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From Our President

The Pleasures of Summer Birding

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Summer birding at our house revolves around keeping the hummingbird feeders full, monitoring the nest boxes, and watching the various species of hatchlings beg for food from their frenzied parents. The juveniles are so vulnerable as they learn to fly, watch for predators, and fend for themselves. They are usually loud and rather conspicuous. Watching them is entertaining but at times nerve-wracking.



We often see several species together at the water pool we have in our yard. Juvenile juncos, towhees, House Finches, Purple Finches, siskins, goldfinches, White-crowned Sparrows, and Song Sparrows might be represented in these play groups at different times. They are exploring the new surroundings and are not yet sure of their own species identity. These young birds play, bathe, eat, chase, and explore the area. Even the young Rufous Hummingbirds engage in the chase games, since they cannot resist the chance to rev up their little engines.

Several of the young birds will fly from the water, one after the other, up to a tree branch. Then they decide to chase another bird up to a wire, and soon there will be five species of birds next to each other on the wire, looking surprised to find themselves there together.

Our nest box species are mainly swallows and chickadees. This year we did not attract a breeding pair of Western Bluebirds, although we always hope to. The Tree Swallows and Violet-green Swallows have several nests, and both Black-capped

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Marbled Murrelets, Pesticide Use, and Waldo Lake

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Lane County Audubon Society has joined more than 100 conservation and scientific organizations in signing a letter to the Obama administration requesting greater protection for the Marbled Murrelet, a federally threatened seabird (see the article on the Marbled Murrelet on page 3).

The northwest populations of Marbled Murrelets have declined by 29% over the last decade. Threats to the birds are numerous. They forage for fish, but studies indicate that they may be forced to select less preferred foods due to the disruption of the ocean food chain. Lane Audubon has supported efforts to sustainably manage forage fish and other actions to restore the food chain.

The murrelets build their nests in old trees in the coastal forests, but, unfortunately, logging is removing much of their nesting habitat. Further threats come from the fragmentation caused by both thinning and clear-cutting, leaving the nestlings vulnerable to predators such as crows, ravens, and

jays. We will keep a close eye on proposed changes to the Northwest Forest Plan as well as on proposals to manage the O&C forests so important for ecosystem health.

The Oregon Senate recently voted to approve HB 3364, which will improve coordination among state agency programs that implement Integrated Pest Management on state-owned and leased properties. The bill aims to reduce the use of pesticides on state property and will require that alternatives to chemical application be considered.

The Oregon state legislature has voted to ban motorboats and seaplanes from Waldo Lake. The bill will reaffirm an earlier state Marine Board ruling that attempted to ban seaplanes as well as motorboats; however, it was ruled that the board did not have the jurisdiction to do so. Waldo Lake, one of the largest natural lakes in Oregon, is among the purest lakes in the world. The ban will help to protect the waters from pollution and invasive species.

Thanks, Welcome, and Farewell

Lane Audubon thanks the following volunteers:

Dick Lamster, who gave two presentations for Lane Audubon, one on April 14 on backyard habitats for the Westminster Church and another on May 16 on cavity nesting birds for the BOGS birding group.

Sally O'Donnell, Debbie Schlenoff, Phil Smyser, Dave Stone, Susanne Twight Alexander, and Herb Wisner, who staffed the Lane Audubon booth at the Mt. Pisgah Wildflower Festival on May 19.

Welcome to:

Sara Lee Higgins, our new web master! Sara has been designing and maintaining personal websites and blogs for

more than 10 years and counting. Her other hobbies include traveling abroad, learning languages, playing tennis, interior architecture, and creative writing. She currently works full time with the China Program at Holt International Children's Services.

Farewell to:

Cheron Ferland, our *Quail* editor for the past year. Cheron did a great job of gathering, organizing, and editing *Quail* content, as well as adding some herself. Cheron resigned as editor because of increasing work duties. We will miss her. Thank you, Cheron, for your involvement over the last year!

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act: Marbled Murrelet Threatened

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Want to see a Marbled Murrelet? Here's how:

1. Head for the Oregon coast.
2. Find a clearing in the old-growth forest, 10-35 miles from the ocean.
3. Show up an hour before dawn.
4. Look up 50-200 feet in the air.
5. Listen for its distinctive, high-pitched "keer keer keer" call.
6. Watch very carefully for a chunky, robin-sized bird moving fast toward the ocean.

That's it! Did you see it?

If you did, count yourself lucky. This bird's no dummy. Because crows, ravens, and even Steller's Jays prey on the bird, the eggs, and the chicks, the Marbled Murrelet likes to keep a low profile. Also, there aren't a lot of them left in Oregon.

Natural History

The Marbled Murrelet is a member of the Auk (Alcid) family of diving birds such as puffins, guillemots, and murrelets. It ranges from the near-shore waters off of the Aleutian Islands in Alaska to the central California coast. While the population in Alaska is healthy (about 272,000 in 2005), the population along the Washington, Oregon, and California coasts is much smaller (about 20,000 in 2005).

The Marbled Murrelet finds safety deep in the interior of our old-growth forests, nesting on a moss pad on a large limb high in an ancient Douglas Fir, Sitka Spruce, Western Hemlock, or Redwood tree. There, every year or two, the female lays a single egg, and, alternating with its mate, incubates it for 30 days. They feed it for another 30-40 days until it fledges and flies, alone, to the ocean.

It spends the rest of the year there and in protected bays and fjords, feeding on fish such as herring.

Because of its secretive nesting behavior, it wasn't until 1974 that a nest was finally located, 185 years after the Marbled Murrelet was first "discovered" (collected) in Alaska's Prince



William Sound by Dr. William Anderson, chief surgeon and naturalist on Captain Cook's third voyage around the world.

Conservation Status

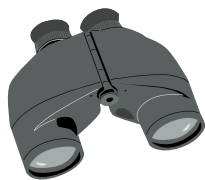
In 1988, concerned that the numbers of Marbled Murrelets in Oregon were declining rapidly, Portland Audubon Society commissioned a "status report" on the bird. The report concluded that "the principle factor affecting the continuing existence of the species over the southern portion of its North American range is destruction of old-growth and mature forests," and petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to list the Marbled Murrelet under the Endangered Species Act. The USFWS did not act, and in 1991, Portland Audubon sued to force a listing decision; in 1992, it was listed as threatened in Oregon, Washington, and California.

Logging old-growth forests has several impacts on Marbled Murrelets:

- It leads to direct destruction of nests and nesting trees.
- It causes removal of suitable habitat.
- It leads to fragmentation of the forest, allowing easier access by predatory crows, ravens, and jays to the remaining habitat.
- It exposes remaining old growth to blow-downs due to high winds from surrounding clearcuts.

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Field Notes: April-May 2013



- Pine Warbler
- Lark Sparrow

- Loggerhead Shrike
- Black-crowned Night Heron

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We seemed to have the extremes in weather during this period, with a record high temperature for the date of May 5 and tying a century-old record for the lowest high temperature for the date of May 15! We had cool wet weather at the start of the period, then very warm and sunny days during the middle, and more cool wet weather at the end of the period. During the third week of April an offshore migration occurred that, according to everyone who witnessed it, was truly amazing because of the number of birds moving north. The Pine Warbler seen on Skinner Butte will be a new species for Lane County if accepted by the Oregon Birds Record Committee (OBRC).

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), many observers (m.ob.), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)

WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose	April 16	South central Eugene	StG	Flock flying overhead; the start of their annual spring migration
Snow Goose (2)	April 27	FRR-Royal Ave	LF et al.	Later than normal for the species
Snow Goose	May 11	Delta Ponds area	LF	Much later than normal
Blue-winged Teal (3)	April 27	FRR-Royal Ave	LF et al.	Arriving right on time
Black Scoter	May 12	Heceta Head	LF, KO	Later than normal for this wintering species
Loon Species (1000s)	April 24	Coastal Lane Co.	DF	Very large numbers migrating north
Eared Grebe (6)	April 3	FRR-Royal Ave	St&SuG	Unusual in that they were around throughout the period
Pink-footed Shearwater	April 25	Heceta Beach	DP	Not commonly seen from shore
Pink-footed Shearwater	May 1	NJSR	DP	Not commonly seen from shore
Black-crowned Night-Heron	May 5	FRR-Royal Ave	RR, DA	Rarely found during the breeding season
Black-crowned Night-Heron	May 7	FRR-Royal Ave	LF	Rarely found during the breeding season
White-faced Ibis (3)	May 6	Camas Swale	NS	Annual in small numbers during the spring
White-faced Ibis (4)	May 12	FRR-Fisher Butte	LF, KO	Annual in small numbers during the spring
Sora	April 20	FRR	MN	Arriving about 10 days later than normal

RAPTORS to TERNS

Bald Eagle	April 8	Skinner Butte	SM	Adult feeding one young at nest
Bald Eagle (10)	May 1	FRR-Royal Ave	LM et al.	Large numbers for the nesting season
Swainson's Hawk	March 29	FRR	TMe	Fewer than 20 records for Lane Co.
Golden Eagle	April 21	KR Nielson Rd	RR, DA	Rare in the valley but becoming more
Golden Eagle	April 25	Dorena Reservoir	RN	commonly found
Sandhill Crane	April 15	Camas Swale	NS	A late record for the valley
Black-bellied Plover (87)	April 26	FRR-Royal Ave	LF, JS	A large number for the valley
Black-necked Stilt (16)	May 3	FRR	RR, DA	A large number for the valley
American Avocet	April 25	FRR-Royal Ave	LG	Becoming almost annual
Solitary Sandpiper	April 26	FRR-Royal Ave	LF, JS	First of larger numbers than normal for spring migration

Wandering Tattler (2)	May 12	SJSR	LF, KO	Later than normal for spring migration
Whimbrel (7)	April 27	Florence	KK	Found on Sandpines Golf Course
Whimbrel (flocks)	May 2	Coastal Lane Co.	DF	Large numbers started to migrate north
Long-billed Curlew	April 11	KR Nielson Rd	MN	Small numbers are found almost annually
Long-billed Curlew (2)	May 25	Siltcoos River mouth	LF, KO	Small numbers are found almost annually
Marbled Godwit	April 24	Sutton Creek mouth	DF	First of the spring migration
Red Knot (4)	April 23	SJSR–crab dock	DH	First of larger numbers than normal
Ruddy Turnstone	April 28	Florence area	RR, DA	First of large numbers than normal
Wilson’s Phalarope	May 1	FRR–Royal Ave	LM et al.	Arriving a couple days earlier than normal
Red-necked Phalarope (flocks)	April 24	Sutton Creek mouth	DF	Larger numbers than normal for a few days
Bonaparte’s Gull (1000s)	April 25	Coastal Lane Co.	DF	Amazing number of this species migrating
Bonaparte’s Gull	May 10	FRR–Royal Ave	LF et al.	Almost annual during spring migration
Black Tern	May 1	FRR–Royal Ave	LM et al.	Arriving a couple days earlier than normal
Common Tern	April 20	Bob Creek	LF	Not commonly seen during spring migration
Forster’s Tern	May 10	FRR–Royal Ave	LF et al.	Almost annual during the spring migration

SWIFTS to THRUSHES

Black Swift	May 20	Baker Marsh	DP	A normal migration period on the coast
Vaux’s Swift	April 10	Delta Ponds	NS	Arriving right on time
Calliope Hummingbird	April 12	Skinner Butte	SM	First of only a handful of reports
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker	April 26	Gold Lake area	LG	Always a good location for this species
Olive-sided Flycatcher	April 28	Skinner Butte	DS	Arriving a few days earlier than normal
Western Wood-Pewee	April 29	Skinner Butte	Ma	Arriving a couple days earlier than normal
Willow Flycatcher	May 14	Mt. Pisgah	TM	Arriving right on time
Hammond’s Flycatcher	April 13	Skinner Butte	TMe	Arriving about a week earlier than normal
Dusky Flycatcher	April 23	Skinner Butte	LF	Arriving right on time
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	April 25	Skinner Butte	Ma	Arriving a few days later than normal
Western Kingbird	April 23	Skinner Butte	RR	Arriving right on time
Western Kingbird	April 23	Highway 99N	JS	Arriving right on time
Western Kingbird	April 23	EWEB ponds	SM	Arriving right on time
Ash-throated Flycatcher	April 30	Skinner Butte	LF	Annual during the spring migration
Loggerhead Shrike	April 11	KR Nielson Rd	SM	Rare, but normally found during
Loggerhead Shrike	May 14	FRR–Royal Ave	KL, DA	spring migration
Cassin’s Vireo	April 13	Willamette River	TMe	Arriving just a few days later than normal
Warbling Vireo	April 23	Skinner Butte	RR	Arriving right on time
Red-eyed Vireo	May 25	Skinner Butte	CH	Arriving about 10 days earlier than normal
No. Rough-winged Swallow	April 21	Mt. Pisgah	A&TM	Arriving a couple weeks later than normal
Mountain Chickadee	April 3	Skinner Butte	LM et al.	Rare spring record for the valley
Mountain Chickadee	April 14	SJSR	NS	Rare record for the coast
House Wren	April 22	Coburg Hills	TM	Arriving right on time
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	May 10	FRR–Royal Ave	LF	Last report for the winter
Townsend’s Solitaire	April 1	SJSR–crab dock	DP	An unusual location for this species
Townsend’s Solitaire	April 24	North Eugene	BG	Almost annual in the valley during
Townsend’s Solitaire	April 25	Skinner Butte	AP, BH	spring migration
Swainson’s Thrush	April 23	River Road area	BC	Arriving about 10 days earlier than normal
Varied Thrush	April 30	Skinner Butte	LF	Last report from the valley for the winter
Northern Mockingbird	April 5	Alvadore	fide DB	Last date seen for the winter

WARBLERS to FINCHES

Nashville Warbler	April 4	Skinner Butte	AP	Arriving about 10 days earlier than normal
MacGillivray's Warbler	April 21	Veneta area	RR, DA	Arriving right on time
MacGillivray's Warbler	April 21	Mt. Pisgah area	AM	Arriving right on time
Common Yellowthroat	April 1	SJSR-dog pond	DP	First report for the coast
Yellow Warbler	April 27	FRR-Royal Ave	CT	Arriving right on time
Pine Warbler	May 22	Skinner Butte	Ma	First Lane Co. & third OR record if OBRC accepts
Black-throated Gray Warbler	April 4	Skinner Butte	BG	Arriving right on time
Hermit Warbler	April 18	Skinner Butte	SM	Arriving a few days earlier than normal
Wilson's Warbler	April 18	Skinner Butte	SM	Arriving a few days later than normal
Wilson's Warbler	April 18	River Road area	TMe	Arriving a few days later than normal
Yellow-breasted Chat	May 3	FRR-Royal Ave	A&TM	Arriving a few days earlier than normal
Chipping Sparrow	March 9	River Road area	BC	Last seen for the winter at her feeder
Chipping Sparrow (2)	April 11	South central Eugene	StG	Arriving about 10 days later than normal
Lark Sparrow	April 24	Delta Ponds area	AC	Rare, but almost annual
Sage Sparrow	April 26	FRR-Royal Ave	LF, JS	Seventh record for Lane Co.
Grasshopper Sparrow (3)	May 5	FRR-Royal Ave	RR, DA	Arriving a few days earlier than normal
Grasshopper Sparrow	May 19	Creswell area	BA	Larger numbers than normal were
Grasshopper Sparrow (2)	May 26	Mt. Pisgah area	A&TM	found during May
Fox Sparrow (red subspecies)	April 3	Heceta Beach	DP	Rare in the county
Lincoln's Sparrow	May 1	FRR-Royal Ave	NS	Last report from the valley for the winter
White-throated Sparrow	April 30	Creswell	NS	Last report for the winter
Golden-crowned Sparrow	May 8	FRR-Royal Ave	NS	Last report for the winter
Golden-crowned Sparrow	May 24	High Pass Rd	JG	Singing; much later than normal
Western Tanager	April 24	Skinner Butte	Ma	Arriving a couple days later than normal
Black-headed Grosbeak	April 4	Hendricks Park	MP	Arriving a couple weeks earlier than normal
Lazuli Bunting	April 26	Mt. Pisgah	BMc, DA	Arriving a few days earlier than normal
Brown-headed Cowbird	April 15	Creswell	NS	Arriving a little over a week later than normal
Bullock's Oriole	April 27	River Road area	TMe	Arriving a couple days later than normal
Bullock's Oriole	April 27	Meadowlark Prairie	A&TM	Arriving a couple days later than normal
Red Crossbill	May	Eugene/Springfield	m. ob.	Scattered flocks reported through the month
Lesser Goldfinch	May 20	Florence area	DP	Rarely found on the coast

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and Chestnut-backed Chickadees have multiple nests. These juveniles do not typically interact with the other birds, since the swallows are the insect aerialists and the chickadees are tree foragers.

Once the young birds are self-feeding, they begin to move away from our property. The yard, the trees, and the sky seems empty by late August. We can only hope they will return next spring to begin the new breeding cycle. We will be waiting.

Have Some Fun. Volunteer!

Lane County Audubon Society is an all-volunteer organization, and our members are very proud of the energy and diversity of talents that volunteers bring to our cause—we couldn't do it without them! Volunteering with Lane Audubon is a great way to meet new people, give back to the community, and best of all, have fun!

If you're interested in volunteering in the areas below, or if you have other ideas about ways you can help, contact Maeve Sowles, 541.343.8664, president@laneaudubon.org.

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Use your organizational abilities and editing and proofreading skills. Responsibilities include setting submission deadlines and communicating with contributors; collecting, organizing, editing, and proofreading submissions; selecting photos for accompanying articles; communicating with the printer; and writing short articles if needed. Our newsletter reaches nearly 1,500 members across Lane County!

Publications Manager

Help inventory, organize, and update handouts used at our booth and other locations. Work with others to plan and create new handouts.

Bike Path Cleanup Coordinator

Coordinate clean-up of our stretch of the West Eugene bike path.

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Marbled Murrelet Threatened

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Much of the old-growth forest in the Oregon portion of Marbled Murrelet habitat lies in the Elliot, Clatsop, and Tillamook State Forests. The timber harvest in these forests provides a significant amount of money to the Oregon Common School Fund. In spite of the needs of the Marbled Murrelet under the Endangered Species Act listing, the state proposed increased logging in murrelet habitat in these forests.

Portland Audubon Society, along with Cascadia Wildlands and the Center for Biological Diversity, sued the state to stop logging in Marbled Murrelet habitat. In November 2012, Federal Judge Ann Aiken halted logging in Marbled Murrelet habitat until the case can be resolved.

Actions

Still want to see a Marbled Murrelet? You don't have to wander around on your own in the woods looking for a suitable site. Instead, join Paul Engelmeyer, Portland Audubon's Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary coordinator, in Yachats, Oregon, on July 10 and 11 for a Marbled Murrelet Training and Survey. For more information, call Paul at 541.547.4227 or e-mail him at pengelmeyer@peak.org.

Learn More about Marbled Murrelets

Rare Bird by Maria Mudd Ruth (Eugene Public Library call # 598.33 MUDD RUTH 2005)

Portland Audubon: <http://audubonportland.org/issues/species/murrelet/murrelet>

Oregon Wild: http://www.oregonwild.org/fish_wildlife/wildlife-pages/marbled-murrelet

Oregon Field Guide (on Oregon Public Broadcasting): <http://www.opb.org/programs/ofg/segments/view/1115>

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Community Calendar, Events, and Opportunities

A service to Lane Audubon members

Willamette Resources and Educational Network (WREN)

Tuesday, July 9, 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Wetland Wander at Checkermallow Access

Wetland Wanders are casual walks through various West Eugene wetland sites. Second Tuesday of each month.

Free; FMI: 541.338.7047, info@wewetlands.org

Nearby Nature

Saturday, August 3, 10:00 a.m.–noon

Nature Quest—Creepy Crawly Safari!

Go on a creepy-crawly bug safari in the Walama Butterfly Meadow of Alton Baker Park! Use butterfly nets, magnifiers, bug barns, and more to catch and learn about all sorts of cool critters.

Fee; FMI: 541.687.9699

Willamette Resources and Educational Network (WREN)

Tuesday, August 13, 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Wetland Wander at Tsanchiifin Trail

Wetland Wanders are casual walks through various West Eugene wetland sites. Second Tuesday of each month.

Free; FMI: 541.338.7047, info@wewetlands.org

Willamette Resources and Educational Network (WREN)

Saturday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

WREN's Family Exploration Day at Tsanchiifin Trail

The Tsanchiifin Trail offers a rich diversity of plants and wildlife for families to enjoy. Join us in an exploration of this trail.

Free; FMI: 541.338.7047, info@wewetlands.org



photo by Cary Kerst

Program Meetings Start Again in September

We take a breather from program meetings during the summer months to let our members enjoy the wonders of Oregon summers. But we have plans for yet another series of fascinating programs starting next September. The meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High Street, Eugene.

In September, Harry Fuller will present a program on birding along the I-5 corridor. Look for more information in the September *Quail* or on our website (laneaudubon.org).

We'll look forward to seeing you again in September. In the meantime, enjoy the summer!

September
Program Meeting

**Birding I-5
with Harry Fuller**



**Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2013
7:30 p.m.**


**Eugene Garden Club
1645 High St., Eugene**



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THIRD SATURDAY BIRD WALK

Fern Ridge Reservoir, led by Tom Mickel

Tom Mickel will lead our group to find shorebirds visiting Fern Ridge Reservoir. Bring water, snacks, and a spotting scope if you have one!

We will meet at 8:30 a.m. near the Royal Avenue parking lot. If you drive to the location, an ODFW parking pass is required. Permits are not available on site, so must be purchased in advance (<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/parking.asp>). Those interested in carpooling can meet at the South Eugene High School parking lot (corner of 19th and Patterson) for carpooling at 8:00 a.m. and plan to return by noon. All birders are welcome. As a precaution, please remember not to leave valuables in your car. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated!

Contact Jim Maloney: 541.968.9249, jimgmal@comcast.net

**Saturday
August 17**

THIRD SATURDAY BIRD WALK

Bird Watching by Canoe or Kayak, with Dick Lamster

Dick Lamster will lead a bird watching trip by canoe or kayak at Gold Lake. You will need to furnish your own canoe or kayak and lifejackets (required), snacks, drinking water, binoculars, hat, and sunscreen. Each craft will need an "Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit" (see www.boatoregon.com). To reserve a spot and get more information, call Dick at 541.343.8664. Participants may have extra space in their canoe, so if you do not have a canoe, call anyway and perhaps there will be space for you.

Be sure to check our website at laneaudubon.org for the latest details on field trips and bird walks.