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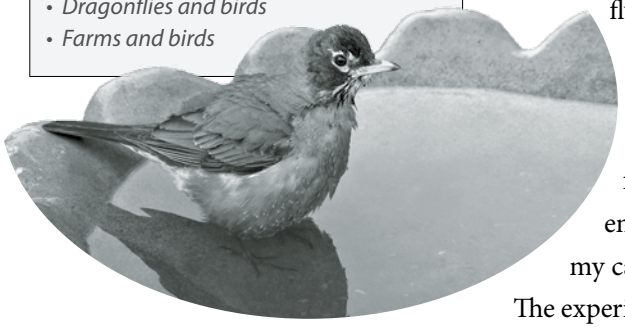

From Our President

Audubon

Remember birds on hot, dry summer days

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Late summer is when Oregon changes to warm and dry weather. Even though we have had a wet spring, once the rain stops, surface water drains away and the ground dries up. Seasonal ponds and creeks disappear, and birds need a water source during this time of year. If there is a bird bath or small water feature in your yard, birds will depend on that fresh water during the hot, dry days of summer.

Keeping a clean water source is important so birds can drink and bathe in it. If the water is clean, mosquito larvae will not survive to create a West Nile virus problem. We have a seasonal creek at our home that flows until September, and then we fill the pools from the hose to keep some water in the place where the birds are used to finding it. Birds are especially attracted to moving water. If possible, offer them a dripping faucet into a shallow pool and they will reward you with frequent visits to that spot.

One August afternoon, I was hand watering some new rhododendrons behind our house, struggling to keep them alive through their first year. I was "counting" how long I was watering each plant to make sure they got equal watering. On about the third plant, a female Evening Grosbeak came to a low fir branch nearby, watched the spray of water, and watched me. Her male companion came in also. The female started flying low to pass through the water spray. She flew down repeatedly to get a bath from the water, making the male very nervous. He was calling to her, but she would pass through the water, land on a branch, look at me, and then fly down again to enjoy her shower. This went on for four or five minutes. I could not stop watering because I was fascinated to see her enjoyment of this cool water spray on a hot August afternoon. Obviously, my careful measure of how much water each plant got was way off that day! The experience made my watering chore more fun than I expected.

Lane Audubon intern EV Voltura reflects on spring conservation projects

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Hi everyone, my name is EV Voltura, and I wanted to share my awesome experience as Lane Audubon's intern for the Spring Term at the University of Oregon. Working with the Conservation Chair, Debbie Schlenoff, my projects consisted of a wide range of conservation issues. Interestingly enough, although my love and interest in birds began in my childhood, when the opportunity came for me to do something about it, I realized how unsure I was about exactly what it was that I wanted do. I knew that I really wanted to help, but at the same time, I didn't really know what kinds of prospects were out there. Luckily, Debbie had a wide range of ideas prepared, and with Lane Audubon's involvement in so many aspects of conservation, there was no shortage of options. Eventually, we were able to settle on a few main projects: the "Keeping Cats Indoors" and "Urban Avian Mortality" campaigns, along with some smaller events to better my understanding of Lane Audubon. This included volunteering at booth operations, working on the 2010 Vaux's Swift Count, interacting with the new Facebook page, and helping out with Creswell's Earth Day celebration at Garden Lake Park.

My work on the main project, the "Urban Avian Mortality" campaign, involved looking at whether or not buildings in Eugene were affecting avian mortality rates due to fatal strikes against buildings and windows. This involved searching for both high-risk and control buildings to use for a monitoring study and gaining permission from the appropriate managers to utilize their properties. After searching for just the right buildings to monitor and having a slight, although comical, scare with the FBI, I settled on 10 buildings scattered around town, including two on the University of Oregon campus. Throughout the term, I monitored each building a few times a week at sunrise for evidence of bird strikes, including bird carcasses, feather smears on windows, or remnants of recent scavenges that occurred close to the buildings. During this time, I also wrote an article published in the *Daily Emerald* at the University of Oregon that alerted the campus community about bird strikes on windows.

During my study, I found direct evidence of at least 13 fatal strikes and many, many more unconfirmed strike events at the eight buildings monitored throughout the entire study. Although 13 may not seem like a large number, considering the small number of buildings and time involved in my study, as well as the remote chances of finding evidence of fatalities

Thank you, EV!

Lane Audubon would like to thank our Spring Term intern, EV Voltura, from the University of Oregon Environmental Studies Program. EV enthusiastically contributed her time and talents to both monitoring and educational outreach projects. Her efforts to reduce avian mortality are much appreciated.

How you can help reduce bird collisions

- Place exterior screens, netting, and coverings over windows
- Apply closely spaced decals, tape, or tempera paint in dense patterns
- Hang streamers in front of windows
- Place bird feeders either within three feet of a window or farther than 30 feet away from your house
- Turn off the lights and close the curtains or blinds
- Retain security lights but remove decorative illumination, flood lights, and other lights not directed downward

given scavengers or injured birds flying off some distance, I likely saw only a minute fraction of building-induced bird fatalities in Eugene during this time. Even though Eugene is still fairly small, I hope the data from this study and similar ones conducted across the country will eventually contribute to helping architects better understand what they can do to reduce impacts on birds and other wildlife. In finalizing my work on this project, I will be involved in writing up my findings semi-formally—thanking the building managers for their help and turning over my raw data to Debbie in hopes of furthering the research with future interns.

My second major project this term was working on the "Keeping Cats Indoors" campaign. Our goal for this project was to update and expand educational literature on the subject that we could distribute to local veterinarians, shelters, and other appropriate organizations. In the end, I was able to put together a new two-page brochure that discussed a range of topics, including the risks of letting cats outside, the benefits of keeping them in, and how to bring them inside if they already go out. As my internship comes to a close this week, I probably won't get to finish working on this project as a Lane Audubon intern, but I sure hope to do so as a full-fledged volunteer!

My experience as Lane Audubon's intern has been nothing but awesome. I got the chance to see the many faces of conservation, meet a lot of great new people, learn new things, and participate in activities that I never would have known were out there. Your internship has truly been an experience I will never forget—so please keep it going! I would like to say "thank you" so much for the opportunity—and especially thanks to Debbie for putting in all of the time and effort to make it all happen!

I look forward to meeting more of you at the next meeting in September. Until then, have a great summer!

National Audubon Society and the Gulf oil spill

Many of us are deeply concerned about the impact of the oil spill on the people and wildlife in the Gulf of Mexico. There are many organizations, including National Audubon, who are working to do what they can for wildlife. For more information and some ideas on how you can help, please visit **www.audubon.org**.

Cats indoors: good for cats and birds alike

- Outdoor cats can suffer significant injury from vehicles, predators, dogs, and other cats.
- Free-roaming cats only live an average of 3–5 years while indoor cats may live 15–18 years.
- Research documents that free-roaming cats kill hundreds of millions of birds annually.
- Cat predation on wildlife adds to the existing stress of habitat loss, pollution, and pesticides.
- Bells are not very effective at protecting birds from cat predation.
- Even when cats let their victims go, they often die from wounds or infection.

Lane Audubon-sponsored field trip: "Bird Watching by Canoe"

July 31

On Saturday morning, July 31, Dick Lamster and Maeve Sowles will be leading a bird-watching-by-canoe trip on Fern Ridge Lake. You will need to furnish your own canoe or kayak, lifejackets (required), snacks, drinking water, binoculars, mosquito repellant, hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. One person in each craft will need to have an "Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit"—a new requirement this year in Oregon. Go to **www.boatoregon.com** for more information. Call Dick and Maeve in advance at 541.343.8664 to reserve a spot. We will give you the meeting time and location when you call. Sometimes people will have extra space in their canoe, so if you want to participate and do not have a canoe, call anyway and perhaps there will be space for you.

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Audubon Adventures

Another successful year in the classroom!

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The theme for *Audubon Adventures* 2009–10 was entitled "Action for Planet Earth," and the study units focused on water, energy, habitats, and Earth's species. Over thirty local classrooms received the kit this past school year. The teachers shared their thoughts with us on how they used the material and how the curriculum worked for their classes. Here is what several of them had to say.

"The topics fit in perfectly with other themes in our class—garden, ecosystems, the web of life, and our green school status." *Grade 5*

"We used the material in two ways. One was to work in partners on retell and summarization/main idea; the other was to supplement our studies of ecosystems. The material works wonderfully for that! Fit the reading level of most kids, very colorful and are different than the reading text and other materials we have."

I would LOVE to get the materials next year!!! They have become an important part of my curriculum in the spring." *Grade 4*

Red-breasted Sapsucker
Photo by Steven Hunnicutt

"The materials are easy to read. They contain good and important information. It is a good math tie-in." *Grade 6*

"I made the kit available with guidance on a table so that students had access to materials and checked out relevant books to go on the table as well. Students worked with the kit on their own time and read The Quail *articles with other students who shared similar interests."* *Grade 4*

"I used it in conjunction with our 'Bill Nye the Science Guy' curriculum for science. We started a community garden this year that incorporated the ideas of 'At Home in Habitat,' 'Caretaking Our World's Water,' and 'Power from Our Planet.' I used the worksheets that came in the TE Classroom Resource Manual. We constructed the bird feeders and hung them near our garden. The strength of the curriculum is in the visuals available for each child. The students were able to take home the visual poster after the curriculum for that unit was done. They liked having something that was 'theirs' that they could take home and share with their families." *Grade 6*

Next year *Audubon Adventures* is publishing a classroom kit entitled "Wildlife on the Move." The curriculum will focus on three types of animal migration: birds, monarch butterflies, and marine animals. The material meets core elementary curriculum standards across the life sciences, science in personal and social perspectives, language arts, social studies/geography, and social studies/civics. Teachers have already expressed interest, and we will be seeking out more teachers as the school year approaches near the end of the summer.

Audubon Adventures is a literature-based environmental education curriculum targeting third through sixth graders. Younger classes have also used the material successfully at the teacher's request. If you know a classroom teacher who might be interested, please have him or her contact Debra Eichner at **aceichner@msn.com** or 541.607.6123.

Thanks to everyone who sponsored classrooms and helped make *Audubon Adventures* successful this school year!

A Message from Lane Audubon Board of Directors

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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!

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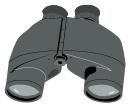

Field trips and bird walks

Program meetings

Educational publications

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Answers to questions— 541.485.BIRD

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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.

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Scarlet Tanager
Photo by Cary Kerst

Lane County Audubon Society Board elections

Kris Kirkeby, Jim Maloney, Ron Renchler, Debra Schlenoff, Maeve Sowles, and Herb Wisner were reelected at the May 25 Program Meeting.

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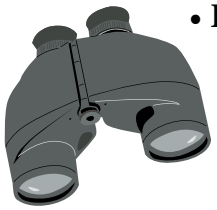
Field Notes: April–May 2010



- **Broad-tailed Hummingbird—first in Lane County?**
- **Calliope Hummingbirds numerous at local feeders**
- **Great Egrets still here**
- **Acorn Woodpecker at Skinner Butte**
- **Evening Grosbeaks "everywhere" at UO campus**

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April and May were unseasonably wet and cool! This spring would have to be called "the spring of the Calliope Hummingbird" given the large numbers seen at local feeders. Calliope numbers tend to increase in the area during wet, cool springs because of the lack of wildflowers in their breeding habitat—the high Cascades and central Oregon. Despite the weather, most migrants seemed to be arriving on time, though many species lingered in the area instead of moving quickly through—most likely because of the weather. Both Black-necked Stilts and Wilson's Phalarope, which have nested at Fern Ridge Reservoir for about 10 years, were seen only sporadically this spring. Were high water levels causing them to wander in their search for breeding habitat?

WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose	Apr. 22	FRR	JS	220 is a large number for the area
Greater White-fronted Goose	Apr. 30	Eugene/Springfield	DI	5,000+ flying over and heading to breeding grounds. During this time of year, flock after flock can be seen and heard flying W/NW over the valley and Coast Range.
Snow Goose	May 7	Canary Road	B&ZS	An unusually late date
Brant	May 31	Siuslaw River	B&ZS	Last date species was seen along the coast
Eurasian Wigeon	May 8	FRR	VT	Last report for the winter
Blue-winged Teal	Apr. 30	FRR	DS	A couple of days earlier than normal
Blue-winged Teal	May 6	Ada Grange area	B&ZS	First coastal report for the breeding season
Redhead (pair)	Apr. 3	FRR	DS	First report for the breeding season
Tufted Duck	Apr. 17	FRR	A&TM	Last report for this bird's spring visit
Horned Grebe	May 2	FRR	NN-P	Not usually found at FRR during migration
Clark's Grebe	Apr. 29	Siuslaw River	B&ZS	Not common along the coast
Murphy's Petrel	May 12	Cruise Ship, 50 mi out	JG,OS	Rarely seen off the Lane County Coast
Manx Shearwater	May 12	Cruise Ship, 50 mi out	JG,OS	Rarely seen off the Lane County Coast
American White Pelican	Apr. 3	FRR	DS	First report for the summer
Brown Pelican	Apr./May	Florence area	DF	They continue to be seen in good numbers.
Great Egret (3)	May 15	FRR	JS,LJ	Late date—are they nesting?
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Apr. 18	Ferry St. Bridge area	LM	A rare breeding season record

RAPTORS, SHOREBIRDS, GULLS, AUKLETS, and QUAIL

California Quail	Apr. 30	Dunes City	DF	A rather rare sighting along the coast
White-tailed Kite	Apr. 22	FRR	JS	Normally in their breeding areas by now
Bald Eagle	Apr. 9	Skinner Butte	TM	Nest had at least one eaglet
Red-shouldered Hawk (3)	Apr. 7	E. Regional Park	J&JD	The first report from the area
Swainson's Hawk	Apr. 15	SE Eugene	DD	A normal time for this rare spring migrant
Pacific Golden-Plover	Apr. 24	SJSR beach	B&ZS	Not common during spring migration
Black-necked Stilt (5)	Apr. 1	FRR, E. Coyote unit	SH	A little earlier than their normal arrival

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RAPTORS, SHOREBIRDS, GULLS, AUKLETS, and QUAIL, *continued*

American Avocet	Apr. 18	FRR, E. Coyote unit	DI,SF	Becoming a normal spring migrant
Lesser Yellowlegs	May 6	Meadowlark Prairie	JS	Never as common as Greater Yellowlegs, but Lesser Yellowlegs Apr. 23 Greenhill Road DI they do migrate through in small numbers.
Solitary Sandpiper	May 13	Meadowlark Prairie	JS	Normal migration window
Willet	May 14	SJSR	DF	Quite rare during spring migration
Wandering Tattler	May 4	Siltcoos River	DF	A normal time for migrants
Whimbrel (2)	Apr. 21	Siltcoos River	DF	A normal time for migrants
Long-billed Curlew	Apr. 10	crab dock	B&ZS	First report of the spring migration
Long-billed Curlew	May 12	FRR	SC	Not found annually in the valley
Marbled Godwit	Apr. 25	Siltcoos River	DF	Found in small numbers during spring
Red Knot	May 4	Heceta Beach	B&ZS	First report for their northward migration
Sanderling (1000)	Apr. 21	Siltcoos River	DF	High numbers for the latter part of migration
Short-billed Dowitcher	Apr. 10	Sutton Beach	DF	First report of the spring migration
Wilson's Phalarope	May 8	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	A few days later than normal
Red-necked Phalarope (2)	Apr. 27	Stewart Pond	JN	Small numbers reported in the valley during migration
Red-necked Phalarope (14)	May 3	LCC ponds	DD	
Bonaparte's Gull	Apr. 12	FRR	SM	Migrate through the valley in small numbers
Caspian Tern (3)	Apr. 8	Siltcoos River	DF	First report for the breeding season
Caspian Tern	May 8	FRR	VT	They regularly migrate through the valley
Black Tern	May 6	FRR	DS	A couple days later than normal
Cassin's Auklet	Apr. 18	NJSR	DI	Not normally seen from land
Rhinoceros Auklet	May 31	Siuslaw River	B&ZS	First seen feeding in the river this spring

PIGEONS, SWIFTS, DOVES and HUMMINGBIRDS

Band-tailed Pigeon	Apr. 14	Siltcoos River	DF	First report for the breeding season
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Apr. 19	Oakridge	CF	First report of this species in the local area
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Apr. 19	Seavy Loop Road	GC	First report of this species in that area
Common Nighthawk	May 30	W. Eugene	VT	A few days earlier than normal
Black Swift (50+)	May 26	SJSR	DF, LC	First report of large numbers migrating
Black Swift (9)	May 27	SJSR	DF	along the coast in Lane County
Vaux's Swift	Apr. 18	Skinner Butte	m.ob.	About a week later than normal
Calliope Hummingbird	Apr. 18	Ferry St. Bridge area	A&DH	The first of at least 10 feeders hosting this species in the Eugene/Springfield area during the rest of April and first week of May.
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Apr. 30	Ferry St. Bridge area	A&DH	A possible female photographed at their feeder. Would be a first Lane County record

WOODPECKERS to THRUSHES

Lewis's Woodpecker	Apr. 25	Royal Ave	JS	Last report for these wintering birds
Acorn Woodpecker	Apr. 17	Skinner Butte	DI, et.al.	An unusual location for this species
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Apr. 30	Baker Beach	B&ZS	The first report for the local area
Olive-sided Flycatcher	May 4	Skinner Butte	JS	A few days later than normal
Western Wood-Pewee	May 3	FRR, Richardson Park	DI	Arriving right on schedule
Willow Flycatcher	May 19	Mt. Pisgah	LM,et.al.	About a week later than normal
Hammond's Flycatcher	Apr. 16	Coburg Ridge	TM	Arriving right on schedule
Gray Flycatcher	Apr. 28	Skinner Butte	LM,et.al.	Not annual during spring migration

WOODPECKERS to THRUSHES, *continued*

Gray Flycatcher	May 5	Dorris Ranch	LM, et.al.	About 10 records for Lane County
Dusky Flycatcher	Apr. 19	SE Eugene	TM	Arriving right on schedule
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Apr. 20	Alton Baker Park	AM	Arriving right on schedule
Ash-throated Flycatcher	May 25	Stewart Pond area	JH	A couple weeks later than normal
Western Kingbird	Apr. 16	Eugene airport	JS	About a week earlier than normal
Western Kingbird	Apr. 16	Willow Creek	TM	About a week earlier than normal
Northern Shrike	Apr. 1	Cantrell Road	DS	Last report for the winter
Cassin's Vireo	Apr. 14	SE Eugene	TM	About a week later than normal
Warbling Vireo	Apr. 17	River Road area	BC	A few days earlier than normal
Purple Martin	Apr. 10	FRR	DS	Arriving right on schedule
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Apr. 3	FRR	AC,TG	Arriving right on schedule
Barn Swallow	Apr. 10	FRR	DS	About a week and a half later than normal
Canyon Wren	Apr. 23	Oakridge area	CF	Less than 10 records for Lane County
House Wren	Apr. 20	Oakhill Road	JS	Arriving right on time
American Dipper	May 1	Cave Creek	B&ZS	Young fledged from nest
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	May 11	SE Eugene	DI	Last report for the winter
Swainson's Thrush	Apr. 29	Elijah Bristow SP	BC	A few days earlier than normal
Mountain Bluebird (female)	Apr. 4	FRR, E. Coyote unit	A&DH	Occasionally found in the valley

WARBLERS to FINCHES

Tennessee Warbler	May 27	SE Eugene	DG	About a dozen records for Lane County
Nashville Warbler	Apr. 17	Skinner Butte	DI, et.al.	A few days later than normal
Nashville Warbler	Apr. 18	Florence	SF	Rarely found on the coast
Yellow Warbler	May 7	FRR, Zumwalt Park	TM	About a week later than normal
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Apr. 7	Alton Baker Park	DA,et.al.	Arriving right on schedule
Hermit Warbler	Apr. 21	SE Eugene	TM	Arriving right on schedule
Hermit Warbler	May 7	Canary Road area	B&ZS	First report for the area
MacGillivray's Warbler	Apr. 17	Skinner Butte	DI, et.al.	A few days earlier than normal
Common Yellowthroat	Apr. 10	Fiddle Creek	B&ZS	First report for the area
Wilson's Warbler	Apr. 11	Skinner Butte	A&TM	Arriving right on schedule
Yellow-breasted Chat	May 7	FRR	TM	Arriving right on schedule
Western Tanager	Apr. 18	Skinner Butte	RR	A couple days earlier than normal
Chipping Sparrow	May 1	Heceta Head	B&ZS	First report for the area
Vesper Sparrow	Apr. 18	Dukhober Road	DI,SF	About two weeks later than normal
Grasshopper Sparrow	May 16	FRR, Royal Ave	TM	Singing on their traditional breeding site
Grasshopper Sparrow	May 25	Stewart Pond area	JS	A first report for this area
Fox Sparrow	Apr. 22	Perkins Peninsula Park	JS	Last report for the winter
Lincoln's Sparrow (singing)	Apr. 10	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	Not commonly heard in the valley
White-throated Sparrow	May 4	Veneta	DH	Last report for the winter
Golden-crowned Sparrow	May 17	Skinner Butte	SF	Last report for the winter
Dark-eyed Junco	Apr. 14	SE Eugene	AC	The last date in his yard for the winter
Black-headed Grosbeak	Apr. 21	SE Eugene	TM	Arriving about a week earlier than normal
Lazuli Bunting	Apr. 25	Skinner Butte	BB	A few days earlier than normal
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Apr. 11	FRR, Royal Ave	A&TM	About a week later than normal
Brown-headed Cowbird	Apr. 23	Alton Baker Park	VT	About three weeks later than normal

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WARBLERS to FINCHES, *continued*

Bullock's Oriole	Apr. 24	Skinner Butte	BB	Arriving right on schedule
Red Crossbill	May 28	Siltcoos River	B&ZS	Numbers and frequency aren't as high as they used to be in the pine and spruce/hemlock habitats along the coast
Evening Grosbeak (1,000s)	Apr. 27	U of O	MP	"Everywhere on campus"

Abbreviations

FRR: Fern Ridge Reservoir; **m.ob.:** many observers; **NJSR:** North Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **SJSR:** South Jetty of the Siuslaw River **crab dock:** South Jetty of the Siuslaw River crab dock

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Thank you, contributors!

Spring brings out the best in Lane Audubon volunteers

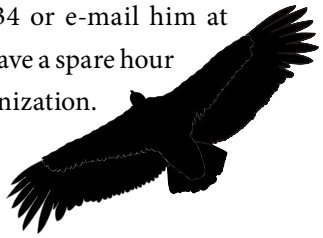
May was a busy month for the Lane Audubon outreach booth. On Saturday, May 8, the Fifth Annual Fern Ridge Wings and Wine Festival, LCAS's signature event, was held at Domaine Meriwether Winery near Veneta. Lane Audubon booth staffers Connie Berglund, Margot Fetz, Carolyn Kinkade, Charlotte Maloney, Jim Maloney, Dolly Marshall, Dianne McInnes, Debbie Schlenoff, and Phil Smyser helped make the festival a great success. A special thanks goes to Kris Kirkeby for staffing Lane Audubon's popular child-activity booth at the festival.

Mt. Pisgah's annual Wildflower Festival was held on Sunday, May 16. Hundreds of festival-goers enjoyed the fine weather and activities. Connie Berglund, Margot Fetz, Carolyn Kinkade, Dave Stone, Debbie Schlenoff, and EV Volurta were on hand to staff the booth and let everyone know about Lane Audubon's bird-related education and conservation activities.

The Willamette Resource Education Network (WREN) hosted its annual Walkin' and Rollin' event in the West Eugene Wetlands on Saturday, May 29. Susanne Twight-Alexander and EV Volurta answered questions from bicyclists and walkers exploring the wetlands during the event.

In addition to staffing our booth, Lane Audubon volunteers help in many other ways. A special thank you this month goes to Doris Bakshi, who handled the mailing of membership renewal reminders to our members.

Call Ron Renchler at 541.345.0834 or e-mail him at **christyandron@qwest.net** if you have a spare hour or two a month to give to our organization. We welcome your help.



Cottage Grove birding opportunities

Whether you're a novice or an experienced birding enthusiast and live in or near Cottage Grove, you now have the opportunity to connect with other local birders to take bird walks, carpool to Lane Audubon events, staff the Lane Audubon booth at community events, and more. A local member, Barbara Butzler, is interested in hearing from Cottage Grove residents who want to be more active in Lane Audubon activities. If this opportunity interests you, contact Barbara at 541.942.2401 or e-mail her at **bbutzer@heavanet.com**.

Community Calendar, Events, and Opportunities

A service to Lane Audubon members

Metolius Seeps and Prairies
North American Butterfly Association
Wednesday, July 7, 8:00 a.m.

Guided by Susan Anderson, an entomologist and naturalist who knows all the special places where butterflies reside in the warmth of eastern Oregon.
Meet at the Campbell Senior Center, 155 High Street; registration required; FMI: 541.684.8973

Summering Birds
Mt. Pisgah Arboretum
Saturday, July 10, 8:00–10:00 a.m.

Enjoy the morning chorus as experienced bird guide Davey Wendt helps you identify and appreciate the birds of the Arboretum.
Meet at the Arboretum Visitors Center; fee: $5 adults; FMI: 541.747.1504

Oregon Wild Hikes

Tidbits Mountain, July 10; Opal Creek, July 11; North Umpqua Trail, July 11; Mount Bailey, August 21.
FMI and registration: Chandra LeGue at 541.344.0675

Wetland Wander at Stewart Pond Natural Area
Willamette Resources Education Network (WREN)
Tuesday, July 13, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Stewart Pond is a 150-acre natural area located east of the intersection of Bertelsen Road and Stewart Road, north of West 11th Avenue.
*Free! WREN will provide binoculars. FMI: 541.683.6494 or **info@wewetlands.org***

5th Annual Marbled Murrelet Training and Survey
Coastal Important bird area
Training: Wednesday, July 14, 6:30 p.m.
Surveys: Thursday, July 15, 4:53–6:53 a.m. and 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Volunteers needed! Surveys located at Cummins, Ten Mile, and Yachats, including the Central Coast Murrelet Important Bird Area.
*Please RSVP. FMI: Paul Engelmeyer at 541.547.4227 or **pengelmeyer@peak.org***

Marys Peak: The Queen of the Coast Range
North American Butterfly Association
Saturday, July 17, 8:00 a.m.

Marys Peak is renowned in the Coast Range for its diversity of plants and abundance of butterflies in wildflower meadows and woodland edges. We may see up to 20 species of butterflies and swirls of blues.
Meet at the Campbell Senior Center, 155 High Street; registration required; FMI: 541.684.8973

Summer Plants at the Arboretum
Mt. Pisgah Arboretum
Saturday, July 17, 10:00 a.m.–noon

Hike the Arboretum trails through a variety of habitats and discover which plants are blooming during these hot summer months.
Meet at the Arboretum Visitors Center; fee: $5; FMI: 541.747.1504

July Butterfly Count: Browder Ridge, Iron Mountain, Cone Peak
North American Butterfly Association
Saturday, July 24, 8:00 a.m.

Our annual count in the meadows of the central Cascades each year finds almost 40 species and hundreds of individual butterflies.
Meet at the Campbell Senior Center, 155 High Street; registration required; fee: $3; FMI: 541.684.8973

Yoga on the Mountain
Mt. Pisgah Arboretum
Saturday, July 24, 9:00 a.m.–noon

We will hike to the top of Mount Pisgah and enjoy the beautiful views while practicing yoga on the summit.
Meet at the Arboretum Visitors Center; fee: $5/adults; FMI: 541.747.1504

Meadow Magic
Nearby Nature
Saturday, July 24, 10:00 a.m.–noon

Catch butterflies, do the 'Butterfly Glide' with Bella Butterfly, and make your own creative bug!
Meet outside the Alton Baker Park Host Residence; registration suggested; fee: $2/person, $5/family, free for members; FMI: 541.687.9699

Of the Earth—A Clay Workshop
Mt. Pisgah Arboretum
Sunday, August 1, 10:00 a.m.–1 p.m.

Use Nature as a texture for your own clay exploration and project. Join ceramic artist, Peg Douthit-Jackson as we explore the textures of the Arboretum through the medium of clay.
Meet at the Arboretum Visitors Center; registration required; fee: $19, $15 for members; FMI: 541.747.1504

Wetland Wander at Meadowlark Prairie Overlook
WREN
Tuesday, August 10, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

The Meadowlark Prairie Overlook is located on Greenhill Road, south of Royal. We will be walking along the paved Fern Ridge Bike Path.
*Free! WREN will provide binoculars; FMI: 541.683.6494 or **info@wewetlands.org***

Wet Feet and Cool Treats Family Walk
Mt. Pisgah Arboretum
Saturday August 23, 10:00 a.m.–noon

Explore the amazing aquatic world of the Arboretum with Nature Guide Tom Bettman. Enjoy homemade ICE CREAM!
Meet at the Arboretum Visitors Center; fee: $5/family, $10 members; FMI: 541.747.1504

24th Oregon Shorebird Festival
August 27–29

Experience the wonder of shorebird migration along the scenic Oregon Coast. The festival is headquartered at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston. Activities include expertly guided land-based field trips to Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Millicoma Marsh, and the greater Coos Bay area. The Bird Guide, Inc. will offer a five-hour pelagic trip on Saturday.
*FMI and to register: Dawn Grafe at 541.867.4550 or **www.fws.gov/oregoncoast/shorebirdfestival.htm***

Water Wonderful
Nearby Nature
Saturday, August 28, 10:00 a.m.–noon

Celebrate water in this fun medley of water, sand, and soil activities. Play the Mountain Melt game! Snacks provided.
Meet outside the Alton Baker Park host residence; registration suggested; fee: $2/person, $5/family, free for members; FMI: 541.687.9699

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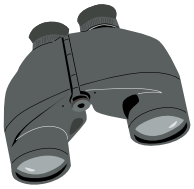

Bird Walks and Events

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. Questions? Call Leila. 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.

Third Saturday Bird Walk: Dragonflies and birds

Saturday, July 17

Steve Gordon has been an avid birder since 1974. In 1999 he teamed up with Cary Kerst to identify dragonflies of the West Eugene Wetlands. Together, they have led numerous local field trips and teach *Odonate* classes and are co-authors of *Dragonflies and Damselflies of the Willamette Valley: A Beginner's Guide*. Cary and Steve will help us identify both birds and dragonflies on this trip.

Third Saturday Bird Walk: Farms and birds

Saturday, August 21

When the Blick family started Living Earth Farm in 2007, they made a commitment to sustainable practices and restoring native plants and wildlife habitat. We'll tour their 15 acres and learn how farming and wildlife, including birds, can coexist. We'll finish the morning with a look at the wildlife on the nearby Amazon Canal in the West Eugene Wetlands. Leaders: Jim Blick/Leila Snow

Coast trip for fall migrating shorebirds—save the date!

Saturday, September 18

We'll head to Florence and Yachats at the Oregon Coast to witness the shorebird fall migration. Meet at South Eugene High School at 7:00 a.m. to carpool.

Upcoming Program Meetings

September: Christofer Calonje from Columbia Bird Watch

October: Bluebird trail with Mary Nyquist Koons

TBD: Ornithologist Dan Gleason

TBD: Jeff Kruger will discuss the Willamette River Open Space Vision

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