May–June 2010

The Quail

NEWS FROM LANE COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY

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From Our President

Audubon

Thank you, Cynthia Stockwell!

Maeve Sowles *541.343.8664* *president@laneaudubon.org*

Cynthia Stockwell has been *The Quail* editor for 10 years! Cynthia decided to give herself more free time this year and has found an able replacement, Rob Hoshaw, who we expect will also do a terrific job. Cynthia plans to continue her involvement with Lane Audubon and help out where she can. In fact, she has already volunteered to do web page updates during Hugh Larkin's summer trip.

Cynthia kept *The Quail* coming to you for 90 issues! Under her guiding hand, *The Quail* received an award for first prize in the 2004 National Audubon newsletter contest for medium-sized chapters! For six years, Cynthia not only edited but also did the graphics and layout of each issue. As work demanded more of her time, she asked for a graphics and layout volunteer to do this aspect of *The Quail*. She has worked with a variety of people in that role and kept *The Quail* issues coming in spite of several Board member and Committee Chair changes. Through it all, Cynthia takes the pieces of the puzzle contributors give her and puts together our beloved *Quail* newsletter. This will be a big transition, and we will miss Cynthia's steady hand. Cynthia has kept us focused, keeps the message clear, and presents us with an exciting product every time! We truly appreciate her strong commitment to *The Quail* and Lane Audubon.

Cynthia, as I look back over the collection of 10 years of *The Quail*, I realize how much of your delightful titles and graphics and flair we have enjoyed and came to expect with each issue.

We will miss you! We thank you!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7–10:30 a.m. **Bird Walk: Perkin's Peninsula of Fern Ridge Reservoir and Zumwalt Park**

Look for marsh birds, migrant songbirds, and other species. Leaders Tom and Allison Mickel have been active in the local birding community with both Oregon Field Ornithologists and Lane Audubon for 30 years.

Meet at Domaine Meriwether festival grounds *Limit: 20 people* *Pre-registration required* *Cost: $10.00*

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8 a.m.–noon **Grand tour of Fern Ridge Reservoir "Important Bird Area" sites!**

Van tour will begin at Domaine Meriwether Festival grounds and travel to several prime birding spots around the Fern Ridge Reservoir. Trip leaders Jim Maloney and Kat Beal will discuss the various habitats, conservation efforts, and history that have made this a designated "Important Bird Area."

Meet at Domaine Meriwether festival grounds *Limit: 30 people* *Pre-registration required* *Cost: $25.00*

8:30–11:30 a.m. **Bird and ecology walk to Fisher Butte Unit at Fern Ridge**

Learn about the species of birds that breed and use the wetland habitats of Fern Ridge. Dave Bontrager, a former biologist and educator with the National Audubon Society and former research biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will lead the walk. Dave currently teaches a variety of bird and natural history classes in Eugene.

Meet at Domaine Meriwether Festival Grounds *Limit: 30 people* *Pre-registration required* *Cost: $10.00*

8:30–11:30 a.m. **Birds and Blooms walk and tour at the Oregon Country Fair site**

For thousands of years, seasonal gatherings of birds have used this 380-acre property on the banks of the Long Tom River. The site floods several times during most winters and includes wetlands, uplands, forests, and open meadows. There will be all sorts of interesting things to see in this magical setting. Leaders will include botanist and ecologist Bruce Newhouse, wildlife ecologist Peg Boulay, and staff from the Oregon Country Fair.

Meet at the Oregon Country Fair site entrance at 24450 Suttle Road and the corner of Aero Road. Follow the signs for parking and our starting point. *Limit: 30 people* *Free*

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9 a.m.–1 p.m. **Birding scopes at Royal Avenue platform**

Come watch birds with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) biologist Roberta Swift. The large Royal Avenue platform has a 360-degree view of wetland habitats. See numerous species of waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, terns, and other birds at this site. Bring your spotting scopes, binoculars, and field guides, or borrow the ones provided. *Free*

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10 a.m.–4 p.m. **Festival grounds open at Domaine Meriwether**

Free Fun for the whole family! Food will be available at the site! Visit booths from the Cascades Raptor Center, Lane County Audubon Society, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Willamette Resources Education Network (WREN), and Nearby Nature. There will also be wine tasting!

Location: 88324 Vineyard Lane, off Hwy. 126 just west of Veneta

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10 a.m.–noon **Fern Ridge bird walk**

Join Dan Farrar and Vjera Thompson in search of numerous species of waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, terns, stilts, and other birds.

Meet at Royal Avenue gate *Pre-registration required* *Free*

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10 a.m.–2 p.m. **Open house at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife office**

Visit and see the displays of mounted birds, free bird checklists, and maps to trails of woodlands and wetlands. A great opportunity to become better acquainted with your local wildlife area. The area is entirely open this time of year for self-guided walks.

Meet at ODFW office, Fern Ridge Wildlife Area, 26969 Cantrell Road

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11 a.m. **Walk the nature trail at the ODFW site**

Leader Kevin Roth is a Fish and Wildlife Senior Technician and Assistant Manager of the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area.

Meet at ODFW office, Fern Ridge Wildlife Area, 26969 Cantrell Road *Pre-registration: None* *Free*

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11 a.m. **Raptor ID talk: "Raptors: Who they are and how to know them"**

Join speaker Louise Shimmel and an all-winged cast from the Cascades Raptor Center.

Meet at the Cascades Raptor Center booth on Domaine Meriwether festival grounds *Free*

11:30 a.m. **Kid-friendly bird walk**

Led by Lane Audubon's Leila Snow and Kris Kirkeby

Meet at the Lane County Audubon Society booth on Domaine Meriwether festival grounds *Free*

Noon **Domaine Meriwether talk and tour with the owner, Buzz**

See the plans for new construction at the festival grounds.

Meet at Domaine Meriwether tasting tent

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1 p.m.–4 p.m. **Tour four wineries!**

Van tour will begin at Domaine Meriwether and continue on to Sweet Cheeks, Lavelle, and Hinman wineries. Visit the tasting rooms, hear about each winery, and enjoy the afternoon tour!

Meet at Domaine Meriwether *Limit: 45 people; must be 21 or older* *Pre-registration required* *Cost: $40.00/person*

1–2 p.m. **Plants and wildflower walk at Fisher Butte**

Tour fascinatingly diverse Willamette Valley wet prairie habitat with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers botanist Wes Messinger**.** Wear waterproof boots.

Meet at: Fisher Butte parking lot, north side of Hwy. 126 one half mile west of Fisher Road, 4.8 miles east of Territorial Hwy. in Veneta *Limit: 20 people* *Free*

1:00 p.m. **Kid-friendly bird walk**

Great way for kids to learn about area birds with Lane Audubon's Leila Snow and Kris Kirkeby.

Meet at the Lane County Audubon Society booth on Domaine Meriwether festival grounds *Free*

1:30 p.m. **"Bubbly 101" Domaine Meriwether class**

Learn about the production of sparkling wines by Domaine Meriwether owner, Buzz Kawders. Tastings included; must be 21 or older.

Meet at Domaine Meriwether production cellar *Cost: $10.00*

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2 p.m. **Backyard habitat talk**

Former Lane Audubon president Dick Lamster will discuss bird feeders, bird boxes, and attracting wildlife with landscape ideas.

Meet at Domaine Meriwether festival grounds *Free*

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2 p.m. **Raptor ID talk: "Raptors: Who they are and how to know them"**

Join speaker Louise Shimmel and an all-winged cast from the Cascades Raptor Center.

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3 p.m. **Bat talk**

Presenter Cameron Bishop will dispel common preconceptions of our often misunderstood flying mammalian neighbors. Topics will include bat biology, physiology, bat species richness in our area, some beneficial services bats provide us, and the physical adaptations that allow members of this amazing mammalian order to persist in our area. Cameron, who has participated in efforts to monitor bats in the Northwest, is a Natural Resources Specialist for the Army Corps of Engineers Willamette Valley Project.

Meet at Domaine Meriwether production cellar *Free*

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Conservation Column: May–June 2010

Conservation reports: Local projects we can support

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Lane Audubon is often asked to support the regional municipalities and agencies as they seek to increase and improve habitat areas. This article includes the summaries of several current conservation projects in the area, and we want our members to understand how Lane Audubon interacts with these agencies and groups. We are proud to be asked to participate in local conservation projects, and we are fortunate to live in a location where agency folks work hard to make area habitat improvements that we, as Audubon members, can support.

A newly formed stakeholder group for the **Siuslaw River Estuary Partnership Project** in Florence will discuss ways to protect and improve water quality as well as fish and wildlife habitat in the Siuslaw Estuary Watershed. The project's study area is a place of transition from land to sea that covers approximately 3,000 acres of terrain in the North Fork Siuslaw River area and the North Florence Sole Source Dunal Aquifer boundary. A proposed estuary trail would provide recreation opportunities for visitors to learn about the Florence area and its ecosystem. The stakeholder group will develop a report on trail designs and locations for approval by local officials. Additionally, the project will foster public education and stewardship, implement water monitoring programs, update the Wetland and Riparian Area Protection and Restoration Plan, revise plans and codes for ecological growth, and protect high priority estuary wetlands. Lane Audubon member Adele Dawson, who has lived in Florence for 30 years, is serving on the team to bring bird and other wildlife habitat awareness to the group.

Acorn Woodpecker
Photo by Cary Kerst

The City of Eugene is applying for an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board acquisition grant to help purchase 400 acres of oak savanna, oak woodland, and mixed oak-conifer forest in the Amazon Creek Watershed of Eugene's south hills ridgeline area. Other funding is secured with the help of The Nature Conservancy.

This project is part of the Rivers to Ridges vision, a conceptual Parks and Open Space Plan with multiple agencies cooperating in natural resource preservation. Lane Audubon has written a letter of support for this funding application since it remains a priority for our members to see this long-term project completed.

We are fortunate that our city supports this visionary plan for the future. Parks and open spaces provide educational opportunities for children and adults alike and are an essential part of the human habitat as well. Thoughtful consideration in the design of parks and open spaces can preserve bird habitat and ultimately bring people into closer contact with the natural world.

The City of Eugene is also creating the East Ridgeline Extension Master Plan with input from a Community Task Team of eight members that includes Lane Audubon's Dick Lamster. Over the past year, this group has conducted meetings, site visits, and public meetings to begin constructing the plan. Lane Audubon's interests are always to look for ways to maintain habitat in parks and open space. As they work to provide new uses for this East Ridgeline area, Eugene's city planners are also assessing the inherent values of the site that would allow visitors to have an educational natural experience as well.

Lane Council of Governments is working on the Willamette River open space system in and around the Eugene/Springfield area to develop a shared open space vision for this significant corridor. This plan will be used to guide major enhancements of this open space system in the coming years and decades and will address topics such as habitat, recreation, paths and trails, visual

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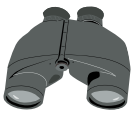
A Message from Lane Audubon Board of Directors

Maeve Sowles, President *541.343.8664* *president@laneaudubon.org*

We ask you to become a local member of Lane County Audubon Society and support our grassroots efforts in the local community. All of your local dues stay here to help us work on local education projects and conservation issues related to birds and their habitats. With your support, we will continue to do the things you expect from us. We welcome your suggestions—this is your Audubon!

Lane Audubon Membership Benefits

- ***The Quail*** **9 issues/year**



- **Field Trips and Bird Walks**

- **Program Meetings**

- **Educational Publications**

- **Conservation Issue Representation**

- **Answers to Questions: 541.485.BIRD**

Visit our web site: www.laneaudubon.org

Lane Audubon welcomes you—join or renew today!

Lane County Audubon Society needs your local membership dues to keep our various programs alive! This means that your membership dues for National Audubon Society no longer support a membership in your local chapter. Become a member of Lane Audubon today to help us continue our educational programs and our work in protecting birds, other wildlife, and their habitats in Lane County. We appreciate your support.

Lane Audubon membership dues

☐ Individual $20 ..... $ _____
☐ Students and Seniors (65 and over) $15 ..... $ _____
☐ Family $25 ..... $ _____
☐ Lifetime Membership $400 ..... $ _____
☐ I want to do more. Here's my tax deductible contribution for ..... $ _____
Total enclosed (check payable to Lane County Audubon Society) ... $ _____
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☐ Check here if you prefer to receive your newsletter by email.

Lane Audubon will not release your personal information to other organizations. We will use it only for Lane Audubon communications.

Please contact me regarding

☐ Gift memberships
☐ Volunteering for Lane Audubon activities
☐ Lane Audubon's Living Legacy program
☐ I'd like to receive email alerts about conservation issues.

Mail this form and your payment to:
Lane County Audubon Society
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Eugene, OR 97405

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Oregon Birding Trails brochure available!

From the Big River Loop south of Cottage Grove to the Columbia Loop north and west of Portland, the Willamette Valley Birding Trail brochure offers birders information on many birding hotspots in the valley. Pick up brochures at Lane Audubon event booths and program meetings. For information about birding throughout the state, visit Oregon Birding Trails at **www.oregonbirdingtrails.org/**.

Bird photographs wanted!

Do you enjoy birding and photography? Lane Audubon is seeking quality bird photographs to publish in *The Quail* as space allows. Please submit high resolution (300 dpi) jpg, tif, or psd images with strong contrast to Rob Hoshaw, at **rhoshaw@gmail.com**.

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Deadlines

July–August issue: June 12

September issue: August 7

Submit material to
Rob Hoshaw, editor
rhoshaw@gmail.com

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Local members of National Audubon Society receive a free subscription to ***The Quail***, but are encouraged to voluntarily join Lane Audubon (see page 5).

Subscriptions: Contact Jim Blick at 541.683.4635 or **blick37@comcast.net**.

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Audubon in the Schools

Join the *Audubon in the Schools* teaching team!

Kris Kirkeby *541.346.2511* *k2kirk@comcast.net*

What is *Audubon in the Schools*? In the tradition of John James Audubon and other great naturalists, we combine learning bird biology with art. Each of our lessons combines a multidisciplinary art and science experience for children in grades 2–5. *Audubon in the Schools* started teaching in the spring of 2005. Since that time, we've taught just under 6,500 students.

We're currently recruiting volunteers to become instructors for this educational program. We want to arrange the free training sessions for late July or August so folks can start teaching in the fall.

You don't have to be a bird biologist or an artist to teach this curriculum. We have both types of experts teaching with us now! We're interested in volunteers who love birds and enjoy teaching young children. You'll learn a basic drawing technique that helps children make accurate drawings while sharpening their observation skills. Each lesson includes information about bird biology and birds in our ecosystem. You'll use a teaching collection of preserved birds, feathers, bones, and nests. Our curriculum is structured so everyone has fun—student, classroom teacher, and our instructors!

How much time will it involve? The training involves two full Saturdays. Our aim is to have a large enough pool of instructors so volunteers commit to one visit per month. Each visit lasts one hour plus time to pick up the teaching collection, travel, and time for setup/breakdown at the school.

If you are interested in training to teach in the *Audubon in the Schools* program, please call Kris Kirkeby at 541.346.2511 or 541.349.2439 (evenings), or email her at **k2kirk@comcast.net**.

Conservation reports, *continued*

quality, public safety, and the urban interface. Lane Audubon has agreed to support this effort and become involved. For more information, visit the Lane Council of Governments on the web at **www.lcog.org/willamette**.

Lane Audubon was a cosponsor for the **Climate Crisis Working Group and Oregon WAND** (Women's Action for New Directions) Eugene event on April 7 called "Climate Change: What are Our Representatives Doing?" Among the nearly 100 people present were several prominent participants, including University of Oregon law professor Mary Wood, who moderated the event; Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy; Lane County Commissioner Pete Sorenson; State Representative Phil Barnhart; and Tim Ream, who attended the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen last December. Our own Debbie Schlenoff attended with the *State of the Birds Report* from our April newsletter.

The efforts of these organizations are a positive reminder that important work is being done to preserve critical habitat for birds and other wildlife, and the support from citizens and organizations like Lane Audubon will only strengthen those efforts.

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Volunteer opportunities abound with Lane Audubon

Each year at the Lane Audubon Volunteer Recognition party, as many as 80 attendees crowd the Eugene Garden Club to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year. These volunteers deserve much of the credit for Lane Audubon's long-standing reputation as the area's most effective grassroots organization in advocating for birds and the protection of their habitat. Every volunteer plays a vital role in making our organization strong.

We are always eager to welcome new volunteers into the fold. There are opportunities available for anyone with a little time and the inclination to help. We'll provide the guidance, training, supplies, and anything else you need to get started.

If you have an interest in joining other Lane Audubon volunteers or have special skills you would like to put to work in support of our goals, we'd like to hear from you.

Here are three specific areas where we currently need assistance:

Membership Coordinator

Help welcome new members by sending them thank you cards and information about Lane Audubon. Develop membership recruitment initiatives. Oversee our membership renewal program by coordinating postcard reminder mailings three or four times a year. This position requires only a couple of hours a month and can be done from the comfort of your own home.

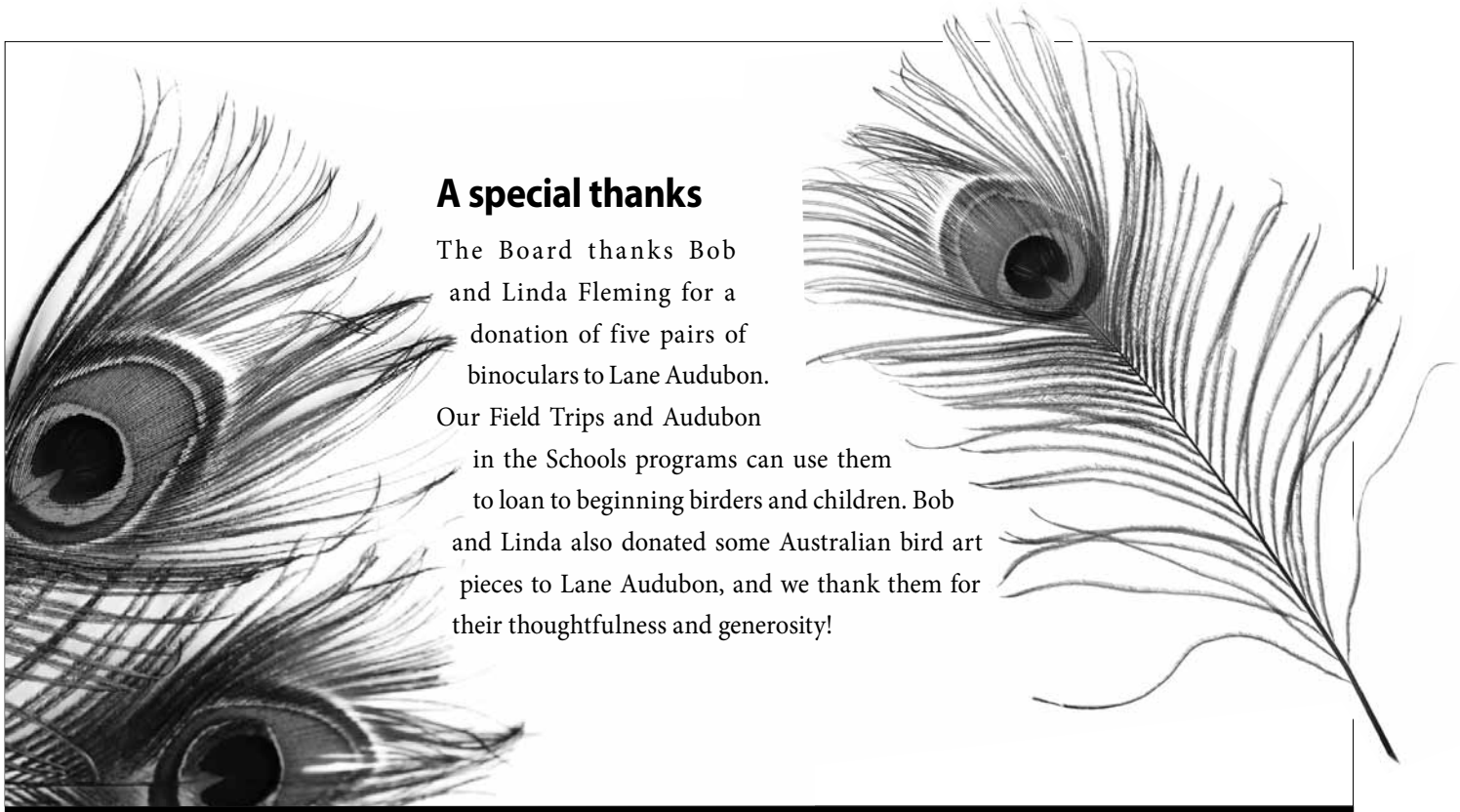
Lane Audubon Community Representatives

Lane County covers a lot of territory, and we have hundreds of members living in smaller communities beyond the immediate Eugene/Springfield area. If you'd like to introduce Lane Audubon to community members at local events in your area or facilitate their attendance at Lane Audubon field trips and program meetings, this is a great opportunity to get involved in community outreach.

Booth Volunteers

Our outreach booth is on site at several fairs and festivals in the area each year. We have events coming up on May 8, May 16, May 29, and June 27. If you have an hour or two available to help spread the word about Lane Audubon's educational conservation programs, you are welcome to help staff the booth. No experience is necessary; we'll match you up with an experienced booth staffer.

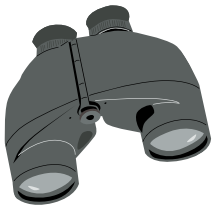
If any of these opportunities interest you, call Ron Renchler at 541.345.0834 or email him at **christyandron@qwest.net**.



A special thanks

The Board thanks Bob and Linda Fleming for a donation of five pairs of binoculars to Lane Audubon. Our Field Trips and Audubon in the Schools programs can use them to loan to beginning birders and children. Bob and Linda also donated some Australian bird art pieces to Lane Audubon, and we thank them for their thoughtfulness and generosity!

Field Notes: March 2010



- **Pine Siskins and Purple Finches return for spring**
- **Gyrfalcon swoops in for rare appearance**
- **Common Murres congregate at Heceta Head**
- **Osprey returning to summer fishing spots**

Tom and Allison Mickel *541.485.7112* *tamickel@rio.com*

March was warmer and drier than normal, which has been the trend for much of this winter and spring. There were a couple of almost summer-like days later in March. Some of the early neotropical migrants are starting to return and most are arriving at their normal time. March produced a couple of exciting sightings, including a Gyrfalcon and a White-winged Dove. Both species have only been spotted a handful of times in Lane County.

WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose (90)	Mar. 28	FRR	JS	A little early for their northward migration
Cinnamon Teal	Mar. 20	FRR	SM,PS	About two weeks later than normal
Cinnamon Teal (2)	Mar. 27	Fiddle Creek Road	B&ZS	The first report for the coast
Tufted Duck	Mar. 27	FRR	DS	Its fifth spring at this location
Common Goldeneye (13)	Mar. 6	Dexter Reservoir	JS	A larger number than usual
Tundra Swan (30–40)	Mar. 24	FRR	JD	About time for them to head north
American White Pelican	Mar. 20	FRR	SM,PS	First report for the "summer season"
Brown Pelican (60)	Mar. 20	SJSR	JS	About half spotted on the jetty and the rest headed south over the ocean

RAPTORS, SHOREBIRDS, GULLS, AUKLETS, DOVES and OWLS

Osprey	Mar. 20	Leaburg Lake	AC	Migrants returning to their breeding territories
Osprey	Mar. 20	Hayward Field, UO	DH	(see above)
Rough-legged Hawk	Mar. 14	Washburn Lane	JS	About time for them to head north
Gyrfalcon	Mar. 14	Deflation Plain	DF,LC	Fifth Lane Co. record
Lesser Yellowlegs	Mar. 23	Delta Ponds	SG	A migrant that rarely winters here
Glaucous Gull	Mar. 20	Crab Dock	JS	One has been reported most of the winter
Common Murre (4–5,000)	Mar. 21	Heceta Head	JS	Staging on the ocean before breeding
Pigeon Guillemot	Mar. 20	Siuslaw River mouth	JS	Returning to the near shore for breeding
Rhinoceros Auklet	Mar. 21	Sea Lion Caves	JS	An annual breeding site
White-winged Dove	Mar. 1	Baker Beach Marsh	B&ZS	Third record for Lane County
Northern Pygmy-Owl (pair)	Feb. 28	Spencer Butte	EC	They've nested on the butte in the past
Northern Pygmy-Owl	Mar. 24	Canary Road	B&ZS	The second time at this location in many years

PASSERINES

Black Phoebe	Mar.	Ada Grange area	B&ZS	Back at all three nesting locations
Gray Jay	Mar. 20	CGWSP	B&ZS	They can be found in the campground.
Violet-green Swallow	Mar. 3	Glenwood	SM	Arrived just a few days later than normal
Cliff Swallow	Mar. 24	Ada Grange	B&ZS	The first report for the breeding season
Cliff Swallow	Mar. 27	FRR	A&TM	Arrived just a few days later than normal
American Dipper (pair)	Mar. 21	Cape Creek	B&ZS	Singing and carrying nest material
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Mar. 30	Hendricks Park	TM	Large numbers —cold rain stopped their migration north?

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Community Calendar, Events, and Opportunities

A service to Lane Audubon members

Mother's Day Native Garden Tour

Native Plant Society
Sunday, May 9, noon–5 p.m.
FMI: ***www.emerald.npsoregon.org***

Eugene Birder's Night

Monday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.
Conference Room A (across hall from Auditorium),
Sacred Heart Hospital, 1255 Hilyard Street, Eugene

Wetland Wander at Checkermallow Access

WREN (Willamette Resources Education Network)
Tuesday, May 11, 9:00–10:00 a.m.
Free! WREN will provide binoculars.
FMI: 541.683.6494 or ***info@wewetlands.org***

The Beautiful Butterflies

LCC and the North American butterfly Association (NABA)
Three part program.
Part 1: Saturday May 15
Part 2: Saturday, June 19
Part 3: Saturday, July 17
FMI: John Hogan, 541.767.9793

Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival

Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, LCC Botany Department and the Native Plant Society
Sunday, May 16, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
FMI: 541.747.3817

Terrestrial Restoration and Invasive Species Projects

Native Plant Society Meeting
Monday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.
EWEB Training Room, 500 E. 4th Ave., Eugene
FMI: 541.746.9478

Go with the Flow

Nearby Nature
Saturday, May 22, 10:00 a.m.–noon
FMI: 541.687.9699, ext. 1

McKenzie River Trail

Oregon Wild Hike
Saturday, May 22
FMI: ***www.oregonwild.org/about/hikes_events***
or call Chandra at 541.344.0675

Heckletooth Mountain

Native Plant Society Field Trip
Saturday, May 22, 8:30 a.m.
FMI or to register: Tanya Harvey at 541.937.1401
or ***Wild.Iris@att.net***

4th Annual Walkin' and Rollin' through the West Eugene Wetlands

WREN
Saturday, May 29, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
FMI: ***www.wewetlands.org*** *or* ***info@wewetlands.org***

Spring Butterflies of the West Eugene Wetlands

WREN
Sunday, May 30, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Meet at the Red House or the West Eugene Wetlands Project Office
on the NE corner of W. 11th and Danebo
Email WREN at ***hmcrae@wewetlands.org*** *to register.*

Family Nature Discovery Days

Cascades Raptor Center
Fourth Sunday from May–Sept.
FMI: 541.485.1320 or ***www.eraptors.org***

Horse Rock Ridge

Native Plant Society Field Trip
Saturday, June 5, 9:00 a.m.
FMI: 541.345.5531

Wetland Wander at Willow Creek Preserve

WREN
Tuesday, June 8, 9:00–10:00 a.m.
FMI: 541.683.6494 or ***info@wewetlands.org***

Mary's Peak

Saturday, June 12
FMI: ***www.oregonwild.org/about/hikes_events***
or call Chandra at 541.344.0675

Eugene Birder's Night

Monday, June 14, 7:00 p.m.
Conference Room A (across hall from Auditorium),
Sacred Heart Hospital, 1255 Hilyard St., Eugene

Sahalie Falls and Sand Mountain Lookout

Native Plant Society
Saturday, June 26, 9:00 a.m.
FMI: 541.746.9478

Eugene Fourth of July Butterfly Count

North American Butterfly Association
Saturday, June 26 (Rain date, Sunday, June 27)
FMI: call Ellie at 541.684.8973.

Growing a Rainbow

Nearby Nature
Saturday, June 26, 10:00 a.m. to noon
FMI: 541.687.9699, ext. 1

Program Meeting: Tuesday, May 25

Experience the "luxurious hothouse" of the Borneo rainforest **by Bob Fleming and Jim Regali**

Herb Wisner *541.344.3634* *hrwisner@comcast.net*

Bob Fleming and Jim Regali will share experiences from their recent trip to Borneo, a place Charles Darwin once described as "one great wild untidy luxuriant hothouse made by nature for herself." From the heights of Mount Kinabalu to the pristine offshore islands with vast tracts of lush rainforest in between, the diversity of habitats supports a tremendous array of plants, animals, and birds. Please join us to learn more about this hot spot of world biodiversity.

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Tuesday, May 25, 7:30 p.m.
Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High Street, Eugene

Field Notes: March 2010, *continued*

PASSERINES, *continued*

Orange-crowned Warbler	Mar. 24	LCC/Skinner Butte	LM,et al.	A little less than a week later than normal
Common Yellowthroat	Mar. 27	FRR	DS	Right on schedule!
Chipping Sparrow	Mar. 27	N Eugene	BG	A few days earlier than normal
Purple Finch	Mar. 3	SE Eugene	AC	Returning to feeders after not being around all winter
Purple Finch (10–15)	Mar. 5	Cottage Grove	JD	(see above)
Pine Siskin	Mar. 5	Cottage Grove	JD	First ones at the feeders after not being seen through the winter
Pine Siskin	Mar. 5	SE Eugene	AC	(see above)

Abbreviations

CGWSP: Carl G. Washburne State Park
FRR: Fern Ridge Reservoir
m.ob.: many observers
SJSR: South Jetty of the Siuslaw River
crab dock: South Jetty of the Siuslaw River crab dock
deflation plain: South Jetty of the Siuslaw River deflation plain

Thank you, contributors!

EC Ellen Cantor, **AC** Alan Contreras, **LC** Lydia Cruz, **JD** Jim DeLapp, **DF** Daniel Farrar, **SG** Steve Gordon, **BG** Brandon Green, **DH** Dan Heyerly, **SM** Sylvia Maulding, **LM** Larry McQueen, **A&TM** Allison & Tom Mickel, **DS** Don Schrouder, **PS** Paul Sherrell, **B&ZS** Bill & Zanah Stotz, **JS** John Sullivan.

Save the Date—Summer Bird Walks

July 17, 2010: "Dragonflies and Birds" with Steve Gordon and Cary Kerst

August 21: "Farms and Birds" at Blick Farm and Amazon Canal with Jim Blick and Leila Snow

September 18: Coast trip to Florence and Yachats to see fall migrating shorebirds

September 3–6: *Audubon2Audubon* extended birding trip. Blue Mountain Audubon will host us for an observation of migrating waterfowl and shorebirds along the Columbia flyway near Walla Walla, Washington. Expect some unusual vagrants and bring a camp chair. Cost TBA, but approximately $300 for lodging, gas, and leadership. Food extra. Trip limited to eight.

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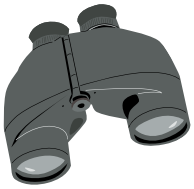

Bird Walks and Events

Leila Snow *541.968.5533* *leilas@ori.org*

Monthly Bird Walk: Our monthly bird walks are usually held on the third Saturday of the month, but we often have additional walks or special trips. With knowledgeable leaders and many pairs of eyes to help spot birds, our trips are a great way to increase your birding skills while learning about Lane County birds and their habitats. All birders are welcome, from novice to expert. A $3 donation is suggested.

Third Saturday Bird Walk: Relax and watch from your lawn chair

Saturday, May 15

Our bird walk this month is actually a big sit. Usually we wander the trails looking for birds. This time we'll sit quietly and wait for the birds to come to us. Bring your lawn chair and binoculars.

We will meet, rain or shine, at 7:00 a.m. at the South Eugene High School parking lot (19th and Patterson St.) and will return by noon. Please note: As a precaution, do not leave valuables in your parked car.

Nest box viewing with Dick and Maeve

Saturday, June 5

Dick Lamster and Maeve Sowles will lead a tour of the 45 nest boxes on their 10 acres SW of Eugene from 9 a.m. to noon You will see nest boxes (hopefully) inhabited by Western Bluebirds, Violet-green Swallows, Tree Swallows, and Chickadees. They will talk about box design, placement, and other ideas to optimize rural habitat. Space will be limited so call to reserve a spot and get directions: 541.343.8664.

Third Saturday Bird Walk: Mountain birds at Oakridge with Cheron Ferland

Saturday, June 19

We'll head to Oakridge to explore mountain bird specialties this month, such as Mountain Quail, Sooty Grouse, American Dipper, Great Grey Owl, Grey Jay, and others. Cheron Ferland, wildlife biologist and organizer of the newly re-established Oakridge Christmas Bird Count, will show us local hot spots.

We will meet, rain or shine, at 7:00 a.m. at the South Eugene High School parking lot (19th and Patterson St.) and will return by 2 p.m. Please note: As a precaution, do not leave valuables in your parked car.

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