We spent the first week of June in Eastern Oregon touring Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and some of the surrounding areas. This is the fourth year of drought there, and it was obvious that several key areas were lacking water. Along Highway 205 south of Burns in an area called The Narrows, no water was in sight. Two lakes, Malheur and Harney, intersect there and usually there’s water at least 15 feet deep beside the road. In years past, we have seen pelicans fishing there and both Western and Clark’s Grebes were easily seen from the road. Another location with NO water this year is in the northeast portion of the refuge along Lawen Lane, which runs into Ruh-Red Road. In previous years, we have seen Avocets feeding and Ruddy Ducks swimming happily there. This year, because their traditional nesting pond is bone dry, over 300 Yellow-headed Blackbirds flew around aimlessly and sat forlornly on fences, wondering what their options might be. Many birds will not be able to reproduce, much less survive, in a year like this. Birds do fly, of course, so my hope is that they will move to alternative sites where the conditions are better. For them, it is all about habitat options.

In spite of the unusually dry conditions, we saw an amazing number of species (108) and many individual birds going about their normal feeding and mating activities. Malheur NWR is managed for wildlife, especially birds, and it keeps many populations of birds viable. Some of our birding highlights were Great Horned Owl nests with juveniles (at refuge headquarters), Burrowing Owls (Highway 205 and Ruh-Red Road), Trumpeter Swans (Benson Pond), Swainson’s Hawks at nest tree (along Highway 205), Ospreys (Page Springs), and Red-tailed Hawks (at the cliff along Highway 205). We also enjoyed seeing some typical eastern Oregon birds such as Mountain Bluebirds, Golden Eagles, Magpies, Sage Thrashers, and (continued on page 7)
While hiking on a shaded trail next to a burbling creek, you reach for your guidebook to identify a striking wildflower.... To find the diameter of an immense old-growth tree, you and your companions encircle it, stretch your arms wide, and reach for one another’s hands.... When a flash of color catches your eye or a warbling note touches your ear, you reach for your binoculars, asking, “What kind of bird was that?” Have you ever done these things? Do you want people to be able to have these kinds of experiences in the future? If so, then reach for your keyboard, write your comments on the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) draft resource management plan, and email them to the BLM.

In April, the BLM released its draft plan for 2.6 million acres of land in western Oregon. Several alternative proposals are suggested in the plan. They all increase logging on our public lands. Rather than emphasize science-based projects (such as thinning in dense, young stands) or acknowledge that timber operations continue to deliver logs to mills, the BLM emphasizes ramping up timber extraction from the few remaining mature forests. Some of the alternatives will allow thousands of acres of clear-cuts, a particularly destructive practice that knowledgeable people tried to leave behind decades ago. The proposals will also reduce streamside buffers. These riparian reserves are necessary to provide drinking water and the shade and cool water essential to salmon. Rather than emphasize the maintenance of existing roads, the alternatives increase road construction, which would further degrade and fragment habitat, dump sediment into streams, and allow quicker access for invasive plants.

The economic analysis focuses myopically on timber production without adequately taking into account the value of the ecosystem services of intact forests—clean water, habitat, carbon sequestration, and erosion prevention, for example. Furthermore, outdoor recreation is a growing multibillion dollar industry with significant job creation potential.

There are many opportunities in the proposals to provide conservation for fish and wildlife. Unfortunately, they are scattered among the different alternatives. For example, the alternative that includes a relatively large streamside buffer allows significantly more forest to be logged. The BLM can do better. We hope for an alternative that synthesizes the many conservation values that will support this important ecosystem over the long term.

BLM is seeking to engage the public in its decision. Encourage officials to protect our public lands and to manage them for the ecosystem services they provide, for fish and wildlife habitat, and for recreation. Please consider submitting your comments. The deadline is July 23.

See http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/ for more information. Send your comments via email to blm_or_rmpwo_comments@blm.gov.

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The weather during April and May returned to more normal conditions after an unusually dry and warm winter and early spring, with sunshine, clouds with and without rain, and warm to cool temperatures. This year’s spring migration trend continued, with the vast majority of migrant species arriving earlier than normal—some a lot earlier, but most just a little. Typical for this time of year, there were some interesting reports and a few unusual ones. It will be interesting to see what turns up during the forthcoming breeding season!

Abbreviation: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR)

### WATERBIRDS

**Ross's Goose**
- April 2: Cantrell Rd., SH, VB
- April 18: Sutton Creek mouth, DF

**Tundra Swan**
- April 12: FRR, SNa

**Blue-winged Teal**
- April 4: Meadowlark Prairie, VT

**Pacific Loon**
- April 20: Sea Lion Caves, RL

**Great Egret**
- April 15: Cushman, DP

**Snowy Egret**
- April 18: Maxwell Pond, LF, KO

**Sora**
- April 21: Stewart Pond, AP

**Sandhill Crane**
- April 23: Vaughn area, JW

**Pacific Golden-Plover**
- April 14: Sutton Creek mouth, DF

**American Avocet**
- April 2: FRR, JW

**Solitary Sandpiper**
- April 24: Stewart Pond, BC
- May 3: Swallow Pond, A&TM

**Willet**
- April 28: Alvadore, BC

**Marbled Godwit**
- April 18: Sutton Creek mouth, DF

**Wilson’s Phalarope**
- May 1: FRR - Fisher Butte, JS

**Red-necked Phalarope**
- May 14: FRR - Royal Ave, SH

**Franklin’s Gull**
- May 9: FRR - Royal Ave, RW

**Black Tern**
- May 1: FRR - Fisher Butte, JS

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- May 1: FRR - Fisher Butte, JS

**Forster’s Tern**
- April 10: FRR - Fisher Butte, JS

### GROUSE to WOODPECKERS

**Ruffed Grouse**
- April 8: Fox Hollow Rd., BC

**Bald Eagle**
- April 8: Skinner Butte, SM

**Northern Goshawk**
- April 19: Meadowlark Prairie, JS

**Merlin**
- May 1: FRR - Fisher Butte, JS

**Common Nighthawk**
- May 6: Warterville area, VB

**Black Swift**
- May 30: Salt Creek Falls, AB

**Vaux’s Swift**
- April 5: Stewart Pond, SH

**Vaux’s Swift**
- April 26: Agate Hall, U of O, DL

**Black-chinned Hummingbird**
- April 29: North Eugene, DS

**Calliope Hummingbird**
- April 5: Santa Clara area, MRu

**Acorn Woodpecker**
- April 19: Creswell area, SN

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Field Notes: April–May 2015

- Pacific Golden-Plover
- Common Nighthawk
- Black-chinned Hummingbird
- Clay-colored Sparrow

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## FLYCATCHERS to THRUSHES

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<td>Florence area fide DP</td>
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<td>Rare, but normal in spring - photos</td>
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<td>Commonly reported in unusual habitats!</td>
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Fidé indicates a sighting that was reported to the listed observer.
Program Meetings to Resume in September

We take a break from our regular Program Meetings for the summer, while our members are busy traveling, birding, and enjoying the warm weather. We begin another series of informative, engaging presentations in September. On Tuesday, September 22, Harry Fuller will present on Great Gray Owls. We’ll give more details about his talk in the September issue of *The Quail*. In the meantime, add Harry’s new book to your summer reading list: https://ecowise.wordpress.com/2015/05/08/the-great-gray-owl-book/. Program Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High Street, Eugene.

We and the Swifts Thank Kate

A big thank you to our intern from UO, Kate Jaffe. Kate contributed to the citizen-science Vaux’s Happening Swift Study. She spent many evenings enthusiastically counting Vaux’s Swifts as they entered the chimney at Agate Hall, and she reported the data to the West Coast Swift Study coordinator. Kate counted swifts on 14 evenings for a total of over 60,000 birds. She also skillfully updated our Vaux’s Swift handout. Check it out on our website. Visit http://www.vauxhappening.org/Vauxs_Swift_Study.html for more information.

Thank You for Community Outreach

CBT Nuggets invited Lane Audubon to their new company headquarters in Eugene to talk about birding. On May 14, Caryn Stoess and Maeve Sowles presented Birding at Delta Ponds.

In May, Jim Maloney and Ramiro Aragon presented three Latino Outreach sessions at local high schools. They discussed migratory birds and local birding opportunities with Spanish-speaking students.

Thanks to Caryn, Maeve, Jim, and Ramiro for representing Lane Audubon and promoting our conservation message to the community.

LCAS Seeks New Audubon Adventure Coordinator

Audubon Adventures is National Audubon Society’s (NAS) award-winning environmental education program. Audubon Adventures was designed by the environmental experts at NAS and boasts top-quality educational materials. Through our Adopt-a-Classroom Program, Lane County Audubon offers teachers in grades 3–5 an opportunity to participate at no cost to their schools.

LCAS is looking for someone who can link the participating teachers with the generous sponsors of this program. If you have a computer and a little time, this might be the volunteer opportunity you’ve been looking for! It takes flexibility, organization, and a sense of timing to make things work well for the teachers and sponsors.

Outreach to schools and sponsors begins in September. Orders for the kits are placed with NAS in October so that teachers receive their kits as soon as they are available for shipping. Maintaining contact with the teachers throughout the school year is crucial. You’ll want to make sure they’ve received their kits, see if they need any additional help, and check in with them at the end of the school year.

Potential sponsors find out about teachers who would like to participate through *The Quail*, at program meetings, and through an annual mailing. Please contact Maeve Sowles (maeveanddick@q.com) if this rewarding position sounds interesting to you. We’ll be happy to provide you with all the information and training you need to manage the program.

Webmaster Volunteer Position Open

Join the LCAS team of volunteers! We are currently seeking a Webmaster Committee Chair. Help us maintain and develop the Lane County Audubon Society website (www.laneaudubon.org). Primary responsibilities include updating the website with current information and software, performing routine data backups, monitoring and reporting on web analytics, and providing suggestions for improved layout and functionality. All skill levels are welcome, although familiarity with basic HTML and CSS, Drupal CMS, and Google Analytics will be especially helpful. Develop your web skills with Lane Audubon!
Lane Audubon welcomes you—join or renew today!

We ask you to become a local member of Lane County Audubon Society and support our grassroots efforts in the local community. Your membership dues for National Audubon Society no longer support a membership in your local chapter. 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! We appreciate your support. —Maeve Sowles, President

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Mt. Pisgah Arboretum
Thursday, July 16, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Dragonfly Adventure with Steven Gordon and Cary Kerst
In this walk for all ages, you’ll get a closer look at the mighty dragonflies that grace the summer fields and waterways of the Arboretum. Nets provided.

Sunday, July 19, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Butterfly Walk with David Hagen
Explore the diversity of butterflies found at the Arboretum. This will be a gentle walk for kids and families through the meadows. Nets and bug boxes will be provided.
$5, $8 for families, members free. All events begin at the Arboretum Visitor Center. FMI: 541.747.1504. Go to www.MountPisgahArboretum.org for information about their many other summer events.

Willamette Resources and Educational Network (WREN)
Saturday, July 25, 8:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m.
Summer Bat Walk at Delta Ponds City Park with special guest leaders Stuart Perlemeter and Aimee Hart
Meet at the Delta Ponds parking lot on Goodpasture Island Road (and Alexander Loop), just north of the auto dealership. RSVP to 541.338.7047 or info@wewetlands.org. Contact them for information about their many other summer events.

Cascades Raptor Center
Last Sunday of each month, through September
12:00 p.m.–4:00 pm.
Family Nature Discovery Days
Each Discovery Day features a different theme and activities for families with children ages 4–11.

From Our President (continued from page 1)
Bobolinks. We also saw ducks, geese, and water birds in good numbers. I especially enjoy observing and hearing the large sandpipers—Willets, Common Snipes, Long-billed Curlews, and Whimbrels—as they perform their breeding displays. The whole valley at Malheur is alive with bird sounds and sights. Even though we were a bit late to see the migrating birds before they continued their journey northward, we were absorbed by new bird sightings at every stop along the road.

The road up Steens Mountain was open early this year, so we were able to drive part of the Loop Road and take in the incredible scenery. We had lunch and walked at Lily Lake, which we had all to ourselves. We saw several fun birds there among the newly leafed-out aspen. We got as far as Jackman Park Campground, where the road was blocked. The aspen were just budding at this high elevation. I was surprised to see a White-crowned Sparrow singing happily—what a bold bird to be setting up breeding territory at 7,800 feet, near the top of a mountain.

Each time I’ve traveled to this mecca for birds, Malheur, I’ve loved every minute (except for the mosquitos). It is a big-sky, craggy-rock-faced, sagebrush-, juniper-, and pine-scented paradise brimming with birds. What’s not to like? If you haven’t made your pilgrimage there yet, I recommend you plan a trip. Let’s hope the winter brings rain.

FMI: http://www.fws.gov/refuge/malheur/
Bird Walks and Events

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Saturday
July 18

THIRD SATURDAY BIRD WALK
Site and leader to be determined

The Third Saturday Bird Walks on July 18 and August 15 will be determined by interesting bird sightings posted to OBOL and other pertinent information available before the day of the walk. We will post the location on the LCAS Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lane-County-Audubon-Society/330177413824?ref=hl) and on the website (www.laneaudubon.org).

All ages and skill levels are welcome. To carpool, meet at 8:00 a.m. at the South Eugene High School parking lot (corner of 19th and Patterson). We plan to return by noon. Remember that it’s not a good idea to leave valuables or your vehicle registration in your car if you leave it at the lot. A $3 donation is appreciated to help support Lane County Audubon’s activities.

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