualifies for Portland’s November Ballot!

Thanks to the hundreds of volunteers hitting the streets, and the over 61,000 individuals who signed the initiative petition, the Portland Clean Energy Fund initiative has officially qualified for the ballot, giving Portlanders the opportunity to vote for clean energy and green jobs in November. This is cause for celebration, as it moves this first-of-its-kind community-led vision closer to reality.

Portland Audubon is proud to be working alongside a strong and diverse coalition of social and environmental



Reverend E.D. Mondainé, President of the NAACP Portland Branch and a Chief Petitioner of the PCEF



justice organizations, small businesses, and labor organizations on this important measure to invest in job training, renewable energy upgrades, green infrastructure, and local food production, while prioritizing funds for low-income communities.

If you’re a Portland voter, Pledge to Vote Yes in November and follow this link to learn how you can help out in this effort: bit.ly/PCEF2018

Photo by Rick Rappaport



2 Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Ban Sustains Court Challenge

The Oregon Supreme Court declined to review a ruling by the Oregon Court of Appeals that upheld the constitutionality of Portland’s Fossil Fuel Terminal Zoning Amendments, dealing another blow to the legal challenges brought by the Portland Business Alliance and the oil industry. This will allow the City to move forward to implement the strongest policy of its kind to protect the community and environment from hazardous projects.

Following a year-long grassroots campaign to better regulate dangerous infrastructure in NW Portland, Portland’s City Council voted unanimously to prohibit new fossil fuel infrastructure such as oil and gas terminals. There will be opportunities for further advocacy and strengthening of this policy in the near future as the City works to implement the policy into code and our coalition looks towards reducing the liability our current infrastructure poses to our community and environment.

3 Oregon Court Rules Sale of Elliott State Forest Parcel Illegal

The Oregon Court of Appeals ruled on August 1 that the 2014 sale of the 788-acre East Hakki Ridge tract on the 93,000-acre Elliott State Forest was illegal. The ruling, which overturns the sale of the public land to a private timber company, marks a major win for the state’s public lands and for the future of the Elliott State Forest.

Portland Audubon, in partnership with Cascadia Wildlands and Center for Biological Diversity, had filed the lawsuit after the State Land Board sold off several parcels of the forest that included significant mature forest habitat for the threatened Marbled Murrelet. The state’s privatization

scheme was in direct response to a successful 2012 case brought by the same conservation organizations, which halted dozens of old-growth timber sales on the Elliott, Clatsop, and Tillamook state forests, where Marbled Murrelets were nesting.

As we continue to work to recover old-growth-dependent species like the murrelet (see story page 4) and help shape the future management of State Forests like the Elliott, we will need your voices advocating for the protection of our cherished natural resources.



Elliott State Forest. Photo by Tim Giraudier



Relaxing in a catio. Photo by Tinsley Hunsdorfer

The Sixth Annual Catio Tour is September 8

Join us for a “paws”itively fun day around Portland with fellow cat lovers—all while getting inspiration to build a dream catio of your own! This one-day, self-guided event will raise awareness and excitement around the catio craze, directly resulting in a safer environment for cats and birds!



Audubon Society of Portland and the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon have formed a truly unique partnership. Both organizations advocate that having fewer cats roaming freely is better for cats and wildlife. We created the Catio Tour to offer inspiration for those looking for ways for their cats to have safe outdoor time.

On **Saturday, September 8, from 10am to 2pm**, tour 10 different catios throughout the Portland area, ranging from fancy to functional, DIY to professionally crafted. About a week before the tour, we’ll email you a guide containing photos, construction information, and maps so you can choose your route and pick which catios to check out. Catio hosts, staff, and volunteers will be available at each stop to chat with you about catio features.

Ticket sales close September 6, but don’t wait to register! This event often sells out. Tickets now available! catssafeathome.org/catio-tour-info

Buy raffle tickets now at the Portland Audubon Nature Store or Wildlife Care Center for a chance to win a \$500 Visa gift card, a Ben and Jerry’s Ice Cream party, and several other prizes.

Get ideas and inspiration to help keep cats and wildlife safe at Catio Tour 2018!

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From our Executive Director

A Growing Sense of Family: One Year into our Strategic Plan

by Nick Hardigg

We’ve had a busy year carrying out the exciting goals and vision of our five-year strategic plan (“Our Five-Year Plan,” September/October 2017). We set a course to substantially expand Portland Audubon’s relevance and impact—not only in the Portland area but also statewide. There’s an ancient Greek saying that “change is the only constant in life.” As the conservation challenges and demographics of Portland and Oregon evolve, it’s clear that Portland Audubon needs to intentionally shift as well if we are to remain a relevant leading force in conservation.

When writing our strategic plan, we hadn’t imagined just how rapidly political change would come, with jaw-dropping assaults on public lands, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Endangered Species Act, and much more. The importance of a strong Portland Audubon—protecting habitat through local and statewide strategies—has never been clearer, and we are aggressively pursuing the goal of greater impact.

Our statewide conservation presence passed an important milestone this summer, when we welcomed Teresa Wicks as our field coordinator in Eastern Oregon—our first year-round, full-time staff member in that region. We’re not only expanding our work monitoring wildlife but also building awareness and community in Harney County. (Teresa’s work will be highlighted in our next Warbler). In addition, we’re focused on strengthening our statewide community of Audubon chapters. This spring, Conservation Director Bob Sallinger, Communications Manager Ali Berman, and I traveled throughout Oregon to visit independent

Audubon chapters and explore how we might better work together to support a statewide agenda. We heard widespread support for increasing our engagement, and several ideas for strengthening the network. The effort continues.

Another key aspect of evolving toward greater impact is to expand not only statewide but locally: to make Portland Audubon a more inviting and inclusive place for all. We’ve begun an expansive effort as a staff and board to examine what inclusion means, understand the barriers some experience when they engage with Portland Audubon, and address those barriers. To be welcoming—inclusive—of all who love nature is to place greater importance on the sense of family that is the wellspring of both our past success and vibrant future.

One instance of engaging new partners and audiences is our work with Portland Clean Energy Fund ballot initiative (see cover story), which supports and engages the broader voices needed for success in twenty-first century conservation. We’ve also joined a coalition of organizations, businesses, and individuals to oppose Measure 105 (see page 5), an effort to repeal Oregon’s 30-year-old inclusivity law prohibiting the use of state and local resources to enforce federal immigration law.

Another historic effort to expand our reach to new and more diverse communities is the construction of our



As of press time, we need to raise just \$30,000 more to fulfill a \$150,000 challenge match and make Marmot Cabin a reality. Any funds raised above goal will go towards the ongoing maintenance of the cabin. Please visit bit.ly/supportmarmot to make your gift in support of future generations of conservationists. Thank you to all who have given generously!

new Marmot Cabin, which will make outdoor education accessible for more youth every year. As shared in our last issue, our capacity for “Marmot magic,” scholarships, and programs to reach underserved youth depends on you. To learn more about our \$150,000 challenge match and make an investment toward Portland Audubon’s growing family of conservationists, please visit bit.ly/supportmarmot. Thank you!

If you have thoughts regarding how to make Portland Audubon a stronger and more welcoming community for all who share in the enjoyment, understanding, and protection of native birds and wildlife, please reach out to me at nhardigg@audubonportland.org.

To learn more about the expansive vision of our Five-Year Strategic Plan, visit bit.ly/portlandaudubonstratplan

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Raptor Conservation: Past and Present with Dave Oleyar, Senior Scientist, HawkWatch International

Wednesday, September 19 • 7pm
Montgomery Park • 2701 NW Vaughn, Portland

Join Portland Audubon as we welcome HawkWatch International Senior Scientist Dave Oleyar for an engaging and enlightening evening presentation on conservation efforts for birds of prey. He’ll touch on the work and history of HawkWatch International, the importance of long-term monitoring efforts, ongoing research projects (including citizen science opportunities), and current conservation concerns for birds of prey.

HawkWatch International started over 30 years ago as an organization focused on monitoring the status of raptor populations in the west by counting and banding migrants each year, and on educating people about birds of prey and their roles in the environments we share. These efforts continue today and these valuable long-term data, including those from the Bonney Butte HawkWatch near Mount Hood, have highlighted at-risk species that merit further study, but also conservation success stories. In addition to migration monitoring, HWI biologists (and in many cases armies of citizen scientists) currently study the ecology of American Kestrels in different landscapes; Short-eared Owl population status and distribution across the west; Golden Eagle nesting and movement ecology; and the ecology of cavity-nesting small forest owls in southeast Arizona and northern Utah.

Dr. Oleyar joined the HawkWatch International team in November 2013. His road to being a raptor enthusiast and wildlife population ecologist began at an early age while exploring the post oak forests near his family’s home outside of Dallas, Texas. Over the years, Dave has worked with a variety of animals ranging from zooplankton to bats to songbirds to raptors. Central to all of Dave’s work is understanding how the patterns humans create in both wild and human dominated settings influence the animals we share these spaces with.

We look forward to seeing you at this special presentation!

To RSVP to this special raptor presentation, visit bit.ly/raptorconservation



Ferruginous Hawk. Photo by Scott Carpenter



Red-tailed Hawk. Photo by Scott Carpenter

NATURE NIGHTS are back!



Prairie Falcon at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Photo by Tara Lemezis

Portland Audubon is excited to enter yet another season of the Nature Night Speaker Series! As we plan for the season ahead, we have worked to intentionally integrate important pieces of our Strategic Plan to center Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, broaden our audience and impact, and expand our partnerships. This season will feature a diverse set of speakers with a broad range of topics, and will continue to educate and inspire its faithful attendees while serving as an entry point for those new to Portland Audubon.

The Nature Night series will begin in October and run through May 2019. We have an exciting series planned and we can’t wait to share it with you.



Burrowing Owl at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Photo by Tara Lemezis

Please stay tuned for the full schedule at audubonportland.org. To RSVP and receive quick entry, go to bit.ly/NATURENIGHT (case sensitive).

SAVE THE DATE!

Conservation Advocacy Orientation September 25 • 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Lucky Labrador Brew Pub
915 SE Hawthorne, Portland

Grassroots advocacy has always been a core part of Portland Audubon’s efforts to protect wildlife, wild places, and the health of our environment. Come and learn how you can become a valuable member of this effort. Attend the orientation for a broad overview of our conservation program followed by a deeper dive into a few priority campaigns.

For details and to RSVP please contact Community Organizer Stephanie Taylor: staylor@audubonportland.org

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.

September 5 (Wed) 7am–10am Mt. Talbert Nature Park

Leader: Ron Escano

September 10 (Mon) 8am–2pm Sauvie Island: Mud Lake (beginners welcome!)

Leader: Mary Chambers

September 15 (Sat) 9am–12pm Fernhill Wetlands (for LGBTQ folks & POC)

Leaders: Greg Smith and Candace Larson
Register through Wild Diversity at wilddiversity.com

September 22 (Sat) 7am–5pm Walk Bayocean Spit

Leaders: Dan van den Broek, Jordan Epstein and Sandra Jacobson

September 27 (Thu) 7:45am–3pm Sauvie Island (Oak Island & the Narrows)

Leaders: Karen Chaivoe and Mary Ratcliff

October 6 (Sat) 8am–10am Commonwealth Lake Park

Leader: Erik Bergman

October 8 (Mon) 7:30am–4pm Nehalem to the Cove (Seaside)

Leaders: Meg Ruby and Mary Ratcliff

October 19 (Fri) 8am–10am Greenway Park & Koll Center Wetlands Park

Leader: Erik Bergman

October 24 (Wed) 9am–12pm Fernhill Wetlands, Forest Grove

Leaders: Dick Demarest and Kathy van der Horst

October 27 (Sat) 8am–11am 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 to register. Contact Erin Law at elaw@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119 with any questions.

September 15 (Sat) 6:30–9:30pm Sunset Walk at Portland Audubon

Leader: Mary Coolidge
Conservation focus: Lights Out Portland
FREE!

September 22 (Sat) 6:30am–6:30pm Migratory Birds along the Columbia

Leader: Stefan Schlick
Fee: \$60

October 13 (Sat) 5am–8pm Grays Harbor Bay

Leader: Stefan Schlick
Fee: \$60

November 18 (Sun) 9am–4pm Chehalem Ridge Nature Park

Leaders: Micah Meskel and Dan van den Broek
Conservation focus: Portland Metro’s conservation and restoration efforts
FREE!

December 1 (Sat) 6:30am–6:30pm Finley National Wildlife Refuge

Leader: Stefan Schlick
Fee: \$60



Red-tailed Hawk. Photo by Hayley Crews

Join Us at the Second Annual Bonney Butte Hawk Migration Festival

September 22, 10am–4pm
Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum

Portland Audubon is partnering with HawkWatch International and the USFS Mt. Hood National Forest for the second annual Bonney Butte Hawk Migration Festival at the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum on Saturday, September 22, from 10am to 4pm. This free, family-friendly event will feature live raptors, vendor booths, and educational programs and activities. After visiting the festival, you will be able to make your way to the Bonney Butte HawkWatch site, where each year 2,500 to 4,500 migrant raptors pass over on their journey to their wintering grounds in the south. The most commonly seen species are Sharp-shinned Hawks, Red-tailed Hawks, Cooper’s Hawks, Turkey Vultures, and Golden Eagles. Hope to see you there!

For more information on the festival, visit bit.ly/hawkmigrationfestival

Meet the Vaux’s Swifts: Swift Watch 2018

Time for Swift Watch 2018! If you have not yet spent a September evening at the Chapman School in awe of the amazing aerial displays of the Vaux’s Swifts, make this your year to visit. These small birds are currently making their annual return from breeding grounds in southwestern Canada and the northwestern United States to roosting areas in Northwest Portland and elsewhere. The chimney at Chapman Elementary School serves as one of their many staging grounds in preparation for southbound migration to wintering areas in Mexico and Central America. During September, many thousands of Vaux’s Swifts can be seen at dusk flying around the school before making a rapid group descent into the school’s chimney.



Vaux’s Swifts. Photo by Scott Carpenter

Weighing in at only 20 grams, Vaux’s (pronounced “voxes”) Swifts (*Chaetura vauxi*) are the smallest swift in North America. While superficially resembling swallows, they are most closely related to hummingbirds and have a similar wing shape. Known for their incredible aerial agility, these small, dark-gray birds—affectionately described as “cigars with wings” by birders—spend nearly all of the daylight hours on the wing foraging for insects such as flies, ants, moths, spiders, and aphids. Their aerodynamic body and long, pointed wings suit them well for a life in the air.

The Audubon Society of Portland played a critical role in the preservation of the Chapman School’s chimney. Prior to the school installing a gas furnace, the school would wait until after all of the swifts had left the site before turning on the heat. The last of the swifts often do not depart until mid-October, leaving schoolchildren shivering in their classrooms. In 2000, Portland Audubon worked with the local community to raise money to purchase a furnace with a new chimney, and stabilize the existing chimney so that it could remain in place for the annual migration of the swifts.

For the raptor enthusiasts out there, there is often a chance to see one of our neighborhood predators of the sky try their luck at catching a Vaux’s Swift during the

nightly display. Both Cooper’s Hawks and Peregrine Falcons have made appearances at the school in previous years. These superb avian hunters are often successful at catching an evening meal (much to the dismay of some of the visitors!).

During the breeding season, Vaux’s Swifts rely on mature forests with large-diameter hollow trees—preferably with an entrance created

by a Pileated Woodpecker—which serve as roosting and nesting sites. Unfortunately, population declines of swifts have been reported in the Pacific Northwest due to the decline of the forest habitats on which they depend.

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

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

Volunteers from the Audubon Society of Portland will be present at Chapman School throughout September to connect visitors with Portland Audubon’s work in the community and share the unique life history and importance of Vaux’s Swifts. Stop by and see us to learn more about our feathered friends and our history at Chapman School. Visit audubonportland.org/local-birding/swiftwatch for details.



Wilson’s Warbler. Photo by Hayley Crews

Help Us Improve the Warbler!

Take This Short Survey.

Our *Warbler* newsletter has gone out to our members for decades, giving them the latest advocacy alerts, educational programming, events news, and more.

Now, we’d love your feedback to see how we can make the *Warbler* even better.

This short survey should just take a few minutes. If you receive the *Warbler*, we’d be so grateful if you would fill it out to help us provide even better content in the future.

bit.ly/warbblersurvey2018

Conservation

Get Out and See the Stars: Lights Out 2018 is September 21!

by Mary Coolidge, BirdSafe and Non-Lead Campaign Coordinator

In *Ladder to the Pleiades*, Michael Branch writes, “My daughter, who recently turned three years old, is teaching me about the stars...The most important thing the kid has taught me about the stars is the brilliant, open secret that if you don’t go outside and look up, you won’t see anything. Every night, before bedtime, she takes my hand and insists that I get my bedraggled a** up and take her outside to look at the stars...Following the inexorable logic that makes a kid’s universe so astonishing, [she] insists on looking for the stars no matter the weather...And whether she sees stars or not, in seeking them every evening she has forged an unbreakable relation with the world-within-a-world that is night.”

In our increasingly urbanized daily lives, what becomes of our relationship to the night sky? Last October, astral photographer and time lapse filmmaker Harun Mehmedinović visited Portland and took us on an enchanting tour of North America’s darkest, and starriest, night skies. His remixed images of the Milky Way over LA helped us to imagine the brightest of cities bedazzled with stars that hang there every night, if only we could draw back the curtain of light pollution. He complimented us on our Class 7 skies (not bad for a city our size) but cautioned us to take care to protect what we have left. Although light pollution is one of the easiest to reverse, Portland, like the rest of the planet, is getting brighter every year. But we can change that.

Portland Audubon is working to raise awareness about this magnificent natural resource that is slipping away, little by little and largely unnoticed. **Friday, September 21, will mark our third annual Lights Out Portland**, a one-night event in which residential households and commercial buildings dim their lighting in order to raise awareness about the impact of light pollution on migrating birds, about wasted energy in the form of light thrown up into the sky, and about preserving our ability to see stars from our homes in the city. In past years, over 2,000 households and 18 of Portland’s iconic buildings have participated in the citywide effort to **save energy, save birds, and see stars!** We are also lobbying City Council to fund a light pollution ordinance (see article this page). Please send them an email to let them know that Portlanders truly value preservation of dark skies.



Lights Out Portland pairs well with National Audubon and National Geographic’s 2018 **Year of the Bird** campaign in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Monthly calls to action invite people to participate in the celebration by taking a few simple steps to help birds. September’s Call to Action is **Help Birds on their Journey**, focusing on the plight of migrating birds and efforts we can each make to help reduce window collisions and curb the impacts of light pollution. Nocturnal migrants that use the moon and stars to navigate can be drawn off course when passing over domes of skyglow that functionally blot out their starry guideposts. Once in lit areas, birds can collide with buildings or succumb to myriad of other hazards that the city presents, including windows, cats, and cars.

- But take heart! There are simple things that we can all do at home to help birds navigate the built landscape:
- Then turn off your lights on September 21 and get out to see the stars!
 - Take the Pledge to Go Lights Out: audubonportland.org/issues/hazards/buildings/take-the-pledge-to-go-lightsout
 - Help us lobby City Council for a light pollution ordinance (see article below).
 - Visit nationalgeographic.org/projects/year-of-the-bird to find out how you can help the birds in your community this month (and every month!).

For more information, contact Mary Coolidge at mcoolidge@audubonportland.org.



Light pollution in the US. Photo by NASA

Help Us Lobby City Council to Approve Funding to Address Light Pollution in Portland!

Portland’s fall Budget Monitoring Process is right around the corner, and we have one more chance to send a strong message to the Mayor and City Council that **now is the time to address light pollution in our growing city**. The World Atlas of Artificial Night Sky Brightness tells us that 80 percent of North Americans live under light-polluted skies. Here in Portland, we live under what are classified as suburban/urban transition skies, where light pollution paints the night sky light gray and renders the Milky Way invisible. At minimum, as our city grows, we must preserve what we have left of the night sky.

Portland is long overdue in joining other North American cities that have developed strategic plans to curtail the light pollution that impacts human health, harms ecosystems, thwarts migrating birds, wastes energy, and obscures the night sky. Other cities in the metro region, including Hillsboro and Wilsonville, already have exterior-lighting ordinances. Multnomah County has adopted a Dark-sky Ordinance for rural parts of the county, as well as a comprehensive plan that calls for working with the City of Portland to reduce light pollution across jurisdictional boundaries.

Please take just a minute to write to the Mayor and Portland City Council today (bit.ly/fallbmp18). Tell them that you support funding this work as a critical step toward a more ecologically healthy urban landscape and that it helps us meet the climate resiliency and sustainability objectives established in the City’s Climate Action Plan!

ODFW Commission Fails to Provide Vital Protections for the Marbled Murrelet

by Joe Liebezeit, Staff Scientist & Avian Conservation Manager, and Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Commission squandered an important opportunity to provide vital protection for the Oregon population of Marbled Murrelets at their August 3 meeting in Salem. Voting 4-1, the Commission approved toothless “advisory” survival guidelines that will do nothing to reverse the decline of this species. The final version of the guidelines had been gutted from previous versions and strikes out key protection measures. Regardless, the survival guidelines are completely voluntary, with no force of law behind them, and implementation would rely on the good faith of a timber industry that we have repeatedly seen circumvent the law to maximize profit.

The Marbled Murrelet is a small seabird that forages for small fish in nearshore marine waters and will fly inland up to 50 miles to nest in old-growth and mature coastal forests during the breeding season. This unique life history makes it susceptible to habitat loss and fragmentation due to logging as well as a growing list of stressors at sea, including warming ocean conditions and less predictable availability of forage fish prey. On June 7, 2018, the ODFW Commission, in a stunning decision, voted 4-2 to reverse a decision that it had made just four months earlier to raise the Marbled Murrelet’s status from threatened to endangered under the Oregon Endangered Species Act. This reversal demonstrated complete disregard for science and state wildlife law, and undermines confidence in ODFW’s commitment to both fair transparent public process and its ability to meet its mission to protect the state’s wildlife.

Leading up to the most recent Commission meeting in August, ODFW had repeatedly tried to silence the public concerned

about its surprise June decision. The Commission initially announced that it would accept no public testimony at the August hearing and turned down multiple requests. It only agreed to allow public testimony after conservation groups found an existing rule that requires the Commission to allow public testimony when at least 10 people or organizations request a hearing. Even so, in advance of testimony at the August 3 hearing, Commission Chair Michael Finley shockingly proclaimed that anyone testifying to refute the uplisting decision in June would be stopped and removed from the room by the police. Thankfully, one of the other Commissioners, Greg Wooley, spoke up and pointed out the double standard when hours of testimony were provided by the timber industry at the June Commission meeting focusing on economic considerations, which were supposedly out of the scope of discussion. After a tense moment, Chair Finley finally acquiesced and allowed testimony.

Unfortunately, this episode accents an ODFW Commission and agency that has, more and more, become out of touch with the majority of Oregonians who want a state that provides strong protections for its habitats and wildlife for future generations. Meanwhile, the Marbled Murrelet has experienced 28 years of almost complete neglect on lands owned and regulated by the State of Oregon, and that is a primary reason that the species continues to decline toward extinction in Oregon. The actions of the Commission since June have perpetuated this neglect—first with an illegal and scientifically unsupported decision to reverse listing, then by making the guidelines voluntary rather than mandatory, and finally by severely weakening the guidelines at the behest of timber industry lobbyists.



Photo by Rich MacIntosh/USFWS

In response to this blatant disregard for science and law, Portland Audubon and four other conservation groups filed a lawsuit against ODFW on August 2 for failing to uplist the Marbled Murrelet from threatened to endangered under the Oregon Endangered Species Act. The lawsuit includes four claims. First, the ODFW Commission failed to base its decision on documented and verifiable science. Second, the Commission failed to adequately explain its decision to reverse its prior decision to uplist. Third, the decision not to uplist is not supported by substantial evidence in the record. Finally, the Commission failed to provide adequate notice to the public to weigh in on its decision to reverse the uplisting in June. It is unfortunate to resort to litigation, but we are hopeful this will force ODFW to uphold its mission “to protect and enhance Oregon’s fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations.” We would like to thank Commissioners Greg Wooley and Holly Akenson for staying the course, doing what is right, and retaining their uplist vote in June.

Please stay tuned for additional ways to help protect the Marbled Murrelet.

Wildlife Care Center Says Farewell to Lacy Campbell

By Ali Berman, Communications Manager and Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

There aren't many folks who can say that they've been handling Bald Eagles since they were 16 years old. But Lacy Campbell, who started at the Wildlife Care Center as a volunteer and then was hired on as the Operations Manager, has been involved with education animals, wildlife education, and rehabilitation since she was a teenager.

Hired in 2012, Lacy joined staff veterinarian Deb Sheaffer to form a powerful team, working together seamlessly on behalf of wildlife. Deb trained Lacy who grew under her tutelage, learning the ins and outs of treating everything from songbirds to beavers to turtles to owls. These two had their own language and could anticipate each other's thoughts and needs before they were ever spoken. When Deb passed away just over two years ago, Lacy stepped up at a time when she was grieving the loss of her friend, taking the knowledge she learned from Deb to continue to lead the Care Center forward.

Lacy treated and oversaw the care of all the injured and orphaned wildlife who came through our doors. Her favorites? The baby Vaux's Swifts who inevitably (and loudly) shared her office each July after falling down chimneys. And even when they were challenging to handle, Lacy liked nothing more than a bird who had a lot of fight in them, and in no way wanted her help. To her, that was a sign of a strong animal who had a healthy distrust of humans. Animals who were fighters, to her, were more likely to survive and flourish in the wild.

At Portland Audubon, wildlife rehabilitation is about much more than saving a single life. While juggling courageous rescue operations like fetching injured eagles out of rivers and trees, Lacy worked with and trained the 150 volunteers who staff the Wildlife Care Center, and educated tens of thousands of people about how they can better peacefully coexist with their wild neighbors. Through TV



Lacy and Deb Sheaffer rehabilitate a Bald Eagle that was found ensnared in fishing line in the Willamette River. Photo by Ali Berman

appearances, public releases, training folks to manage our wildlife hotline, and helping craft the message of the Wildlife Care Center, Lacy has saved countless lives.

Back in 2016, a Northern Saw-whet Owl crashed into the window at Corbett Elementary School, causing temporary partial paralysis. The kids were tuned in to the fate of this bird, wanting updates on its condition. After six months of treatment and time to heal, Lacy released the owl in front of an audience of 200 elementary school students. She talked to them about how window strikes can be prevented, teaching the kids how they can make a difference. And she's done the same for thousands of school children. Taking the story of one animal to teach about the larger issue—from window strikes to cat attacks to lead poisoning.

For a facility that cares for wildlife, there is no such thing as a snow day. During snow storms, icy road conditions, and landslides when Cornell Road would be closed, Lacy would put on her boots and hike up the hill, because someone needed to care for the animals, no matter what the elements were like outside. During baby season, she would take



Lacy provides care to an injured Western Screech Owl. Photo by Ali Berman

home baby hummingbirds and small mammals, all that needed to be fed every 15-30 minutes if they were going to survive. Managing a Wildlife Care Center takes dedication, compassion, and a lot of hours.

Now, Lacy's path is shifting. Instead of treating the feathered and furred, Lacy is starting her journey to become a naturopathic physician. We couldn't be happier for her and know that she'll take the compassion and care she showed for all the wildlife at the Wildlife Care Center, and pass it on to her human patients. Thank you for the years of hard work and dedication, Lacy. And good luck in your next chapter.

Hate Is Not an Environmental Solution

Pledge to Vote No on Measure 105 (formerly IP-22)

Portland Audubon is committed to advocating for healthy environments and healthy communities. We cannot have one without the other. This is why we are proud to be part of the coalition of Oregonians United Against Profiling, the statewide coalition working to defeat Measure 105, joining more than 80 organizations, including many conservation groups like Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Oregon Environmental Council, and the Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club.

For more information on why Portland Audubon is opposed to Measure 105, check out our website: bit.ly/measure105



If passed this November, Measure 105 would erase Oregon's Sanctuary Law, a law that has been working for over 30 years to protect Oregonians from unfair and unjust racial profiling. This law could open the door to racial profiling and discrimination based solely on suspicions about a person's immigration status.

It is particularly important for conservation organizations to speak out against Measure 105, as those in favor of this anti-immigrant policy have falsely cited sustainability

and environmentalism as core reasons to support the measure. As our Executive Director Nick Hardigg described it, "Portland Audubon can't allow this extreme, fear-mongering group to suggest that it's in any way aligned with conservation. We work to protect the Earth for the health and benefit of all people."

Take the pledge and join nearly 200 businesses, over 80 community organizations, and local leaders like Oregon's Treasurer Tobias Read in support of defeating this initiative. When we work together, we are stronger. When we work together, we can beat the corporate interests trying to separate and weaken us.

You can help us power an inclusive, statewide campaign to defeat Measure 105. Pledge to vote NO on Measure 105, then talk with your family and friends about why you'll be voting NO. Follow "Oregonians United Against Profiling" on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to stay updated about the campaign, and to learn more ways to get involved. Together, we will stop this hateful message and make our state welcoming to all.

Take the pledge here: orunited.org



Apply to Join the Youth ACT Fall Program for Teens Interested in Protecting the Environment

Youth are not only the conservationists of tomorrow, but their voices are critically important to current environmental initiatives in Portland and beyond.

Portland Audubon is now accepting applications for the Youth ACT (Audubon Conservation Team) fall semester. Youth ACT is a skills-building advocacy program for teens ages 14 to 18 to engage in conservation issues and gain experience in advocacy and community building, as well as participate in educational field trips.

Youth ACT is a three-month program consisting of bi-monthly trainings and hands-on experiences that will provide youth with the skills and tools to take action to protect wildlife and the environment in their own communities. This program provides clear tracks within Portland Audubon for youth to move along the continuum from appreciation, to understanding, to taking leadership in protecting nature.

Do you know a high school student who would be interested in participating in the program beginning this fall? Space is limited, and students must apply to participate.

For more information and an application, email Steph Taylor at staylor@audubonportland.org or give her a call at 971-200-4681. You can also visit our website: bit.ly/YouthACT

Get Outside with Wild Diversity

With Mercy Shammah, you are welcome. Mercy is the founder of Wild Diversity, a project centering safe, welcoming spaces for people of color and LGBTQ folks in the outdoors. Wild Diversity is a robust community of Queers and POC that are committed to getting outdoors.

When the opportunity to partner with them came up, Portland Audubon was eager to work out the details with them. We went about cooking up a 3-hour birding adventure through Fernhill Wetlands for POC and/or people in the LGBTQ community, led by Greg Smith and Portland Audubon's Field Biologist and Trip Leader, Candace Larson.

The walk will take place on **Saturday, September 15** and feature an array of shorebirds, raptors, secretive



marshbirds, and songbirds. Gregory and Candace will take you on a leisurely walk through multiple habitats where you all will learn the basics of bird ecology and identification in this recently restored wetland.

If you identify as LGBTQ or POC and want to bird with other people in your community, sign up for this walk today. Space is limited and binoculars will be provided upon request. Register through Wild Diversity at wilddiversity.com

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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

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.

Upcoming International Trips

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

Birding Costa Rica

January 26–February 9, 2019

NEW!
Join naturalists from the Audubon Society of Portland on an incredible trip through the lush lowland rainforests, volcanoes, mountains, and coastal wetlands of Costa Rica. More than 800 species of birds have been seen within the borders of this small country.

Leaders: Dan van den Broek and Candace Larson
Fee: \$3,995 member / \$4,295 non-member

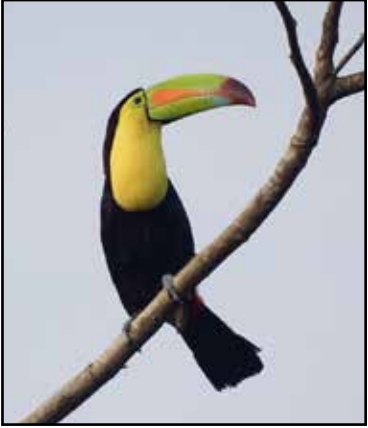


Resplendent Quetzal.
Photo by Ryan A. Candee

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: Erin Law
Fee: \$3,375 members / \$3,775 non-members



Keel-billed Toucan.
Photo by Mike's Birds

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 23–March 10, 2019

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

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

Steens Mountain & Alvord Desert October 3–7, 2018

Steens Mountain is one of Oregon's most spectacular natural areas, and it is beautiful in the fall. Rising to almost ten thousand feet high in the southeast corner of the state, it presides over alkali desert, oceans of sagebrush, and the wildlife-rich marshlands of the Malheur basin.

Leaders: Patty Newland and Candace Larson
Fee: \$895 member / \$1,095 non-member



Steens Mountain eastside.
Photo by Bureau of Land Management

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.

Leader: Kirk Hardie
Fee: \$1,995 members / \$2,295 non-members



Sandhill Crane. Photo by Mick Thompson

Alaska June 11–23, 2019

Alaska is a must-visit destination for anyone keen on the natural history of North America. Join us as we travel across the diverse landscape to Denali and Kenai Fjords National Parks, Barrow, and Nome. We will experience a different side of birds' natural history. Waterfowl and shorebirds, typically seen only during migration in Oregon, will be devoted to full-time breeding activities in Alaska. We'll also have excellent chances of observing Grizzly Bears, Dall's Sheep, Caribou, and possibly even Gray Wolves!

Leaders: Joe Liebezeit and Patty Newland
Fee: \$4,595 member / \$4,895 non-member



King Eider. Photo by Ron Knight

Looking for more travel opportunities?
See the full selection of upcoming trips at 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 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 or 971-222-6119.

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

Bird Journals: For the Joy of It

Each session is a stand-alone class.

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

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

Practice with Bird Details
October 20 (Sat) 10am–3pm: class in Heron Hall

Ways to Create Interesting Pages (and Cards)
November 17 (Sat) 10am–3pm: class in Heron Hall

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

2 spaces left!

Raptors of Bonney Butte

September 11 (Tue) 6:30–8:30pm: class in Heron Hall
September 15 (Sat) 8am–5pm: Bonney Butte field trip
Transportation provided

Instructors: Shawneen Finnegan and Dave Irons
Fee: \$95 member / \$115 non-member
Limited to 20 participants
\$14 class only

What eBird Can Do for You

September 21 (Fri) 6:30–8:30pm: class in Heron Hall
September 23 (Sun) 7–11am: Sauvie Island field trip
Transportation not provided

Instructor: Stefan Schlick
Fee: \$50 member / \$65 non-member
Limited to 12 participants

Beginning Birding

Each session is a stand-alone class.

Instructor: Laura Whittemore
Fee: \$65 member / \$85 non-member
Limited to 14 participants

September 25 (Tue) 6:30–8:30pm: class in Heron Hall
September 30 and October 7 (Sun) 9am–12pm:
local field trips

October 23 (Tue) 6:30–8:30pm: class in Heron Hall
October 27 and November 3 (Sat) 9am–12pm:
local field trips

Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration

October 6, November 3, and December 1 (Sat)
8am–12pm: local field trips

Instructor: Greg Baker
Fee: \$80 member / \$100 non-member
Limited to 15 participants

The Wonderful World of Fungi

October 24 (Wed) 6:30–8:30pm: class in Heron Hall
October 27–28: overnight at Marmot Cabin

Instructors: Candace Larson and Mary Coolidge
Fee: \$200 member / \$250 non-member
Limited to 12 participants

Oregon Pelagic Birds & Boiler Bay Seawatch

October 25 (Thu) 6:30–8:30pm: class in Heron Hall
October 27 (Sat) 8:30am–4pm: coast field trip
Transportation not provided
Meet 8:30am at Boiler Bay; trip ends in Newport area at 4pm

Instructor: Stefan Schlick
Fee: \$70 member / \$85 non-member
Limited to 12 participants

Gull Identification

November 1 (Thu) 6:30–8:30pm: class in Heron Hall
November 3 (Sat) 8am–5pm: coast field trip
Transportation provided

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

Owling by Day around Walla Walla

January 16 (Wed) 6:30–8:30pm: class in Heron Hall
January 18 to 20 (Fri to Sun): Walla Walla field trip
Transportation/lodging/food not provided

Instructor: Stefan Schlick
Fee: \$200 member / \$220 non-member
Limited to 12 participants

Summer Camp 2018:
What We Did & Why We Did It!

Identified birds and listened to their language...
to understand and protect native birds

Measured water quality and studied forestry practices...
to inspire the scientist within

Picked apart dead downed logs...
to understand how they feed the forest



Sneaked through the woods on our hands and knees...
to be inspired

Picked and ate wild berries...
because they taste really good!

Gently turned over rocks in tide pools...
to contemplate why animals live there

Wandered into the woods to get lost...
to find our way back using landmarks and compasses

Practiced archery...
to strengthen our bodies and our focus, and increase our confidence

Rubbed mud on our faces, hands, and arms...
to disappear into the brush and be closer to wild animals



Searched high and low for salamanders...
to learn lessons of empathy and care

Learned how to build basic match fires...
to stay warm and progress to friction fires

Carved wood with knives...
to learn safe, proper carving techniques

Worked together to meet common goals ...
to develop community, be inclusive, and facilitate a culture of care and understanding

Portland Audubon Summer Camps do these things and so much more because they are part of our mission. We do these things because they create competent whole students who feel at home in the woods. We served over 1,200 students this past summer and are so thankful to all of the guardians and parents who trusted us with their children! Thank you!

Journalled the natural world around us...
to become better writers and artists

Built forts and debris huts...
to hide, stay warm, and break them down and build them again



Photos by Chloe Kov

TALON: Extending the Portland Audubon Family
Teach, Advocate, Lead, Observe, and Nurture

by Youn Han, Community Programs Manager

Last April, twelve young adults from Portland, Gresham, and Milwaukie gathered at Leach Botanical Garden for the first time to embark on a journey together. This was Day One of TALON Training: a day full of excitement and uncertainty about what the summer—and the future—held for these brand-new TALON members. Most members entered the program expecting not much more than some cool things to put on their resumes, but all members gained much more than that.

After ten days of training and preparing for their summer apprenticeships, all twelve TALON members embarked on their summer jobs. Under the guidance and tutelage of Portland Audubon staff mentors, each member took on more and more pieces of programs and projects as their professional skill sets grew. While there were accomplishments aplenty, a few highlights stood out: The Environmental Education apprentices welcomed campers

from the Adelante Mujeres’ Chicas program to Fernhill Wetlands for a day of icebreakers and natural history activities; the Sanctuaries apprentices helped build a new enclosure for our education birds; the Community Science apprentice collected baseline data at a new monitoring site; the Wildlife Care Center apprentice cared for hundreds of baby animals, and the Communications apprentice developed her keen photography eye. As any training and employment program should do, the TALON members completed their apprenticeships with more professional skills than they started with.

What TALON members may not have expected, however, was gaining a community of people who truly understand and empathize with what it means to be a young person of color in the outdoor world. Even though not all members shared the same ethnic background, they were able to understand what someone else was going through because



Enjoying lunch and views at Sitka Sedge.

they had gone through the same thing. With strong support from Portland Audubon staff, TALON members learned how to use their voice, advocate for change, and support each other when things got tough. And so I leave you with this: an image of 12 seasoned and confident TALON members gathered in a field watching the stars together. At first glance, it may look like a bunch of teens staying up way past quiet hours. To someone who has been with them since the beginning, it is much more than that—it is a family.

Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

That Orange Bird at Your Feeder Really is a House Finch

The variable plumages noticed on male **House Finches** once caused considerable discussion. Originally ornithologists attempted to separate them to subspecies, and occasionally full species by the plumage coloration. It soon became apparent that these colors occurred in all populations. Studies finally proved that the colors were the result of the food eaten during the molting period.

The yellow, orange, and red colors in bird feathers come from carotenoid pigments absorbed from the food they eat. There are three types of these pigments, each resulting in the three colors found on male House Finches. In laboratory experiments, finches fed only regular birdseed during molt produced dull yellow colors. When the orange-producing pigment was added to the food, the birds developed orange feathers, and when the red pigment was added, the birds produced bright-red feathers.

When selecting a mate, the female House Finch prefers the reddest bird it can find. So it is advantageous for the male to locate and eat foods rich in the red carotenoid pigment. Most young birds tend not to learn this lesson right away, so most do not nest for the first couple of years unless there is a real shortage of the more colorful males.

House Finch.
Photo by
Hayley Crews



House Finches have one complete molt between June and October. There is no spring molt. In fresh plumage, the feathers are dusky tipped, partially hiding the colorful plumage. During the fall and early winter these tips wear off, revealing the bright colors. It is during January, February, and March when the females select a mate. If she sees a more suitable mate during the breeding season, she may shift her alliances to the preferred bird.

House Finches are permanent residents over most of their range, but there are indications of some southward movement during the fall. This is especially noticed in Oregon along the coastal beaches. These birds apparently come from farther north, as the Oregon populations appear stable all year.



House Finch.
Photo by Hayley Crews

Sightings

By mid-July, locally breeding swallows gather into large flocks and begin to migrate southward. Most are gone when breeding swallows from farther north begin to appear. So, although there appears to be a continuous population of swallows in the area, there was an exchange from local birds to transients with very little break between.

Following the fledging of young birds, both adults and young disperse from the breeding areas into more productive foraging areas. Many move northward of their regular range, while others move upward to higher elevations. Still others drift southward in early migration. During this period, both adults and young go through a complete molt of their feathers, including the wings and tail. This often produces odd, hard-to-identify plumage patterns, often confusing bird identifications.

On July 19 Zack Schlanger found an early adult **Herring Gull** and a **Wilson's Phalarope** at Smith and Bybee Lakes. On August 1 Isaac Denzer observed an **Ibis** there. Also on July 19 Beverly Hallberg saw two **Sanderlings** on Broughton Beach. Andy Frank found an adult **Baird's Sandpiper** there July 23.

On June 1 Philip Kline observed a **Whimbrel** on the flats of the end of Reeder Road on Sauvie Island. Bill Shanahan saw a **Forster's Tern** June 12 off the Reeder Road observation platform. Jeff Gilligan spotted a **Swainson's Hawk** flying southward over the island August 2.



Whimbrel.
Photo by Scott Carpenter

Up to 650 **White Pelicans** were on Sauvie Island during late July, 14 were at the Fern Hill Wetlands July 22, and 2 were at Oaks Bottom in Portland June 20.

On June 1 Nick Mrvelj saw a **Rough-legged Hawk** at the Portland Airport. Dick Brainerd observed one July 2 along I-5 at the Brooks/Gervais Exit. Bruce Newhouse saw it there July 4. Rough-legs are usually gone from Oregon by this time.

On July 29 Shelley Arrowwood spotted an odd sparrow at her backyard birdbath in Canby. It was a bright **Black-Throated Sparrow**.

Volunteer of the Month: A'me Solheid

by Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Manager

The Wildlife Care Center is often described as busy and bustling and relies on the dedicated efforts of some 150 volunteers. One of the volunteer positions in the Care Center is the front desk receptionist—one of the more mentally and emotionally demanding positions. Our receptionists help people with their wildlife emergencies, answer natural history questions, and assess whether an animal needs to come in for care. The receptionist is an extremely important role that is made more difficult on the weekends, when other wildlife resource agencies like ODFW and USFWS are closed, leaving the Wildlife Care Center the only place people can go for help with wildlife in Portland and surrounding areas. With such an exceptionally difficult position, when an urgent call for a replacement goes out, we sometimes hit radio silence. But one of our seasoned and knowledgeable hospital volunteers, A'me, accepted and rose to meet the unique challenges of the position.

A'me has been volunteering at the Wildlife Care Center since 2014 and has already logged 984 hours. She usually works an afternoon shift, and since April 5 she has taken

on the morning receptionist shift as well. This means that A'me volunteers 8 hours a week in addition to having a full-time job. Talk about dedication! Why does A'me enjoy working at the Wildlife Care Center so much that she will devote an entire day off?

A'me explains: "It's the complete opposite of my day job: it's varied and there is always something new to learn. I like field rescues the most. My most memorable field rescue was going to rescue a Great Blue Heron that had been shot in Lake Oswego a few months ago. It was hard to navigate through this person's beautiful yard in the pouring rain."

In addition to participating in animal care, offering her expertise to the public, and doing wildlife rescues, A'me can be found helping out at special events. A'me is an incredible asset to our team at the Wildlife Care Center and has really stepped up when we needed her most. Thank you, A'me, for all that you have done, all you do, and all you will do in the future. You are really appreciated. **Thank you!**

Thank You to:

- Deborah Bailey for 10 books
- Laurie and Richard Eckman for 6 pairs of binoculars
- Lois Johnson for Nikon Spotting Scope, Tripod, and Portable Bird Blind
- Megan Legernes for 1 clip light, 7 gift boxes, and 15 birthday cards
- Ride Connection for Trimet passes through Access Transit Fare grant
- Jocelyn Taylor for books
- Martin Schwartz and Marcia Freed for 2 pairs of Nikon binoculars including cases

Our Wish List

Administration:	Sanctuary:
Auditory assistance devices	Loppers
Sit/stand desks	Trowels
Commercial-grade or high-quality vacuum	Hand saws
Wide-screen monitors (4 years old or newer)	Work gloves
Coffee maker	Electric pressure washer
Paper shredders	Conservation:
Education:	Acrylic paint of all colors
Leupold McKenzie 8x42mm binoculars	Poster board
Scope	Paint brushes of all sizes
Tripod	Pull-down projection screen
New REI Half-Dome 2 Plus Tents	
New Thermarest NeoAir Venture Sleeping Pads	
New Thermarest BaseCamp Sleeping Pads	

Wildlife Care Center:	Marmot Cabin:
Science Diet Kitten Growth	AED machine
Bleach	
Dawn dishwashing detergent	
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.



North Willamette. Photo by Paul Fishman

Willamette River Superfund Boat Tour

Explore your Superfund site up close

Saturday, September 15 – 3 separate one-hour tours starting at 4pm

Meet at Cathedral Park Boat Ramp in St. Johns

Join Portland Audubon and our partners at Willamette Riverkeeper, Portland Harbor Community Coalition and the City of Portland on a Superfund Boat Tour aboard the Portland Spirit "Explorer" vessel.

Narrated by Bob Sallinger, Portland Audubon's Conservation Director, and representatives from our partner organizations, this one-hour cruise will update you on our river's greatest challenge—rectifying 150 years of industrial activity and the legacy pollutants contaminating the Willamette. Explore the heart of this polluted reach, get updates on the progress and challenges of cleanup at a few sites, and hear about what action you can take to help.

Sign up today! Space is limited and cost will be based on a sliding scale.

Please follow this link to find more information and to sign up for a tour: bit.ly/superfundboattour

Optics Focus:
Vortex Viper HD
Binoculars

The Portland Audubon Nature Store is proud to offer the latest from Vortex Optics: the **newly redesigned Viper HD binoculars**. The Viper HD offers superior image quality at an affordable price. Some noteworthy optical features of these models include high density extra-low dispersion glass for higher resolution and truer color fidelity; dielectric prism coatings for a bright, accurate image; phase correction coatings to improve resolution and contrast; and ArmorTek scratch-resistant coatings to protect lenses from dirt, oil, and abrasions. The locking diopter allows users to fine tune focus in order to account for slight differences between eyes. The Vortex Viper HDs boast a sleek new exterior, with anti-slip rubber grips, and are fogproof and waterproof. All Vortex Optics come with the Vortex Unconditional VIP Lifetime Warranty.



The Nature Store carries the Viper HDs in both 8x42 (\$489.99 member price) and 10x42 (499.99 member price) sizes. Both models boast a close-focus range of just 6.5 feet and weigh under 25 ounces. The redesigned models are smaller, lighter, and more powerful than ever. Stop by today to experience the difference!

Kids' Story Time at
Portland Audubon!

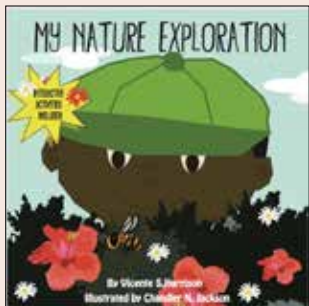
Story Time is held every third Sunday at 1pm in the Portland Audubon Interpretive Center and includes a matching craft or nature activity to follow. Children ages 3–8 (but all ages welcome) and their adults are encouraged to drop by! If you have any questions, please call the Nature Store at 503-292-9453.

Sunday, September 16, 1–2pm
My Nature Exploration
by Vicente Harrison

Special Story Time with the Author!

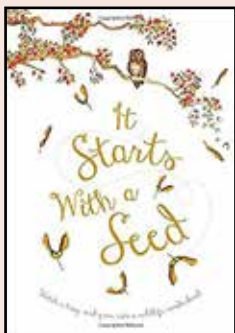
Follow little Harrison on his adventures exploring and appreciating nature right out his own back door! Author Vicente Harrison is a local park ranger who strives to engage diverse communities with the natural world around them.

He hopes that this book will encourage kids to get off the couch, away from the screen, and shift that passion to the outdoors!



Sunday, October 21, 1–2pm
It Starts with a Seed
by Laura Knowles

Take a journey through the seasons and years as we follow the seed's transformation from a seedling to a sapling, then a young tree, until it becomes a large tree with its branches and roots filling the page.



Welcome Caitlin Wisbeski,
Nature Store Manager!

We are pleased to introduce our new Nature Store Manager, Caitlin Wisbeski! Caitlin is a tech-savvy former economics major with great people skills and entrepreneurial ideas for the continued growth of our Nature Store. She has a decade of experience in retail administration, training, and management. She has a passion for native ecology and urban sustainability, most recently with Portland Nursery. Caitlin is also co-owner of the Pacific Northwest's only adaptive-specific bike shop, where she focuses on empowering people of all abilities through cycling. Caitlin is excited to continue working

toward the goals of inclusivity, community education, and outdoor access for all in her new role at Portland Audubon. Caitlin's energy and passion for continued growth of the Nature Store and connecting visitors with nature and our mission is strong. Her enthusiasm and drive will be a great asset for the Nature Store. Stop by to say hello and welcome Caitlin to Portland Audubon!



SEPTEMBER AUTHOR APPEARANCE!

Penguins in the Desert
by Eric Wagner

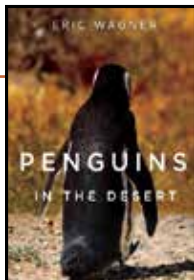
Wednesday, September 19, 7pm–8pm
Portland Audubon's Heron Hall

Most of us wouldn't think to look for penguins in a hot desert, but every year along a windswept edge of coastal Patagonia, hundreds of thousands of Magellanic Penguins gather to rear their young at Punta Tombo, Argentina. It is the largest penguin colony in the world outside of Antarctica, and for the past three decades, biologist Dee Boersma has followed them there.

Eric Wagner joined her team for six months in 2008, and in *Penguins in the Desert*, he chronicles that season in the remarkable lives of both the Magellanic penguins of Punta Tombo and the scientists who track their every move. For Boersma, the penguins are ecosystem sentinels. At the colony's peak, more than a million birds bred there, but now less than half as many do. In confronting this fact, Boersma tackles some of the most urgent issues facing penguins and people today. What is the best way to manage our growing appetite for fish? How do we stop

catastrophic oil spills from coating birds? How will we address the looming effects of climate change?

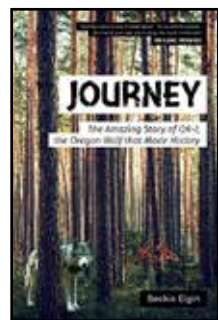
As Wagner spends more and more time with the penguins and the scientists in the field, other equally pressing questions come to mind: What is it like to be beaten by a penguin? Or bitten by one? How can a person be so dirty for so many months on end? In a tale that is as much about life in the field as it is about one of the most charismatic creatures on earth, Wagner brings humor, warmth, and hard-won insight as he tries to find the answer to what turns out to be the most pressing question of all: What does it mean to know an animal and to grapple with the consequences of that knowing?



Portland Audubon Book Club

The Portland 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! RSVP to Pat Gorman at gormanp3@gmail.com.

For September, the Book Club will be reading *Penguins in the Desert*, by Eric Wagner, in preparation for Eric's appearance at Portland Audubon on September 19 (see event box this page). We will meet at 6:30 to briefly discuss the book and choose upcoming Book Club titles!



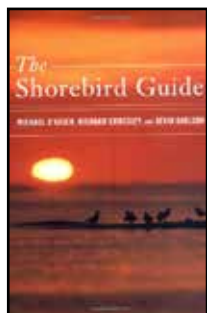
October's book is *Journey: The Amazing Story of OR-7, the Oregon Wolf that Made History*, by Beckie Elgin. It's the remarkable tale of the first wolf to roam the Pacific Northwest in nearly a century. Filled with maps, sketches, and photos, this intimate account of Journey teaches us not only about wolves, but about our own relationship with the natural world.

Meet the book club on **Wednesday, October 17, from 7pm to 8pm** to discuss Journey's incredible journey!

Sharpen Your ID Skills!

The Nature Store carries brand-new titles as well as reliable old favorites that will help you identify these challenging groups of birds.

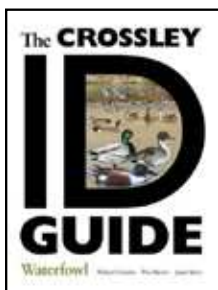
Hawks in Flight, Second Edition
by Pete Dunne, David Sibley, and Clay Sutton
Regular Price: \$26.00
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The Shorebird Guide
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The Crossley ID Guide: Waterfowl
by Richard Crossley, Paul Baicich, and Jessie Barry
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Member Price: \$36.00



Goodbye Rick Meyers, Welcome Esther Forbyn

by Xander Patterson, Director of Finance and Operations

It was Portland Audubon’s honor and pleasure to be the place where Rick Meyers wrapped up a long and industrious career. Over six decades, Rick worked in such sundry and diverse occupations as the military, fleet management, UPS, sound and stage systems, sales, plastic extrusion, surveying, and more. By the time he got to Portland Audubon, he was robustly qualified for Facilities and Sanctuary Management.

It seems there is nothing Rick can’t build, fix, repurpose, restore, or rehome. Staff, volunteers, and visitors alike relied on Rick for things like turning on the heat on cold winter mornings and making pots of fresh hot coffee every day, to big things like assessing whether Cornell Road was passable on snowy winter days, to huge things like making sure the toilets flushed. He also did many things most people probably never knew about, like cleaning up piles of garbage dumped at our trailheads. And he made it all look easy.

We loved having Rick around because he was endlessly useful and generous with his time and skills, but what we appreciated most was his warmth and sense of humor. He is always quick with a wry joke or a clever pun, and not so quick with a story. The man’s got the gift of gab, but rarely about himself. In fact, in the eight years he was here he never posted his bio on our website. Rick lives to serve others, and with Rick-like understatement, I can say he served Portland Audubon very well.

While Rick left big shoes to fill, we’re excited to welcome another fabulous Facilities and Sanctuaries Manager, Esther Forbyn. Esther comes to Portland Audubon from Portland Community College, where she worked as the Sustainability Analyst for their Facilities Management Services. She’s been involved with Portland Audubon long before she got the job—as member, birder, and illustrator of the Birds to Know cards we sell in the Nature Store.



Rick and Julio.



Esther takes a construction selfie.

Esther brings an amazing diversity of trades skills and tremendous energy and enthusiasm for maintaining and improving our facilities. Though Esther has been here only a month, by the time you read this, she, Sanctuaries Caretaker Katrina Montoya, and a team of TALON interns, will probably have finished building a new and greatly improved mew for our kestrels. Welcome, Esther!

Welcome Aaron Shilkaitis, Development Services Coordinator

Portland Audubon is pleased to welcome Aaron Shilkaitis. Aaron joined the Audubon Society of Portland in July 2018, excited to contribute to the Membership and Development Department as its Donor Services Coordinator. Prior to Portland Audubon, he spent three years recruiting monthly donating members for Greenpeace USA with their Frontline team. He holds a BA in Environmental Science from the University of Illinois and isn’t afraid to get his hands dirty—he worked in forest and prairie restoration with the Will County Forest Preserve after graduating.

Born and raised in Lemont, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, Aaron developed his love for the outdoors at a young age. Whether playing in the nearby woods or visiting a national park on a family vacation, he always enjoyed being outside and feeling connected to the natural world. Aaron’s passion for the environment drives his work. He aspires to be a

part of building a more sustainable and equitable future where our planet and its people live in healthy harmony.



Outside of his work with Portland Audubon, you may find Aaron exploring the nooks and crannies of Oregon for hidden waterfalls, trail running, backpacking, golfing, working on his basketball moves, or watching his beloved Chicago sports teams.

Please join me in giving Aaron a warm welcome to the Portland Audubon team. He is excited to help support and work with all our Audubon members and donors. He can be reached at ashilkaitis@audubonportland.org.

Welcome Sam DeJarnett, Education Animal Coordinator

We are thrilled to have Sam DeJarnett join our team as Education Animal Coordinator. Sam has been part of the Portland Audubon family since May of 2017, when she came on board as a Seasonal Wildlife Rehabilitation Assistant in the Wildlife Care Center. Over the past year, Sam has expanded her skills working with injured and orphaned wildlife, and has also learned how to handle and present our inspiring team of education animal ambassadors.

Prior to joining the Portland Audubon family, Sam developed her skills and knowledge with animal husbandry and training as well as education program delivery through previous experiences at Mudbay, Dogs in the City, the Cleveland Animal Protection League, the Cleveland



Metroparks Zoo, and the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center—among many others! In her new role as our Education Animal Coordinator, Sam will be responsible for coordinating and delivering programs and events with Portland Audubon’s animal ambassadors, and will work closely with our dedicated team of volunteers to ensure that our animals have the best quality of life possible. We are very excited about the skills, knowledge, passion, and ideas that Sam will bring to our team!

Around Town with Ambassadors Julio, Ruby, Xena, and Ari!

Summer is a busy time for Portland Audubon’s avian ambassadors! Julio the Great Horned Owl, Xena the American Kestrel, Ruby the Turkey Vulture, and Ari the Common Raven, have made appearances at numerous summer camp programs as well as events such as Sunday Parkways, the Tualatin National Wildlife Refuge Songbird Festival, the Grand Opening of Cully Park, and Fort Vancouver’s Get Outdoors Day—to name just a few! Our Education Birds play an important role in helping connect our community with birds and inspire folks to take action to protect birds and their habitats.

If you haven’t had a chance to visit us while we’re out and



Xena and Julio. Photos by Tara Lemezis



about, there’s still time! There is one final Sunday Parkways event this summer—come visit Julio, Xena, and Ruby in NE Portland on Sunday, September 23, 11:00am–4:00pm as we give hundreds of folks an opportunity to come face-to-beak with some very special birds and become engaged with our work here at Portland Audubon.

Visit portlandoregon.gov/transportation for specifics and route.

We gratefully acknowledge these special gifts:

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Marmot Cabin Campaign Frequently Asked Questions

Just 30 days left to reach our goal of \$150,000! Give today and help provide environmental education to more children for generations.

Q: What kind of programming will be offered at Marmot Cabin?

The new Marmot Cabin will allow us to have a greater impact and provide more opportunities for campers to explore the natural world. By day, students will explore topics such as the art of animal tracking, bird language, fire building and Pacific Northwest ecology. By night, students will head out on hikes in search of bats, owls and other nocturnal species, all under the guidance of our environmental educators. Some of these students will be away from home overnight for the first time, falling asleep to the hoots of a Great Horned Owl, instead of the hum of cars in the neighborhood.

There is also the potential to be able to offer adventures for the whole family, immersive classes for adults like nature art or mushroom foraging, overnight camp opportunities for youth, or Outdoor School instruction for junior high students.

Q: How will the new facility help reach more diverse audiences and underserved communities?

Our proposed scope of work to improve the Marmot Cabin facility includes the significant expansion of capacity for overnight and day-use programs, allowing us to engage more youth in immersive outdoor education experiences.

Further, we will be making an intentional effort to connect with schools that serve historically underrepresented communities to inspire people from all walks of life to enjoy, understand, and protect native birds and wildlife and the natural environment upon which we all depend. Marmot Cabin is located near Mt. Hood, which puts us in

a prime position to provide overnight opportunities to school districts in the Portland Metro area and beyond. The education team is in the beginning stages of building relationships with Portland Metro and rural school districts to provide programming for their students.

We are also able to reach more youth and increase accessibility by providing scholarship opportunities. Scholarships are made possible by a community of donors who know how important it is that all youth have access to quality outdoor education programs, despite financial barriers. This enables us to reach a broader and more diverse group of participants.

Q: What is the benefit of Outdoor School at Portland Audubon facilities?

Thanks to the passage of Outdoor School for All, demand for overnight outdoor educational programs is expected to grow substantially starting in fall 2018. We want to complete the construction of this facility quickly to seize this rare and timely opportunity to both maintain relationships with current schools and develop new relationships with schools, teachers, and students who may not have been engaged with Outdoor School—or Portland Audubon—in the past.

One of the many benefits to Portland Audubon’s Outdoor School programming is that we customize programming to meet the needs of each individual group. Outdoor School generally offers a very structured experience, and Portland Audubon is excited to tailor our curriculum to teacher and school needs.

Q: What challenges will the new facility help to address?

In our digital world, research has found that there is a growing disconnect with nature. According to the National Institutes of Health, most youth spend 5-7 hours a day in front of a screen, which increases their risk of obesity, anxiety and attention problems; inhibits social and cognitive development; and creates barriers to understanding and enjoying the outdoors. Getting kids out into nature is a necessity for the health of our communities and the future of our planet.

Our work at Marmot means we can launch efforts to reach new communities to specifically address the issue of Nature Deficit Disorder—a pandemic impacting a global generation of children with record low experiences in natural spaces, leaving them with little passion, inspiration, or reason to take action when these spaces need a voice.

The new cabin will also address clear inadequacies in the previous cabin. It addresses our needs to have adequate teaching space, a commercial grade kitchen to serve over 200 meals a day, more restrooms, separate staff sleeping quarters, and a large deck for outdoor classroom activities as well.

Q: How long do you expect the building to last?



Photo by Severin Piper

We have build Marmot Cabin with high quality materials to ensure that it can last over 100 years with proper maintenance and care. We estimate that with the minimum capacity to serve 4,500 camper nights per year, that your gift could support over 450,000 camper night experiences in the next 100 years, if not even more.

Q: Can the public visit?

Unfortunately, due to our permitting, we are not able to allow public access to the Joe and Amy Miller Sanctuary and Marmot Cabin. Access is restricted to program participants only. We highly encourage you to sign up for programs when offered at Marmot Cabin and the Miller Sanctuary.

Q: How will you know if your programs are successful?

Our goal at Marmot Cabin is to empower campers to feel safe in nature, recognize the value of the natural world, care about the environment, and feel inspired to take action to protect the world around them. Ultimately, we hope that the environmental ethic developed through these outdoor education experiences will result in children growing into adults who are engaged in their communities and thoughtful about making positive choices for the environment.

We are successful when we are not only able to hit our target number of reaching more youth and adults, but when we can help cultivate a deeper connection to nature through our expert education programs.

Q: How has Marmot Cabin been funded?

In approving the \$1.1 million phase 2 portion of upgrading Marmot Cabin, the Board of Directors approved using \$650,000 in special projects funding (estate gifts from members) and \$450,000 in community support. Any funds raised beyond the \$450,000 for the project will be used to provide for the ongoing maintenance of the facility.

Q: How can I help?

Any donation or gift towards the campaign has deep and lasting impact on generations to come. Whether your gift is \$25 or \$2,500, you can make a deep impact on the lives for generations to come.

If you have any additional questions about the Marmot Cabin Campaign, please do not hesitate to reach out to Charles Milne, Development Director, at 971-222-6117 or cmilne@audubonportland.org.

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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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New \$15,000 Match Challenge for Marmot Cabin Campaign!

by Charles Milne, Development Director

The reality of completing Marmot Cabin is now closer than ever. Thanks to many generous donors, we are nearing our goal to raise \$150,000 toward our matching challenge. Donations are pouring in to fund the project, and we are overwhelmed by your generosity.

The Marmot Cabin project has inspired another donor to give **an additional match challenge of \$15,000**. This donor is willing to **match all gifts of \$250 or more** to the campaign.

Portland Audubon needs 60 gifts of \$250 to reach our goal to raise an additional \$15,000. Thanks to both matching challenges, your \$250 donation will become a gift of \$750—tripling your impact.

Please 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.

If we can succeed in both our match challenges for this campaign, we will have raised a total of more than \$465,000 to ensure that Marmot will bring our outdoor education, environmental programming, and camper capacity to a new level—and be ready this fall for Outdoor School, day camps, and overnight programs.

To make your gift in support of Marmot Cabin, please visit bit.ly/supportmarmot or use the reply form and envelope that you received in the mail.

Field Notes on the Audubon WAfer:

The Essential Guide to Volunteering at Wild Arts Festival

by Ann Littlewood, WAF Committee Chair
and Jill Nelson-Debord, WAF Volunteer Coordinator

This charming species is not uncommon, but it is rarely seen until November. Its sudden annual appearance in large numbers is one of the wonders of nature! Colorful, energetic, and gregarious, they are hard to miss in the fall, especially in the Portland area. Field marks include an orange neckband, big smiles, and sometimes gloves or tool belts.

Join us and be a WAfer yourself! You, too, can sport an orange band/bandana. WAfer flocks are what make the Wild Arts Festival happen. Volunteers help artists set up their booths, welcome visitors, take care of participating authors, and staff the Silent Auction. There are dozens of different jobs—at least one that fits your interests and abilities. You'll get an inside look at this wonderful festival, find old friends and new, and generally have a fine time while supporting a terrific art event and a major Portland Audubon fundraiser.

Returning WAFers may have preferred tasks and time slots, and some like to change it up. Or you may be new to the Wild Arts Festival and open to suggestion. Whichever you are, the WAF Volunteer Coordinator will find a place for you.

The event starts with load-in and set-up on Friday, November 16. The big event is on Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18. After the last artist and stack of books is cleared out, there are still a few wrap-up tasks over the next two weeks, so a range of dates is available.

The slots that particularly need your energy and ability include load-in on Friday (artist booths, books, and Silent Auction) and load-out on Sunday—must be able to lift

40 lbs. Data entry skills are also needed in several slots. A variety of tasks, including greeters, are also open. And, if you truly love WAFers, consider signing up as an assistant volunteer coordinator.

To find the right perch for you, email Jill Nelson-Debord, WAF Volunteer Coordinator at wafvolunteer@audubonportland.org

Habitat Notes on the Silent Auction

Closely related to the Audubon WAfer, the WAF Attendee can be found foraging at the Silent Auction. This rich habitat offers fine art, jewelry, photography, outdoor gear, and fabulous international excursions. All items are donated—now is the time to rehome your nature-related art and other items. Business donations such as gift certificates are also very welcome.

Visit wildartsfestival.org/silent-auction for more information about donations, or contact Ann Littlewood, Chair, (annlittlewood3@gmail.com) or Marilyn Scott, Procurement Coordinator, (mswestlinn@comcast.net).



WAFers are easily identified by their orange neckbands and cheery dispositions! Photos by Susan Bexton

Tickets on sale for Wild Arts Festival Nov. 17–18

Get your tickets for the Northwest's premier show and sale of nature-related art and books at Montgomery Park in Portland.

Save the date and spread the word by sharing this information with your friends and colleagues. Visit WildArtsFestival.org for more information and to buy tickets.

International Vulture Awareness Day is September 1!

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.

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



Ruby the Turkey Vulture ©Tom Schmid

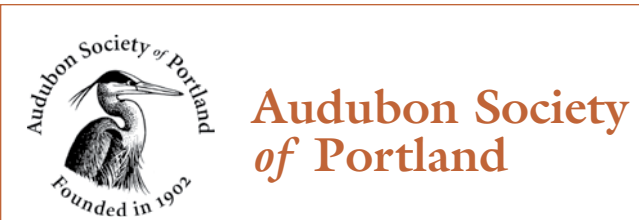
Mark your calendars for this family-friendly Halloween event!



Saturday, October 20
5pm – 8:30pm FREE!

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

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



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Board Meetings generally take place at our headquarters, semi-monthly, on the third Thursday of the month. Current members are welcomed to attend. Our next board meeting will take place on Thursday, September 20, at 6:30 pm.



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