This month, I’d like to pass along some news from the Lane County Audubon Society Board:

Amazon Headwaters: The Board is happy to have supported the City of Eugene’s purchase of the Amazon Headwaters property by writing a $25,000 check from funds that were donated by community members for that purpose. The original push to protect that property started in the late 1990s with a neighborhood grassroots effort. Lane Audubon became the nonprofit vehicle that allowed donated funds to become charitable contributions. Our Board hoped the property would eventually become part of the parks and open space that create a habitat corridor around Eugene for plants, birds, and other wildlife. The most recent successful effort toward this goal occurred when the Noble family brokered a deal with the city to include the Amazon Headwaters parcels. The funds that we had been holding for this purpose were a small piece of the overall money, but it represented a major community support effort lasting almost 15 years.

It is good news that the City of Eugene is willing to purchase property to hold for conservation. This aligns directly with the wishes of the many people who have chosen to live in a community that values parks, open space, wildlife, and wild birds. Thanks to all those people who donated toward this goal many years ago and have worked throughout the last 15 years to achieve conservation protection for the key habitat area of Amazon Headwaters. Environmental education depends on environmental appreciation, and these local sites that offer watershed and riparian habitat are living classrooms for our youth. Living with wild and open spaces in our midst is a habitat treasure that enhances Eugene’s livability into the future.

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The 73rd Eugene Christmas Bird Count (ECBC) took place on Sunday, December 28, with 146 enthusiastic bird-watchers contributing their time and expertise in the field. From their sightings, combined with those of 90 Feeder Watchers, we recorded 133 species (plus one during Count Week) and 120,698 individual birds. The average numbers for the past 10 years are 134 species and 89,223 individual birds.

The participants were grouped into 26 teams, each led by an expert birder. The teams walked 116.5 miles in 162 hours. They also drove 462 miles in 70.5 hours. Four teams went owling for six and a half hours and covered 36 miles. Jim Maloney’s team (#15) had the most members with 12, followed by Bruce Newhouse (#20B) with 11 members and Dennis Arendt (#21) with 10.

At the end of the day, 99 tired but happy birders came to the LCAS-sponsored Chili Feed to share stories about the birds they saw and to participate in the traditional countdown. Allison Mickel made 10 gallons of vegetarian chili to share with everyone. Allison was kind enough to prepare the chili well in advance because she and husband Tom planned to be at the Oregon Coast celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on the day of the ECBC. Sandy Poinsett did a great job filling in for Allison at the Chili Feed. She was assisted by Kathy Wilson, Maeve Sowles, Wanda Manning, and Bruce Wilson to make the entire event a big success. The Chili Feed was a fun way to end a great day of birding, and everyone was proud to have contributed to the 115-year history of the National Audubon Society’s Christmas Bird Count.

At the Chili Feed we remembered longtime ECBC Team Leader and expert birder Fred Chancey, who passed away a few months ago. Fred was one of those really nice guys who was always willing to share his knowledge of birds and many other interesting things. We will miss Fred.

I personally want to thank Allison and her crew for the Chili Feed, Dan Gleason for compiling the results, Herb Wisner for coordinating the Feeder Watchers, and the 26 Team Leaders whose names appear below. Without the Team Leaders’ hard work of assembling their teams, guiding them all day, and reporting the results, the ECBC would not be the great event that it is.

Team Leaders by Area

#1: Ron Renchler
#12A: Steve Gordon
#12B: Hendrik Herlyn
#13A: Charlie Thomas
#13B: Holly Hartmann
#14: Dave Bontrager
#15: Jim Maloney
#16: Linda Gilbert
#17: John Sullivan
#18: Caryn Stoess
#19: Barbara Combs
#20A: Jim Regali
#20B: Bruce Newhouse
#21: Dennis Arendt
#2A: Vjera Thompson
#11A: David Novak

American Robin spotted during the ECBC. Photo: Cary Kerst

Be sure to mark Sunday, January 3, 2016 on your calendar for the 2015 ECBC. Please plan to join a team or be a Feeder Watcher for a fun, full day of birding. Your results will be entered into the 116-year record of all the Christmas Bird Counts around the continent. These data are used by scientists and researchers to study birdlife. The results of all the CBCs are available on the National Audubon Society’s website at www.christmasbirdcount.org. The code for the ECBC is OREU.

Thanks again to all of you who participated and helped to make the 2014 ECBC one of the biggest and best in the country!
### 2014 Eugene Christmas Bird Count Tally

**December 28, 2014**

H = High, RH = Record High, L = low, RL = Record Low

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2014 Eugene Christmas Bird Count Tally

Dan Gleason

Mild and generally clear weather greeted the birders conducting this year’s Eugene Christmas Bird Count (ECBC) and helped us get some good numbers. For Count Day, 133 species were reported by the teams in the field and the Feeder Watchers. One additional species (Western Sandpiper) was reported during Count Week for a total of 134 species and 120,698 individual birds.

Record high numbers were reported for eight species: Wild Turkey, American White Pelican, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Rufous Hummingbird, Gray Jay, and Golden-crowned Sparrow. Wild Turkeys continue to increase in numbers in the Willamette Valley, as do Eurasian Collared-Doves. The Rufous Hummingbird is a first for the ECBC and a very rare bird for Oregon during the winter.

The good weather that enabled the teams to see raptors more clearly may have been a factor in the relatively high numbers seen this year for most species. One notable exception is Rough-legged Hawk. Only one of these birds was seen on Count Day. The average number seen is six and as many as 44 have been reported (1973). In recent years, the number of Rough-legged Hawks have decreased locally during the winter months, when they are typically present.

The large number of Feeder Watchers contributed to the high numbers for several species. In particular, the majority of Anna’s Hummingbirds were seen by folks who counted at home. This year, 182 Anna’s Hummingbirds were reported. That’s a high number, but still short of the record 204 reported last year. The wide use of hummingbird feeders in recent years has contributed to the northward spread of this species, which is now found in southern Canada.

Turkey Vultures continue to remain in high numbers throughout the year here in the southern Willamette Valley. Fifty vultures were reported on the ECBC this year, which is higher than usual. We have no way of knowing if these individual birds are breeding birds that did not migrate or if they are northern birds that did not move further south than our area. Turkey Vultures in the winter are rare anywhere else in the state, even just a few miles north of here, and it’s rare to find wintering vultures south of the Eugene area. This year was an exception because some Turkey Vultures were seen in the Roseburg area and one or two were reported in southwestern Oregon. Our winter Turkey Vulture population is typically the highest and often the only winter population of Turkey Vultures in the state.

The 2014 ECBC was enjoyed by all the participants. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a great count!
2014 Oakridge Christmas Bird Count

Joel Geier, Count Compiler

The Oakridge Christmas Bird Count on December 14 benefited from mostly clear, mild weather and snow-free roads that allowed access all the way up to the highest elevations of the circle at 4,600 feet. The 19 volunteers found a total of 67 species. Pine Siskins were the most abundant species of the day with a round tally of 480. Golden-crowned Kinglets made their usual strong showing with 280, followed by 270 Dark-eyed (Oregon) Juncos and 220 Chestnut-backed Chickadees.

Unusual species for this circle included Common Loon and Common Goldeneye on Hills Creek Reservoir, Greater White-fronted Geese on the golf course (consorting with domestic—but apparently wild—white geese), and an immature Northern Shrike that was photographed on High Prairie.

Among the most intriguing birds of the day were two flocks of 20 chickadees that were hanging upside down as they fed on mountain hemlock cones near the summit of Buckhead Mountain. They were quite high in the trees and very active, so it was difficult to see details. Because their backs were gray, we knew they were not Chestnut-backed Chickadees (the most likely suspect for conifer-dominated forests in this area). Black-capped Chickadees would be very surprising in that habitat zone. Based on their hoarse vocalizations, they were identified as Mountain Chickadees, although they were about 15 miles east of their nearest expected location in the Waldo Lake area.

All six of the expected woodpecker/sapsucker species were found, with Pileated Woodpeckers providing the biggest excitement. All five expected corvids were also found, including seven Gray Jays.

No large owls were found this year – even though Spotted, Barred, and Great Gray Owls are all known to be residents in the circle. Owling efforts turned up two Western Screech-Owls and at least one Northern Saw-whet Owl, not to mention a few unidentified noises in the dark. A total of five Northern Pygmy-Owls were found during daylight hours.

Only one grouse was found this year, and it caused perhaps the most frustration of any bird of the day as it evaded attempts at positive identification. The observers were leaning toward Sooty Grouse. Four Mountain Quail were also found. No California Quail turned up, as the usual town flock seemingly went into hiding in December.

Volunteers for this year’s count included Forest Tomlinson, Torrey Gage-Tomlinson, Laars Skalnes, Linda Gilbert, Amy Weih, Marvel Loftus, Laurie Patty, Wil Geier, John Lucachick, Stephanie Lucachick, Brandon Wagner, Eric Clough, Jazlin Sobel, Jody Fairchild, Priscilla Sokolowski, Thomas Meizen and Tom Mickel. Special thanks to co-organizers Cheron Ferland (who unfortunately had to miss the count, but added a count-week Red-shouldered Hawk) and Mary Lee Sayre.

2014 Florence Christmas Bird Count

Kit Larsen, Count Coordinator

The 31st Florence Christmas Bird Count was held on Saturday, December 20, under adverse weather conditions, with heavy and continual rain, winds, high surf, and flooded roads affecting the count numbers. The results paint an interesting picture of what the birds do when encountering an “atmospheric deluge.”

We found 91 species and just over 4,000 individual birds. The average for the past 30 years of the count is 128 species and more than 17,000 individuals. We counted birds for 13 hours on foot and 49 hours by car. Over the past three years, we averaged about 66 hours by foot and 33 by car.

Notable species included a Rufous Hummingbird (2nd sighting for the count). Species that are unusual for the count but were found this year include Red-shouldered Hawk, Black Phoebe, Brandt, Brown Pelican, Red Phalarope, and Orange-crowned Warbler.

For the first time in count history we missed entirely White-winged Scoter, Red-tailed Hawk, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Bushtit, and Red-winged Blackbird. Some of the species we usually find but missed are Tundra Swan, Least Sandpiper, Wilson’s Snipe, Surfbird, Brown Creeper, American Dipper, and American Goldfinch.

Some species were low in numbers; we found 1 Rock Dove, 2 Mourning Doves, and 13 Eurasian Collared-Doves. We found 3 Ravens, 3 Pacific Wrens, 6 Yellow-rumped Warblers, and 2 Wrentits. None of the coastal areas, including the city of Florence, reported any raptors. Raptors were found only in the interior areas. No Red-tailed Hawks or White-tailed Kites were seen. Where were all the birds hiding?
Weather-wise, the period was pretty much normal—mostly cloudy, wet, and warmish—although we did have a cool, sunny stretch at the end and a very wet and windy weekend in mid-December. Bird-wise, we had a first record for the county and a couple possible firsts. Also, there were many larger than normal numbers of more common species and a few species that lingered later than normal.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)

### WATERBIRDS

- **Snow Goose**
  - Nov 17 C&M Stables, Florence RL
  - Never common on the coast

- **Cinnamon Teal (2)**
  - Dec 13 Canary area DP
  - Winter in very small numbers

- **Surf Scoter**
  - Nov 14 Alton Baker Park SNa
  - Rarely found inland

- **Long-tailed Duck**
  - Nov 29 NJSR DI, SF
  - Winters most years

- **Common Goldeneye (4)**
  - Dec 16 Hills Creek Rec. TM, TMe
  - Not normally found on the Oakridge CBC

- **Barrow’s Goldeneye**
  - Dec 20 N Fork Siuslaw River SNa
  - Rarely found along the coast in the county

- **Common Loon**
  - Dec 16 Hills Creek Res. TM, TMe
  - Later than normal for this location

- **Pied-billed Grebe (44)**
  - Nov 2 FRR JS
  - Just in “pond” near tern island

- **Eared Grebe**
  - Nov 1 Siuslaw River AC
  - Almost annual during the winter

- **Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel**
  - Nov 29 Brays Point SF
  - Rare seen from land

- **Am. White Pelican (183)**
  - Nov 2 FRR JS
  - Very high numbers for this late in year

- **Am. White Pelican (2)**
  - Dec 7 Alton Baker Park RR
  - Very unusual location

- **Brown Pelican (400)**
  - Nov 8 Heceta Head AC, DP
  - Numbers increasing every winter

### HAWKS to GULLS

- **Red-tailed Hawk (109)**
  - Dec 12 Raptor Route #2 JS, et al.
  - Highest number recorded

- **Rough-legged Hawk (3)**
  - Dec 12 Eugene airport JS, et al.
  - Higher than normal numbers

- **Sandhill Crane**
  - Nov 8 NW of Eugene LG
  - A normal time for their migration

- **Red-necked Phalarope (2)**
  - Nov 2 FRR JS
  - Later than normal

- **Red Phalarope**
  - Dec 20 Florence CBC fide KL
  - Forced to shore with the high winds

- **Black-headed Gull (poss.)**
  - Nov 8 NJSR AC, DP
  - Seen flying south just past end of jetty

- **Heermann’s Gull (16)**
  - Nov 2 FRR JS
  - Later than normal

- **Heermann’s Gull (5)**
  - Nov 9 FRR JS
  - Southward migration

- **Lesser Black-backed Gull (imm)**
  - Nov 23 Camas Swale BC
  - Second Lane Co record

- **Lesser Black-backed Gull (ad)**
  - Nov 24 Camas Swale NS
  - Both birds were photographed together

- **Glaucous Gull**
  - Nov 25 FRR dam SH
  - Rare inland

### PIGEONS to FINCHES

- **Band-tailed Pigeon**
  - Nov 1 Stonefield Beach AC
  - Later than normal

- **Band-tailed Pigeon (3)**
  - Dec 20 Florence TM
  - Later than normal
Snowy Owl Dec 3 FRR SH Seen throughout the month
Rufous Hummingbird Dec 3 FRR area DT Rare “winter” record - photo
Rufous Hummingbird Dec 20 Florence CBC fide KL Rare “winter” record
Acorn Woodpecker Nov 15 U of O MP First she’s seen on campus
Prairie Falcon Dec 12 Washburn Lane JS Winters most years
Tropical Kingbird Nov 1 Stonefield Beach AC Almost annual in the last fall along coast
Gray Jay (2) Nov 30 Mt. Pisgah B&JC Rare for this location
Barn Swallow (3) Nov 14 FRR dam SH It still seems to be a mystery why these swallows are showing up so long after the
Barn Swallow (2) Nov 16 FRR JS winters most years
Barn Swallow Dec 17 Delta Ponds DS, et al. breeding birds have migrated south
Northern Mockingbird Dec 25 Alvadore A&DH Still being seen
Orange-crowned Warbler Dec 9 SW Eugene AC Very small numbers winter most years
Common Yellowthroat Dec 6 FRR BW, NP They occasionally winter
Black-headed Grosbeak Nov 24 SE Eugene JSi Rare “winter” record - photos
Am. Tree Sparrow Dec 6 River Road area fide VT Not annual in the county
Swamp Sparrow Dec 7 Meadowlark Prairie SNa A normal time and location for the species
Swamp Sparrow Dec 17 FRR - Royal Ave. KB A normal time and location for the species
Harris’s Sparrow Dec 6 River Road area fide VT Rare winter visitor
Cassin’s Finch (2) Nov 20 SW Eugene DPa Rarely found away from the high Cascades
Pine Siskin (30) Nov 5 SW of Eugene MS Finally showing up again
Pine Siskin (700) Nov 8 SJSR AC Flocks moving north along the dunes

LATE REPORTS
Fulvous Whistling-Duck mid-Oct McKenzie River BP Briefly seen at edge of river in yard
Fulvous Whistling-Duck late-Oct Jasper - Willamette JN, MB Small flock on gravel bar in river. Both these reports are highly unusual, but we’ve included them given their proximity to each other both in time and location


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Program Chair
The Program Chair recruits speakers for the chapter Program Meetings that are scheduled eight times a year. This person seeks new programs that will enhance our members’ awareness of birding, habitats, natural history, conservation, and other issues and must be able to engage speakers and organize publicity and other logistics well in advance of each meeting.
Audubon Adventures is Now Online!

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Audubon Adventures is well underway in our local schools. This beloved environmental program for students in grades 3–5 is now available completely online. This year’s topics, Wild About Birds, The Buzz About Native Bees, and Neighborhood Biomes, are presented exclusively on the Audubon Adventures website, audubonadventures.org. Students can access all the magazines, activities, and information online, bringing the worlds of birds, bees, and biomes directly into their classrooms.

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From Our President (continued from page 1)

Welcome New Board Member! Caryn Stoess grew up in Reno, Nevada, and moved to Eugene for graduate school. Despite the quail running around the parking lot behind her house when she was a kid, Caryn didn’t discover birds until 2011, when her husband gave her a bird feeder. At first Caryn was excited just to have birds at the feeders. Eventually she started to pay attention to the two types of birds—Chickadees and not-a-Chickadees. Even though her first attempt to identify a not-a-Chickadee was a failure (at the time a Red-breasted Nuthatch looked a lot like a Mountain Chickadee), she learned that birding could be fun and challenging. In the last several years, Caryn has gone on scores of bird walks, taken several birding workshops, read a large stack of birding books, spent countless hours watching birds, and dubbed herself a bird nerd. In birding, Caryn has found an avocation that is not only a great way to enjoy and observe nature, but also provides the opportunity to meet fun, interesting people who share a common interest and enjoy sharing their knowledge.

In her nonbirding life, Caryn is married to Scott, who supports her birding and occasionally joins her on short birding trips but has yet to be bitten by the birding bug. Caryn is the operations manager for a small organization that creates career development software.

Local Birdman Embarks on Big Year

Noah Strycker, Eugene-Creswell native and self-proclaimed bird nerd, is devoting the entire year of 2015 to an international birding adventure. He is traveling light, carrying just a small backpack, binoculars, and a spotting scope, and will visit all seven continents with the goal of seeing 5,000 species of birds. He will eventually write a book about his adventures. You can travel vicariously with Noah by following his blog (hosted by National Audubon) at http://mag.audubon.org/articles/birds/welcome-birding-without-borders.

Noah is an engaging speaker and writer; his books are must-reads for bird lovers. He brings intellect, humor, creativity, curiosity, and a deep love of nature to every project he undertakes.

Bats: Our Other Amazing Winged Neighbors
With Cameron Bishop

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B orn and raised in Lane County and a graduate of U of O, Cameron Bishop has worked for the US Army Corps of Engineers for eight years as a biological technician and natural resource specialist. He has conducted acoustic and live-capture bat surveys in cooperation with the Interagency Northwest Bat Grid. He will talk about the life histories, biology, and taxonomy of bats, as well as the misconceptions people often have of these fascinating mammals. Cameron will also tell us about bats that are native to Oregon, white nose syndrome, and some of the monitoring and identification methods he uses.
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**Laredo Birding Festival**
February 4–7, Laredo, TX
This festival offers a terrific line-up of events and trips that feature the best South Texas birding hotspots and scenic ranches. You might even spot a White-Collared Seedeater. Several ranches have been added to the scheduled trips this year.
FMI: www.laredobirdingfestival.com, 956.718.1063, laredobirdingfestival@rgisc.org

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February 12–15, Klamath Falls, OR
Winter Wings offers a huge assortment of birding and nature-related activities for all ages and skill levels.
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**Great Backyard Bird Count**
February 13–16
The 18th annual GBBC takes place this month. Participate in this online citizen-science project by visiting the official website at http://gbbc.birdcount.org.

**Mt. Pisgah Arboretum**
Saturday, February 7, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
*Lichen Walk*
Join Botanist Daphne Stone on an easy stroll through the Arboretum exploring lichens, their habitats, and ecology. This walk is appropriate for both children and adults. Rain or shine.

Tuesday, February 10, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
*Exploring Winter Branches*
Examine and learn to identify the many trees and shrubs in the Arboretum in their winter stage without leaves or flowers and notice which ones are breaking bud. Rain or shine.

Sunday, February 15, 8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  
*Late Winter Bird Walk*
Join Nature Guides Chris Roth and Julia Siporin for another monthly bird walk intended for people with all levels of birding experience. We’ll use vocalizations, habitat, and behavior clues for identification of our winter and year-round residents. Please bring binoculars. Rain or shine.
$5, Members free. All Arboretum events begin at the Arboretum Visitor Center.

**Willamette Resources and Educational Network (WREN)**
Tuesday, February 10, 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  
*Wetland Wander at Hansen/See-Sil*
Meet at the Hansen/See-Sil site at the west end of Royal Ave. Participants should bring water and wear muck boots—it will be quite wet. WREN will provide binoculars.
Free. FMI: 541.338.7047, info@wewetlands.org.

Thursday, February 19, 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
*Volunteer Orientation*
WREN is looking for Wetland Educators/Guides (no experience necessary), Bookkeeper, Citizen-Scientists, Curriculum/Education Materials Developers, Board Members, and Grant Writers.
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Bats: Our Other Amazing Winged Neighbors
With Cameron Bishop

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Bird Walks and Events

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THIRD SATURDAY BIRD WALK
Fern Ridge Wildlife Area, Royal Avenue, led by Anne and Dan Heyerly

Anne and Dan Heyerly will lead February’s Third Saturday Bird Walk to the Royal Avenue area of the Fern Ridge Wildlife Refuge Area.

We will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the South Eugene High School parking lot (corner of 19th and Patterson), rain or shine, for greetings and carpooling. We plan to return by noon. Remember that it’s not a good idea to leave valuables in your vehicle if it’s parked at the high school. You can also meet the group at the parking area at the end of Royal Avenue at 8:30 a.m. A parking permit is required, and must be purchased ahead of time from the ODFW.

All levels of birders are welcome. A $3 donation is appreciated to help support Lane County Audubon’s activities. Contact Jim Maloney at 541-968-9249 or jimgmal@comcast.net for more information.

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