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Sunrise from Mt. Tabor, November 4, 2020.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2020 Raised Questions but Points to a Stronger Tomorrow

by Nick Hardigg

As the solstice approaches and daylight hours dwindle, we hope you feel a newfound sense of light and hope. We have all been challenged this year. Yet time and time again, the questions we've had to ask—about what we can achieve and how to weather these historic event—have been answered in the affirmative. Yes, we can.

Our success rings true not only through inspirational programs and conservation successes, but also through the steadfast support we've received in these difficult times. In March, when we closed our doors and ceased programs that bring in revenue, we launched an urgent campaign to stay strong through the pandemic. We raised over \$150,000 in new and increased gifts that were matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor. In May, when faced with cancellation, Birdathon was reimagined with solo birding and virtual teams and safely raised over \$130,000. And just last month, we held our 40th Wild Arts Festival—completely online, with a celebration, live auction, and fundraiser. We have placed the health of the community first and are continually adapting and improving.

If you have any added potential to give this year, we encourage you to consider investing in the causes you love by giving a little extra. We will emerge more nimble, adaptive, and impactful if you can continue to help us get through these lean times.

Thank you for giving us the capacity to lead, to innovate, and to succeed. Stay safe. Stay confident. And happy new year!

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Western Meadowlark, photo by Scott Carpenter.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

What We Accomplished Together

by Ali Berman, Communications Manager

This past year presented immense challenges, asking us to come together while keeping physically apart. Despite all of the struggles, this community of advocates, backyard habitat builders, lifelong learners, Birdathoners, members and donors, and community scientists accomplished remarkable things. It took perseverance, but we came together for nature, bound by our collective passion for Oregon's birds, other wildlife and their habitat, and a drive to increase access to nature for all people.

One of the biggest strengths of this community is just how many ways we make a difference. This was no less true this year, showing the resilience of our programs and of our community. Many sought refuge in their backyards, restoring the urban landscape one yard at a time through the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. Others dialed in to advocacy opportunities, submitting comments to protect our urban tree canopy, reduce light pollution, secure the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, pass the Portland Parks Levy, protect our rocky coastline, and so much more. And people of all ages attended our online and physically distanced youth and adult programs, continuing to learn about wildlife and what it takes to make sure they thrive.

Our staff have risen to the challenge too, adapting and rethinking our programs from the ground up to keep staff, volunteers, and the community safe. This was particularly true in the Wildlife Care Center, with staff showing tremendous fortitude during a record-breaking baby-bird season without the support of our usual 150 weekly volunteers.

While volunteers couldn't work with us inside, many helped with rescues, releases, and other outdoor care, as well as answering phone calls for our Wildlife 911 hotline. Wildlife Sanctuary volunteers took on leadership roles, helping to maintain our trails and continue important restoration work. The Wild Arts Festival volunteer committees and staff also worked round the clock to ensure this critical fundraiser made the switch to a virtual marketplace, raising funds for Portland Audubon and supporting artists who have been hit hard by the pandemic.

Today, we have the privilege of looking back and expressing gratitude for everything we've been able to accomplish together as the Portland Audubon community, despite the hardship. We know that next year will be tough, as it will be for so many nonprofits and businesses during these unprecedented times. Throughout this Warbler we have a multitude of ways you can help us stay strong through year-end giving and holiday shopping, whether it's a gift in honor of a loved one, a purchase at our Nature Store, or a donation through the Willamette Week Give!Guide.

As a local nonprofit, every gift we receive makes a significant difference. However, this year each donation takes on a special significance to help endure hard times and come out stronger than ever. We cannot thank you enough for being a part of this community, and for everything you do to help protect wildlife and habitat across the Oregon landscape.



5,680
kids reached

Summer Camp in 2019, photo by Henry Jackson.

Conservation

With public hearings and meetings moved online, we continued our work to protect wildlife and their habitat across the state and advance equitable access to nature.

- Advanced a plan for long-term protection of mature forests, Marbled Murrelets, and Coastal Coho at the Elliott State Forest
- Advanced protection for Oregon's rocky shore habitat, which represents 40% of Oregon's coastline
- Engaged the community in restoration of wetlands, critically important for western bird populations, at Malheur and across the Harney Basin in Eastern Oregon
- Promoted a more sustainable and equitable urban landscape through passage of new tree regulations, a dark skies initiative to reduce light pollution, new protections for the Willamette River, and advancing the cleanup of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site
- Helped pass the Portland parks levy, securing \$48 million year to protect priority programs, increase equity, and restore habitat
- Fought multiple efforts to roll back environmental protections at the federal level
- Expanded our Backyard Habitat Certification Program, delivered in partnership with Columbia Land Trust, to Washington County, and enrolled over 7,000 yards in the program
- Managed community science and other avian research projects across Oregon from seabirds on the coast to Sandhill Cranes at Malheur

Wildlife Care Center

The Wildlife Care Center didn't miss a beat during the pandemic, temporarily rethinking its entire operational model to rely almost entirely on staff without our usual support of 150 volunteers.

- Treated more than 5,000 animals
- Helped the public humanely resolve conflicts with wildlife through over 10,000 Wildlife 911 calls

Education

Perhaps more than any other department, our Education team had to adapt to continue its vital work connecting people of all ages to the natural world. With the onset of COVID-19 and the cancellation of our regular programming came a new slate of virtual offerings to help kids and adults stay active and engaged. In the 2019/2020 fiscal year, we had the following impact:

- **Total kids reached: 5,680**
Camps, Outdoor School, field trips, traveling programs, sanctuary tours, afterschool programs, virtual programs
- **Total adults reached: 2,832**
Virtual and in-person classes, field trips, ecotours, free outings

Community

This year, we had to go virtual with the vast majority of our programs, shifting our most beloved events to bring our community together.

- **Birdathon:** 235 Birdathoners made our annual fundraiser a success by joining together while staying physically apart, birding in new and creative ways with their teams.
- **Wild Arts Festival:** We celebrated our 40th year with an online Festival, bringing together 50 artists, 20 authors, and 100 silent auction items and creating a live auction and virtual celebration for the first time.
- **Nature Night:** While we started the year in person, we moved our Nature Night series online after the start of the pandemic to continue bringing expert naturalists and leaders to talk about natural history and pressing environmental issues.



Bald Eagle release, photo by AshlieRené Gonzales.

5,000+ animals treated



PORTLAND AUDUBON Gift Guide

For bird and nature lovers, nothing quite hits the spot like something that connects us to the natural world. And even better? When that gift supports protecting wildlife and their habitat.

Everything You Could Want Is at the Nature Store

The Nature Store is your one-stop shop for all your holiday needs (and members get a 10% discount on all purchases!). With a large selection of binoculars and scopes, local and international field guides, games and toys for kids, birdhouses and feeders for the backyard, and unique ornaments, you can find the perfect gift.

Make a Donation in Honor of Someone You Love

The person you choose to honor with your gift will be recognized in the Warbler newsletter, and an elegant songbird-themed card will be mailed to those receiving the tribute. All tribute gifts add to a long legacy of support for crucial conservation initiatives across the state. A perfect way to show the nature lover in your life that you know what's really important to them.

Sponsor a Wild Thing

This holiday season, sponsor one of our Education Animals as a gift. You'll receive a packet that talks all about the animal and can follow up with a visit to meet them in person. Your sponsorship helps pay for the care of Ruby the Turkey Vulture, Aristophanes the Common Raven, Xena the American Kestrel, Julio the Great Horned Owl, or Bybee the Western Painted Turtle.

Contribute to Our Scholarship Fund

Sometimes the best gifts are given to people we've never even met. When you choose to give to our Scholarship Fund, you help make life-changing experiences in the outdoors available to all families. Help us fulfill our mission to inspire all people to love and protect nature by giving the gift of a summer camp, school field trip, or more to a family in need of financial assistance.

Give a Portland Audubon Membership

In addition to joining the community of 16,000 passionate members, the recipient will get the inside scoop on classes and trips, birding spots, and issues impacting Oregon's wildlife. Memberships also come with exclusive perks:

- A one-year subscription to our bimonthly print newsletter, the Warbler
- Member-only discounts on Nature Store purchases
- Member-only discounts on classes, trips, and camps

Classes, Field Trips, and Audubon Birding Days

Your favorite lifelong learner will love a gift certificate for our Adult Education programs. We offer a wide array of classes that will help them sharpen their bird identification skills, learn the art of animal tracking, create exquisite nature journals, hunt for wild mushrooms, and join our expert naturalists on day-long Audubon Birding Days at some of Oregon's most stunning wild spaces. With a gift certificate, they can choose what ignites their passion most!

Sign Up for the Backyard Habitat Certification Program

Sign someone you love up to join more than 6,000 properties that are restoring habitat right in their backyards. It's the perfect gift for your favorite gardener, providing them the tools they need to turn their yard into a native habitat oasis for wildlife.

A Win and a Loss for Parks in the 2020 Election

by Bob Sallinger, Director of Conservation

Portland Audubon endorsed two ballot measures in the 2020 election: Measure 26-213, which created a five-year levy to support Portland Parks and Recreation, and Measure 26-219, which allowed the Portland Water Bureau to use rates to create HydroParks on its infrastructure properties. The voters overwhelmingly supported the Portland parks levy (64%–46%) but voted down the HydroParks measure (52%–48%).

26-213 Portlanders for Parks

Passage of the Portland parks levy represents a critically important step forward for Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R) at a time when it is desperately needed. It will provide \$48 million per year for the next five years to support important community programs, keep facilities like community centers open, advance natural area restoration work, and support basic park maintenance. The priorities will be maintaining services for those who need them the most and adapting park services to COVID-safe strategies.

Even before COVID-19 struck, we knew funding for PP&R needed to be addressed. The existing funding structure, supported primarily by limited general fund dollars and fees, was insufficient to maintain existing services let alone meet growing community demands. COVID-19 made a bad situation worse by severely reducing the fees that PP&R has been able to take in at a time when park services are needed more than ever.

Portland Audubon was part of an advisory committee that worked on long-term sustainable strategies for PP&R funding in 2019. At the end of that process, the Portland City Council strongly signaled its support for developing funding strategies sufficient to meet community needs. The passage of the levy will help shore up PP&R in the short run, but in the longer term, strategies such as creation of a parks district, increased private investment, and other funding avenues need to be explored. This goal will remain a priority for Portland Audubon going forward.



26-219 HydroParks

The loss of the HydroParks measure is a real disappointment. The measure would have allowed Portland Water Bureau (PWB) to use water rates to open infrastructure properties in the midst of our neighborhoods, such as water tower sites, for community gardens, children's play areas, park benches, picnic areas, and naturescaping. In recent years, PWB had begun pulling back fences and opening these sites for community use. Five of the existing seven HydroParks occur in underserved neighborhoods. This measure would have created a funding mechanism to maintain these HydroParks, make them Americans with Disabilities Act compliant, and potentially open new HydroParks in the future.

The measure was challenged by poor ballot language and placement. It was the last item on a packed ballot, and the language spoke of allowing "incidental uses" rather than the specific park uses actually being proposed. We received many communications from people who were looking to support the measure but were not sure which one it was after reading the ballot.

We believe that with clearer, more specific, limited language, this measure would have passed. It is a common-sense measure that allows the City to maximize use of existing public resources to benefit communities most in need. Leaving large parcels of publicly owned open space, in the middle of residential neighborhoods, barricaded with six-foot-tall chain-link fences and "No Trespassing" signs places an unnecessary burden on the communities in which they are located when real benefits could and should be realized. We will be advocating for Council to bring this measure back in the future with clearer language about the benefits it would provide.



Spotted Towhee, photo by Mick Thompson.

The Nature Store is Open for Your Holiday Needs!

We were so happy to welcome shoppers back into the Nature Store this fall, and we can't wait to share the holidays with you. During continued uncertainty, we hope to be a bright spot and a safe place to enjoy the outdoors and shop for friends and family. Enjoy a peaceful stroll on our sanctuary trails, say hello to our Ambassador Birds, and stop by the Nature Store to warm up and check out our holiday deals for the whole family. With stocking stuffers galore and unique gifts for any family or friend, we hope to make holiday shopping a little bit easier.

Holiday Hours

Open Wed.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Closed Mon. & Tues.)

With changing COVID-19 protocols and guidelines, please check naturestorepdx.squarespace.com for the most current hours.

- **Closed:** Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day
- **Limited Hours:** Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve (10 a.m.-3 p.m.)

COVID-19 Protocols

We want to keep our customers, volunteers, and staff as safe as possible. Please be advised of our protocols before coming up to the Nature Store. Thank you for helping keep our community safe!

- Limit of four customers indoors. Line will form outside of front doors if necessary.
- Masks must be worn indoors at all times.
- No public access to restrooms or water fountains.
- Six-foot physical distancing inside and outside. Please follow directional signage.
- High-touch points will be frequently sanitized, and indoor spaces will be ventilated.

We are here to help! Call or email us with any questions at 503-292-9453 ext. 3 or store@audubonportland.org or visit naturestorepdx.squarespace.com for updates.

NATURE STORE EVENTS

Holiday Open House

December 5 & 6

Join us the first weekend of December for safe outdoor events and specials! Details to be announced. Check our Nature Store website or call for more details.

Zeiss 2020 Holiday Sales Event: \$100 off Zeiss Terra ED 8x42 and 10x42 Binoculars

November 23 - December 31

Zeiss's ever-popular Terra ED is on sale for the holidays! The Terra EDs have a sturdy and robust design that fits nicely in the hands, crisp and clear lenses, and a wide field of view (8x42 @ 375ft.). They stay true to Zeiss's top-notch quality without breaking the bank.



The Zeiss Terra EDs are great for birders and nature lovers of every level.

Learn more at
audubonportland.org





Holiday Sales & Specials

We are spreading holiday cheer over five full weeks of deals and discounts. And yes, you can combine your member discount on top of the sale!

Shop in-store or online at audubonportland.org



Wood Duck, photo by Scott Carpenter.

Apparel

15% OFF APPAREL
Nov. 22-Dec. 5

Get cozy with beautiful scarves, gloves, and hats. Seattle Silver's 100% cashmere scarves will keep you warm, and a cute Weekender cap from Flipside Hats makes a great gift. Our selection of unisex and ladies T-shirts is sure to fit anyone in the family.



Red-winged Blackbird
Ladies T-shirt \$30



Flipside Hats
Weekender \$35



Seattle Silver
Cashmere Scarf \$26

Books, Calendars, & Stationery

15% OFF BOOKS, CALENDARS & STATIONERY Nov. 29-Dec. 5

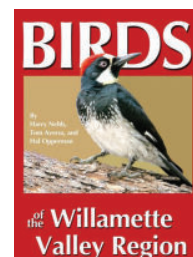
The Nature Store carries the best selection of nature books and field guides. Share the love of backyard birds with Cornell Lab's Backyard Bird Flashcards or one of our favorite local guides, Birds of the Willamette Valley Region, by Harry Nehls et al. We also have countless choices in holiday cards (boxed and single), as well as 2021 calendars.



Backyard Birds
Flashcards Western
Region \$16.95



Molly Hashimoto
Winter Birds Boxed
Holiday Cards \$16.95



Birds of the Willamette
Valley Region \$24.95

Members receive a 10% discount at the Nature Store!



Holiday Ornaments & Decor

15% OFF HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS & DÉCOR Dec. 6–12

Add a bird to brighten up any holiday decor! With bird- and nature-themed ornaments, shelf toppers, candles, tea towels, and more, your holiday space is sure to look more cheerful than ever.



**Allport Editions
Holiday Tea
Towel** \$16.95



**Dean Crouser
Ornament** \$15



**Dark-eyed Junco
Ornament** \$16



**Fabric Birds with
Scarf Decor** \$18

Toys & Jewelry

15% OFF TOYS & JEWELRY
Dec. 13–19

From puzzles to stuffed animals to outdoor adventure toys, the Nature Store has something for the kid in all of us. Our puppets and stuffed animals feature many PNW species, and our outdoor adventure toys are great for exploring. And check out our delightful jewelry selection for pieces by local artists and featuring many species of birds!



**Red-breasted
Nuthatch
Earrings** \$15



**750-piece
Monarch Butterfly
Puzzle** \$19.95



**Guess Whooo?
Matching Game**
\$12.99



**Great Horned
Owl Finger
Puppet** \$9.99

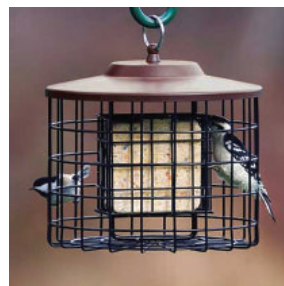
Feeders & Suet

15% OFF FEEDERS & SEED
Dec. 20–26

Whether you are setting up a new bird feeder or stocking up on bird seed, this is the week to get it. The Nature Store carries seed and suet to attract a wide variety of birds, and many types of feeders to suit different needs. The Aspects Big Tube has a huge capacity for the extra active backyard, and the Stokes Squirrel-Proof Double Suet Feeder will help keep the squirrels at bay. Or add an attractive hummingbird feeder to brighten up any window or yard.



**Aspects Big
Tube** \$85



**Stokes Squirrel-
Proof Double Suet
Feeder** \$40



**Glass Orb
Hummingbird
Feeder** \$27

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 cmilne@audubonportland.org

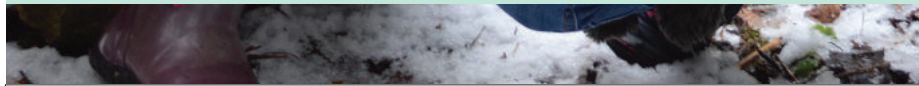


Antler Gallery	Mountain Rose Herbs
Artisan Auctions	Paxton Gate PDX
Cindy Thompson Event Production	Portland Audubon Nature Store
The Commerce Group	Portland General Electric
David Evans and Associates	Portland Nursery
Elk Cove Vineyards	Pro Photo
Field Guide Films	Selco Community Credit Union
Garden Fever	Silver Rain Massage
Grow Construction	Tilbury Ferguson Investment
JD Fulwiler & Co. Insurance	Urban Asset Advisors
KPFF	Vernier Software & Technology
Labrewatory	West Bearing Investments
Leatherman Tool Group, Inc.	Wonderland Tattoo
McCoy Foat & Company PC, CPAs	
McDonald Jacobs, P.C.	
Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP	



Sign Up for Winter Break Camps!

Portland Audubon offers exciting two day adventures for 1st through 6th graders during the school break. These all-outdoor programs are limited to a maximum of eight children, and will follow all distancing and safety protocols per the OHA.



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- Jewelry & Gifts
- Chimes & Garden Art
- Kid's puppets, books & puzzles
- Bird Feeders & Houses





American Crow, photo by Mick Thompson.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Birding for Beginners: How to Identify Birds

December 8 | 6–7 p.m.

Leader: Brodie Cass Talbott | Fee: \$20 member/\$30 non-member

Birds of a Feather: Corvidae: Crows, Jays, and Magpies

December 14 | 6–7 p.m.

Leader: Greg Smith & Erin Law | Fee: \$20 member/\$30 non-member

Audubon Birding Day: Bring in the New Year in Washington County

January 1 | 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Leader: Stefan Schlick | Fee: \$85 member/\$115 non-member

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Winter Break Camp | Grades 1–6

December 21–30

Come explore our forested and frosty winter wonderland! Embark on two-day adventures of animal ecology exploration, searching for signs and secrets that are only uncovered in the winter landscape.

- **Wild Winter Art | Grades 1–3**

December 21 & 22 | 8:45 a.m.–12 p.m.

- **Into the Woods | Grades 3–6**

December 22 & 23 | 12:30–3:45 p.m.

- **Hoot's There | Grades 1–4**

December 28 & 29 | 8:45 a.m.–12 p.m.

- **Wild in the Winter | Grades 1–4**

December 29 & 30 | 12:30–3:45 p.m.

Fee: \$85 members/\$100 non-members, for both days.

COMMUNITY SCIENCE

Christmas Bird Count: Counting Birds in the Age of COVID

January 2, 2021

Good news: we are moving forward with plans for a COVID-safe Christmas Bird Count! The CBC is the longest-running community science project in existence. It was started 120 years ago as an alternative to the tradition of hunting birds on Christmas Day, and it provides valuable scientific data to the longest continual record of bird population trends, used to inform climate-change science as well as important management and conservation decisions that help protect birds across their flyways.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience. You can join a team and participate as a field observer, or you can count birds from the comfort and isolation of your own home as a backyard feeder watcher.

Because of the ongoing risk of COVID-19, we will be limiting group size and requiring that field counters follow specific safety protocols.

Please visit our website for the latest safety information, protocols and details on how to sign up!

NATURE NIGHT

Nature Night: Something to Crow About, with Dr. Kaeli Swift

December 8 | 7–8:30 p.m.

In celebration of crows, we are excited to welcome back renowned crow researcher Dr. Kaeli Swift, one of our most popular speakers in recent years! Learn more at audubonportland.org



TOGETHER FOR NATURE

5151 NW Cornell Road
Portland, OR 97210

Portland Audubon inspires all people to love and protect birds, wildlife,
and the natural environment upon which life depends.

Make a Gift Through Give!Guide and Get Perks!

Portland Audubon is honored to be in the Willamette Week Give!Guide. What a great way to expand our capacity to inspire all people to love and protect nature and welcome new members into our ever-growing community!

Every dollar we raise bolsters our mission and increases public visibility of the vital work that our staff and volunteers do every day—from advocacy and environmental education to land restoration and wildlife rehabilitation.

And as an added bonus, every donor who gives \$10 or more will receive \$4,000+ worth of free and discounted products.

Make a gift to Portland Audubon today at giveguide.org and support Oregon's wildlife and wild places!



Anna's Hummingbird, photo by Mick Thompson.

GET IN TOUCH

Administration Offices

503-292-6855

Please call for updated hours

Wildlife Sanctuary

Dawn to dusk every day

Wildlife Care Center

503-292-0304

Open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
with new COVID protocols

Nature Store & Interpretive Center

503-292-9453 ext. 3

Please call for updated hours

Portland Audubon staff are working remotely to slow the spread of COVID-19. All staff can still be reached by phone or email.

On the Cover: Sandhill Cranes by Mick Thompson.

On the Inside Cover: Julio the Ambassador Great Horned Owl by Clay Showalter, American Crow by Mick Thompson.



Birdy Brain Buster!

Which of these is NOT a term for a group of hummingbirds?

- A. A Bouquet
- B. A Glittering
- C. A Twinkle
- D. A Tune