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The Quail

News from Lane County Audubon Society

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From Our Treasurer

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Asking for your support

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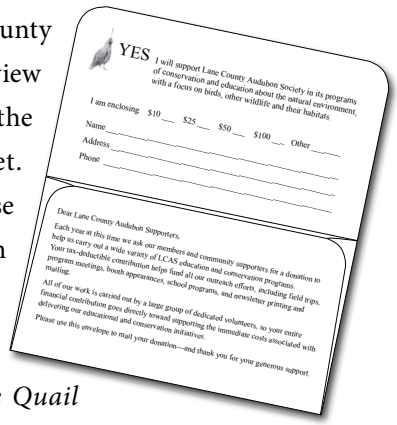
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Dear Lane County Audubon Supporters,

Each year at this time we ask our members and community supporters for a donation to help us carry out a wide variety of LCAS education and conservation programs. Your tax-deductible contribution helps fund all our outreach efforts, including field trips, program meetings, booth appearances, school programs, and newsletter printing and mailing.

All of our work is carried out by a large group of dedicated volunteers, so your entire financial contribution goes directly toward supporting the immediate costs associated with delivering our educational and conservation initiatives.

Please use this envelope to mail your donation—and thank you for your generous support.

At the beginning of each year, the Lane County Audubon Board of Directors meets to review the previous year's activities, plan for the coming year, and develop an operating budget. This meeting is always a satisfying process because it reminds us of how much we accomplish with relatively few financial resources.

None of Lane County Audubon's long list of activities—bird walks, program meetings, *The Quail* newsletter, public outreach at local events and festivals, conservation initiatives, classroom education programs (*Audubon in the Schools* and *Audubon Adventures)*, 541.485.BIRD (the Audubon bird questions phone line), bike path cleanups, and much, much more—would take place without the tireless effort of several dozen cheerful and devoted volunteers. The positive effect of these programs reaches thousands of Lane County residents and others beyond our county borders.

Even if you're a member who simply enjoys the pleasures of birding and may not be directly involved in planning and carrying out our activities, you're still an essential part of the organization. Why? Because in addition to sustaining your membership in National Audubon or in our local chapter (or both), many of you respond generously each November when we ask for a small, tax deductible gift to help with the material expenses it takes to sustain our successful education and conservation programs.

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An eco-conscious approach to holiday shopping

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As the season of consumer spending climaxes during the holiday season, shoppers need to put their wallets behind their eco-values. Look at the packaging and consider how far it traveled to get to you from where it originated.

There is a domino effect created when we analyze our purchases. A smaller amount of packaging can save thousands of trees and barrels of oil by reducing the trucking costs. Using recycled plastics can provide an equally effective package at a much lower environmental cost. Using less toxic and more concentrated laundry detergents can reduce the amount of packaging and save on water for production; plus, it costs less to ship a more concentrated product.

Even though many of us want to "buy green" the actual number of dollars spent on those products is a tiny fraction of the overall market. Organic food sales have grown $24 billion in the last 10 years, but that accounts for less than 4% of all US food sales. General Electric's energy-efficient line of products and Clorox's less-toxic products are earning profits higher than expected, but the revenue for those "green" products is only 10% of GE's total revenue and an even smaller portion of Clorox's.

Making informed decisions when shopping is a priority for those of us who care about our health and the health of the planet, and smart customers want information about the entire life cycle of a product. There are websites and even phone apps to help you find environmental ratings, label debunkers, and toxic detectors to give you tools to make informed choices when shopping.

The average family throws out more than 20% of the food it buys, wasting edibles, money, and creating greenhouse gas emissions from landfills (landfills are the nation's largest emitter of methane). Turn your food waste into healthy garden soil by composting. For more information go to **deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/compost/**.

Each person that purchases greener more efficient products and services makes a strong statement to businesses and policy makers. When you buy environmentally preferable products, you tell the business world that you want "efficient and healthy" to be the rule, not the exception. This helps us all move toward a more efficient and sustainable future. If you must shop, please do it wisely.

A recent Oregon Environmental Council publication compiled the following list of websites to help you make shopping decisions:

- **Goodguide.com** for environmental ratings
- **Eco-labels.org** to make sure the product labels are true
- **Healthystuff.org** and **safecosmetics.org** to find out toxicity of products

Photo supplied by Bob Fleming. The Donacobius is an enigmatic bird that haunts bushes along waterways in Amazonia. Even with DNA testing, the lineage of this bird is controversial. It was first thought to be a mockingbird, then a type of wren, and then it was possibly related to an Old World babbler family. It could be that this one incredible species may end up placed in its own family, the Donacobidae.

A few things you can do to amplify your voice through your purchases:

- Choose recycled goods and packaging. "Post-consumer" content means the material has been used before in products, and your re-use completes the recycling circle.
- Look for ingredients on cleaning supplies. Most don't list them, which can mean they're hiding toxic chemicals that pose a health risk. Buy those that tell what they are made of (and aren't toxic).
- Buy products that use less packaging and avoid single-use items. Durable, one-time materials make up more than half of the typical household's garbage.
- Purchase shade-grown "bird-friendly" coffee. It supports tropical residents, retains natural habitat for neotropical migrants, and requires less chemical pesticides and fertilizers.
- Buy sustainable seafood to support fisheries and the ocean environment and stay healthier too. A Seafood Watch Guide can be found at **www.montereybayaquarium.org/cr/cr_seafoodwatch/content/media/MBA_SeafoodWatch_WestCoastGuide.pdf**.
- Eat lower on the food chain. Raising large numbers of livestock degrades habitat and waterways, is resource and water intensive, and contributes to global warming through methane emissions.
- Acquire a reusable water bottle to decrease the plastic waste management burden and save energy by using a local water source.
- When in the market for appliances, look for the Energy-Star label. Replace conventional light bulbs with energy efficient ones.
- Many paper goods are the products of clearcut logging throughout Canada's boreal forest. Buy recycled paper and tissue products with a high recycled content. A shopper's guide to home tissue products from NRDC can be found at **www.nrdc.org/land/forests/gtissue.asp**.
- Look for Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified products. These products come from forests that have been harvested using good environmental practices.

New observation deck at Kirk Pond

Cody Watson of Troop 54 in Veneta spent his August and September working on an Eagle Scout Project. He built an observation deck by Kirk Pond near Fern Ridge Lake. The deck is 12 x 14 feet, includes a picnic table, is handicap accessible, and has a safety rail around it. He chose this project because of the benefit it will have to our community by enabling people to enjoy the variety of birds and wildlife in that area.

Cody worked with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the Army Corps of Engineers to design the deck and find an appropriate location to build it. He solicited donations to fund the construction of the approved project. The total cost of materials was approximately $2,000. Local companies such as Pacific Corrugated, Parr Lumber, Coyote Steel, Eugene Fasteners, and Knife River donated approximately $1,650 worth of materials. ODFW provided a load of gravel, advice, and expertise. Lane Audubon donated $344 cash for supplies to help finish this project.

Good job, Cody! We are sure that many people will use this new observation platform for bird and wildlife watching!

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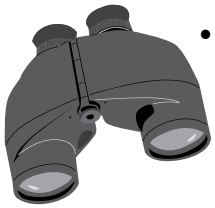
Field Notes: September 2010



- **Parasitic Jaegers at Fern Ridge**
- **Greater White-fronted Geese migrate through Eugene**
- **Red-necked Grebes makes rare inland appearance**
- **Baird's and Semipalmated Sandpipers still hanging around**

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September is normally the month when most of the neotropical migrants return to Central and South America, and the arctic breeding birds begin to return to Lane County for the winter. As the reports below indicate, this year was no different. Fern Ridge Reservoir hosted a number of unusual species this month, which is normal during migration. Fall migration observations were better than normal at Skinner Butte, and an increased number of bird watchers may have contributed to that.

WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose	Sept. 26	Eugene area	m.ob.	Numerous flocks were seen and heard migrating south over the area all day!
Cackling Goose	Sept. 29	FRR	LM,et.al.	First report for the winter season
Harlequin Duck	Sept. 1	Siuslaw River	DHn	Uncommon away from the rocky shore
Horned Grebe (2)	Sept. 18	FRR	JS	Rare on the reservoir
Red-necked Grebe (2)	Sept. 18	FRR	DI	Not common inland
Red-necked Grebe	Sept. 25	Siuslaw River	B&ZS	First report for the winter season
Black-crowned Night Heron (6)	Sept. 26	FRR	JS	Increasing numbers at this roost

RAPTORS to TERNS

Merlin	Sept. 9	SJSR—Crab Dock	B&ZS	First report for the winter season
Peregrine Falcon	Sept. 1	NJSR	B&ZS	Good numbers seen throughout the month
Sandhill Crane	Aug 27	Waldo Lake	DL&KC	They nest in small numbers in the Cascades.
Black-bellied Plover	Sept. 26	FRR	JS	First report for the winter season
Pacific Golden Plover	Sept. 2	FRR—south end	TM	Not common inland
Snowy Plover (19)	Sept. 29	Siltcoos River	B&ZS	Using area of dumped oyster shells
Whimbrel (4)	Sept. 4	FRR—Royal Ave	JS,LJ	Uncommon inland
Marbled Godwit	Sept. 6	SJSR—Crab Dock	B&ZS	Their normal migration time
Red Knot	Sept. 3	SJSR—Dog Pond	RN	Never common in Lane County
Sanderling	Sept. 2	FRR—south end	TM	Not common inland
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Sept. 2	FRR—south end	TM	Getting late for this species
Semipalmeted Sandpiper	Sept. 5	Deflation Plain	A&CH	Getting late for this species
Baird's Sandpiper	Sept. 5	Deflation Plain	A&CH	Getting late for this species
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Sept. 12	Deflation Plain	A&DHy	The only report this fall
Short-billed Dowitcher (5)	Sept. 12	FRR	JS	Only found in small numbers inland
Red Phalarope	Sept. 1	Siuslaw River	DHn	An early report for this species
Parasitic Jaeger (immature)	Sept. 20	FRR—Shore Lane	JS	Always rare inland, but to see two different
Parasitic Jaeger (adult)	Sept. 21	FRR—south end	JS	birds in two days is really rare!
Sabine's Gull	Sept. 22	FRR—Perkins Pen.	BB,JM	Found in very small numbers inland this time of year The number increased to three on Sept. 27 (SM).
Sabine's Gull (adult)	Sept. 25	Siltcoos River	DF	Not commonly found on the beach
Common Tern (19)	Sept. 3	FRR	DI	Normal occurrence each fall in small numbers
Common Tern (2)	Sept. 22	Siuslaw River	DF&LC	Not common along the river
Arctic Tern	Sept. 27	FRR	JD	Maybe the first inland record for Lane Co.
Black Tern (immature)	Sept. 17	FRR	DI,JS	About a month after the breeding birds had left the reservoir

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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!

Lane Audubon Membership Benefits

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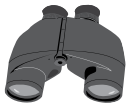

Field trips and bird walks

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 . . . . . $ _____

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Please contact me regarding

☐ Gift memberships

☐ Volunteering for Lane Audubon activities

☐ Lane Audubon's Living Legacy program

☐ I'd like to receive e-mail alerts about conservation issues.

Mail this form and your payment to:

Lane County Audubon Society
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Asking for your support, *continued*

Even though we have no paid staff, we must still cover the rising costs of paper and printing, venue rental fees, phone bills, and many other incidental costs. All your local membership dues and a very small portion of the dues from your National Audubon membership help cover the majority of our expenses, but we depend on your gifts during our once-a-year fundraiser to help us get "over the hump" and keep our budget balanced.

We hope you are able to support us again this year. We recognize that these are hard economic times, so we welcome whatever level of giving you can afford. Be assured that we keep our expenses low and spend our resources locally whenever possible.

A reply envelope is included in this issue of *The Quail* for your convenience. Thank you in advance for supporting Lane County Audubon. And . . . the birds will thank you as well!

Female Wood Duck
Photo by Cary Kerst

The Quail

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Dec/Jan issue: **November 13**
February issue: **January 8**
Submit material to
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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 Tim Godsil at 541.915.8852 or **tgodsil@gmail.com**.

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Field Notes: September 2010, *continued*

OWLS to GROSBEAKS

Northern Pygmy Owl	Sept. 12	Lowell Butte	LJ	With an alligator lizard in its bill!
Vaux's Swift (3,000)	Aug 29	SHMC—University	RA	Chimney roost not commonly known about
Vaux's Swift (12,000)	Sept. 5	U of O—Agate Hall	NN-P	The normal chimney roost
Vaux's Swift (3,500)	Sept. 29	N. Willamette St.	DHy	Using the chimney at the back of the Smith Family Book Store building
Rufous Hummingbird	Sept. 27	N. Eugene	DHy	Last report for the breeding season
Lewis's Woodpecker	Sept. 13	Creswell area	DHy	They normally migrate through in small numbers.
Acorn Woodpecker	Sept. 30	Morse Ranch Park	CQ	An area where they're not normally found
American Three-toed Woodpecker	Sept. 4	Summit Lake area	NS	Always present in small numbers in the High Cascades
Pileated Woodpecker	Sept. 1	NJSR	B&ZS	Not an area where they're normally found
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Sept. 23	Skinner Butte	TM.	Last report for the breeding season
Western Wood-Pewee	Sept. 27	N. Eugene	DHy	Last report for the breeding season
Willow Flycatcher	Sept. 18	Long Tom River	DI,et.al.	Last report for the breeding season
Hammond's Flycatcher	Sept. 10	Skinner Butte	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Dusky Flycatcher	Sept. 10	Skinner Butte	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Sept. 22	Alton Baker Park	LM,et.al.	Last report for the breeding season
Cassin's Vireo	Sept. 3	SE Eugene	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Warbling Vireo	Sept. 22	Kirk Park	LG	Last report for the breeding season
Bank Swallow (2)	Sept. 7	FRR—dam	DI	Normally seen in very small number in the fall
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Sept. 15	Skinner Butte	LM,et.al.	First report for the winter season
Hermit Thrush	Sept. 29	Siltcoos Lagoon	B&ZS	First coastal report for the winter season
Varied Thrush	Sept. 20	SE Eugene	TM	First report for the winter season
Nashville Warbler	Sept. 10	Skinner Butte	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Yellow Warbler	Sept. 24	FRR—Royal Ave	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Black-throated Gray Warbler (20)	Sept. 27	N. Eugene	DHy	Last report for the breeding season
Hermit Warbler	Sept. 25	Skinner Butte	DS	Last report for the breeding season
MacGillivray's Warbler	Sept. 3	Skinner Butte	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Wilson's Warbler	Sept. 23	Skinner Butte	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Yellow-breasted Chat	Sept. 18	Long Tom River	DI,et.al.	Last report for the breeding season
Western Tanager	Sept. 25	Skinner Butte	DS	Last report for the breeding season
Fox Sparrow	Sept. 12	Florence area	DP	First report for the winter season
Golden-crowned Sparrow	Sept. 6	Long Tom River	DI&SF	First report for the winter season
Black-headed Grosbeak	Sept. 17	Skinner Butte	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Evening Grosbeak	Sept.	Eugene/Springfield	m.ob.	Flocks have been seen throughout the area all month in larger numbers than are normally seen at this time of year.

Abbreviations

Deflation Plain: Deflation Plain at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, **FRR:** Fern Ridge Reservoir, **NJSR:** North Jetty of the Siuslaw River, **SHMC:** Sacred Heart Medical Center, **Siltcoos River:** Siltcoos River mouth, **Siuslaw River:** Siuslaw River mouth, **SJSR:** South Jetty of the Siuslaw

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Community Calendar, Events, and Opportunities

A service to Lane Audubon members

Back to Basics: Enhancing your Nature Sketchbook
Mount Pisgah Arboretum

Saturday, November 6, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Join natural science illustrators Kris Kirkeby and Katura Reynolds for a workshop on basic drawing techniques and field sketching. Rain or shine.
Meet at the Arboretum Visitors Center. Registration required.
Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members. FMI: 541.747.1504

Fall Fruits and Foliage
Mount Pisgah Arboretum

Saturday, November 6, 10 a.m.–noon

Join botanist Rhoda Love and enjoy the fall colors while learning about the adaptive strategies of plants for dealing with the coming of winter.
Meet at the Arboretum Visitors Center rain or shine.
Registration required. Fee: $5 (donation for MPA members).
FMI: 541.747.1504

A Beaver's Tale
Willamette Resources & Educational Network(WREN)

Saturday, November 6, 4:30–6:00 p.m.

Explore the West Eugene Wetlands at dusk to learn about these awesome animal architects and their habitat.
Meet at the WREN education yurt, 751 S. Danebo Ave., north of West 11th Ave. Fee: $5 members, $7 non-members.
*FMI: 541.683.6494 or **info@wewetlands.org***

Color Vision and Color Blindness in Admirals, Coppers, and Metalmarks
North American Butterfly Association

Monday, November 6, 7:30 p.m. (refreshments at 7:00 p.m.)

University of Washington professor Gary Bernard will present a program based on the complex eyes of butterflies.
FREE! Meet in the EWEB Training Center, 500 E. 4th Ave.
*FMI: **woodnymph3000@gmail.com***

Wetland Wander at Meadowlark Prairie
WREN

Tuesday, November 9, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Wetland Wanders are casual walks through various areas in the West Eugene Wetlands each 2nd Tuesday of every month.
Free! WREN will provide binoculars.
*FMI: 541.683.6494 or **info@wewetlands.org***

No School Day Program: Forbs in the Forest
Nearby Nature

Friday, November 12, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

How do animals build their homes? Make deer beds, a bird nest, and your own fort from the forest during this building adventure.
Ages 6–9, maximum 12 children. Registration required.
Fee: $30 members, $35 non-members. FMI: 541.687.9699

Nearby Nature Quest: Get Squirrely
Nearby Nature

Saturday, November 13, 10:00 a.m.–noon

Find out who's getting ready for winter on this late fall wander through park meadows and woodlands. Also enjoy a craft and snacks.
Registration required. Fee: $30 members, $35 non-members.
*FMI or to register: 541.687.9699 or **www.nearbynature.org/learnscape/lessons-in-the-learnscape-workshop***

Mushrooming on the Mountain
Mount Pisgah Arboretum

Saturday & Sunday, November 13, 14, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. each day

Marcia Peters instructs this two-class for beginners on mushroom identification, ecology, picking, cooking, and more.
Meet at the EPUD Building. Registration required.
Fee: $75 ($70 for MPA members). FMI: 541.747.1504

Lessons in the Learnscape Workshop: Backyard Habitats
Nearby Nature

Sunday, November 14, 1:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Join instructor Bruce Newhouse in this fall workshop if you're interested in creating habitat for backyard birds, bees, and butterflies.
Meet at Alton Baker Park host residence. Registration required.
Fee: free for members (non-members: $2/person, $5/family).
*FMI: 541.687.9699 or **info@nearbynature.org***

Strange Days on Planet Earth
Eugene Natural History Society

Friday, November 19, 7:30 p.m.

Bill Ripple, OSU professor of forest science, will talk about the relationship between aspens and wolves in Yellowstone.
Meet in 100 Willamette Hall at the University of Oregon. Free.
*FMI: **jmclarkson@Q.com***

Play in the Rain Day
WREN

Saturday, November 20, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Join the Youth in Nature Partnership for a free day of outdoor fun in the sun—or rain! Variety of outdoor activities hosted by WREN, Nearby Nature, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, and many others.
*Meet at the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum. FMI: **www.youthinnature.org***

Mushroom Walk
Mount Pisgah Arboretum

Saturday, November 27, noon–2:00 p.m.

Take a walk through the Arboretum's forested trails with experienced mycologists Molly Widmer and Chris Meloitt of the Cascade Mycological Society.
Meet at the Arboretum Visitors Center rain or shine.
Fee: $5 (donation for MPA members). FMI: 541.747.1504

Visit us on Facebook

Visit Lane Audubon on Facebook for a link to a heartwarming article printed in a recent edition of the Register-Guard about Kris Kirkeby and *Audubon in the Schools*. The article highlights how Kris uses her love of both art and science to create an enriching curriculum for local elementary students.

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Program Meeting: Tuesday, November 23

Birding beyond borders

by Victor Emanuel

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

Victor Emanuel has traveled the world for over 35 years, ranging over every continent multiple times. At November's program meeting, Victor will share some of his favorite birding regions and discuss why he likes those areas. He will also discuss why birds have attracted the interest of more people than any other animal category, and how watching birds changes people's lives.

Victor started birding in Texas 61 years ago at the age of eight. He is the founder and chief compiler of the record breaking Freeport Christmas Bird Count—now in its 50th year. Victor is among the people who started the birding and eco-tourism travel company, VENT, 33 years ago, and he derives great pleasure from seeing and hearing birds and sharing these avian sights and sounds with others.

Victor holds a B.A. in zoology and botany from the University of Texas, and an M.A. in government from Harvard. In 2004 he received the Roger Tory Peterson Award from the American Birding Association, and later, the Arthur A. Allen award from the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. Victor is on the board of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and the American Bird Conservancy. Join us on Tuesday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. for Victor's remarkable presentation.

PROGRAM MEETING

Birding beyond borders
by Victor Emanuel

Tuesday, November 23
7:30 p.m.
Eugene Garden Club
1645 High Street, Eugene

Upcoming Program Meetings

December: Doug Robinson with the Eugene Natural History Society will discuss bird ecology in Panama

TBD: Ornithologist Dan Gleason

TBD: Jeff Kruger will discuss the Willamette River open space vision

2010 Christmas bird count

Please mark on your calendar for Sunday, January 2, 2011 as the date for the 2010 Eugene Christmas Bird Count (ECBC). This will be the 69th ECBC and the 111th National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count. Dick Lamster will act as Coordinator again this year, supported by a Steering Committee of Herb Wisner, Dan and Barbara Gleason, and Becky Uhler—plus 26 great bird watchers as Team Leaders. Watch for more information in the December *Quail*.

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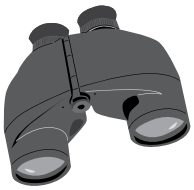

Bird Walks and Events

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 8:00 a.m. at the South Eugene High School parking lot (19th and Patterson Street) and will generally return by noon unless otherwise stated. Please note: As a precaution, do not leave valuables in your parked car.

Saturday, November 20

Third Saturday Bird Walk—Royal Avenue Oak Woodlands

The 60-acre oak woodlands site off Royal Avenue was studied by a summer class taught by Dave Bontrager, who has visited the site over 60 times. On this trip, he will share what the class learned about the 90 bird species observed, including 30 breeding species and the 95 nests found. This is a great opportunity to learn in-depth information about a specific birding area.

All levels of birders are welcome, from first timer to expert. We will meet at South Eugene High at 19th and Patterson, rain or shine, at 8:00 a.m. and return by 12 noon. A $3 donation is suggested, as well as a share of gas costs for carpooling. Please note: As a precaution, do not leave valuables in your parked car.

Questions? Contact Leila at ***leilas@ori.org*** *or 541.968.5533.*

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