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The Year Ahead: Excitement in the Air

by Our Management Team

The past year was one of historic accomplishments for Portland Audubon, not only in our facilities and conservation efforts, but in examining the potential for increased diversity, equity, and inclusion to expand our relevance and impact. Honoring the legacy of those who came before us and of those who go unrecognized in the environmental movement is vital to our continued success. We are in the beginning stages of this journey, and look forward to a 2019 that is aspirational, increasingly inclusive, diverse, and bold. We see a future where all work together for nature.

We would like to share a preview of exciting things to come that—thanks to your support—will continue propelling Portland Audubon forward.

Rebuilding & Expanding our Wildlife Care Center

Subject to permitting requirements and fundraising efforts, the Wildlife Care Center will receive a much needed renovation this fall! This major remodel is highly anticipated by all of us at Portland Audubon, as our wildlife rehabilitation program has significantly outgrown our existing facility. After the renovation, we will have greatly improved spaces for our patients with more peace and privacy, better control over the potential spread of pathogens, and the ability to provide more advanced medical care on-site. With all the facility improvements and our new staff, it's a very exciting time for our center!

Education: Centering Relationships & Meeting Community Needs

This year, our Education Team is expanding after-school programming to reach youth at Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) and the Latina-women-empowerment organization Adelante Mujeres, as well as strengthening our longtime relationships with Hacienda CDC and ROSE CDC. We are committed to building programs that reduce barriers to program participation and include providing transportation, materials in multiple languages, and meetings with families to alleviate worries about the safety of children in the outdoors. We look forward to continuing to work with partners to develop and deliver high-quality environmental education programs that meet our community partners' needs.

Marmot Cabin: Expanding our Youth Programs

In 2018 we completed our first major capital improvement in 27 years with the completion of a greatly expanded Marmot Cabin. This year our Education Team will welcome more campers and Outdoor School students than ever before to experience immersive nature education



Teresa Wicks, our new Eastern Oregon Field Coordinator.

at Marmot. The spring calendar for Outdoor School is nearly full, and we expect to engage and inspire roughly 400 students through nature investigations, sit spots, journaling, animal tracking—and so much more! Marmot will also serve as a home base for numerous summer camp programs, enabling our team to more deeply connect children and youth with the land. In addition to increased programming, the upgrade enables us to expand partnerships, increase scholarships, and become much more accessible so that Marmot Cabin can inspire people of all abilities and backgrounds to love and protect nature.

Protecting Wildlife & Habitat across the Oregon Landscape

We will be working from one end of our state to the other to protect birds and wildlife. At Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, our new Eastern Oregon Field Coordinator, Teresa Wicks, is working with a multitude of partners to restore some of the most important bird habitat in the west. At the coast we will be working to protect coastal rainforests and species like the Northern Spotted Owl and the Marbled Murrelet. Closer to home we will continue to work to ensure the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup is implemented on time and as planned, develop initiatives to clean up contaminated brownfields and protect floodplains, and pass a dark-skies initiative to reduce light pollution. We will be expanding our Backyard Habitat Certification Program, delivered in partnership with Columbia Land Trust, into Clark and Washington counties.

Improvements to our Sanctuary

An Expansion in the Works? As of press time, we are finalizing plans and financing with a generous neighbor to expand our Sanctuary near the Uthoff trail to protect more land and expand hiking opportunities at our Portland Sanctuary. As part of the expansion, our staff will be working with Metro, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, and Portland State University to create a comprehensive management plan for the Sanctuary that will improve habitat and create opportunities to connect with nature for generations to come. Cross your fingers—details to come in the March *Warbler*!

Going Greener - Exciting operational improvements are in the works! We've identified areas to promote healthy, equitable systems in all operations with planned



One of the first students to experience
Outdoor School at the new Marmot Cabin.

upgrades that include water-saving fixtures, green cleaning, sustainable purchasing, green building, and energy-efficient lighting.

Maintaining our Built Spaces - We look forward to deepening our relationship with Oregon Tradeswomen Inc. and continuing to offer our space as a site for their pre-apprenticeship program. We will carry on hosting crews led by professional tradeswomen tackling projects that require many hands and skilled labor.

Launching a New Website & Warbler Newsletter

After listening closely to our community, including members, donors, partners, volunteers, and more, this spring we'll launch our new website, a reformatted *Warbler*, and our new logo. We're excited to use these new and improved tools to reach more people to better protect Oregon's wildlife and wild places.

Building on Our Volunteer Program

Volunteers play a vital role in Portland Audubon, providing more than 40% of our work. In 2019 we will expand our outreach and provide more support for our volunteer-empowered workforce. In partnership with Hands On Portland, beginning with Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 21, we will provide more service-day opportunities for our volunteer community. We are also doubling our volunteer orientations, providing more opportunities to get involved. In April, we will step up our appreciation for volunteers with a Volunteer Appreciation Month full of special events with partners like the Oregon Historical Society and REI, and learning experiences from experts in diversity, bird watching, wildlife care, and more.

Together for nature, it is the Portland Audubon community that makes our work possible. We are grateful for all you do to support our community's achievements. If you have any questions, or want to get more deeply involved, please reach out to us!

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From our Executive Director

That Blackbird Song: Sometimes a Birdsong Means Much More

by Nick Hardigg

I’ve always loved the song “Blackbird” by the Beatles. I’ve sung it to my five-year-old daughter as she settles into bed at night. After our visits together to see patients at the Wildlife Care Center the song has a special meaning for us.

It came as a surprise recently to learn of the song’s true meaning—one that I’d been oblivious to. The references to overcoming adversity—learning to see, to fly, to be free—were clear, but I’d somehow never equated it with the civil rights movement.

Paul McCartney had seen the violent protests over desegregation in the 1960s, and was deeply impacted. As he told *Rolling Stone* magazine, “We would see what was going on and sympathize with the people going through those troubles, and it made me want to write a song that, if it ever got back to the people going through those troubles, it might just help them a little bit.”

That makes the song much more meaningful to me, and timely with today’s racist uprisings. It also makes me wonder why I’d not made the connection before.

Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take those sunken eyes and learn to see
All your life...
you were only waiting for this moment to be free.

Songwriters: Paul McCartney, John Lennon

I think some messages are easier to overlook when they’re uncomfortable to hear. And now, 50 years after that song was recorded, it’s important for uncomfortable messages around racism and equity to be heard, and to wonder how many other uncomfortable messages we’re not hearing.

It’s also true that a bird is never *just a bird*. Whether in song, in our yards, or gracing Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, birds are a hook for getting people to connect with nature, an opportunity for joy and peace, and an indicator of global health. The next time I sing “Blackbird” to my daughter, we’ll talk about the Wildlife Care Center. And



Common Blackbird. Photo by Martha de Jong-Lantink

we’ll explore a little bit further about symbolism and what Paul McCartney was singing about.

(P.S. Do you think there’s an actual blackbird singing in the background of the Beatles recording? The answer is...yes: a Common Blackbird, also known as Eurasian Blackbird, a species of thrush unrelated to the birds we call blackbirds. While all birdsong has its beauty, it seems less likely the New World blackbird would have made it onto the album.)

NATURE NIGHTS

Portland Audubon’s 2019 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).

FREE and open to the public!

We recommend RSVPing to our Nature Nights to receive quick entry: bit.ly/PANatureNight (case sensitive).

Tuesday, January 15
7pm • Montgomery Park

SPECIAL NIGHT!

Harnessing the Power of Grassroots Activism with Jo Ann Hardesty

As the calendar turns to reveal another new year, we naturally look backward with examination and forward with ambition. How do we make this year better than the last?

When it comes to our city, the answer is simple: *together*.

Portland Audubon proudly presents an expert in collaboration, **Jo Ann Hardesty**, in a presentation about vision, unity, and progression. Whether you’re an experienced organizer or new to community building, you will surely learn something new and be inspired to bring positive change to Portland by attending 2019’s first Nature Night Speaker Series event.

Commissioner Hardesty will share a bit of her past, from her experiences as a young woman abroad in the Navy, to establishing herself on the front lines of Oregon’s nonprofits, helping launch the social-equity and climate-change legislation “Portland Clean Energy Fund,” and campaigning successfully to become Portland’s first female African American City Commissioner.

She will then envision her future. How will she bring what she has learned throughout her journey to her new role? How can social justice and environmental conservation work together? Join us and learn more about Portland’s newest Commissioner.



Nature Night Speakers Series 2019 Calendar

Teresa Baker: Why Environmental Sustainability Depends on Diversity In Our Movement
Tuesday, March 12, 7pm • Location TBD

Michael Murphy: The Story of Portland’s Parks and Greenspaces Told Through Their Birds
Tuesday, April 9, 7pm • Heron Hall

Cecily Douglas: Past, Present, and Future – What Museum Collections Tell Us About Birds
Tuesday, May 14, 7pm • Heron Hall

Tuesday, February 12
7pm • Heron Hall

RESCHEDULED EVENT

Tragedy on East Sand Island: Destruction of the World’s Largest Cormorant Colony with Bob Sallinger, Portland Audubon Conservation Director

In 2015, the US Army Corps of Engineers launched a plan to shoot upwards of 10,000 Double-crested Cormorants and destroy more than 26,000 cormorant nests at the world largest cormorant colony on East Sand Island at the mouth of the Columbia River. This misguided plan, which would eliminate 15% of the entire Double-crested Cormorant population in the Western United States, was driven by a scientifically unsupported strategy to protect threatened salmon runs on the Columbia River. The Corps proceeded with this plan despite overwhelming public opposition, protests, and litigation until the entire cormorant colony collapsed in 2017. Today the persecution of cormorants continues while the federal government fails to address the primary causes of salmon declines on the Columbia. Sadly, this project perpetuates a long and troubling history of publicly funded federal programs engaging in the wanton slaughter of protected wildlife.

Portland Audubon Conservation Director Bob Sallinger has spent years on the front lines of fighting the US government cormorant-killing program as well as federal wildlife-killing programs. Bob will discuss the current status of Double-crested Cormorants, what needs to be done to protect both cormorants and salmon on the Columbia River, and efforts to reign in publicly funded US government wildlife killing programs.



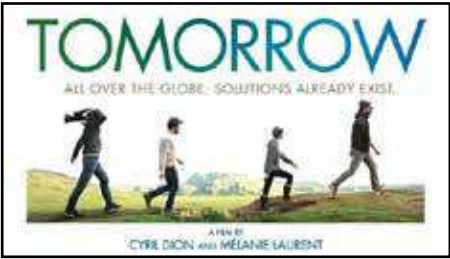
Photo by Scott Carpenter

Wednesday, February 20
7:30pm • Hollywood Theatre

SPECIAL NIGHT!

Film Showing: Tomorrow

Join Portland Audubon at the Hollywood Theatre for a one-time showing of *Tomorrow*, a film that will inspire you to revise your thoughts on climate change and revitalize your role in helping to address it.



Climate change is the dominant environmental issue of our time. In order to protect the future of our ecosystems, our wildlife, and our own species, we must understand what we’re up against and take action across the spectrum of local to global. *Tomorrow*, created by French filmmakers Mélanie Laurent and Cyril Dion, is challenging folks to not give in to catastrophism and instead find solutions.

Climate change doesn’t have to be too big or too frightening for us to respond. We have the power to turn the tide and transcend fear into empowerment and action. Around the world, community leaders are replacing the lens on climate change with *possibility* instead of negativity. They offer alternative and creative ways of viewing agriculture, economics, energy and education, as well as constructive solutions to act on a local level to make a difference on a global level.

This film tells their story and invites you to be a part of it. We hope you can join us on this special and thought-provoking Nature Night!

Tickets available at hollywoodtheatre.org
\$9 general; \$7 seniors and students;
\$6 Hollywood Theatre members
The Hollywood Theatre is located at 4122 NE Sandy Blvd. Easy access via public transportation is available on TriMet.

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!

January 11 (Fri)
8am–10am
Koll Center Wetlands
Leader: Erik Bergman

January 12 (Sat)
9am–11:30am
Smith and Bybee Wetlands
Leader: Nicki Dardinger

January 17 (Thu)
9am–12pm
Fernhill Wetlands
Leaders: Dick Demarest and Kathy van der Horst

January 19 (Sat) 8am–11am
Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden
Leader: Ron Escano

January 20 (Sun) 9am–4pm
Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
Leaders: April Brown and Nicki Dardinger

February 3 (Sun) 8:30am–11:30am
Scappoose Bottoms
Leader: Erik Bergman



Bufflehead. Photo by Jim Cruce

February 8 (Fri)
9am–11am
Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden
Leaders: Kathy van der Horst and Sue Carr

February 10 (Sun)
8:30am–11:30am
Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge
Leader: Erik Bergman

February 16 (Sat) 8am–12pm
Rentenaar Road, Sauvie Island
Leader: Ron Escano

February 17 (Sun) 8am–4pm
Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge
Leaders: April Brown and Nicki Dardinger

February 19 (Tue) 9am–3pm
Newport
Leaders: Dick Demarest and Jordan Epstein

February 28 (Thu) 9am–11am
Commonwealth Lake Park
Leaders: Richard Arnold and Mary Ratcliff



American Kestrel.
Photo by Jim Cruce



Join us on Sauvie Island for a Celebration of Birds of Prey at the 14th Annual Raptor Road Trip

Saturday, February 9, 10am to 2pm

From magnificent Bald Eagles to soaring Red-tailed Hawks to hovering American Kestrels, Sauvie Island is home to many of Oregon’s resident birds of prey. On Saturday, February 9, the community can join experienced naturalists and raptor experts from Portland Audubon, Metro, Hawk Watch International, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at the 14th Annual Raptor Road Trip and learn more about these amazing birds.

How does Raptor Road Trip work?
Visitors begin their day at Kruger’s Farm Market, 17100 NW Sauvie Island Road, where you’ll pick up an event map and illustrated raptor identification guide. The **event fee is \$10 per vehicle (cash only)**, and includes a one-day Sauvie Island Wildlife Area parking permit. After checking in at Kruger’s, head out on a self-guided tour to visit the island viewing locations where you’ll find naturalists and spotting scopes to help you spot the birds. Bring binoculars if you have them, and dress for the weather. Visitors should

allow approximately three hours to visit all three locations. **The Road Trip is suitable for birders of all skill levels, and families are welcome. Two of the sites—Raccoon Point and the Wildlife Viewing Platform—are wheelchair accessible.**

What will you see?
Frequently sighted raptor species include **Bald Eagle, American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk, and Northern Harrier**. With a little luck you might spot a **Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, Rough-legged Hawk, or Cooper’s Hawk**. And while not raptors, **Sandhill Cranes, Snow Geese, and Great Blue Herons** are also commonly seen at this time of year.

For more information, visit audubonportland.org/local-birding/raptor-trip.

Sponsored by Metro, Portland Audubon, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Hawk Watch International.



Bald Eagle. Photo by Scott Carpenter



Red-tailed Hawk. Photo by Scott Carpenter



Sandhill Cranes. Photo by Scott Carpenter

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.

January 6 (Sun)
6:45am–6:00pm
Birding Ankeny and Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuges
Leader: Stefan Schlick
Fee: \$60



Hooded Merganser.
Photo by Hayley Crews

January 26 (Sat) 8:00am–2:00pm
Birding along the Willamette in the NW Industrial Area (Conservation Focus)
Leader: Micah Meskel
Fee: Suggested donation



Merlin. Photo by Mick Thompson

February 23 (Sat) 6:30am–6:00pm
Tillamook County Hotspots
Leader: Stefan Schlick
Fee: \$60



TALON Alums Find Focus at Portland Audubon

by Youn Han, Community Programs Manager

For many young adults who are at the end of their high school career and deciding their next move, finding a bridge between internships to jobs can be a challenge. Many choices factor into this decision—pay, higher education, and job stability are just a few.

Alaina Smith and **Jonathan Albarran** are two such young adults, but for them the choice was apparent. This past summer, they were both TALON members who built a strong bond with Portland Audubon’s beautiful sanctuary and its staff. Please welcome Alaina and Jonathan once again to the Portland Audubon family. They will be working across departments assisting staff members with various projects and tasks, and are now focusing on the wildlife enclosures, the education animals, winter camps, and TALON recruitment.

Alaina is finishing her senior year at Madison High School. She was an Environmental Education intern via the TALON program and aims to cultivate her innate teaching ability toward a future career as a teacher.

Jonathan heralds from Reynolds High School. He was a Sanctuaries intern via the TALON program. For him, being outdoors, incorporating movement, and building his technical skills serves as his motivation in a future career with conservation.

Conservation

Portland Audubon Expands Partnership with Clean Water Services in Washington County

by Joe Liebezeit, Staff Scientist, and
Youn Han, Community Programs Manager

Portland Audubon has worked with Clean Water Services (CWS) since 2015, using community science and outreach to better understand how bird communities are responding to a large habitat restoration project at Fernhill Wetlands and raise awareness and engagement with communities on the multiple benefits of using green infrastructure strategies and habitat restoration to manage wastewater. This work has provided a successful model and we are now expanding our effort at another CWS-managed site adjacent to Portland Community College (PCC)-Rock Creek.

An exciting new aspect of this effort is that Portland Audubon’s Conservation and Education departments are teaming up add an educational component to the project that will offer new ways for local communities to engage at these sites through community science and related activities. This will include periodic “birding 101” field classes to introduce beginning birders to birding and community science, increased connection with Portland Audubon’s TALON program interns, and engagement with Adelante Mujeres in after-school and STEM programming. Portland Audubon’s educators will deliver a series of after-school programs to Adelante Mujeres’s Chicas program participants at South Meadows Middle School, Evergreen Middle School, and Hillsboro High School. The curriculum will connect after-school programming on local wildlife, habitat restoration, and bird surveying with field trips to



Green Heron. Photo by Candace Larson

PCC Rock Creek, where in collaboration with CWS, we will implement community science protocol and natural resource management skills.

We will continue to conduct community science bird surveys at the Fernhill Wetland site for another two years as the restored wetland habitat matures. Back in 2014–15, CWS implemented an ambitious habitat restoration project that transformed 90 acres of unused sewage ponds into a complex of native wetland habitats designed to naturally treat wastewater. The coverage by community scientists at this site has been amazing, with surveys conducted over 150 days per year by more than 30 dedicated volunteers. These surveys have enabled us to document a dramatic transition in bird communities. For example, many species that require complex vegetation structure have showed a strong positive response like the Virginia Rail, which has increased four-fold since the restoration was initiated. Our work at Fernhill Wetlands will hopefully foster and inform similar restoration projects at other water treatment facilities across the nation.

The CWS-managed property adjacent to PCC-Rock Creek is a 77-acre floodplain composed of emergent wetland, riparian, oak woodland, and ash forest habitat types. CWS is currently conducting habitat enhancement to help restore ecological function to the site for wildlife while also protecting streams from the impacts of stormwater runoff from adjacent urban development. The site also offers educational opportunities for students at PCC as well as community members. Portland Audubon will be establishing a community science monitoring program at the site in 2019 that will include winter waterfowl monitoring, and spring and summer monitoring focusing on migratory songbird usage of the site. We will offer a range of ways folks can contribute to this effort whether you are a beginning or experienced birder.



American Bittern. Photo by Phil Kahler



Sora. Photo by Phil Kahler

On a broader scale, the work at Rock Creek will help us better understand ecological connectivity of urban greenspaces in the Portland Metro. The Rock Creek basin was identified as a high priority by Metro’s Regional Conservation Strategy and is ideally located to provide connectivity between the north Tualatin Mountains and ecological enhancement projects farther downstream like Bethany Lake and the Springville Corridors. We are concerned about the growing expanse of residential development in Washington County at the expense of wildlife connectivity and access for communities. Another important aim of this project is to increase awareness and appreciation of urban greenspaces that enhance livability for communities while minimizing impacts to urban wildlife.

We will need new volunteers as well as our team of committed community scientists to help make this effort successful. Please contact Joe Liebezeit (jliebezeit@audubonportland.org) if you are interested!

Seeing is Believing

Visit Fernhill Wetlands and see the changes for yourself. You might be rewarded with a Sora or Virginia Rail sighting (or hear their distinctive calls!), and you will certainly find plenty of waterfowl and raptors on your walk around the settling ponds.

The wetlands complex is located at
1399 SW Fern Hill Rd
Forest Grove, OR 97116
fernhillnts.org

Urban Ecology and Conservation Symposium 2019

Monday, February 11, 8am to 6pm

Portland State University, Smith Center Ballroom
1825 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon
presented by Urban Ecosystem Research Consortium (UERC)

The 17th Annual UERC Symposium is just around the corner! This event highlights urban environmental issues in the Portland/Vancouver area including the practical application of related ecological and social science research, innovative habitat restoration projects, and much more. There will be brief presentations and a poster session as well as networking opportunities and lunchtime discussion groups. This year we have two great keynote speakers:

Dr. Celeste Searles Mazzacano, owner and principal scientist of **CASM Environmental**, where she provides invertebrate-based environmental education, and conducts surveys and creates management plans for insects and freshwater mussels.

Robert Michael Pyle, lepidopterist, writer, teacher, and founder of the **Xerces Society**.

Registration:

Online registration is available through 123Signup: 123signup.com/register?id=hkzsv

Early registration through January 14 (includes lunch)

General: \$45
Student: \$15
Volunteer*: \$10

Regular registration January 15–28 (includes lunch)

General: \$60
Student: \$15

Late registration (including at the door) (does not include lunch)

General: \$60
Student: \$15
Credit cards only.
No cash or checks.

*Limited number; register early and select the “volunteer” option.

The Backyard Habitat Expands its Flock

by Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat Program Manager

The Backyard Habitat Certification Program is expanding its flock to incorporate habitat-loving residents of Washington and Clark counties! Through our program, hundreds of residents in these areas will receive expert technical assistance, financial incentives, educational information, and encouragement as they garden for wildlife.



Looking west, a vibrant partnership with Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District allowed us to plan for a two-phased approach to serving Washington County. Starting in April 2019, we will launch phase one, serving Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin, and the unincorporated Portland areas of the county. The remaining urban and suburban areas, such as Hillsboro, will be phase two, slated for spring 2020.

Looking north, we’re fortunate to partner with the Vancouver-based Watersheds Alliance (WA) to implement our program there. We will move forward with WA, and critical financial support from City of Vancouver and Clark County, to serve residents (under one acre) county-wide starting in April.

This substantial growth satisfies a key element of Portland Audubon’s strategic plan, while calling on us to build countless new partnerships. Side by side with City and County agencies, watershed councils, environmental justice groups, and other community-based partners, we will evolve our thinking on working together toward enhancing natural resources, as well as applying an equity lens to meet the needs of diverse populations in both counties.

We are excited to rise to this challenge because we believe that every yard and every gardener plays a meaningful role in creating a landscape where people and wildlife thrive. Together, we represent more than 5,300 backyard habitats, spanning more than 1,250 acres of interconnected private lands, on which all of us depend to survive. Join us as we spread our wings!

Sign up or get on our Washington/Clark County wait list today: backyardhabitats.org.

Is Baseball Bad for Our Environment?

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

In November it was announced that a group of investors had reached an agreement with the Port of Portland to develop a major league baseball stadium as well as commercial and residential development on the Port’s Terminal 2, a 45-acre vacant industrial site with more than 2,000 feet of linear waterfront along the west side of the Willamette River, north of the Fremont Bridge. For those long awaiting the arrival of a major league baseball team in Portland, this was exciting news. For those who have long worked to protect and restore the Willamette and Columbia rivers, it immediately raised the specter of new round of environmental battles over our river.

Over the past two decades some of Portland’s most intense environmental battles have been fought over the issue of industrial land. The Port of Portland has led industrial development interests in asserting that Portland has a serious deficit of industrial land, especially large, shovel-ready parcels along the river, parcels like Terminal 2. The assertion matters because under Statewide Land Use Planning Goal 9, municipalities must maintain a 20-year supply of industrial land. Portland must periodically review whether it is meeting this requirement through a largely opaque process driven by industrial interests.

The implications for the environment are serious. The alleged industrial land deficit has driven efforts by the Port and others to upzone greenfields such as West Hayden Island, Broadmoor Golf Course, and Colwood Golf Course for industrial development. It was used by industrial interests to prevent the implementation of new protections for fish and wildlife habitat in Portland Harbor through the North Reach River Plan Process as well as application of Portland tree protection codes on industrial lands. It was used to convince federal agencies to allow industrial polluters to conduct as much as 50 percent of the habitat mitigation required as part of the Portland Harbor Superfund process outside of Portland Harbor (where the actual damage occurred) in order to limit impacts on industrial land supply. Industrial interests have even argued that existing environmental protections on industrial land need to be rolled back in order to maximize use of the industrial land base.

One of the great ironies is that much of the industrial land conversion that has occurred in recent years has come at the request of industrial interests. These interests request to have



their land upzoned to commercial or residential use in order to maximize their profits and then turn around and complain that the City has done an insufficient job of protecting industrial land and that greenfields must now be converted and environmental regulations removed to address the deficit they themselves created. The Port of Portland has been among the worst offenders. It converted its land at Terminal 1 for high-priced condos, and large swaths of industrial land by the airport to make way for Cascade Station shopping mall. Now it is doing it again at Terminal 2.

In 2016, it appeared that the City might have finally resolved its industrial land issues through its Comprehensive Plan Update Process. The Comprehensive Plan is the City’s long-term land-use plan, and the update process forced the City to address the industrial land deficit. In that process, Portland Audubon and other community groups successfully argued that the City could meet its industrial land needs through prioritizing cleanup of Portland’s 900 acres of contaminated brownfields, intensifying use of the existing industrial land base and preventing conversions of existing industrial lands. In a major win for environmental interests, the City explicitly recognized that there was no need to convert important natural areas such as West Hayden Island for industrial use and also that there was adequate capacity to add new environmental regulations to protect important natural resources on industrial lands along the Willamette and Columbia rivers.

The City also recognized that it needed to curtail its habit of irresponsibly upzoning industrial land for other uses. To that end, the City created a new “prime industrial land” overlay zone to protect the highest value and most difficult-to-replace industrial lands for long-term retention. The prime industrial land overlay requires that the City explicitly delineate how it will replace the lost industrial development capacity anytime a prime industrial parcel is converted to a different use. Terminal 2 is covered by the prime industrial land overlay.

The Port of Portland has long asserted that we have a shortage of marine industrial land, but it has already converted its land at Terminal 1 for high-priced condos (foreground) and now proposes to convert its land at Terminal 2 for a baseball stadium (at the right end of the picture). Photo by Bob Sallinger

The proposal to convert Terminal 2 for a baseball stadium potentially blows the fragile détente reached through the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update out of the water. It will immediately put the City back into an industrial land deficit situation that will give industrial development interests the upper hand in demanding conversion of natural areas like West Hayden Island for industrial development and opposing new environmental regulations to protect our urban waterways. At the same time it lays bare the fallacy that has long been asserted by the Port and others that we have a true deficit of marine industrial land—the fact is that Terminal 2 is being converted for baseball in large part because no industrial development interests have shown any interest in this parcel for years. The deficit has been a self-serving hoax.

Portland Audubon has not taken a position on a new baseball stadium. However, we will fight hard to ensure that any discussions around a stadium fully address implications for natural resources and our environment. It is not acceptable to continue the practices of the past in which industrial interests converted their own land for other purposes and then used the deficit they created to push back on environmental protections. The baseball stadium may well be the catalyst the City needs to look at the entire industrial land paradigm and whether the assumptions the City has been operating under, especially related to marine industrial land, make sense anymore. Regardless, what is not acceptable is to move forward with a baseball stadium at the expense of our already heavily degraded river environment. We will need your help to ensure that baseball is in fact not bad for our environment!

How Are Wild Animals Injured?

by Stephanie Herman, Wildlife Care Center Manager

Over the past year, the Wildlife Care Center took in over 3,100 patients of 160 different species. These animals came to us for many different reasons, from a young barn owl who fell into motor oil to a little brown bat stuck in a glue trap. The details of the individual stories are infinite, but sadly, the plotlines are often the same. And the recurring theme is that interactions between wildlife and humans often results in injury for the wildlife—and it is often unintentional.

This year and virtually every year, the number-one cause of injury in the animals we receive are **cats**. These wonderful pets are also finely tuned predators, and free-roaming cats can have devastating effects on local wildlife populations. The injuries cats inflict are often severe, and even minor injuries are prone to life-threatening infection. Remember that the animals that make it here to the WCC are only a small proportion of those affected by free-roaming cats; wildlife populations face pressure from many sources, and cat predation is a significant piece of that puzzle.

Of course, this is a humane issue for our pets as well; there are numerous dangers to unsupervised outdoor cats, often resulting in disease, injury, and a shortened average lifespan. At Portland Audubon we work closely with the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon and other animal welfare groups to find humane solutions to protect both birds and cats. To learn more about our Cats Safe at Home Campaign and how you can help keep both cats and wildlife safe,

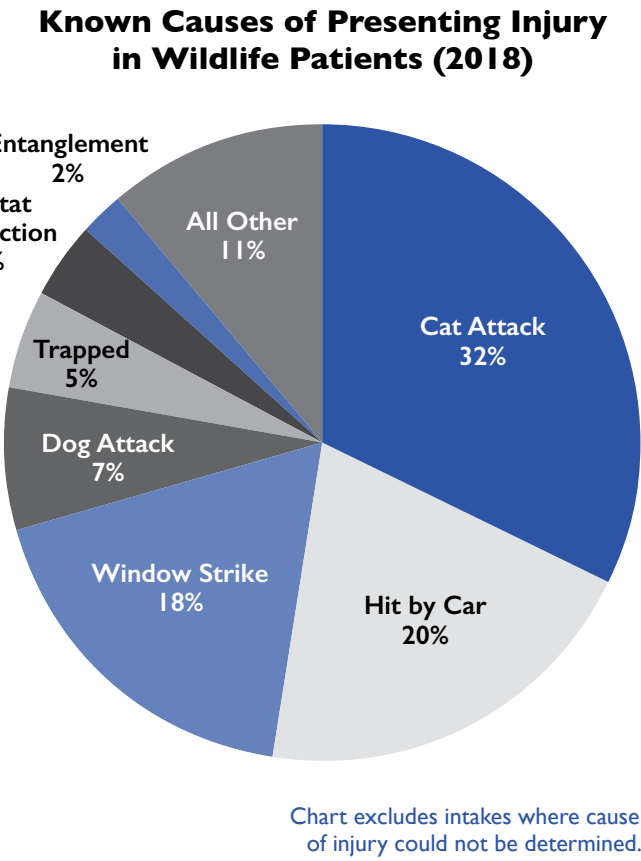
please visit the Cats Safe at Home website: catssafeathome.org.

Windows are another nemesis for our avian neighbors; up to a billion birds die each year in the United States after colliding with windows. Here at the Wildlife Care Center, we see waves of these injuries, particularly during the spring and fall migrations. Residential houses or low-rise buildings are responsible for 99% of window strikes, which means many of us in the Portland area live or work in a building that poses danger to local birds in this way. The good news is that this means many of us can take action to protect our wild birds!



One of more than 3,100 wild animals treated at the Wildlife Care Center during 2018. Photo by Bob Sallinger

A few techniques for reducing the risk of window collisions include making glass more visible to birds (options come at a variety of price points and range from decorative to nearly invisible), ensuring your yard is designed to reduce bird activity near windows, and turning off unnecessary lights at night (when most songbirds migrate). To learn more about how to prevent window collisions in your home and neighborhood, check out Portland Audubon’s Bird-Safe Building and Lights Out! initiatives on our website. Last year Portland Audubon successfully advocated for new bird-safe building design requirements in Portland’s central city. This year we are working with Commissioner Nick Fish’s office to develop a light-pollution ordinance for Portland.



Please consider becoming an Audubon activist and helping us advocate to reduce these threats throughout our city.

Although these are only two out of dozens of possible causes of injury for a wild animal, together they make up more than 50% of the injury cases we see here at the Care Center. They are also two of the most preventable! Even the smallest action by a single person can save an animal’s life. So make those windows visible, reduce light pollution around your yard, keep your cat (and the birds) safe at home, and share this information! Together we can make a real difference for Portland wildlife.

Upcoming International Trips

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

Brazil

August 15–30, 2019

If you want to have the opportunity to see a wild Jaguar, this is the trip for you! The first stop on this Brazilian Ecotour is Rio de Janeiro where we will do a city tour before transferring to our lodge in the Atlantic Rain Forest. We will look for species such as Giant Snipe and Russet-winged Spadebill. We will then move to the Pantanal, one of the largest wetlands in the world. We will spend a week exploring this amazing habitat in search of Hyacinth Macaw, Greater Rhea, Red-legged Seriema, and Jabiru. And the odds are excellent to see Jaguar, Giant Otter, Capybara, and Crab-eating Fox.



Jaguar. Photo by Charles J. Sharp

Leader: Stefan Schlick
Fee: \$5,295 member / \$5,595 non-member

Ireland

May 23–June 2, 2019

Ireland is steeped in ancient and medieval history and is blanketed with iconic, pastoral landscapes. On this adventure, we will experience not only amazing historical sites but also many aspects of Ireland’s natural history. We’ll begin in Dublin and work our way to Galway, Doolin, Iveragh Peninsula, and end out trip at Killarney National Park. Along the way, we’ll see Northern Gannet, Atlantic Puffin, a variety of terns, Red-billed Chough, Eurasian Oystercatcher, and White-throated Dipper.



Northern Gannet

Leader: Brodie Cass Talbott
Fee: \$3,895 member / \$4,195 non-member

Australia

November 5–14, 2019

Explore amazing Australia with Portland Audubon! There are fairy-wrens, kookaburras, parrots, and parakeets galore. The trip will begin in beautiful Queensland, where we’ll have our first change to see a Koala, as well as Paradise Riflebird and Green Catbird. We will then fly north to Cairns where we will look for Southern Cassowary, Australian Bustard, and Great Knots. There is also a really good chance of seeing the unique Duck-billed Platypus. And of course, a trip to the Great Barrier Reef is a must! We will have the opportunity to snorkel and admire the myriad of fish and corals through the glass-bottomed boat.



Superb Fairy-wren.
Photo by JJ Harrison

Leader: Stefan Schlick and local guides
Fee: \$4,495 member / \$4,795 non-member

Victoria Extension | November 14–20, 2019

An optional extension for our Australia trip will include Melbourne, the Dandenong Ranges, and the Great Ocean Road where we will look for Emu, Crescent Honeyeater, and the legendary Superb Lyrebird.

Fee: \$2,095 member / \$2,395 member

Upcoming Domestic Trips

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

Klamath Basin

March 28–31, 2019

Come with us to explore the Klamath Basin, home to six national wildlife refuges and one of the most important wetland ecosystems in Western North America. We will visit Upper and Lower Klamath Lake and Tule Lake NWR, and explore the surrounding meadows, forests, and grasslands. Our visit is timed to see the spectacular spring migration of Snow, Ross’s, and White-fronted Geese, along with a great diversity of waterfowl and plenty of raptors, including Rough-legged Hawk, Golden Eagle, and Prairie Falcon.



Rough-legged Hawk. Photo by Jim Cruce

Leaders: Candace Larson and Mary Coolidge
Fee: \$795 members / \$895 non-members

Malheur Foray

June 1–5, 2019

Join us on our annual trip to Malheur National Wildlife Refuge! With a variety of habitats, including extensive marshes, sagebrush flats, riparian thickets, and rimrock, we will see a diversity of wildlife. We will search for Golden Eagles, Black-Necked Stilts, White-faced Ibis, Burrowing Owls, Sandhill Cranes, and Prairie Falcons, as well as mammals such Pronghorn, Coyote, and Mule Deer.



Prairie Falcon. Photo by Tara Lemezis

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

Ohio: Magee Marsh

May 10–17, 2019

Join us for a spectacular trip to witness the annual spring migration of birds moving from their wintering grounds in Central and South America to their breeding grounds in Canada. Magee Marsh and the adjacent Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge are famous for attracting phenomenal numbers of migratory birds, including more than 20 species of wood warblers, such as Black-throated Blue, Blackburnian, and Cerulean. On this trip, we will also visit Huron National Forest in Michigan, where successful fire management of Jack Pine has led to an increase in numbers of Kirtland’s Warbler, North America’s rarest warbler.



Blackburnian Warbler.
Photo by Paul J. Hurtado

Leader: Patty Newland
Fee: \$2,395 member / \$2,595 non-member

Alaska

June 11–23, 2019

Alaska is a must-visit destination for anyone keen on the natural history of North America. We’ll begin in Nome, surrounded by stunning scenery, travel through Denali National Park, and end in Barrow, 300 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Alaska’s tundra ecosystems provide opportunities to see numerous birds including Pomarine Jaeger, Boreal Chickadee, Northern Hawk-Owl, and Common and King Eiders.



King Eider. Photo by Ron Knight

Leaders: Patty Newland, Erin Law, and Joe Liebezeit
Fee: \$4,995 member / \$5,295 non-member

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

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

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

- Winter Birds**
January 19 (Sat) 10am-3pm: class in Bat Roost
- Coloration and Markings**
February 23 (Sat) 10am-3pm: class in Bat Roost
- Birds in the Field**
March 16 (Sat) 10am-3pm: class in Bat Roost

Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration

February 2, March 2, and April 6 (first Saturday of the month)
8am-12pm: local field trips

Participants register for all three days.

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

Raptor Natural History

January 31 (Thu) 6pm-8:30pm: class at Portland REI, Community Room, 1405 NW Johnson St
February 3 (Sun) 9am-12pm: field trip to Sauvie Island

Instructors: Nicki Dardinger and Greg Smith
Fee: \$50 member / \$65 non-member
Limited to 15 participants
\$14 class only

Wildlife Awareness through Art and Craft

Each session is a stand-alone class.

- Instructor:** Suzanne Moulton
- Needle-felted Pileated Woodpecker**
January 26 (Sat) 10am-2pm: class in Heron Hall
Fee: \$65 member / \$80 non-member
Includes all materials
Limited to 15 participants, age 12-adult
- Bird Eggs: Let's Learn to Wet-Felt!**
February 9 (Sat) 10am-11am: class in Heron Hall
Fee: \$35 member / \$50 non-member
Includes all materials
Limited to 25 participants, age 6(w/guardian)-adult
- Wolf Portraits: Acrylic Painting with Watercolor Technique**
March 23 (Sat) 10am-12pm: class in Heron Hall
Fee: \$40 member / \$65 non-member
Includes all materials
Limited to 20 participants, age 8 (w/guardian)-adult

Notorious LBBs: Little Brown Birds

February 21 (Thu) 6:30pm-8:30pm: class in Heron Hall
February 23 (Sat) 8am-12pm: field trip

Instructor: John Rakestraw
Fee: \$50 member / \$65 non-member
Limited to 14 participants
\$14 class only

Waterfowl Natural History

March 7 (Thu) 6pm-8:30pm: class at Portland REI, Community Room, 1405 NW Johnson St
March 9 (Sat) 9am-12pm: field trip to Smith and Bybee

Instructors: Nicki Dardinger and Greg Smith
Fee: \$50 member / \$65 non-member
Limited to 15 participants
\$14 class only

Spring Break Camp 2019 at Portland Audubon is March 25-29

Registration for Spring & Summer camps begins January 17 at 9am.
To register, go to audubonportland.org 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 25 – FRIDAY, MARCH 29			THURSDAY, MARCH 28	FRIDAY, MARCH 29
<p>Tails of the Forest: Mammals (Mon), Raptors (Tues), Amphibians (Wed), Birds (Thur), Habitats (Fri) <i>Pick up/Drop off: Audubon 1st – 2nd grade</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>All 5 days: \$250 member/ \$270 non-member Single days: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member</p>			<p>Hidden Superheroes <i>Pick up/Drop off: Audubon 3rd-4th grade</i></p> <p>We all know about cougars, bears, eagles, and hawks. They are exciting and amazing animals, but without the hidden superheroes of the forest, they wouldn't exist. These hidden superheroes are decomposers, material recyclers, dam makers, and irrigators. They keep their environments healthy and productive and support animals as big as bears and cougars. Come out as we look for the hidden superheroes of the forest and learn all about the important roles they play in their ecosystems!</p> <p>Fee: \$70 member/\$80 non-member</p>	<p>Slippery Salamanders <i>Pick up/Drop Off: Audubon 2nd-3rd grade</i></p> <p>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 the Coastal Giant Salamander 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.</p> <p>Fee: \$70 member/\$80 non-member</p>
MONDAY, MARCH 25	TUESDAY, MARCH 26	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27	<p>Hawks, Herons, and Hummingbirds <i>Pick up/Drop Off: Upper MacLeay Park 5th-8th grade</i></p> <p>Spend the day at Sauvie Island, one of Portland's birding hotspots 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 will 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!</p> <p>Fee: \$75 member/\$85 non-member</p>	<p>Searching for Salmon <i>Pick up/Drop Off: Upper MacLeay Park 4th-8th grade</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Fee: \$75 member/\$85 non-member</p>
<p>A Bug's Life <i>Pick up/Drop off: Audubon 2nd-3rd grade</i></p> <p>They range from microscopic to bigger than your hand, and scientists estimate that there are several million different species on this planet! Insects and their cousins, the spiders, can be bizarre, funny looking, beautiful and, at times, a bit scary. This camp is all about learning what makes these animals so awesome! We will meet some live insects from around the world and you'll have a chance to better understand the role these animals play and ways to appreciate them for who they are! After meeting some bugs and spiders up close, we will spend time in the sanctuary seeking out some of the local ones that call this forest home.</p> <p>Fee: \$70 member / \$80 non-member</p>	<p>Wild Art Adventure <i>Pick up/Drop Off: Audubon 3rd-4th grade</i></p> <p>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!</p> <p>Fee: \$70 member/\$80 non-member</p>	<p>Junior Wildlife Vet 101 <i>Pick up/Drop off: Audubon 2nd-3rd grade</i></p> <p>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 Portland Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about.</p> <p>Fee: \$70 member/\$80 non-member</p>	<p>Map, Compass & Beyond <i>Pick up/Drop Off: Upper MacLeay Park 5th-8th grade</i></p> <p>Come spend the day at Portland's scenic Mount Tabor Park to discover the hidden art of field navigation as we learn how to interpret a topographic map and use a compass. Learn how to read contour lines, understand map scale, and orient a map to the surrounding landscape. In addition to compass skills, we will learn some tips and tricks on using your observation skills, awareness, and internal compass to help find your way. With treasure map in hand, your team will navigate to hidden treasures and clues on Portland's only extinct volcano. The search is on!</p> <p>Fee: \$75 member/\$85 non-member</p>	
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Sightings

by Harry Nehls

Local birding has been spectacular this fall, allowing birders to enjoy rare and unusual birds without traveling long distances. Two new species were added to the list of local birds.

On November 25 Eric Carlson reported that there were two **Eastern Bluebirds** being seen on the grounds of the Dharma Rain Zen Center in east Portland. They have remained for many to see and photograph. Eastern Bluebirds are very rare west of the Rocky Mountains. This record would be the first for the Pacific Northwest.

On October 26 Joshua Meyers spotted a **Northern Waterthrush** along Rentenaar Road on Sauvie Island. Waterthrush are very elusive birds, but this individual was seen and photographed several times over the next week or so. Brodie Talbot and Ezra Cohen report that on November 23 they observed a Northern Waterthrush at the turnaround on Reeder Road north of the Oak Island Road Junction. There is a very overgrown slough in that area that would be perfect for that species.

On November 7 Chad Couch photographed an immature male **Summer Tanager** in his yard near NE 7th and Fargo. While looking for the tanager November 8, Jay Withgott found a **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** at nearby 9th and Siskiyou.



Eastern Bluebird. Photo by Bill Majoros

On October 7 Chris Armstrong photographed a **Ruff** at Force Lake in North Portland. The next day Chris Addison photographed a **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** at Force Lake. Several days later Andy Frank found it off North Portland Road.

At Frenchman’s Bar near the Ridgefield NWR October 13, Cindy McCormack observed a **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**. On November 20 Casey Cunningham reported one from near Johnson Lake in Northeast Portland. For some reason this species wanders northward from time to time.

On October 14 Nick Mrvelj checked the Columbia River off Hayden Island and found about 25 **Surf Scoters**, seven **White-winged Scoters** and three **Eared Grebes**. Peter Barnes found a **Pacific Loon** there November 25.



White-winged Scoter. Photo by Mick Thompson

On October 24 Duke Tufty photographed an **American Golden-Plover** at Broughton Beach. Peter Barnes reported a **Short-eared Owl** there November 4.

On October 25 John Crowell watched a **Hawk Owl** flying about the east side viewing platform on Sauvie Island. It was not relocated.

The annual **Sandhill Crane** count in the Sauvie Island-Ridgefield NWR area was held October 14. This year it was a very high 5,352 individuals. As cranes come and go, these counts do not reflect the actual flyway population.



Photo by Portland Audubon

Volunteering at Portland Audubon is Fun and Rewarding!

We are proud to be an efficient, volunteer-empowered organization that works to build a region where people and wildlife flourish together. Our volunteers comprise 35 percent of our workforce and provide nearly 43,000 work hours every year. They are a tremendous gift to our organization, and reflect a deep commitment to the work that we do together. Please join us as a Portland Audubon volunteer!

We have regularly scheduled volunteer opportunities, as well as special event and one-time opportunities. Whatever your talents, interests, or skill levels we have a position for you:

- Help maintain and improve our sanctuary as part of a regular weekly work party or a special project.
- Join our activism team and help continue our 116-year history of leading successful conservation campaigns.
- Help care for injured native wildlife at our Wildlife Care Center. This is a very popular position! There is almost always a wait list, but we need extra volunteers for “Baby Bird Season” in the spring through summer. Wildlife Care Center volunteers must be 18 or older.
- Help visitors find the perfect gift, bird guide, binoculars, or bird feed at our Nature Store.
- Welcome guests to our facilities as a docent or receptionist.
- Lead school groups through our sanctuary to help



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- them learn about the habitat and ecosystems at Portland Audubon.
- Help make our special events successful! These include Wild Arts Festival, Native Plant Sale, Swift Watch, Night Flight, and more.
 - Become a community scientist. Help us better understand the ecology, biology, and natural history of birds and other wildlife so we can more effectively accomplish our conservation efforts and inform policy and management.
 - Support the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, which provides assistance and incentives to residents as they remove aggressive weeds, reduce pesticides, manage storm water, naturescape with native plants, and provide habitat friendly to wildlife.

To find out more, attend one of our Volunteer Program Introductions, 12:30pm to 4:00pm, on these dates: February 23 or 26, May 18 or 21, August 24 or 27, and November 2 and 5. The program introduction includes optional tours of our facilities. Afterward, if volunteers wish to join us they will receive on-site training in their area/s of interest.

If you are interested in receiving a reminder about the next program introduction, please fill out a volunteer interest form here: bit.ly/portlandaudubonvolunteerapp. If you have questions about volunteering with Portland Audubon, please contact Vicky Medley at vmedley@audubonportland.org or 503-292-6855 ext 108.

Thank You to:

- Cheryl Boyer for 4 bird nests and 4 bird ornaments for Education department
- Jana Fussell and Karen Hightower for frozen nuts and berries
- Jim Jarzabek and Teresa Meyer for computer equipment and 1 telescope and 1 tripod
- Donald and Helen Klopfenstein for bleach
- Steven R. Sutton for 1 pressure washer, 1 tripod, and dish soap and rubber gloves

Our Wish List

Administration:

Auditory assistance devices
Sit/stand desks
Commercial-grade or high-quality vacuum
Wide-screen monitors (4 years old or newer)
Coffee maker

Sanctuary:

Loppers • Hand saws
Trowels • Work gloves
Two cords of hardwood

Conservation:

Acrylic paint of all colors
Poster board
Paint brushes of all sizes
Pull-down projection screen

Marmot Cabin:

AED machine

Education:

Leupold McKenzie 8x42mm binoculars
Scope
Tripod
New REI Half-Dome 2 Plus Tents
New Thermarest NeoAir Venture Sleeping Pads
New Thermarest BaseCamp Sleeping Pads

Wildlife Care Center:

All Free & Clear laundry detergent pods	Butterfly/bird nets, long handled and fine meshed
Dawn Original dishwashing liquid	Wellness CORE Natural Grain Free Turkey, Whitefish & Chicken
Sponges	Dry Kitten Food
Dish brushes	Wellness CORE Grain-Free Chicken, Turkey & Chicken Liver Formula
Nitrile, powder-free, non-sterile exam gloves in S, M, L, XL	Canned Cat Food
Rubber or vinyl dish gloves	Wellness CORE Natural Grain Free Whitefish
Wet-erase Expo pens in black, brown, or blue	Salmon & Herring Pate
Ziploc twist-n-lock containers	Canned Cat Food
Kitchen shears	Egg-white powder, no additives or flavors
Kitchen knives, particularly chef’s knives	Egg-yolk powder, no additives or flavors
Zip ties: 4-inch multicolored, miscellaneous sizes, color unimportant	Commercial-grade angle broom
Hose spray nozzles	Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 9V)

If you can donate these items, please first contact Portland Audubon at 971-222-6130, Mon–Fri, to arrange a time for delivery/pick-up.

Optics Focus: Zeiss Terra ED Series

Those familiar with Zeiss know that they're leaders in the sport optics industry for good reason. With a reputation for superior design and craftsmanship, Zeiss Optics boast incredible light transmission, field of view, and durability. With the Terra ED series, which offers lens sizes from 25mm to 42mm, a superior birding experience is more accessible than ever. The Zeiss Terra ED series comes with a Limited Lifetime Manufacturer Warranty with online registration within 60 days of purchase.



Terra ED Pocket 8x25

Weighing in at just 10.9oz, the highly packable Terra ED Pocket is just 4.4in long, making it easy to stash away in a pocket or bag. This model offers a 357ft field of view and a 6.23ft close focus, is waterproof, and costs just \$299.99 (member price). For an even closer image, try the 10x25 model for \$329.99 (member price).



Terra ED 8x32

For those interested in a midsized model, the Terra ED 8x32 offers slightly better low-light performance with a rugged, ergonomic exterior. This model features an impressive close focus of just 4.9ft, weighs 18oz, and measures just 4.9in long. The 8x32 is available for \$369.99 (member price).



Terra ED 8x42

Here at the Nature Store, we often advise people to go as big as they can with their binoculars. Full-sized binoculars have the advantage of letting in the most light in less-than-ideal environmental conditions. The 8x42 Terra Ed's have a 375ft field of view, a 5.25ft close focus, weigh 25.6oz, and measure 5.6in in length. With the Terra ED series, 8x42 binoculars are just \$399.99 (member price).



Ring in the New Year at the Nature Store

The Nature Store would like to give a HUGE thank you to our members and community for another successful year! From our regular customers who stop in for their weekly bag of bird seed, to the thirsty Forest Park hikers coming off the trail, we greatly appreciate all of your support.

We would also like to thank our fantastic volunteers! With their help we are able to keep the store running seven days a week, host extra events and programs, and best serve our customers.

As we roll into 2019, we look forward to another great year. With record numbers in 2018, there will be big shoes to fill for the coming year! We look forward to continued growth and furthering connections with our members and the Portland community. Thank you!



Nice Nests Repurposed Wren/Chickadee House \$41.40 (member price)

Stop by the Nature Store to check out our variety of nest boxes perfect for your backyard. From chickadees and wrens, to bluebirds and owls, there is sure to be a nest box to fit your needs and habitat. Call us with any nest box questions at 503-292-9452.



Green Meadow Polywood Bluebird House \$40.50 (member price)

Spring Nest Box Prep

Now is the perfect time to prepare for nesting birds in the spring! Many of our year-round bird species begin to look for suitable nesting sites as winter comes to an end. Some species even start carving out nesting territory in the winter months. Putting up nest boxes up before spring hits will give the birds plenty of time to find the nest box, and won't disturb them in the spring as they busily work on building their actual nests. If you have existing nest boxes in your yard, now is a great time to clean them out. Removing the previous year's nesting materials helps minimize parasites, pests, and predators, and keeps things nice and tidy.



Garden Artworks Cedar Kestrel/Screech Owl House \$63.00 (member price)

Portland Audubon Book Club

January's Book: Buzz, by Thor Hanson January 16, 7pm-8pm

From honeybees and bumbles to lesser-known diggers, miners, leafcutters, and masons, bees have long been central to our harvests, our mythologies, and our very existence. As informative and enchanting as the waggle dance of a honeybee, Buzz shows us why all bees are wonders to celebrate and protect.



February's Book: The Great Animal Orchestra, by Bernie Krause February 20, 7pm-8pm

From snapping shrimp, popping viruses, and the songs of humpback whales, to cracking glaciers, bubbling streams, and the roar of intense storms, the sounds Krause has experienced and describes are like no others. Krause offers an intense and intensely personal narrative of the planet's deep and connected natural sounds and rhythm.



Check out our website or the next *Warbler* for upcoming book club titles!

The 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 gormanp@gmail.com.

Save the Date!

Spring Optics Event Coming March 23-24

We will be partnering with optics vendors this spring to offer special deals on binoculars and scopes, product demonstrations, and giveaways. Stay tuned to the Warbler and Nature Store Newsletter for additional details early in the New Year.

Kids' Story Time at Portland Audubon!

Story time is taking a winter break! Check back in future *Warblers* or on our website for updates!

New Year's Sales!

Come check out these deals, now through the end of February.



The Nuttury Seed and Suet Feeders: 20% off while supplies last

Holiday Ornaments: 40% off regular prices



Wall Calendars and Engagement Calendars: Buy one, get one half off!



Save the Date:

Used Book Sale!

Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, 10am-4pm

Save the date for the Nature Store's 2019 used book sale! Join us on March 9 and 10, between 10am and 4pm for a special opportunity to expand your nature library. There will be fantastic deals on nature, birding, and travel titles to expand your book collection. Most books will be very inexpensively priced, but we'll also have a few rare and collectable titles for sale as well. With hundreds of titles to choose from, there's sure to be something for everyone!

We will be accepting donations of used books through January 31. Thank you for your donations and support!



Pacific Northwest Picks

The Nature Store loves to carry products made by local artists and vendors! We are always sourcing new products made in the PNW, and love to support our local community.

Our first PNW Pick for 2019 goes to **Jenteal Soaps!** Starting at local craft fairs and farmer's markets, Jenteal Soaps has been making handcrafted soaps and personal care items in the Portland area for over 20 years. Each long-lasting bar of soap is hand-stirred, hand-cut, and hand-wrapped in a beautiful color-coordinated paper. No animal products, chemical preservatives, or alcohols are used in the production process. Jenteal Soaps' huge variety of delicious-smelling soaps and candles make the perfect gift for yourself or a friend. Jenteal Soap 5oz. bar – \$5.85 (member price) Jenteal Soap medium candle – \$13.46 (member price)



The 2018 Wild Arts Festival —The Arts + Audubon

by Judy Rooks, 2018 Wild Arts Chair

Supporters of the arts and Portland Audubon poured into Montgomery Park during the 38th Wild Arts Festival weekend in November. Nearly 5,000 persons attended, celebrating nature through art, books, and other fundraising activities.

Preliminary results show the Festival raised about \$195,000 in gross revenue for Portland Audubon conservation and education efforts, with some money still coming in.

A Good-bye and New Opportunities

Warm autumn sunshine lit up the three floors of the Festival, enticing shoppers. This year we had art booths on all three floors, as the Festival wound around the reconfigured space, which now includes an adidas employee store. However, since even more building changes are planned, this was the last time the dramatic atrium of Montgomery Park will showcase our Festival. We are grateful for the 12 years we were allowed to take over not only regular event space in the building but also hallways and sky bridges, and for the years of financial support from the Naito family and their foundation that helped offset standard rental costs.

We are pleased to announce, though, that the Festival has found a home for 2019. It will be held at the Pure Space event center in the Pearl. This space also has lots of light spilling through walls of windows and promises to be an exciting venue for our 39th Festival.

We look forward to this opportunity to showcase Portland Audubon in one of Portland’s trendiest neighborhoods. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months.

A Good Weekend for Art

Our terrific partnership with regional artists and authors remains strong, and artistic creativity again energized the 38th Festival.

We packed in 65 artists this year, representing many mediums—painting, sculpture, metal work, fabric art, photography, and more. Art sales were strong, again



Photo by Kelsey Kuhnhausen



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demonstrating why artists throughout the region compete to be in this Festival. This year, applications numbered 170, more than double the number we could accommodate.

Comment cards collected from artists mention how proud they are to support Portland Audubon and rave about the show’s enthusiastic shoppers, efficient organization and, especially, our wonderful volunteers. Several found our 5-point scale inadequate for scoring volunteers and gave ratings of 5+ or 10! Comments included “Wonderful helpers—best of any show” and “Wow! Great volunteers!”

Volunteer numbers broke records this year, totaling about 300. We asked for additional help to cope with increased traffic flow due to the thousands of adidas shoppers sharing the building space, and Portland Audubon supporters answered the call. Thank you to everyone who stepped up.

A long popular art tradition at the Festival, the 6x6 Project, made its last appearance this year. After 12 years, we decided the 6" by 6" canvases of birds, created by local artists and donated to Portland Audubon, have run their course. Plans are underway for a new project in 2019. Our thanks to Blick Art Materials, who each year donated the canvases for these miniature original artworks.

The Book Fair at the Festival buzzed with conversations between authors who write about the beauty and importance of the natural world and conservation and their literary fans. Among the writers was Oregon’s Poet Laureate, Kim Stafford, who provided Portland Audubon with a lovely, frameable broadside of a poem about a bird that shoppers snapped up.

Our Silent Auction, another major revenue source for the Festival, drew many shoppers, looking for fun gifts, heirlooms, trips, and bargains. The Auction’s mix of excursions, donated art from Festival exhibitors, donations from retailers, and donations from Audubon members has been a winning formula—winning more dollars for Portland Audubon.

Popular innovations begun last year returned to the Festival. Wonderland Tattoo again provided a raffle basket, with the big draw a session with artist and owner Alice Kendall. Another Wonderland artist, Savanna Trevino, donated a design we used to create T-shirts and tote bags that were sold at the Festival. A few are still available at the Nature Store, in case you missed getting one.

We again offered a Saturday afternoon Happy Hour, with sales of wine and beer plus live music, provided this year by



Photo by Rachel Rausch

Oleada, an instrumental duo combining Latin music with jazz stylings.

We were able to give the Nature Store a prime location this year, in a high-traffic area. They made the most of it, with displays of diverse items, and their sales jumped more than 50 percent compared to last year.

This year, we put Portland Audubon’s Education Birds in a quiet room, designated The Nest, which allowed visitors to see Julio, the Great Horned Owl, and Ruby, the Turkey Vulture, up close while asking handlers lots of questions. Children especially enjoyed the intimate visits, plus the educational exhibits and kid-friendly presentations arranged by Nicki Dardinger.

Thank you!

Wild Arts Committee Chairs and many volunteers worked from Friday set-up through Sunday tear-down, and others took on key operational tasks during the long weekend and in the months leading up to the event. Many thanks go to Committee members Darlene Carlson, Carol Enyart, Martha Gannett, Gay Greger, Ann Littlewood, Dori Macdonald, Molly Marks, Jill Nelson-Debord, Mary Ratcliff, and Mary Solares.

Additional thanks go to Brett Bender, Karen Chaivoe, Linda Craig, Meg Currell, Anne Eakin, Jackie Follett, Kate Foulke, Laurie Garretson, Susan Hartner, Diane Harris, DeVida Johnson, Roberta Lampert, Sally Loomis, Gary and Barbara Michaelis, Beth Parmenter, Candy and John Plant, Rachel Rausch, Toni Rubin, Marilyn Scott, Tricia Sears, Allan Solares, Tammy Spencer, Ellen Steel, Jill Turner, Rusty Whitney, and Bob Wilson.

Thanks, also, to many Portland Audubon staff who helped support the Festival, particularly Development Director Charles Milne and Communications Coordinator Kelsey Kuhnhausen, who worked with the Committee throughout the year.

Finally, deep gratitude to Volunteers Chair Jill Nelson-Debord, who has decided to retire from her chairmanship (but not from Wild Arts!) next year. Kate Foulke is stepping up to that key position—you’ll be hearing from her!

Next year’s Wild Arts Festival will be held, as always, the weekend before Thanksgiving. Mark your calendars for the 2019 Wild Arts Festival on November 23–24 at our new location, Pure Space, 1315 NW Overton St., Portland.

With Deep Appreciation

The Wild Arts Festival is only possible through the combined efforts of our sponsors and volunteers, plus the expertise and dedication of our event producer, **Cindy Thompson of Cindy Thompson Events.**

We extend a huge thank you to **Backyard Bird Shop**, which returned as our **Presenting Sponsor**. Special thanks to **Elephants Delicatessen** for donating food for our supporters soirée and for donating proceeds from their Wild Arts owl cookie sales. Our gratitude also goes out to the following organizations and individuals:

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Joy of Giving: A Couple’s Big Year

by Ruth Morton and Hal Busch

As Portland Audubon members and legacy donors (and Ruth as board member), we have long supported its mission: “We 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.” In a world altered by climate change, diminished by habitat loss, and threatened with rollback of environmental protections, we feel it is important to support conservation, education, and action, while remembering to *enjoy*.

Our first birding trip together was in May 1985—to southeastern Oregon and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge—and began as a camping trip. We recall being captivated by the open spaces, the quiet, the vistas, and the variety of birds. That year was the start of our birding as a couple and also of our marriage. We’ve kept that 1985 bird list as a sentimental artifact.



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Contact Membership Manager Tony Arnell at 971-222-6130 if you have questions about Portland Audubon’s Vehicle Donation Program.

We gratefully acknowledge these special gifts:

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In years since, our birding intensity has waxed and waned. We’ve gone on Portland Audubon field trips near and far, birded on our own and with friends, and kept yearly yard lists. We’ve learned and improved our skills while marveling at the natural world around us.



The idea of doing our own version of a fun “Couple’s Big Year” emerged early in 2018 while visiting Florida relatives. In a month, we developed a sizeable bird list from our frequent outings. We decided to give it a go and set a goal of seeing—together—500 species in North America.

We had a wonderful time pursuing our goal—with help from new and old friends along the way. Some memories stand out:

- Spotting a Western Screech-Owl perched in a native cherry tree in our yard—after years of hearing them but never seeing one
- Birding High Island and Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge with a welcoming Austin Audubon Birdathon team
- Witnessing a kaleidoscope of bird colors in a spring migration fallout at Grand Isle Louisiana with local birders who fed us their homemade Cajun cuisine
- Experiencing sheer exhilaration on a windy winter day by finding all three rosy-finch species at Sandia Crest above Albuquerque
- Hearing the plaintive and lovely song of the White-throated Sparrow while walking in arboreal woods of Alberta
- Locating an unexpected Trumpeter Swan pair, with young, on a slough in central Nebraska after attending a family reunion
- Surviving rough conditions on an Oregon pelagic trip that netted us 15 new species for the year
- Feeling giddy at seeing our first ever Cerulean Warbler, #1 on our target list, in mosquito-infested woods
- Living with the disappointment of not seeing, for certain,



- the Colima Warbler that we sought—after hiking ten miles (and 2,000 feet of elevation gain) on two successive days
- Finding, on our *fourth* try, the Rose-throated Becard—with the bonus of watching it feed young in the nest—along a riparian area south of Tucson
 - Sharing a magical night observation of a nesting Buff-collared Nightjar pair near the Mexico-US border
 - Receiving advice, logistical details, and even homestay offers from birders who didn’t know us

Yes, we met and exceeded our goal of seeing 500 species in North America! Moreover, doing this Couple’s Big Year has enriched our lives, individually and together, in many ways. As one result, we are even more committed to supporting the mission of Portland Audubon.

Although we may not undertake another big year in the future, we know for certain that experiences in the natural world, especially birding, remain vital to our sense of well-being. We hope that you, too, find enrichment and inspiration from the natural world in the year ahead—whether it is in your own neighborhood, with a group of friends on a local outing, or while traveling afar.



Great Blue Heron. Photo by Adam Stunkel

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Birdathon 2019—Counting Birds because Birds Count!

by Mark Fitzsimons, Birdathon Coordinator

What, Birdathon already? Yes! Raise money for the Audubon Society of Portland by counting birds! Do what you love while experiencing the fun and camaraderie that will make Birdathon 2019 even more fun and successful this year! Birdathon raises awareness for birds and their habitat, and builds a community of bird and nature lovers. Mark your calendars for **Birdathon registration on March 15**. We'll update you in the March-April *Warbler* and on our website. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest information.

- **Join an Organized Team.** Check out our 2018 teams on the Birdathon webpage (bit.ly/2R43rs9). Teams for 2019 will be posted in early March.
- **Participate as an Individual.** Let your imagination take flight with spring migration and hatch your own personal Birdathon plan.
- **Participate as a Backyard Birder.** Don't want to join a team or trip? Create your own fundraising page and count birds in your own back yard! Last year, we had one backyard birder raise over \$4,000!

Ready to take Birdathon to the next level? **Lead Your Own Team!** You choose the date and tailor the experience to your unique interests and favorite birding locations. We will work with you to create an itinerary, and either Portland Audubon recruits participants, or you invite friends, family, and co-workers to join your custom team. And why not create a company team or ask your employer to sponsor you!



Owl Be Darned. Photo by Tara Lemezis



The Retail Hawks. Photo by Rhett Wilkins

Your trip could be anything from a morning birding excursion to a two-day cross-state trip. From the coast to Portland to Malheur to Klamath, Oregon is full of incredible sites to spot birds and get to know the state's diverse landscapes. Some of our favorites in the greater Portland area include Sauvie Island, Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge, Tryon Creek State Natural Area, Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, Fernhill Wetlands, Smith and Bybee Wetlands, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, and Tualatin Hills Nature Park.

Contact me, **Birdathon Coordinator Mark Fitzsimons** at birdathon@audubonportland.org for help with planning, organizing fundraising, and firing up team members to raise as much money as possible! I will provide the tools and support you need to lead a successful and lucrative Birdathon team. The success of Birdathon lies in expanding participation in Birdathoners, so bring new friends along with you!



Surf Scopers. Photo by Em Scattaregia



Owl Be Darned. Photo by Kayla McCurry



The Surly Birders. Photo by Carolyn Storey



The Soggy Bottom Birders. Photo by Portland Audubon

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