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Nick with his daughter, Ellie, at Swift Watch.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Finding Community at Swift Watch

by Nick Hardigg

Each September since the 1980s, Portlanders have gathered at Chapman Elementary by the thousands to witness the acrobatic feats of Vaux's Swifts as they swirl into the iconic chimney to roost for the evening.

This yearly event is a sight to behold, and one where I find joy, inspiration, and a deepened connection to Portland Audubon and the greater Portland community. Every year my family and I set up our blanket and join the sea of people who have all come together to marvel at the beauty of nature. It's one of the most accessible and visible natural phenomena to behold in the Portland area, and I look forward to it each September.

When I'm in the midst of the crowd of people, I find myself in awe of not only the immense coordination of these birds as they gather and funnel, but at the power of nature to inspire and connect people to their community.

To me, watching the swifts each year represents so much of our work at Portland Audubon, and is an inspiring reminder of the power of birds to connect us to each other and the natural world.

Just as the swifts gather and flock for protection and survival, our community is stronger and more capable when we work together. Whether you're a new Backyard Habitat builder in Vancouver, a summer camp participant forming deep connections to nature, or an activist advocating for critical issues that impact us all, we know that every person is an integral piece of the web of work that connects us.

This issue of the Warbler highlights the importance of community, collaboration, and relationships in all we do. I'm proud to stand with you as a member of the Portland Audubon community.

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Chehalem Ridge, photo by Mike Houck.

Greenspace Bond Measures: Three Decades of Successfully Protecting Nature Close to Home

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

Our system of parks, trails, and natural areas is one of the defining features of the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region. This system protects biodiversity, cleans our air and water, provides access to nature, creates landscape resiliency in the face of climate change, and helps drive our green economy. From Oaks Bottom to the Chehalem Ridge, it is almost impossible to imagine our region without this incredible network of greenspaces.

This fall, voters in the metro region will be asked to approve a \$475 million bond measure to continue this legacy of protecting the region's natural resources and ensuring access to nature. This measure would renew a greenspace bond measure passed by the voters in 2006, so there would be no change to the existing tax rate. The funding would be allocated in the following ways:

- \$155 million for Metro to purchase, protect, and restore the most important unprotected landscapes in the region for water quality and fish and wildlife habitat
- \$98 million to create and increase access to opportunities at existing nature parks such as Chehalem Ridge, Oxbow, and Blue Lake
- \$40 million for Nature in Neighborhoods grants to allow partners to purchase land, restore habitat, or increase access to nature
- \$92 million to local park providers to purchase land, restore habitat, and build and maintain parks in local communities
- \$40 million for walking and biking trails identified in the Regional Trails Plan
- \$50 million for community projects that integrate nature into public projects—such as Willamette Falls—that address other community issues such as jobs, housing, and transportation

Prioritized projects will address climate change and advance racial equity. Portland Audubon was pleased to participate with a broad and diverse group of stakeholders that included conservation groups, environmental justice groups, frontline communities, local municipalities, counties, the business community, and others in developing this measure and serves on the measure's steering committee. Passage of this measure will be our top priority this fall, and there will be lots of opportunities to get involved. Please contact Micah Meskel at mmeskel@audubonportland.org to learn more.

This bond measure continues decades of work to create our regional system. As we move forward with the campaign to pass the 2019 Nature for All bond measure, let's also take a look back at some of the milestones that got us to this point.

1992: Measure 26-1, The Citizens Campaign for Metropolitan Greenspaces

In 1992, a small cadre of grassroots activists led by Portland Audubon Urban Naturalist Mike Houck convinced Metro to place a \$200 million bond measure on the November ballot. Although it may seem obvious today, the concept of protecting nature in the city was hardly a forgone conclusion in the early 1990s. Urban Growth Boundaries adopted in 1973 were proving effective at stemming the increasing tide of development onto rural farm and forest lands, but there was little to no protection for natural resources inside the UGB, and beloved natural areas that people assumed were protected were rapidly disappearing. The assertion that urban natural areas had significant ecological value was met with skepticism, and the belief that access to nature should be a fundamental part of any complete urban community was a truly radical concept.

The groundwork for the 1992 Citizens Campaign for Metropolitan Greenspaces had been laid over the previous decade. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife offered Houck the massive sum of \$5,000 to take on the task of conducting Goal 5 natural resource inventories for the cities and counties in the Portland region as part of the state's land use planning program. Houck, Esther Lev, and a cadre of others proceeded to walk vast swaths of the metro region, hand mapping its most important natural resource sites. More than three decades later, those crude hand-drawn maps stack up extraordinarily well against today's technologically advanced mapping. That work provided the foundation for a greenspace master plan adopted by Metro in 1992, which revealed that a remarkable 91 percent of the inventoried high-value natural resource sites were unprotected. Inspired by recent successful greenspace bond measures in Seattle and San Francisco, activists hatched the idea for a regional bond measure over pitchers of Blue Heron Ale at Bridgeport Brew Pub.



In 1992, activists constructed a massive birdhouse in Pioneer Square, which they then lived in, to raise awareness for Citizens Campaign for Metropolitan Greenspaces.

Six weeks out from the November election, polling showed that only 18 percent of eligible voters knew about the greenspace bond measure. While Metro had made the referral to the ballot at the behest of greenspace activists, it invested very little in actually promoting its passage. To raise the profile, greenspace activists constructed a massive birdhouse in Pioneer Square, which activists then lived in, conducting interviews and promoting passage from around and inside the lofty perch.

The efforts did indeed raise the profile of the measure, but not enough. It ultimately went down to defeat with 44.4 percent of the vote. However, the seed for a movement had been planted. It left in its wake a burgeoning region-wide cadre of greenspace activists spearheaded by Portland Audubon, and the concept of protecting nature in the city was going mainstream.

1995: Ballot Measure 26-26 to Protect Open Space, Parks, and Streams

In 1995, greenspace activists again prevailed upon Metro to refer a greenspace bond measure to the ballot. This time it was a more modest \$135.6 million measure. There were also two other significant changes. First, elected leadership at Metro took on a much larger role to complement the grassroots effort. Second, while the majority of the funding went to acquiring the highest priority natural areas in the region, \$25 million was set aside as a "local share" to allow local park providers to acquire smaller-scale parks and natural areas to meet the needs of local communities. This earned the measure support of local governments throughout the region.

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of this measure was the decision to purchase lands both inside and outside the Urban Growth Boundary. Ultimately this model prevailed, with proponents successfully arguing that while it was critical to protect nature in our most urbanized and underserved areas at places like the Columbia Slough, it also would be a wise investment to buy up larger and typically much cheaper parcels beyond

the UGB to serve future generations. This approach seems even wiser today: what were once viewed as remote sites now sit in close proximity to some of our fastest growing and most diverse communities, and in an era of climate change, something hardly on the radar screen in 1995.

The 1995 bond measure passed with a resounding 63 percent of the vote. Over the next decade, the measure would result in the permanent protection of more than 74 miles of river and stream frontage and 8,000 acres of wildlife habitat, including sites such as Whitaker Ponds, Gresham Buttes, Killin Wetlands, Clear Creek Canyon, Newell Creek Canyon, Cooper Mountain, portions of Forest Park, Johnson Creek, Columbia Slough, and many more.

2006: Ballot Measure 26-80 to Protect Natural Areas, Parks and Streams

By 2006, the 1995 bond measure had been spent down, and greenspace advocates again prevailed upon Metro to refer a ballot measure to the voters, this time for \$227.4 million. The measure retained the structure of the 1995 measure. However, an important new element was added: \$15 million in funding would be dedicated to a capital grants program, known as “Nature in Neighborhoods,” to promote innovative nature projects and engage local groups with a focus on the most underserved communities in the region.

The new Nature in Neighborhoods grant program marked a significant evolution in the way the community was thinking about urban conservation. Whereas in the 1990s, protecting nature in the city was viewed as a radical concept, by 2006 there was a growing emphasis on ensuring that the benefits of a healthy environment be equitably distributed, especially with regards to communities of color and low-income communities that had historically borne the brunt of environmental degradation. The Coalition for a Livable Future (1994-2015)—founded by Portland Audubon, 1000 Friends of Oregon, Urban League of Portland, Oregon Ecumenical Ministries, affordable housing advocates and others—had been promoting an intersectional approach to developing livable urban communities that included preserving affordable housing, protecting environmental health and open spaces, creating living wage jobs and providing real transportation choices, and ending hunger. The soon-to-be published Regional Equity Atlas (2007) was providing early maps and raising consciousness about how disparities were distributed across the region.

The Nature in Neighborhoods grant program reflected a growing understanding that more innovative approaches would be needed to reach underserved communities. Notably, the political consultants working on the measure

reported that inclusion of an equity-focused component did not improve and potentially undermined its chances of passage—it was included because proponents felt it was the right thing to do and many, including Portland Audubon, fought to make the share significantly larger.

The 2006 bond measure again passed in all three counties with nearly 60 percent of the vote. Sites protected by the resulting funding included Chehalem Ridge, Tonquin Geologic Area, Nadaka

Nature Park, Cully Park, Dirksen Nature Park, parcels in the North Tualatin Mountains near Forest Park, and Grant Butte Wetlands, along with increased public access at Cooper Mountain, Gabbert Butte, Graham Oaks, and many more. As of 2019, the 1995 and 2006 bond measures have added more than 15,000 acres of protected natural areas.

Looking Forward

Over the past three decades, regional bond measures have become one of our most powerful tools for protecting water, fish and wildlife habitat, landscape resilience, and access to nature on our urban landscapes. We have come a long way since Houck was told by local land use planners in 1982 that there “was no place for nature in the city” and the 1992 citizen-led bond measure, but we still have a long way to go—many critically important sites remain unprotected, and many communities, especially historically marginalized communities, lack access to nature.

The 2019 measure not only will build on past efforts in terms of adding acreage, it also continues a long-term evolution in terms of how we think about equity, access, and engagement. What began more than 30 years ago with a few visionary greenspace advocates pushing a radical concept that nature is an essential component of our urban landscape, now is viewed as a critical strategy for mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change, an essential component of protecting clean water, clean air and biodiversity, and a fundamental part of building healthy equitable communities.

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Working Together to Preserve Dark Skies

by Mary Coolidge, Lights Out and Non-lead Campaign Coordinator

Thanks to strong advocacy from our growing community of light-pollution activists, we have taken an important step forward on preserving dark skies in our growing city. In May, City Council approved funding for the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to initiate a light-pollution reduction scoping project. The Portland Dark Skies Initiative will develop recommendations for steps that the city can take to reduce light pollution—a move that will protect ecosystems and human health, preserve our night skies, and help us meet our ambitious Climate Action Goals.

Thanks to each and every one of you for emailing City Council to let them know that this is an issue you care about, and thanks to Commissioner Nick Fish for his steadfast championship of this important issue.

Other Lights Out highlights:

- We are working with long-term partners International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) and Rose City Astronomers (RCA) to establish an Oregon Chapter of the International Dark-Sky Association! This step will help galvanize stakeholders across the state in preservation of Oregon's world-class skies.
- We are also working with IDA and RCA on the nomination of International Dark Sky Places across the state, from sites within the city of Portland to areas in the remotest parts of southeastern Oregon; these are high-priority sites where we can focus our efforts to preserve dark skies and raise public awareness about their value.
- Portland Audubon will be leading a first-of-its-kind Dark Skies Foray to Steens Mountain in Harney County this September, where we will delight in Oregon's most magnificent night skies!
- Mark your calendars! This year, Portland Audubon's Lights Out community engagement event will be on Saturday, September 21. Join buildings and residents all over Portland in going dark from dusk till dawn to help raise awareness about the importance of dark skies.



Light pollution in Portland, photo by GPA Photo Archive.

Sign up to Take the Pledge to go Lights Out and help us protect dark skies year-round!

Look for opportunities to reduce unnecessary overnight lighting at home. This is a simple way that you can help birds in your yard, reduce light pollution, save money, and help raise awareness about this issue!

Sign up today to get a free yard sign:
bit.ly/golightsoutportland



Aileen observes an Osprey along the Sandy River. Photo by Ali Berman.

IRCO and Portland Audubon Partner to Bring Kids into Nature

by Ali Berman, Communications Manager

When Aileen, an 11-year-old student at Walt Morey Middle School, arrived on her first day of camp, she was not excited to be there. In fact, that morning, she told her dad she didn't want to go. It was her very first camp, and nerves are almost always present on day one as kids step outside of their comfort zone. Aileen was about to spend the week exploring the natural world, thanks to a partnership between IRCO (the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization) and Portland Audubon.

Aileen and 10 other campers were greeted by our educator, two TALON interns, and the advocate for IRCO. They headed to Oxbow Park for a morning of exploration, games, and animal tracking. Somewhere between the Osprey nest and the River Otter tracks, Aileen's apprehensions disappeared. When it came to tracking, she was a natural, guessing on her first try that the large tracks along the river belonged to a Great Blue Heron.

At Beacon Rock, Aileen's favorite destination, they saw everything from a Steller's Jay to a Peregrine Falcon. "It was really fun because we saw a jay and it was cool because we got to see it up close," explained Aileen. "We were all the way on top of Beacon Rock."

"She came back and she loved everything," Maria, Aileen's mother, shared with us. "All of the people there were just so friendly and so kind to everybody. I would certainly say that Audubon changed the way that she viewed nature altogether. I haven't seen her this excited for anything in such a long time."

Portland Audubon has been doing camps with community partners for over fifteen years, but this is the first year partnering with IRCO. IRCO is a powerhouse organization, with more than 200 culturally and linguistically specific social services. They coordinate the SUN program at 20 schools, helping kids do everything from homework to playing soccer to heading out in nature. And that just scratches the surface of the enormous support they provide to people of all ages and backgrounds—from prenatal care to career training to legal services.

"Ever since Aileen went to school she went to the SUN program," explained Maria. "It benefits us because if they are here at home, either they are bored or watching TV. So having the SUN program, especially in summer, is a relief knowing that my kids are actually doing something."

One thing her mom appreciated most about camp? The knowledge Brodie, our educator, was able to share. Aileen talked about how the Peregrine Falcon they saw is the fastest animal alive. She gleefully described how to identify a Turkey Vulture, raising her arms to show how the birds wobble in flight. When Aileen wanted to know what kind of bird she saw in her backyard, she described it, and Brodie identified the bird as a House Finch.

"Brodie took the time to look for what she was describing," said Maria. "You can tell that the people that work there know what they are doing."

Maria explained that although they fish with their dad and visit Multnomah Falls, between school, church, and the schedules of four kids, they don't get outside as often as they would like. Despite their busy schedules, Maria thinks that Aileen's week out in nature is going to inspire more exploration.

"Everything was so fun for her. She came home and she was like, we have to go there! We have to go there! So there are things we have to do now because I bet she's going to be like, let's go."

FIELD NOTES

by Harry Nehls

Common Bird with an Uncommon Look

Last spring an unusually plumaged American Robin was seen by Diane Mulligan at Fields Bridge Park in West Linn. Scott Mulligan took several photos of this bird's distinctive plumage.

There are two main components that create coloration in birds. Gray, black, and brown pigments come from melanin, a substance that coats the feathers and occurs in feet and bills. Yellow, orange, and red are carotenoids that occur within the feathers and are processed mainly from the bird's diet. The two pigments often occur together, creating variable colorations.

An enzyme that is controlled by certain genes produces melanin in birds. If that control is interrupted for some reason, the dark melanin pigments are not produced. The carotenoids produced by diet are seldom affected by the

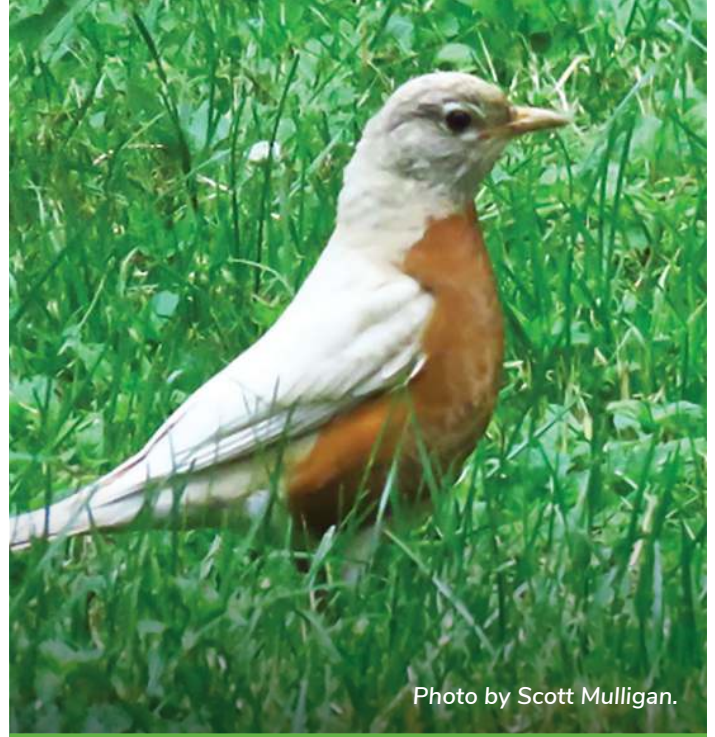


Photo by Scott Mulligan.

enzyme, except where there is a complete breakdown in the genetic code.

The West Linn bird did not produce the melanin pigments, which left the feathers white. As expected, the reddish coloration on the underparts were not affected. Birders usually call this plumage "partial albino."

SIGHTINGS

by Harry Nehls

On July 11 Marsha Thomas-Carney photographed a bright male **Indigo Bunting** at her feeders in Washougal, Washington. It had the distinctive blue upperparts but lacked the rusty breast patch. Carotenoid pigments are often affected by improper diet, but a complete lack of pigment indicated a genetic disturbance causing a partial albinism.

David Lang reported a bright male **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** at his Southwest Portland feeders July 4. It did not remain. On July 4 Stefan Schlick found an adult **Semipalmated Sandpiper** at the Fernhill Wetlands in Forest Grove. Semis are regularly found among the early fall shorebird movements.


A **Varied Thrush** was photographed June 25 at Reed College Canyon. This may be a late migrant but they are known to nest in the Portland area. On July 10 Mike Houck reported possibly hearing a **Common Nighthawk** over northeast Portland. This was about the peak of their movements in the Portland area. In early July Frank

and Ellen Avenoso observed two very young **Red-tailed Hawks** walking about on the ground in their yard in Happy Valley. Young hawks regularly walk for a week or more searching for worms and insects until they learn how to fly.

On June 7 Janna King observed a bright **Red-shouldered Hawk** in her yard in Warren. Not overly abundant but are regular in the Portland area. They are most often observed across the river at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.

Barred Owls continue to be the most-seen owl species in the Portland area. The birds at the Marquam Nature Park are the most regularly reported.

If you have anything to add call Harry Nehls at 503-233-3976 or hnehls6@comcast.net.



RSVP for Nature Night at
bitly.com/PANatureNight
or learn more at
audubonportland.org

Caribou, photo by September Nature Night
presenter David Moskowitz.

NATURE NIGHT

Nature Night Series Kicks Off This September!

Portland Audubon's Speaker Series returns with a set of interesting topics and engaging speakers that will be sure to draw the masses! While the Series will remain free to attend, we highly encourage a suggested donation of \$5-\$20 from those who are able. This helps cover venue and speaker fees and keeps Nature Night financially sustainable.

September 30

David Moskowitz: Caribou Rainforest
Co-hosted with *Bark and Cascadia Wild*

Join expert wildlife tracker, biologist, and photographer David Moskowitz and hear the untold story of the last remaining caribou herd in the U.S. and the fight to protect their rainforest home in the Northern Cascades.

October 15

Peter Walker: Sagebrush Collaboration – How Harney County Defeated the Takeover of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge

Author and University of Oregon Professor Peter Walker takes us back to the contentious 41-day takeover of Malheur Wildlife Refuge in 2016, revealing an unmatched account of the takeover itself to how the power of people standing together overcame the armed militants.

November 12

Dan Roby: The Rules of (Social) Attraction – A Groundbreaking Technique That's Saving Endangered Species From Extinction

Join retired Oregon State Professor Dr. Dan Roby for an interactive presentation about how a controversial birding practice has emerged as a critical piece in conservation.

December 1

Film Screening: Bird of Prey at Hollywood Theatre

Portland Audubon once again visits Hollywood Theatre to screen Cornell Lab of Ornithology's award-winning documentary. World-renowned wildlife cinematographer Neil Rettig embarks on the most challenging assignment of his career: to find and film the rarest eagle on the planet as an effort to save it from critical endangerment.



Join us for the Catio Tour! Photo by Tara Lemezis.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Visit audubonportland.org/events for a full list of all upcoming events.

Catio Tour

September 7 | 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Don't miss this very Portland, one-of-a-kind event! The 7th Annual Catio Tour will showcase ten diverse outdoor cat enclosures in SE Portland, SW Portland and Lake Oswego.

Tickets: \$10 per person. 12 and under are free.
Learn more at audubonportland.org



PARTNER EVENT

BirdFest & Bluegrass

October 5

From bird walks and bird language workshops to Sandhill Crane tours, and a variety of hikes—there will be plenty to do and see! The wildlife and cultural offerings of the weekend are complemented by a day of bluegrass on Saturday.

Where: Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
Learn more at ridgefieldfriends.org



Author Event: Molly Hashimoto's Birds of the West

October 29 | 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Join Molly Hashimoto as she discusses her newest book, *Birds of the West*, and the stories that inspire her unique artwork. Stick around for a Q&A and book signing after the event.

Where: Heron Hall, Portland Audubon
Learn more at audubonportland.org



 Cost Involved

 Public Transit Available

 Free

 Family Friendly

 Wheelchair Accessible



Acorn Woodpecker, photo by Molly Sultany.

AUDUBON BIRDING DAYS

Join Portland Audubon on affordable, full-day or multi-day outings to a wide variety of natural areas within a day's drive of Portland. Expert guiding and camaraderie provided!

Newport

October 12 | 6 a.m.–7 p.m.

We will start at Boiler Bay for a brief seawatch, then visit sites around Newport. We are hoping for late migrants including Palm Warbler.

Fee: \$65

Leader: Stefan Schlick | Limited to 10 participants



Raptor Migration at Green Ridge

October 12 | 6 a.m.–7 p.m.

Green Ridge is Oregon's unsung raptor migration hotspot, with comparable numbers of raptors to the more well-known Bonney Butte, but easier access and more accessible local birding. Join Brodie Cass Talbott for a self-catering tour of peak raptor migration at Green Ridge.

Fee: \$150 members / \$180 non-members

Leader: Brodie Cass Talbott | Limited to 10 participants



Along the Columbia to Deschutes River Park

December 29 | 7 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Take a trip along both sides of the Columbia River, making several stops en route at the birdiest locations, including Deschutes River State Park.

Fee: \$65

Leader: Stefan Schlick | Limited to 10 participants





Search for River Otter tracks in our September tracking workshop. Photo by Scott Carpenter.

CLASSES

Adult Classes

Bird Journals: For the Joy of It

September 21: Getting the Gist

October 12: Birds in Fall

November 2: Bird Coloration and Markings

Explore ways to create a charming, personal, and colorful visual record. Practice seeing in a new way, drawing what is essential, and using watercolor to add zest! Take one or more of the series.

Classes are held in Heron Hall from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Fee: \$55 members / \$75 non-members, per session.

Instructor: Jude Siegel | Limited to 16 participants per session



CELEBRATING OUR 25TH YEAR!

Beginning Field Birding and Sauvie Island Exploration

October 5, November 2, December 7

Interested in developing and sharpening your birding skills? Explore Sauvie Island, learn bird calls, and search for waterfowl, songbirds, and raptors.

Fee: \$85 members / \$105 non-members

Instructors: Greg Baker, Ricky Allen | Limited to 15 participants



Autumn Gull Identification

November 7 | 6:30–8:30 p.m. | Class in Heron Hall

November 9 | 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m. | Coast Field Trip (transportation provided)

Learn how to recognize our local wintering gulls by size, shape, and plumage. Let go of your fear and embrace your inner gull lover!

Fee: \$110 members / \$130 non-members | Class only option: \$20

Instructor: John Rakestraw | Limited to 12 participants



Other Upcoming Classes:

October 17: Using eBird to Plan Your Next Birding Trip

View all our class offerings at 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.

Register for outings
at meetup.com



NEW CLASSES!

Animal Tracking Workshop: Who Done It?

September 11 | 6:30–9 p.m. | Heron Hall

September 14 | 9 a.m.–1 p.m. | Sauvie Island

Join local naturalist and tracker Terry Kem to learn how to identify animals from the clear tracks, trails, and other signs they leave behind.

Fee: \$75 members / \$95 non-members

Class only option: \$20

Instructor: Terry Kem | Limited to 12 participants

eBird Basics: Tracking Your Bird Sightings

September 26 | 6:30–8:30 p.m. | Heron Hall

Have you heard about eBird but don't know where to start? Learn the basics of using eBird on your computer or smartphone to keep track of the birds that you observe. Find out how you can contribute to science and conservation by using eBird, and learn how to make your checklists as useful as possible.

Fee: \$25 members / \$35 non-members

Instructor: Sarah Swanson



King Vulture in Costa Rica, photo by Mick Thompson

INTERNATIONAL ECOTOURS

Eastern Indonesia and Wallacea

November 1–21, 2019

This region is home to both continental Asian and Australasian fauna with fascinating endemic species including the Wallace's Standardwing, a bird-of-paradise.

Fee: \$5,695 members | \$5,995 non-members

Leaders: Dan van den Broek and local guides

India: Birds, Leopards, & Lions

February 1–15, 2020

We will search for Serpent Eagle, Cream-colored Courser, Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse, and the endangered Great Indian Bustard and experience the cultures and cuisines of Rajasthan and Gujarat.

Fee: \$5,795 members | \$6,095 non-members

Leaders: Dan van den Broek and local guides

Birding Costa Rica

February 4–18, 2020

We'll explore a wide variety of habitats as we search for the Keel-billed Toucan, Lesson's Motmot, American Pygmy Kingfisher, Bare-throated Tiger-Heron, and Resplendent Quetzal.

Fee: \$4,295 members / \$4,595 non-members

Leaders: Candace Larson and local guides

Portugal in Winter

February 5–16, 2020

Experience lovely Portugal during its mild winter and enjoy the wonderful cuisine of the Iberian Peninsula. We will watch for Great Skua, Northern Gannet and Blue Rock Thrush.

Fee: \$3,095 members | \$3,395 non-members

Leaders: Stefan Schlick and local guides



Indian Leopard, photo by Sai Adikarla.

INTERNATIONAL ECOTOURS

Poland

May 15–28, 2020

Explore the primeval Białowieża Forest and Biebrza Marshes of western Poland! The Białowieża Forest is one of the last and largest remaining parts of the immense primeval forest that once stretched the European plain.

Fee: \$3,395 members | \$3,695 non-members

Leader: Stefan Schlick and Randy Hill

Mongolia

June 14–29, 2020

Mongolia is a place of staggering beauty with extraordinary birds and mammals. Enjoy traditional Mongolian food in a communal setting and experience first-hand the unique Mongolian life by staying in ger camps.

Fee: \$4,295 members / \$4,595 non-members

Leader: Candace Larson and local guides

DOMESTIC ECOTOURS

Skagit Valley

February 21–23, 2020

Experience the sights and sounds of tens of thousands of Snow Geese settling into their feeding grounds. Enjoy a variety of raptors such as Gyrfalcons and Short-eared Owls.

Fee: \$645 members / \$745 non-members

Leader: Stefan Schlick

Fee includes: Ground transportation, double-occupancy lodging, meals except dinners, entrance fees for planned activities and the services of your leaders. Airfare not included.

2020

April 16–26 Trinidad & Tobago

April 29–May 9 Amazon

May 15–28 Poland

June 4–7 Central Oregon

June 14–29 Mongolia

July 9–12 Idaho's Cassia Crossbill

Sept. 11–13 Gray's Harbor

Sept. 15–19 California Condors

Nov. 2–16 Madagascar

Donations of All Sizes Are Critical to Wildlife and Our Community

by Tony Arnell, Membership Manager

Community is at the heart of Portland Audubon, which is why our new tagline Together for Nature is a natural fit. It is a wonderful representation of our entire membership, consisting of 15,000-plus individuals and families, who are critical to keeping our momentum going to protect wildlife, connect people with nature, and build a diverse and inclusive environmental movement.

The collective power of so many supporters is felt every day, providing the passion and resources needed to protect wildlife and wild places across the Oregon landscape. Your membership dollars contribute to the more than \$350,000 generated to support advocacy, environmental education, wildlife rehabilitation, and land stewardship.

On top of that, Portland Audubon donors give in a variety of ways, including on site at the Wildlife Sanctuary, as tribute and memorial donations throughout the year, as well as gifts received during the holiday giving season. Those gifts add up to over \$2.4 million for Portland Audubon's Annual Fund. Of all the gifts included in that total, 70 percent of the funds raised come from gifts of \$100 or less. It's because of those \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100 donations in addition to larger gifts that our work is possible.

Membership and Annual Fund contributions ensure stability for all Portland Audubon programs, including these:

- Ongoing advocacy efforts to ensure a healthy future for our community across Portland and beyond, exhibited by recent successes such as the banning of wildlife poisons like sodium cyanide devices (statewide) and avian poison Avitrol (on City land in Portland), approved funding for the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to initiate a light-pollution reduction scoping project, and the passage of the Portland Clean Energy Bond Measure
- Environmental education through Outdoor School and camp programming for youth across the region at Marmot Cabin, nestled in our 91-acre Miller Wildlife Sanctuary
- Supporting staff and 150 volunteers in the Wildlife Care Center to treat 3,000 injured and orphaned native wildlife each year and answer over 10,000 calls to help peacefully resolve conflicts with wildlife



Pileated Woodpeckers,
photo by Mick Thompson.

Your investment in Portland Audubon helps elevate our conservation, education, stewardship, and wildlife rehabilitation efforts to not only be more impactful, but increasingly relevant and inclusive. On behalf of all the staff and volunteers at Portland Audubon, as well as the people and wildlife you support, thank you for being an important part of our community. Our work wouldn't be possible without you!

For Membership or Annual Fund questions, feel free to reach out to Tony Arnell at 971-222-6130 or tarnell@audubonportland.org.



Portland Audubon volunteer Barb Clark renests a juvenile Green Heron at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden

Green Heron Nestling Gets by with a Little Help From Friends

by Stephanie Herman, Wildlife Care Center Manager

On July 19, Sally Nicoletti was walking through the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden when she noticed a young Green Heron on the ground. As a volunteer at the garden, Sally had been keeping an eye on the nest of four baby herons and knew the bird was too young to be on the ground.

"It wasn't flying yet, and it was clear it couldn't make it up [to the nest]," she said. Unable to reach the nest or find someone with a ladder, she brought the bird to Portland Audubon's Wildlife Care Center.

At the WCC, we always view admissions of healthy babies with mixed feelings. We're grateful for their health, but we know that most of the time they still have families out in the wild who will do a better job caring for them than we ever could. So once the Wildlife Care Center staff had examined the bird to confirm it was healthy, we started looking for a way to reunite the family.

Barb Clark, one of our volunteers, agreed to pick up a ladder and return the bird to the nest. Sally met Barb at the garden to show her the exact tree the bird fell from. "It's a joint effort," Sally said. How right she is!

Re-nestings like these are cooperative efforts that go beyond the Good Samaritan who found the animal and the volunteer who climbed the ladder. The WCC runs primarily thanks to community members who volunteer their time to feed our patients, clean enclosures, coordinate releases, pick up injured animals, and answer questions from the public. And it's only possible to offer this free service to the community because of the donors and members who support Portland Audubon.

The renesting went off without a hitch. Barb set the ladder against the tree, pausing to ensure she caused as little disruption to the remaining three siblings as possible. She took the young bird out of the box and placed it on a branch that led back to the nest. After about 60 seconds, as the baby became acclimated with its surroundings, it moved along the branch and back to the nest. Within minutes, the four babies were back to exploring the branches and playing together. And since then, the young heron's parents have continued to care for the little one.

We're so grateful to everyone, from Good Samaritans to volunteers to donors, for ensuring that stories like these can have a happy ending.

Portland Audubon gratefully acknowledges these special gifts:

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Wild Arts Festival

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Wild Arts Festival 2019: Bringing Portland Audubon to the Heart of the City

by Judy Rooks, Wild Arts Festival Chair

The Wild Arts Festival has a new location this year, and Portland Audubon is counting on you to help make it a home.

The 39th annual Festival, presented by Backyard Bird Shop, will be in Portland's vibrant Pearl District, at the Pure Space event site, 1315 NW Overton St., on November 23 and 24. It's a beautiful, light-filled space. The sale of Montgomery Park made the Festival's recent home unavailable, but moving to the city center will let us introduce this wonderful event to more people. We look forward to seeing both loyal guests and new neighbors at this major fundraiser for Portland Audubon.

A Fun Volunteer Gig

Heading the welcome wagon will be the 200-plus volunteers we count on each year to construct, run, and close out the event—set up on Friday, help guests on Saturday and Sunday, tear down on Sunday evening, and help with wrap-up tasks on Monday. It takes a variety of skills, and many different shifts are available, most lasting about half a day. It's also a favorite activity to do with a Portland Audubon buddy!

The Festival needs digitally comfortable volunteers to process admissions and sales. We also need folks who like a mild workout to help load in and load out supplies on Friday, Sunday, and Monday.

We especially need smiling, welcoming hosts to help our guests find their way around our new home and to be the face of Portland Audubon for what we hope will be lots of first-time visitors.

Festival Prep

- **Artists:** Regional artists have already given the thumbs-up to our Festival in its new location. We had a record number of applicants this year—181. Art lovers can look forward to seeing an exciting mix of art media and meeting 15 new artists.
- **Book Fair:** The Book Fair will bring a variety of authors, featuring nature writing, children's books, hiking guides, and more.
- **Community Art Project:** This year we are introducing a new Community Art Project. Instead of 6"x6" canvases, local artists will donate Tiny

Birdhouses they have painted or otherwise decorated. Artist & Craftsman Supply is donating the birdhouses, and we are letting past artists and art communities know of this new way to creatively donate to Portland Audubon. You can see samples of the Tiny Birdhouses on our website, wildartsfestival.org.

- **Silent Auction:** The Silent Auction team is busy gathering donations. Items especially popular—and best at raising funds for Portland Audubon—include fine art, jewelry, photography, excursions, new outdoor gear, and gift certificates from businesses.

Transit & Parking

Wondering about parking at our new location? Rest assured, we'll help you with that. We'll post detailed information on our website this fall.

Meanwhile, be aware there are 600-plus metered parking spaces within three blocks of the site, and weekend rates are low. A streetcar stop is nearby. We'll also have a drop-off/pick-up spot near the door. And you can do the environment an extra favor by carpooling. After all, shopping and enjoying the arts is extra fun with a friend.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Support the Wild Arts Festival

Volunteer

Lots of different shifts available; lots of different skills needed.

Contact Kate Foulke,
wafvolunteers@audubonportland.org

Donate to the Silent Auction

Art, jewelry, vacation stays, gift certificates, etc.

Contact Ann Littlewood,
annlittlewood3@gmail.com

Buy Tickets

Visit wildartsfestival.org

Sponsorships

With 5,000 attendees, the Festival offers great business visibility.

Contact Charles Milne,
cmilne@audubonportland.org

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Education

- Leupold McKenzie 8x42mm binoculars
- New Thermarest NeoAir Venture Sleeping Pads
- New Thermarest BaseCamp Sleeping Pads
- GoPro video camera
- Bushnell Trophy Cam Aggressor HD Camera (2)
- Digital stainless-steel scale (6,000g x 1g)

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 & knives (chef's knives preferred)
- Hose spray nozzles
- Intensive Care Incubators
- Mammal Cage
- Wellness Core Natural Grain Free Dry Cat Food Kitchen (Turkey & Chicken)
- Multicolored zip ties/table ties (4in and all sizes)
- EliteField 3-Door folding soft dog crates (20"L x 14"W x 14"H)
- Portable Oxygen Generator

Sanctuary

- Loppers & trowels
- Work gloves
- Auditory assistance devices
- Folding tables (4)
- OSHA approved hard hats (5)
- Well running pick up truck
- Metal Rack for storage (no larger than 5 feet tall, five feet wide, 2 feet deep)

Conservation

- Recreational vehicle or trailer for field work
- Acrylic paint of all colors & paint brushes
- Pull-down projection screen
- Used iPads and/or Chromebooks

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. Check our website for the most updated wishlist.

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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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Fall is fast approaching, and the Portland Audubon Nature Store is here to help you enjoy the changing seasons. Whether you're planning a road trip, a cabin getaway, or a stroll through the arboretum, our extensive collection of binoculars and spotting scopes has the optics you need to appreciate your surroundings in high definition. For those new to binoculars or if you're looking for your next pair, our expert staff can answer all your questions!



Lesser Goldfinch,
photo by Mick Thompson.

Feeding Fall Backyard Birds

Migration is here, and birds flying south might visit your bird feeders as a pit stop along their route! The Nature Store carries seeds to fill just about any feeding needs.

We recommend **sunflower chips**, sunflower seeds without the shell, to attract even more birds! While sunflower chips may cost slightly more than in-shell, they leave no waste, and the birds eat just about every bit.

The Nature Store also carries feeders from simple tubes or platform feeders, to specialty and even squirrel-proof feeders like the **Squirrel Buster Mini**.



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Member price: \$5.40



Members receive a 10%
discount at the Nature Store!



Portland Audubon inspires people from all walks of life to enjoy, understand, and protect native birds and wildlife and the natural environment upon which we all depend.



Photo by Scott Carpenter.

Swift Watch 2019

Don't miss the Vaux's Swifts this September as they funnel into the Chapman Elementary chimney to roost for the night!

Here's what you need to know:

- Arrive an hour before sunset any night in September.
- Bring a blanket or chair to stay comfortable on the lawn.
- You can track the nightly swift count numbers on our website.
- Free parking is available at Montgomery Park and SELCO Community Credit Union after 6 p.m. We encourage folks to walk, bike or use public transit. Street parking is extremely limited.
- Please be a good neighbor by packing up any trash. And be aware that it's illegal to consume alcohol on school grounds.

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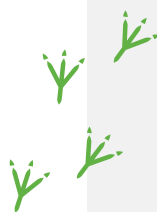
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Birdy Brain Buster!

What is the estimated number of insects a pair of Vaux's Swifts catch each day when feeding their young?

- a. 3,000
- b. 7,500
- c. 11,500
- d. 15,000