

## Together for Nature

Welcome to the new Warbler







## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### A Century in the Life of a Logo

by Nick Hardigg, Executive Director

Most intriguing among our archives are several heavy wooden cases of glass “magic lantern” slides. Dating from the 1920s and 1930s, they served as our earliest traveling slide shows and engaged people across the state in the protection of native birds and their habitat.

These archives show the evolution of our organization, including our logo. Hidden among wildlife photos by William Finley and Herman Bohlman, and paintings by R. Bruce Horsfall, one particular slide stands out: a painting of a Rufous Hummingbird encircled by the words “Oregon Audubon Society.” This early logo, hand-drawn by Horsfall, dates back to at least 1919. The Western Meadowlark became the next bird on our logo, likely around 1927 after we led a statewide voting campaign for children to select Oregon’s first state bird.

In the 1980s, the Great Blue Heron was selected to become our new avian representative after Mike Houck led efforts for it to be named Portland’s official city bird. Former board member Diane Bradshaw recalls, “After our board voted to change our logo to the Great Blue Heron, we were in a rush. I offered to draw the bird, and Martha Gannet took on the lettering. Together, we got it done!”

After 30 years representing Portland Audubon, both Diane and Martha saw the opportunity for change. “I liked our logo,” shared Diane, “but I also think it needed an update.” Graphic designer Martha Gannet agreed, and helped guide creation of the new logo.

We are excited to debut the Great Blue Heron, building on the legacy of all the people that came before. And our new slogan captures the spirit of our supportive and welcoming community and the mission we serve: Together for Nature.

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Great Horned Owlets, photo by Scott Carpenter.

### Together for Nature

by Ali Berman, Communications Manager

Welcome to the new Warbler, just one piece of a two-year effort to transform Portland Audubon’s visual brand so that it reflects the incredible work we do, bolstering our efforts across the state to make a difference for Oregon’s wildlife and wild places.

Now more than ever, it’s critical to have effective and meaningful ways to engage and inspire people. We knew that to achieve our five-year strategic plan goals to reach new audiences and continue engaging folks in critical conservation issues and education opportunities, we needed to reinvest in our means of communication.

A more dynamic website, Warbler, logo, and brand identity would not only make us more inclusive but would be an important tool to bring people along, connect them to nature, and ultimately inspire them to take action.

We are so excited to share our process and final product, and we invite you to explore our new Warbler, website and beyond. You’ll find that we are the same Portland Audubon you know and love, only now with more advanced means to continue our work to protect the natural world.

First, we’d like to recognize that none of this would be possible without a visionary member who pledged a generous gift to make this happen. He knew that by modernizing our brand, we would invigorate every aspect of our work — from our advocacy to our education programs to our community engagement. This donor knew the importance of having communications tools that could carry us into the future. Thanks to that gift, today we are launching our new brand.

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# The Story of Our Brand Journey

## The Listening Tour

In order to rethink the most fundamental pieces of our identity, we first had to talk to the people who knew us best: our community. We embarked on a Listening Tour, gathering feedback from members, volunteers, donors, partners, activists, education participants, community scientists, Backyard Habitat participants, our sister Oregon Audubon chapters, frontline communities, young audiences, and people who visited our sanctuary.

Nearly 600 people participated in the Listening Tour, helping to set the foundation of what would become our new brand. We learned so much, including how our community values our conservation work, our commitment to science and collaboration, and our work to inspire all people to love and protect nature. We also heard the important message that this community cares deeply about the intersections between the environment and social justice, and that both need to be tended to in order to achieve our goals. And we learned that people value the strength of this community and being surrounded by others who care as deeply about the environment as they do.

Using the feedback, we set to work to look at all the aspects of our brand, starting with our logo and tagline.

## Reimagining the Great Blue Heron

The Great Blue Heron has been the face of Portland Audubon since the 1980s, soon after then Conservation Director Mike Houck convinced Mayor Bud Clark to make the species Portland’s official city bird. The Great Blue Heron delights both children and adults, avid birders and folks new to nature. It can be found from city parks to the most remote wildlife refuges in the state. We changed the design, updating it to incorporate habitat — after all, a bird needs a healthy environment to thrive — and kept the Great Blue Heron to represent our work.

Our new logo reflects our more commonly used name, Portland Audubon — a shift that stems from feedback from Listening Tour groups who felt “society” sounded outdated and exclusive. We’ve been shortening our name to Portland Audubon for years, and now that change is reflected on our logo and beyond.

## Together for Nature

But the bird represents only a single piece of the puzzle. We needed one more element to have a complete logo: community. We reimagined our tagline to become something more inclusive and welcoming to all people. Something that represented everyone from activists fighting for old-growth forests to families exploring their local natural areas. “Together for Nature” encapsulated everything we wanted to say. Because it will take all of us to protect the wildlife and wild places we care about.

## Website

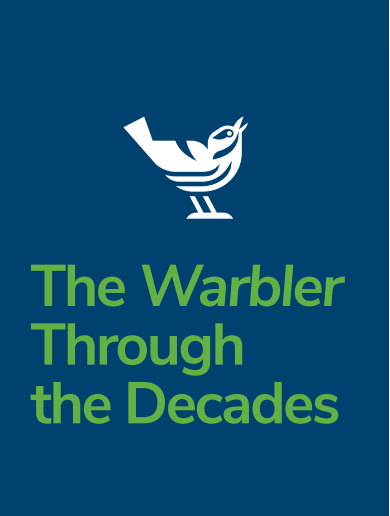
Visit [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org) and check out our new website, redesigned for a greatly improved user experience. We updated all our content, from birding resources to conservation issues to education programs. We increased accessibility — for example, we added a feature to instantly translate the website

into more than 100 languages. Our new blog will allow us to tell more stories about conservation, natural history, environmental education, and the immense value of our partnerships.

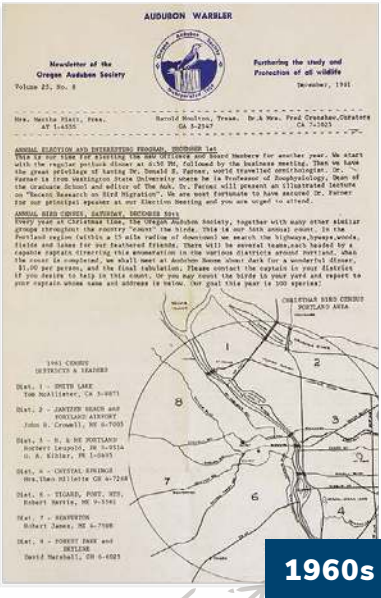
## Warbler

Last but not least, the new Warbler. The Warbler has been one of our most vital communication tools for more than 80 years. The Warbler is a conversation, and we wanted to ensure the changes we made would not just keep the conversation going but add more voices by appealing to more diverse audiences. To that end, we changed to a full-color magazine format that allows us to better tell our stories through words and visuals and remains cost conscious with the use of recycled bright newsprint paper. We hope you enjoy the new look and feel, now able to capture the full colors of the avian world.

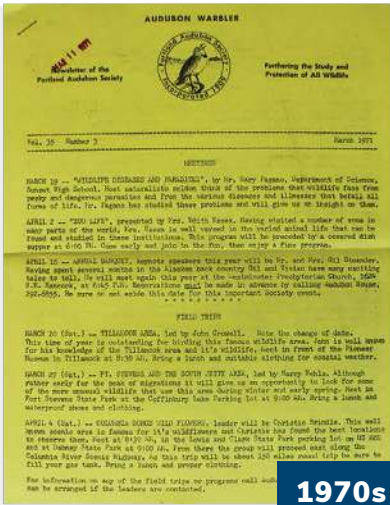
We’d like to thank all of you who took the time to share your opinions so we could thoughtfully make changes, changes that both honor our long established community and reach beyond to folks we haven’t yet met. We are excited to move into the future with you, together for nature.



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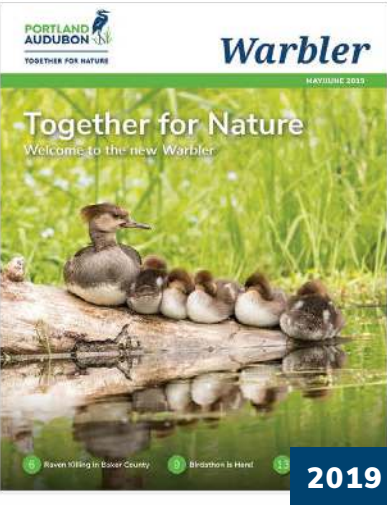
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# Another Senseless Slaughter: Raven Killing in Baker County

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has applied for permits to kill up to 500 ravens a year in Baker County over a three-year period. ODFW is justifying this lethal control action on the belief that killing ravens will help declining local populations of Greater Sage-Grouse.

However, a closer look reveals something quite different: an unfortunate pattern of wildlife agencies scapegoating one wildlife species for the decline of another while failing to adequately address the primary causes of the decline.

There is definitely reason to be concerned about sage-grouse populations in Baker County and across the western United States. Sage-grouse populations have declined significantly in recent decades due to degradation of the sagebrush habitat on which these ground-nesting birds depend by grazing, development, invasive plant species, changing fire regimes and other factors.

In 2015, the Department of the Interior narrowly avoided listing the Greater Sage-Grouse under the Endangered Species Act by adopting plans to manage and protect them across 11 western states. Portland Audubon has been actively engaged since 2010 in the Oregon SageCon Partnership, which developed the Oregon portion of this plan.

The 336,000-acre Baker County sage-grouse “priority area for conservation” (PAC) is of particular concern. This population of sage-grouse is at the edge of the species’ range and is geographically isolated from other populations. The population in the Baker PAC has declined 75% since 2005 and now stands at fewer than 250 individuals. Aggressive action needs to be taken, but the agencies have not made the case that killing ravens should be part of that strategy.

## The strategy is not scientifically supported.

ODFW has not produced adequate science to support killing ravens. In fact, it has not documented a single case of ravens preying on sage-grouse nests in Baker County. Instead ODFW relies on a handful of studies conducted in other states that show that reducing densities of ravens in some cases can be correlated with increased sage-grouse nest success. However, these studies also point out the importance of documenting the actual impacts of raven predation, surveying for other predatory species that may also be preying on sage-grouse nests,



Common Raven, photo by Scott Carpenter.

and the importance of instituting non-lethal strategies such as reducing human food sources and manmade perches such as poles and fence lines, which can subsidize raven populations. ODFW is proposing to kill 1,500 ravens based entirely on speculation that they may be having an impact.

## The strategy is inhumane and will lead to significant mortality of non-target species.

ODFW proposes to kill adult ravens during nesting season using chicken eggs laced with the poison DRC-1339. The poison is slow acting, and the birds typically die from renal failure a few days after ingestion. Because ravens often cache their food, ODFW admits that it expects only one out of every four poisoned eggs taken by ravens to actually be consumed by a raven. This means that to reach their target of 500 dead ravens per season, ODFW will need to observe ravens taking at least 2,000 poisoned eggs from bait stations. Of these, they predict 1,500 will be left scattered across the landscape for non-target wildlife to consume. ODFW also plans to conduct this killing during nesting season, meaning nestling and fledgling ravens whose parents have been poisoned will be left to starve in their nests. ODFW completely fails to account for this inhumane killing in its environmental assessment of the project, which is likely to drive the number of dead ravens well beyond the 500 per season for which ODFW is seeking permits.

## The agencies are not adequately addressing the primary causes of sage-grouse decline.

The proposal to kill ravens in Baker County comes at a time when the Trump administration is rolling back critical sage-grouse habitat protections established in the 2015 sage-grouse plans, in order to allow more cattle grazing and oil and gas drilling across the west. It also comes at a time when the agencies are turning a blind eye to more obvious threats to sage-grouse in Baker County. For example, some of the most significant sage-grouse population declines in Baker County have occurred in and around the nearly 5,000 acre Virtue Flats Off Highway Vehicle Area located on publicly owned Bureau of Land Management property. While the agencies appear willing to kill up to 1,500 ravens based entirely on speculation, they have taken a far less aggressive approach to Virtue Flats, relying entirely on voluntary signage that is somehow supposed to reduce impacts to sage-grouse as ORVs drive through their habitat.

The proposal to kill ravens comes as the public is just becoming fully aware of the tragic impacts of another misguided lethal control program. Between 2015 and 2017, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ignored and

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in some cases suppressed science and, under permits issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, killed more than 5,500 Double-crested Cormorants and destroyed more than 6,000 active cormorant nests at East Sand Island in the Columbia River Estuary in the name of protecting federally listed salmon. The lethal control activity, which cost taxpayers more than \$5.5 million, eventually caused the collapse of the largest Double-crested Cormorant colony in the world, representing 40% of the entire western population. Recent press reports have revealed that many of the cormorants that fled East Sand Island moved farther up the Columbia River, where they now are consuming larger quantities of salmon than if they had been left alone on their former nesting grounds. The tragic case of East Sand Island should give the agencies pause before they venture into another scientifically unsupported lethal control program.

There are rare times when Portland Audubon will support lethal control actions to protect an imperiled species. However, those programs need to be rigorously scientifically supported and narrowly confined to specific threats. The primary factors underlying the species’ decline need to be fully addressed. Unfortunately, our wildlife agencies have a long history of using lethal control as a diversion and a distraction while inadequately addressing the primary causes for the decline of a species. That is what is now being proposed in Baker County.

We greatly appreciate everybody who wrote to USFWS opposing this action. Portland Audubon members generated over 1,877 comments in opposition.

We also submitted extensive technical / legal comments on the proposal that were supported by 13 other organizations. We will be closely tracking this process as USFWS moves toward a final decision, and we will respond accordingly.



FIELD NOTES

by Harry Nehls

The Starling Predicament

Among the more interesting local bird species is the European Starling. It was brought from Europe to help control injurious insects, but the problem was that the introduction was too successful.

It was first introduced in New York’s Central Park in 1891 and soon spread westward, crossing the Alleghenies by 1916, the Rockies by 1941, into Oregon by 1943, and Alaska by 1952. It quickly increased to a very high population, running roughshod over native species and aggressively taking possession of a great number of available nesting cavities.

The Willamette Valley became a major wintering area for the species, with evening roosts often reaching into the thousands. The large numbers were a considerable problem, especially in Portland, where the birds gathered on downtown office buildings and local bridges.

Roosting birds deposited large amounts of acidic droppings on buildings, streets, and sidewalks. The Interstate Bridge over the Columbia River was especially hard-hit.



European Starling, photo by Tim Watts.

Historically, many attempts were made to disrupt roosts at night and drive the birds away. This was partially effective, but the birds simply moved to a new location and set up another roost, creating the same problem.

Today starlings remain a major threat to many native bird species, especially cavity nesters. Still, birders can appreciate these tough, intelligent birds. They are masters of synchronized aerial maneuvers, are unparalleled mimics, and show colorful exotic summer plumages. The species, although highly problematic, is still worth the attention of local birders.

SIGHTINGS

by Harry Nehls

A steady east wind through most of March brought clear cold weather west of the Cascades. On March 10 two **Sagebrush Sparrows** were at North Bonneville. Les Carlson noted one at Steigerwald NWR the same day. On March 16 David Irons found one along Swigert Road near the Troutdale Airport. A number of **Loggerhead Shrikes** were reported east of Portland beginning March 18. Jay Withgott reported three at the Sandy River Delta March 26.

Toni Plunkett reported a male **Rufous Hummingbird** at her Chehalem Mountain feeder February 21, the same day several were reported from western Washington. The main movement was much later and did not reach Portland until Sandy Leaptrott reported one March 21.

On March 11 a single **Tree Swallow** was at Raccoon Point on Sauvie Island. Wink Gross observed a **Violet-green Swallow** in Northwest Portland March 20. The main swallow movement was still in southwest Oregon during that period.

On March 20 Wink Gross noted a **Cassin’s Finch** at Pittock Mansion. Sharp-eyed Janna King correctly identified a heavily molted **Rusty Blackbird** at her Warren feeder February 15. On March 22 Andrea Johnson spotted a female **Mountain Bluebird** near Walton Beach on Sauvie Island.

During the last week of March, the wind shifted to southerly, allowing a northern movement of birds. Adverse weather in California and southern Oregon seriously affected the migration, grounding many birds and disrupted the movements.

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BIRDATHON 2019

Sign Up for Birdathon!

Portland Audubon’s Birdathon allows you to channel your birding energy into our most successful and mission-oriented fundraiser. Here are a few of the teams that you can join this year. Check our website for a full list of available Birdathon trips. Questions? Email [birdathon@audubonportland.org](mailto:birdathon@audubonportland.org).



Soggy Bottom Birders

Friday, May 3 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join Portland Audubon’s Tim Donner, Ian Abraham, and Abby VanLeuven for a tour of Greater Columbia River Basin wetlands. Stop at Smith and Bybee, Ridgefield and, if time allows, Steigerwald Lake NWR.

A minimum of \$75 in pledges is requested.

Blue Crested Corvids

Saturday, May 18 | 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join Meg Ruby and April Brown as they search for the avian specialties found in hotspots of the Columbia Confluence, including Steigerwald NWR and along the Columbia at Woodland Bottoms.

A minimum of \$45 in pledges is required.

Millennial Falcons

Sunday, May 19 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join avian enthusiast Erin Cathcart for a casual half-day of birding at Fernhill Wetlands, a 700-acre birding hotspot in Forest Grove, followed by bird stories and brews at McMenamins Grand Lodge.

A minimum of \$45 in pledges is requested.

Tour de Bird

Sunday, June 2 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Pedal the 45-mile Banks-Vernonia “Rails to Trail” (out and back) with Portland Audubon staffers Erin Law (the expert) and Donna Wiench (the enthusiast). We’ll bird prescouted spots during the morning!

A minimum of \$300 in pledges is requested.





Join us for Seabird Nest Colony Monitoring.

COMMUNITY SCIENCE

Portland Audubon's community science projects span from the Portland Metro region to the coast as well as eastern Oregon. Get involved in one of our upcoming projects!

Black Oystercatcher Training

May 4: Newport | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
May 8: Port Orford | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us to learn how you can help monitor and protect Black Oystercatchers on Oregon's rocky coast.

No experience required. RSVP at [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org)

FREE

Pacific Brown Pelican Survey

May 18 | 18 various sites on the coast

Help Portland Audubon and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service conduct bi-annual surveys for Brown Pelicans, a species recently removed from the Endangered Species List.

One hour commitment. No training required.  
RSVP at [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org)

FREE

Seabird Nest Colony Monitoring Training

June 1: Cape Perpetua | 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
June 8: Cape Falcon | 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Learn how to monitor seabird nesting colonies in two of Oregon's five Marine Reserve / Marine Protected Area complexes this summer!

No experience required. RSVP at [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org)

FREE

Project IBiS

April through June | Harney County

Help Portland Audubon and the Harney Basin Wetlands Initiative monitor birds at flood-irrigated ranchlands in the Silvies Floodplain.

No training necessary. For more information, contact [twicks@audubonportland.org](mailto:twicks@audubonportland.org) or visit [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org)

FREE



Stock up on native trees, shrubs, and flowers at our Native Plant Sale.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Visit [audubonportland.org/events](http://audubonportland.org/events) for a full list of all upcoming events.

Author Event: Hob Osterlund

May 2 | 7 - 8 p.m.  
Portland Audubon's Heron Hall

The Laysan Albatross is an incredible bird facing unprecedented challenges. Join us for an evening with the author of *Holy Moli*, founder of Kauai Albatross Network, and producer of a short documentary "Kalama's Journey."

Free & open to the public

FREE ♿

Native Plant Sale

May 4-5 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Portland Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary

Spring is sprouting and blooming and we're eager to help you celebrate the growing season with more than 100 species of Oregon wildflowers, shrubs and trees.

Free & open to the public

FREE 👥 ♿

Nature Night: Cecily Bronson

May 14 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.  
Portland Audubon's Heron Hall

PSU's Collections Manager, Cecily Bronson, takes us behind the closed doors of natural history museums. Come learn about the true nature of operating a museum, the value of hidden collections, and how the PSU Vertebrate Museum serves our community.

Free & open to the public

FREE 👥 ♿

💰 Cost Involved

🚌 Public Transit Available

FREE Free

👥 Family Friendly

♿ Wheelchair Accessible



Travel with us to Fern Ridge for a chance to see Western Grebes. Photo by Scott Carpenter.

CLASSES

Adult Classes

Bird Journals

May 4: Birds Poses  
June 8: Summer Birds and Their Habitats

Start or continue bird journaling to record your observations in the field or from a window. No art experience needed. Take one or more of the series!

Fee: \$45 members / \$65 non-members, per session.  
Instructor: Jude Siegel | Limited to 16 participants per session  
Classes are held in Heron Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Watercolor Wolf Portraits

June 16 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., in Heron Hall

Enjoy a day of painting with acrylics using watercolor techniques to create fantastic portraits of wolves. All skill levels welcome!

Fee: \$25 members / \$40 non-members  
Instructor: Suzanne Moulton | Limited to 20 participants

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Audubon Birding Day: Northeast Mt. Hood

July 13

Join us for a day trip to Cloud Cap and Lookout Mountain in the northeast corner of Mt. Hood.

Fee: \$60  
Instructor: Stefan Schlick | Limited to 10 participants

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Audubon Birding Day: Fern Ridge

August 10

Join us at Fern Ridge Wildlife Area on this summer day in search of migrant shorebirds and maybe even passerines.

Fee: \$60  
Instructor: Stefan Schlick

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View all our class offerings at [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org)

FREE OUTINGS

Portland Audubon offers free, volunteer-led outings across the Portland Metro Area. We strive to create a vibrant space for everyone to enjoy birds and wildlife while exploring our natural areas.

All skill levels are welcome!  
You can find the full list of outings and sign up on [meetup.com/portland-audubon-outings](http://meetup.com/portland-audubon-outings).

Register for outings  
at [meetup.com](http://meetup.com)



SPRING BIRD SONG WALKS

April & May, usually beginning at 7 a.m.

There may be no greater joy in birding than listening to the dawn chorus of bird song on a crisp spring morning. Each year, Portland Audubon provides free Bird Song Walks every weekday in April and May led by local experts.

Join other birders, from young to old, beginner to expert, on these fun, guided walks through Portland's best songbird habitat. Each location will have a weekly repeating walk so that participants can develop their birding by ear progressively with the arrival of new birds.

2019 Bird Song Walks

- Monday: North Clackamas Park  
Tryon Creek State Natural Area
- Tuesday: Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge  
Portland Audubon Sanctuary
- Wednesday: Mt. Tabor Park
- Thursday: Pitttock Mansion  
Jackson Bottom Wetlands
- Friday: Company Lake in Troutdale  
Kelley Point Park
- Saturday: Smith and Bybee Wetlands





Keel-billed Toucan in Costa Rica. Photo by Mick Thompson.

INTERNATIONAL ECOTOURS

Brazil: The Pantanal & Atlantic Rainforest  
August 15-30, 2019

If you want to see a Jaguar in the wild, this trip is for you! The odds are high as we will be staying deep in the Pantanal before exploring the Atlantic Rainforest.

Fee: \$5,292 member / \$5,595 non-member  
Leader: Stefan Schlick

Costa Rica  
February 4-18, 2020

Join naturalists from Portland Audubon on a trip through the lush lowland rainforests, volcanoes, mountains, and coastal wetlands of Costa Rica.

Fee: \$4,295 member / \$4,595 non-member  
Leader: Candace Larson

Portugal in Winter  
February 5-16, 2020

Experience lovely Portugal during its mild winter with very pleasant weather during the day. Search varied habitats for birds and enjoy the wonderful cuisine of the Iberian Peninsula!

Fee: \$3,095 members / \$3,395 non-members  
Leader: Stefan Schlick

Machu Pichu & the Sacred Valley  
May 9-15, 2020

Visit the land of the Incas, find amazing birds like the White-tufted Sunbeam and Torrent Duck, and enjoy delightful Peruvian cooking.

Fee: \$3,195 member / \$3,495 non-member  
Leaders: Dan van den Broek and Doris Valencia



Experience Snow Geese in Skagit Valley. Photo by Mick Thompson.

DOMESTIC ECOTOURS

Ancient Forests of the Oregon Coast  
September 5-8, 2019

Join Portland Audubon on a four-day adventure to the Oregon Coast! Go “behind the scenes” to learn more about the conservation initiatives taking place along the coast.

Fee: \$845 member / \$945 non-member  
Leader: Brodie Cass Talbott

Grays Harbor Shorebirds  
September 13-15, 2019

This is one of the West Coast's best birding hotspots, where you can expect to see a bevy of shorebirds, and even some seabirds.

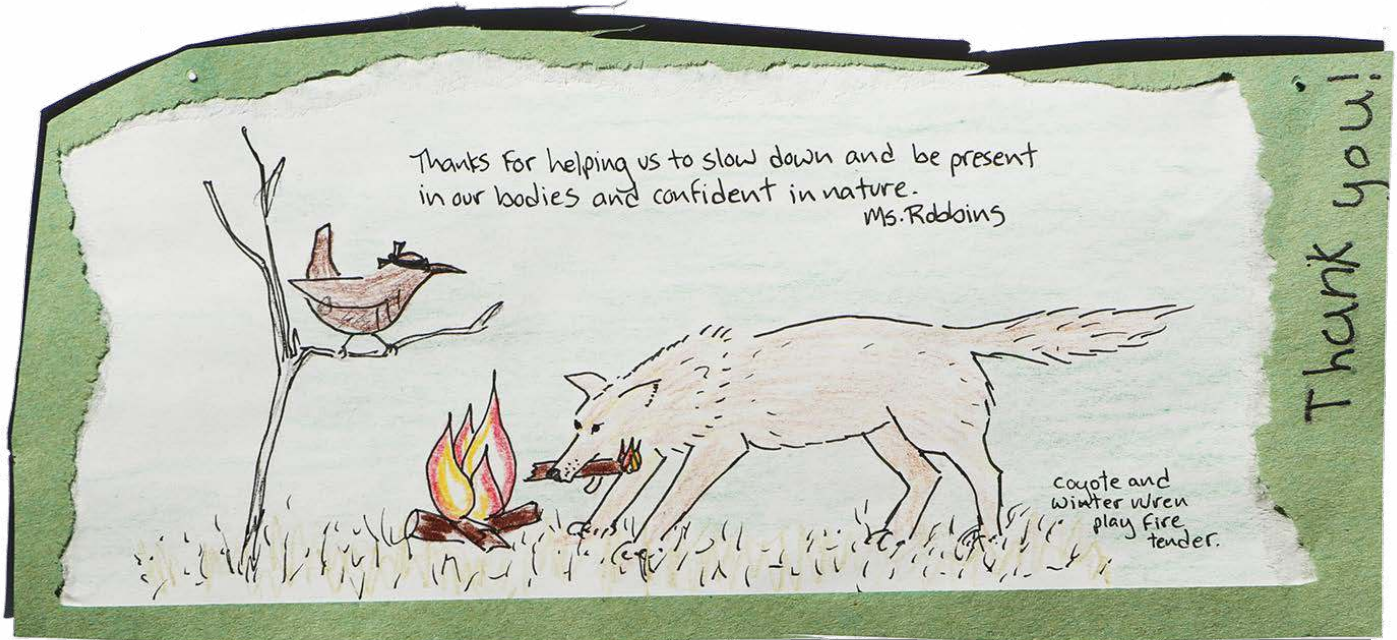
Fee: \$495 member / \$595 non-member  
Leader: Stefan Schlick

Skagit Valley  
February 21-23, 2020

Experience tens of thousands of Snow Geese settling into their feeding grounds and enjoy the rich variety of Skagit Valley habitat including open water, shoreline, tidal mudflats and marshes, forested uplands, and agricultural land.

Fee: \$640 member / \$745 non-member  
Leader: Stefan Schlick

**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 note given to environmental educators by Amy Robbins, a 5th grade teacher at Forest Park Elementary.

Adventure, Connection, Play at Summer Camp

by Ian Abraham, Youth Programs Manager

Portland Audubon Summer Camps take your child on a journey that they will remember for a lifetime. Each week-long program, led by our expert educators, helps children be their authentic selves while learning, playing, making friends, and connecting to the natural world.

The San Juan Island Adventures (Weeks 1, 4, or 9) might reveal the Marine Biologist in your child, while our art camps, like Sketching from Nature (Weeks 1, 2, or 3), help your child discover their inner artist. If your child is in need of a search for Forest Fairies (Week 4), then we have their imagination covered, and if your developing tween (10-12 years old) wants to understand food systems in an accessible and fun way, Forest to Farm (Week 9) is just for them. Whether we are getting our hearts pumping with a long hike (Hit the Trail, Week 10) or slowing down to hear the song of a Pacific Wren (Language of the Birds, Week 7), Portland Audubon camps create a community of care and adventure for each and every week.

We have over 60 week-long offerings for grades 1-12 to help your child discover how nature is an integral part of their life. Our east-side location continues to serve those in need of a shorter commute (Audubon

East, Weeks 3-5), and both Audubon East and Wallace Park (alternate pick-up locations) are accessible by public transportation. In partnership with Hacienda, Bienestar, ROSE, and IRCO, our community camps bring free summer camps to kids who might otherwise have limited access.

Our programs are fun, safe, and inclusive and offer a hands-on approach that allows campers to express themselves through art, poetry, crafting, play, and team building. For all of our camp offerings, we focus on the health and wellness of each participant, creating a culture of care and reciprocity, allowing nature to be the ultimate teacher.

The way our camps immerse youth in nature can be a transformative experience, connecting kids to themselves, each other, and the world around them.

Don't take our word for it, see Tyler's letter on the next page, an 8th grader who spent a week of camp exploring our Marmot Cabin and its surrounding forest.

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2019

May 10-17 Magee Marsh  
May 23-June 2 Ireland  
June 1-5 Malheur NWR

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Feb. 1-15 India  
May 15-28 Poland  
June 14-29 Mongolia  
July 9-12 Idaho's Cassia Crossbill  
Sept. 15-19 California Condors  
Nov. 2-16 Madagascar





Common Yellowthroat, photo by Scott Carpenter.

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CAMPER LETTER

Dear Camp Staff,

I can't even begin to thank you for all of the amazing and benevolent things you did for me and my [camp]. First of all, I want to thank you deeply for the opportunities in nature that you provided for us. I had no idea that a forest that seemed so quiet could be teeming with life if you only listened. I didn't know that a bird could tell you if it was happy or upset just by changing its call. But most importantly, I had no idea of the multitudes of resources that the forest provides us with, most of which are much too often taken for granted. You taught me that clean water doesn't come from some magical never-ending source, but that it is something that can disappear...if we don't take steps to preserve it.

I saw and discovered things I had never seen before. I saw my very first Barred Owl, or owl of any sort, I learned to test pH, or "pffff" levels in water. I learned how to build a fire in the wild, and I learned about Joe and Amy Miller and their amazing contributions to Portland Audubon. But the most valuable thing I think I learned while at camp was the value of silence.

When you are silent, a whole new world opens up in front and within you. You can listen to your heart beating and hear yourself breathing. It makes you appreciate those rare moments of calm we have in our lives, where we can take a couple of minutes to just be quiet and within ourselves. Of all of the things I learned at camp, that is the one lesson I would like to most bring back with me.

Many, Many Thanks,

Tyler, 8th Grader  
Portland Audubon Camper

Sign up for  
Summer Camp at  
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# Conservation Roundup

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

Grassroots activism is the core of Portland Audubon's work, and we need your voice more than ever. Please become a Portland Audubon Activist and join us in fighting for healthy, sustainable landscapes for people and wildlife. These are some current priorities:

## 2019 Legislative Session

The Legislative Session has reached its midway point. Thanks to an outpouring of concern from Audubon Activists during March, positive changes have been made to one of our priority bills, the Levee Ready Columbia legislation, which would create a new Flood Safety and Water Quality Agency to manage the Columbia River Levee System. New language has been inserted into this legislation that will help ensure a twenty-first century approach to flood management that moves beyond a focus on structural barriers and instead integrates natural hydrology through green infrastructure, prioritizes remediating inequalities associated with past management practices, and proactively builds resilience into the landscape to allow for adaptation to our biggest challenge, climate change. Other important bills are in play, including legislation to ban sodium cyanide devices that kill predator species; a ban on cruel coyote derbies; anti-poaching laws; restrictions on pesticides and aerial spraying; and legislation to clean up brownfields. We will need a strong push to pass these bills over the next three months.

## I-5 Broadway Freeway Expansion

Since 2017, we have worked with the No More Freeway Expansions Coalition to raise concerns about the proposed \$500 million I-5 expansion at the Rose Quarter. In early April we submitted extensive comments on the project's environmental assessment, raising concerns about its failure to address carbon emissions and other forms of air pollution, equity, open space and river impacts. We called for ODOT to produce a full environmental impact statement before the project advances. Thank you to everybody who submitted comments and attended the open house.

## Zenith Oil Facility Expansion

In 2016, the City of Portland passed landmark legislation banning new fossil fuel storage facilities and expansions of existing facilities. Unfortunately, Zenith Energy on Highway 30 applied for permits before that legislation was enacted, and the community is now



California Condor, photo by Joe Lewis.

learning about plans to quadruple the number of Tar Sands oil trains the facility handles. These trains will put our community and environment at risk. One out of four Portlanders lives within the blast zones of oil trains. We are calling on the mayor to use his subpoena powers and force Zenith to participate in a public forum to daylight their expansion plans and how they will address public and environmental safety issues.

## Condors!

On a brighter note, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Yurok Nation and National Park Service have released a draft environmental assessment for public comment regarding introducing California Condors into Northern California. These amazing birds, the largest in North America, could once again fly over Northern California and Southern Oregon as early as 2020. The last wild condor sighted in Oregon was in 1904. We are reviewing the EA to ensure it adequately addresses threats to condors, including risks from lead shot. The agencies plan a public forum at the Oregon Zoo on **May 7 at 6 p.m.** Look for upcoming action alerts to help ensure this reintroduction provides maximum protection for condors.



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[audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org)

# Portland Audubon's New Kehoe Sanctuary

by Charles Milne, Director of Development

**Thanks to the Portland Audubon community, we have already raised \$166,630 toward our \$200,000 goal to protect the 22-acre Katherine Lynn Kehoe sanctuary, the newest addition to our sanctuary!**

We are so thankful that once again, the Portland Audubon community quickly responded to help us protect this critical habitat and expand our protected lands on Cornell Road. Our sanctuary is our most valuable tool for connecting people with nature and ensuring a safe haven in our urban environment for native flora and fauna.

Just ten minutes from downtown Portland, free to the public, and with ample opportunities to learn and explore, the sanctuary has inspired countless people of all ages to care deeply about nature. The expansion of the Portland Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary ensures that this important urban forest will stay protected and be restored rather than developed.

But we still have a ways to go. We need your help to raise the remaining \$33,000 of debt associated with the property. Can we count on you to help us complete this fundraising goal and ensure we protect this land for all to enjoy?

At Portland Audubon, we've fought to protect lands like this for over a century. We also recognized that this would be one of the most valuable gifts to Portland Audubon ever — easily worth millions — and for this gift we are incredibly grateful to the Kehoe family.

Fortunately, with the combination of the Kehoe family's extraordinary multimillion-dollar gift; public funding from BES; pledged support from key donors including Terri Neal, Allan Solares, Jay Withgott, Caroline and Richard Arnold, Ed and Janet Clark, Don Dunbar, Jim Porter and Sue Kelly, James Marquard and Babette Chiarito; funding from the City of Portland; and support from many others, the 22-acre Katherine Lynn Kehoe Sanctuary will become a reality.

This land protection was possible only with confidence that exceptional friends would help us to retire the last remaining debt associated with the property.

**Thank you, friends of Portland Audubon, for helping us to protect this critical piece of land.**

**To donate or if you have any questions,** please contact Charles Milne, Director of Development, at 971-222-6117 or [cmilne@audubonportland.org](mailto:cmilne@audubonportland.org), or visit our website at [bit.ly/kehoesanctuary](http://bit.ly/kehoesanctuary). Pledged gifts paid over three to five years are welcome.

## WISH LISTS

### Operations

- Dyson vacuum cleaner
- Auditory assistance devices
- Folding tables (5)
- AED machine
- Microwave

### Conservation

- Recreational vehicle or trailer for field work
- Acrylic paint of all colors & paint brushes
- Poster board
- Pull-down projection screen

### Education

- Leupold McKenzie 8x42 binoculars
- Scope
- Carbon fiber tripod
- New REI Half-Dome 2 Plus Tents
- New Thermarest NeoAir Venture Sleeping Pads
- New Thermarest BaseCamp Sleeping Pads
- GoPro video camera
- Bushnell Trophy Cam Aggressor HD Camera (2)
- Butterfly/bird nets, long handled / fine meshed

### Wildlife Care Center

- All Free & Clear laundry detergent pods
- Dawn Original dishwashing liquid
- Sponges & dish brushes
- Nitrile, powder-free, non-sterile exam gloves
- Rubber or vinyl dish gloves
- Wet-erase Expo pens in black, brown or blue
- Ziploc twist-n-lock containers
- Kitchen shears
- Kitchen knives, particularly chef's knives
- Hose spray nozzles

### Sanctuary


- Loppers & trowels
- Work gloves
- Two cords of hardwood



If you can donate these items, please first contact Portland Audubon at **971-222-6129**, Mon.-Fri., to arrange a time for delivery/pick-up.





BUSINESS ALLIANCE

Through their business practices and financial contributions, the following businesses are helping advance our mission and protect Oregon's birds, natural resources, and livability. If you would like to become a member of the Portland Audubon Business Alliance, please contact Charles Milne, Director of Development at 971-222-6117.







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Anna's Hummingbird, photo by Audrey Addison.

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The Savanna R PC 8x33 is perfect for young or novice birders looking for a high-quality binocular that won't break the bank.

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# PNW Pick

**acbc Designs PNW Stickers**

This month our pick is acbc Designs. Owner Ann Cosgrove lives in Portland and is inspired by nature, her travels, and cute critters! Tons of fun, modern, minimal yet whimsical designs on cards or stickers!



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## If you see a feathered fledgling baby bird on the ground, does it need your help?

A. Usually not! Many birds spend as much as a week on the ground being cared for by their parents after leaving the nest. If the bird is not injured or orphaned, please leave it alone.

Unsure? Call our Wildlife Care Center: 503-292-0304



### GET IN TOUCH

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Portland, OR 97210  
Phone: 503-292-6855  
Fax: 503-292-1021  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

#### Wildlife Sanctuary

Dawn to dusk every day

#### Wildlife Care Center

503-292-0304  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day

#### Rare Bird Alert

503-292-6855  
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View this Warbler and many past issues on our website at [audubonportland.org/about/newsletter!](http://audubonportland.org/about/newsletter!)

**On the Cover:** Hooded Mergansers, photo by Mick Thompson.

**On the Inside Cover:** Common Raven, photo by Audrey Addison. Birdathon, photo by Tim Donner. Making Fire, photo by Severin Piper. California Condor, photo by Joe Lewis.



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