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# Quails

News from Lane County Audubon Society

## From Our President



### Volunteer opportunities abound with Lane Audubon

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Each year, as many as 80 people attend the Lane Audubon volunteer recognition party at 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 one of the area's most effective grassroots organizations in advocating for birds and the protection of their habitat. Every volunteer plays a vital role in making our organization strong.



Western Sandpiper by Cary Kerst

We're 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'd like to put to work in support of our goals, we'd like to hear from you. Be part of the team of Audubon volunteers!

Here is a list of specific tasks where we are currently in need of assistance.

**Bird Walk Coordinator:** The Bird Walk Coordinator is responsible for setting up our third Saturday Bird Walks, contacting field trip leaders, emailing the publicity and meeting the group on the day of the walk to get things rolling. It is perhaps the most fun job in Lane Audubon if you want to be out birding, meeting new people, and learning from our bird walk leaders! Does that sound like fun? For more information, contact Maeve Sowles at 541-343-8664 or [president@laneaudubon.org](mailto:president@laneaudubon.org).

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## Volunteer opportunities with Lane Audubon *(continued)*

**Quail Layout and Graphics:** We are looking for a skilled volunteer to produce the layout for *The Quail*, the monthly newsletter of the Lane County Audubon Society. The layout and graphics volunteer works directly with Rob Hoshaw, editor of *The Quail*. The editor receives, edits, and organizes submissions before sending the text files to the layout and graphics volunteer for placement in an Adobe InDesign template. The layout and graphics volunteer lays out the content and adds graphics for 10-14 pages in each issue. *The Quail* is published nine times a year, with the layout work falling about mid-month in September, October, November, January, February, March, April, June, and August. Send an email describing your interest and experience to Rob Hoshaw at rhoshaw@gmail.com.

**Booth Operations Coordinator:** Help Lane Audubon in a big way! We need one or two people to adopt the booth operations, which occur about five times per year. This includes setting up and taking down the booth as well as coordinating the schedule of booth staffers. Booth setup and takedown involves delivering and erecting our portable booth, tables and display materials, and then dismantling them after the event is over. If you are more comfortable indoors and have some basic computer organization skills, you could help by sending out announcements alerting our volunteers of booth staffing opportunities. Orientation and training for these volunteer opportunities will be provided. Maybe you would like to “adopt” only one event per year. That would be a big help too! For more information, call Ron Renchler at 541-345-0834 or email at christyandron@qwest.net.

**Membership Coordinator:** Help welcome new members by sending them thank you cards and information about Lane Audubon. Be on the team to develop membership recruitment initiatives and 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.

**Wings and Wine Festival Coordinator:** We are seeking a volunteer to coordinate Lane Audubon’s involvement with the annual Fern Ridge Wings and Wine Festival. This volunteer would attend the monthly planning meetings (which are often in Veneta), take meeting notes, and distribute these to the steering committee. This person also tracks timelines, action items, and coordinates our efforts. The next event is May 14, 2011. Help us make it a reality! For more information, contact Maeve Sowles at 541-343-8664 or president@laneaudubon.org.

### List of small volunteer jobs with a BIG impact!

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**Delivery and distribution of Quail materials:** We print nine issues of *The Quail* each year. You need to be able to lift and carry the 30-pound boxes into the post office by Gateway Mall in Springfield and drive your vehicle to make the deliveries. This volunteer is also in charge of picking up supplies and delivering paperwork. Coordinate with the timing of the *Quail* crew and deliver extra *Quail* if necessary. You need own vehicle, driver’s license, and auto insurance.

**Publicity person** to help us get public notices to various media services. The publicity person would help us spread the word about upcoming Program Meetings, bird walks, and other activities. We also need to make sure we are ahead of publication deadlines. Developing new contacts with media would also be helpful. Keep our contacts and deadlines organized by creating and maintaining a spreadsheet. You need word processing skills, a phone, and a computer.

**Brochures and handouts** need revisions or updates to reflect current contact information. This would be a team effort with members of the Board so we can work through the materials and get help with the implementation. Some new materials need to be developed as well as offered on the webpage. We want our publications to reflect current and accurate information. This role requires word processing skills, a phone, and a computer.

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## Good Earth Show draws hundreds to Lane Audubon booth

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**C**onversations about birds and Lane County Audubon were in the air at the Lane County Fairgrounds Event Center during the sixth annual Good Earth Show from January 21-23. More than 600 people stopped by the Lane Audubon booth to chat about birds, report recent sightings, and learn about LCAS activities.

LCAS booth volunteers turned out in force, too, helping to answer questions and generate enthusiasm for birding and support for LCAS. Thanks to everyone who helped, including Flo Alvergue, Connie Berglund, Pat Bitner, Barbara Butzer, Margot Fetz, Tim Godsil, Hugh Larkin, Dolly Marshall, Dianne McInnes, Sally O'Donnell, Debbie Schlenoff, Phil Smyser, Bruce Stermer, Dave Stone, Susanne Twight-Alexander, and EV Voltura.

This year, a special thanks goes to Nancy Radius, who worked extra shifts and helped with booth takedown. Dick Lamster and Kris Kirkeby contributed to LCAS's presence at the show by offering well-attended workshops on attracting backyard birds and drawing birds. We greatly appreciate the support of the Good Earth Show organizers, who have welcomed the LCAS booth to the show each year.

If you'd like to help staff the LCAS booth this spring, or would like to work behind the scenes with booth operations, call or e-mail Ron Renchler, 541-345-0834, [christyandron@qwest.net](mailto:christyandron@qwest.net).



Volunteer EV Voltura at Lane Audubon booth. photo by Debbie Schlenoff

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## “Birding Eugene” website announced

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**A** team of Lane County Audubon Society (LCAS) members has released access to a new website, “Birding Eugene.” The website describes several birding sites in and around Eugene. Barbara Gleason, Steve Gordon, Kit Larsen, and Art Farley worked together over the past couple of years to gather relevant information and create the website.

Each birding area page includes a map for navigation to reach the site, a general description of the site, and a discussion of common bird sightings for the site. The webpage also includes pictures of the birding area, as well as photos of several birds typically found at that birding area. Clicking on the bird name

under its picture takes you to the Cornell Laboratory for Ornithology website for information about the bird species, including its song.

LCAS is providing a link to the “Birding Eugene” website from their web pages. See the page describing birding opportunities and follow the link to “Birding Eugene” (<http://web.me.com/artfarley47/BirdingEugene/Welcome.html>). Contact Art Farley (see Audubon Phone List) if you would like to add to a given site description or if you would like to discuss adding a new birding site. Together we can make this a valuable resource for our community.



## Christmas Bird Count data aid bird conservation efforts

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**I**t was cold, but an impressive number of people braved the weather and contributed to this year's annual Christmas Bird Count. The chili dinner, coupled with good-natured camaraderie, was obviously the immediate payoff. What else do we gain from this endeavor, though? Conservation efforts would be futile without an idea of population trends. Not only does this information help to identify those species that are at risk, it indicates which conservation management efforts are succeeding and which are not. Counts that occur at about the same time of year for many years running provide a great resource for determining whether populations are stable, increasing, or declining. It is especially important that we keep a close eye on population size to be able to detect thresholds below which populations decline rapidly. The Spanish Imperial Eagle provides an instructive example. Surveys indicated that the population of these birds was taking a nosedive. Due to the population decline, many more immature, inexperienced birds became breeders. Although experienced mating pairs produce roughly the same proportion of male and female offspring, the inexperienced pairs produced more males (which generally need fewer resources since they are smaller and do not make eggs.) The result was a highly skewed sex ratio with many more males than females, which further contributed to a downward spiral in population numbers. (Apparently, even Imperials need females to reproduce successfully.)

Unfortunately, for many years monitoring has exposed declining populations for about a quarter of bird species in the U.S. The burgeoning human population and its soaring demand for resources create threats to birds, including habitat destruction and alteration, overexploitation, climate change, and the spread of some invasive species and diseases. A major threat to wildlife is habitat fragmentation. Fragmentation

reduces ranges and availability of resources. It increases edge habitat with concomitant ecosystem changes, including temperature and moisture shifts, vegetation transformation, and the introduction of invasive species. It leaves birds more vulnerable to predation and nest parasitism. In addition, many birds are reluctant to cross the areas between habitat fragments. For instance, Spotted Owls do not like to leave old growth forest to travel across open spaces, and as a result, they often cannot find enough resources to support themselves or their offspring during nesting season. For this reason, it is essential to examine the proximity of proposed logging projects to nesting territories. Fragmentation will further limit the expansion of populations due to the loss of suitable adjacent nesting territories for young birds seeking nesting sites of their own. In addition, the barriers between fragments may themselves be a direct source of danger. Collisions with fences contribute to mortality in declining Sage Grouse populations, and roads account for high mortality in many species, notably raptors.

Habitat degradation can take many forms and accounts for a great deal of the population changes we observe when monitoring results are analyzed. Agriculture and development on land and shipping and trawling in the sea dramatically degrade habitat. Pesticides and other forms of chemical pollution may kill, cause illness, or change the behavior of birds, fish, and other wildlife. Structures such as buildings and wind or communication towers lead to increased mortality from collisions. Light pollution may disorient migrating birds. Mining degrades the environment directly and poses great risk from accidents. (Good news: Shell and BP have just announced plans to postpone drilling in Alaska's waters.)

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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 County Audubon Society Membership Benefits



**The Quail**—  
9 issues/yr.



**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](http://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 County Audubon Society 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) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Current National Audubon member       Don't know

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- Check here if you prefer to receive your newsletter by e-mail.

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

### 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  
P.O. Box 5086  
Eugene, OR 97405



### 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 contrast JPG, TIF, or PSD images with a minimum of resolution of 300 dpi to Rob Hoshaw, at rhoshaw@gmail.com

### Electronic version of *The Quail* available!

Lane County Audubon Society offers an electronic version of the *The Quail*. Each month, LCAS will send a link to your email address that will take you to a pdf version of our newsletter. Viewing your subscription digitally helps save paper and keeps printing costs down. Of course, you still have the option to continue receiving your *The Quail* in the mail.

If you would like to begin receiving *The Quail* electronically or would like more information, please contact Tim Godsfil at tgodsil@gmail.com.



#### Deadlines:

April issue: March 12  
May-June issue: April 9

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

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## Christmas Bird Count data aid bird conservation efforts *(continued)*

The number one threat to biodiversity is habitat loss. It is essential that we use the data from bird counts to determine which species are in need of habitat protection. We can designate wilderness areas. (Unfortunately, a recent bill to designate wilderness along the Rogue and the Devil's Staircase area near Reedsport did not pass the Lame Duck Congress but several folks continue efforts to help it happen). We can set aside protected areas. (The state continues to work on the establishment of marine reserves and marine protected areas.) We can improve management of public lands. (For instance, the Chew Choo timber sale near Glendale, which would have allowed logging on thousands of acres of BLM mature and old growth forest, was just canceled!) We can make decisions at the local level about land use. (Hooray for the parks acquisition near Mt. Pisgah!) Most of all, armed with vital survey count information, we can begin to figure out what actions are necessary and work together to make them happen.



Yellow-rumped (Audubons) Warbler by Cary Kerst

In Celebration of International Migratory Bird Day

The Sixth Annual  
**FERN RIDGE  
WINGS  
&  
WINE  
FESTIVAL**

**May 14, 2011**

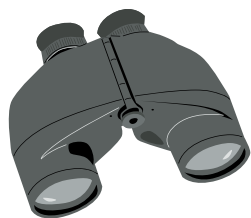
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**Veneta, Oregon**

**Birding Walks & Educational Speakers**  
**Sailing, Kayak & Canoe Tours**  
**Live Raptors & Children's Activities**  
**Wine Tastings with Local Wineries**

Presented by City of Veneta, Domaine Meriwether,  
Lane County Audubon Society, Cascades Raptor Center,  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife,  
Travel Lane County, Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce,  
South Willamette Wineries Association,  
City of Eugene Outdoor Program

**[WingsandWineFestival.com](http://WingsandWineFestival.com)**

## Field Notes: January 2011



- Eurasian Wigeons at Kirk Pond
- Osprey along the Siuslaw River
- Golden Eagle near Alvadore
- Rufous Hummingbird – rare winter appearance

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January was mostly dry and cool except for one weekend in the middle of the month. Near the end of the month, there were some spring-like days when the resident birds were really singing! By the end of February, some of the early spring migrants should begin arriving, such as the Rufous Hummingbird, swallow species, and Say's Phoebe, so keep watch.

### WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose (2)	Jan. 6	Delta Ponds	DH	Not an area where they're normally found
Greater White-fronted Goose (6)	Jan. 16	Florence	DR	Found in small numbers during the winter
Eurasian Wigeon	Jan. 5	Kirk Pond	SM	Not as many reports of this species as normal
Eurasian Wigeon	Jan. 19	Ed Cone Blvd	AP,BH	for this time of year
Eurasian Wigeon (3)	Jan. 30	Kirk Pond	JS	Good numbers for one location
Eurasian Wigeon (1-3)	Jan.	Fiddle Creek road	B&ZS	In with most large flocks of American Wigeons
Canvasback	Jan. 20	Florence boat basin	DH	Not a normal location for the species
Canvasback (3)	Jan. 29	Dexter Reservoir	AC	A normal location for the species
Common Goldeneye	Jan. 19	Dexter Reservoir	SM,PS	A normal location for this species
Yellow-billed Loon (possible)	Jan. 20	Siuslaw River mouth	DH	Only six records for Lane Co.
American White Pelican	Jan. 5	FRR	SM	Still being reported from the reservoir
Brown Pelican	Jan. 2	Florence area	AC	They haven't all headed south yet.
Green Heron	Jan. 6	Delta Ponds	TM	Normally found in small numbers in winter

### TURKEYS TO ALCIDS

Wild Turkey	Jan. 7	Wax Myrtle campgrd	B&ZS	Is someone releasing them on the coast?
Turkey Vulture (18)	Jan. 1	Royal/ Fisher Butte	SM,PS	A large kettle for winter
Osprey	Jan. 1	Mapleton	MF	Not yet common along the Siuslaw River during the winter season
Osprey	Jan. 30	Alton Baker Park	m.ob.	A bird was back in this area after being absent most of the winter.
Osprey (2)	Jan. 27	Lower Mohawk River	JT	Two birds circling & calling
Rough-legged Hawk	Jan. 19	Eugene Airport area	JS	The only report for the month
Golden Eagle	Jan. 30	Alvadore	JS	Rarely found in the valley
Gyr Falcon	Jan. 27	Hileman Landing	CV	Most likely the same bird as found last month
Prairie Falcon	Jan. 6	Green Hill Road	DS	Reported again after being reported last month
Black-bellied Plover (6)	Jan. 10	FRR	RR	The only report for the month of this common wintering species



Surfbird (168)	Jan. 6	Bob Creek	KL	A large flock for Lane Co.
Bonaparte's Gull (2)	Jan. 2	Franklin Road	AP,BH	Not often reported inland during the winter
Common Murre (2000)	Jan. 2	Bob Creek	AC	A large flock for the Lane Co. coast

## OWLS TO CROSSBILLS

Short-eared Owl	Jan. 22	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	A normal location for this species
Short-eared Owl	Jan. 24	FRR – Royal Ave	BB	A normal location for this species
Rufous Hummingbird	Jan. 1	Eugene/Springfield	RA	A rare winter report
Black Phoebe (3)	Jan. 7	Delta Ponds	TM	Increasing numbers in the area
Barn Swallow (5)	Jan. 20	FRR – Royal Ave	SH	A rare winter report, but one that has been occurring the last few years – why?
Swallow species	Jan. 19	FRR – East Coyote	AP,BH	“White bellied” (Tree & Violet-green) species are a little more common in the winter than other species.
Northern Mockingbird	Jan.	Florence area	m.ob.	Found throughout the month
Northern Mockingbird	Jan. 5	Awbrey Lane	JS	Found again after first report last month
Hermit Warbler	Jan. 12	East Eugene	JJ	Still coming to the feeder
Swamp Sparrow	Jan. 23	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	The only report for the winter from the valley.
White-throated Sparrow	Jan.	Valley & coast	m.ob.	Being reported in good numbers as usual
Black-headed Grosbeak	Jan. 6	Florence area	fide KL	Rarely found in the winter
Red Crossbill	Jan. 7	Wax Myrtle campgrd.	B&ZS	Normally found in the pine and spruce

## Abbreviations

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR)

## Thank you, contributors!

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Spotted Towhee by Cary Kerst

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## Community Calendar, Events and Opportunities

*A service to Lane Audubon members*

### **Author Richard Luov Speaks in Eugene**

Nearby Nature

Luov, author of *Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder* will talk about his new book *The Nature Principle: Human Restoration and the End of Nature-Deficit Disorder*.

**Monday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.**

EMU Ballroom at University of Oregon

FREE! FMI: [www.nearbynature.org/events](http://www.nearbynature.org/events)

### **Wetland Wander on the Fern Ridge Path**

Willamette Resources & Educational Network (WREN)

Wetland Wanders are casual walks through various areas in the West Eugene Wetlands each second Tuesday of every month. Meet us along the Fern Ridge Bike Path at the end of Terry St. just past Beltline and W. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Tuesday, March 8, 9 – 10 a.m.**

Free! WREN will provide binoculars.

FMI: 338.7047 or [info@wewetlands.org](mailto:info@wewetlands.org)

### **New Volunteer Orientation**

Nearby Nature

Love nature? Enjoy kids? Want to make a difference? Learn all about leading school nature walks in Alton Baker Park this spring. No experience needed.

**Thursday, March 10, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

Meet in the Tykeson Room at the Eugene Public Library

FMI: 687.9699 or [info@nearbynature.org](mailto:info@nearbynature.org)

### **Nearby Nature Quest: Nesting Neighbors**

Nearby Nature

Go on a family-style bird walk and peek at herons with nature guide Mieko Aioki. Make a wooden birdhouse with naturalist Don Lown.

**Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. – noon.**

Free for members. Non-members: \$2/person, \$5/family.

Pre-registration suggested.

FMI: [www.nearbynature.org/events](http://www.nearbynature.org/events)

### **WREN Family Exploration Day at Steward Pond Natural Area**

WREN

Spring is a wonderful time to explore the West Eugene Wetlands with your family. Bring a picnic lunch and water. Stewart Pond is a 150-acre natural area located east of the intersection of Bertelsen Rd. and Steward Rd. north of W. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Free! Generously supported by a grant from REI! WREN will provide binoculars. FMI: 338.7047 or [info@wewetlands.org](mailto:info@wewetlands.org)

### **Mystery of the Birds**

Willamalane Park & Recreation District

This adult education class, taught by Floyd Weitzel, is designed for beginning through intermediate-level birders, and will emphasize bird identification and behavior. Course includes indoor meetings and field trips, as well as an optional 3-day trip to Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

**Wednesdays and Fridays, March 30-June 10**

Participation fee. FMI: <http://www.willamalane.org/pages/adults/classes.shtml>

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## Cottage Grove March birding opportunities

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There are both indoor and outdoor birding opportunities in Cottage Grove this month. The Cottage Grove Library opens an exhibit about the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed from February 15 to March 31. You can enjoy nature DVDs, take an indoor bird walk, and discover other treasures of our Willamette Valley's natural world. The library is located at 700 E. Gibbs. Phone 541-942-3828 for hours and details.

Two outdoor bird walks will be held at Row River Nature Park (formerly East Regional Park) on Saturday, March 12 at 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Cottage Grove residents Alison Center and Barbara Butzer will lead the event. Meet at the Row River Road entrance near the BMX track. Wear appropriate clothing and bring binoculars if you have them. For more information: 541-942-2401.

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## Program Meetings: Tuesday, March 22

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### East Cascades Audubon Project highlights and the Vaux's Swift Migration Project

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Oregon birders get around, and with online resources and a variety of published materials, they are able to track bird sightings all over the state. What many of us often don't have the chance to know enough about are the conservation and science projects that other Audubon chapters and bird

conservation groups are working on. Nicole Nielsen-Pincus, Eugene resident and former East Cascades Audubon Society (ECAS) board member, will walk us through several of the ongoing projects that ECAS is working on in central Oregon and throughout the state. As the project leader for the Vaux's Swift Migration Project, Nicole will give special focus to this project, which also has relevance to Eugene. Nicole will also cover other projects, including Oregon Winter Raptor Study, the Lewis's Woodpecker Nest Box Study, the American Kestrel Nest Box Study, the Green Ridge Raptor Migration Count, and the Oregon Birding Guide.

### March Program Meeting

*"East Cascades Audubon Project highlights and the Vaux's Swift Migration Project"*

*by Nicole Nielsen-Pincus*



**Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.**

**Eugene Garden Club  
1645 High Street, Eugene**

### Upcoming Program Meetings

*April: "Birding in Ecuador" by Kit Larsen*

*May: "The Colorful World of Birds" by Dan Gleason*

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### Welcome back Swifts!

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Lane County Audubon Society will be holding its annual springtime "Welcome Back Swifts Event" at sunset on Friday, April 15 and Friday, April 29. See thousands of Vaux's Swifts entering the chimney at Agate Hall to roost for the night! The birds begin circling about one-half

hour before sunset, which will be around 8:00 p.m. Meet at sunset outside Agate Hall, 1787 Agate Street, at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Look for the Audubon banner and park along Agate Street or 17th or 18th Avenues. For more information, call 485-BIRD.



## Bird Walks And Events

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**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.

### Third Saturday Bird Walk

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 19**

## Birding in Oakridge

Cheron Ferland, experienced birder and wildlife biologist in the Oakridge Ranger District, will help us explore the best habitats for birds as we look for mountain specialties in the western Cascades.

*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 2:00 p.m. 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*

### Program Meeting

**East Cascades Audubon  
Project highlights  
and the Vaux's Swift  
Migration Project**

**by Nicole  
Nielsen-Pincus**



**Tuesday, March 22,  
7:30 p.m.**

**Eugene Garden Club  
1645 High Street,  
Eugene**

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