

The Quail

News from Lane County Audubon Society



From Our President

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Enthusiastic Volunteers Inspire Interest in Birding



Photo: TLC

Spring was Event-Full for Lane Audubon, and I have several people to thank for their outreach and education efforts over the past two months!

Between April 10th and May 18th, Barb Pope and Kathy Wilson taught 13 “Audubon in the Schools” class sessions in just eight days! They reached 366 students at five different schools in Eugene and Springfield. They were helped by our five new volunteers: Janet Barnes, Rose Britton, Rachael

Friese, Marty Merrill, and Bryan Ribelin. Children and teachers alike were thrilled that we came into their classes with bird specimens and art supplies so they could learn to observe and draw the bird specimens. This is an important educational program for Lane Audubon, and we are still looking for a leader to take on the coordination of this effort. We hope to keep this great program moving into the future!

April 20th was our spring “Welcome Back Vaux’s Swifts” event at Agate Hall on the UO campus. Rebecca Waterman, Nick Paget, Rachael Friese, and Debbie Schlenoff hosted the evening event. More than 200 people attended and more than 100 swifts entered the chimney. It is too bad the swifts were not present in bigger numbers, as 2,000 had been there just a few days earlier! We never know

how many birds will show up, but we accomplished our goal of reaching out to the public about these fascinating little birds! Everyone had fun watching and applauded the swifts going into the chimney.

On May 3rd Rose Britton presented an “Introduction to Birding” class for an after-school student nature club at Eugene Public Library. She was helped by LaRue Rodgers, and the two of them got high praise from the Youth Services organizer for their fun, lively and interesting program. “Delightful and so valuable!” was how she described it—Well done Rose and LaRue!

May 5th was Global Big Day 2018, and Rebecca Waterman and Nick Paget led a small group of birders on a birding extravaganza from 5:45 a.m. to 7 p.m., covering several birding spots in Lane County, including Skinner Butte, the Royal Avenue section of Fern Ridge, and Florence (see page 5). They found 133 bird species! Nick and Rebecca hope to involve more people in the Global Big Day next year.

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Take Time to Focus on Bees' Needs



Photo: Cary Kerst

Bumble Bee (*Bombus vosnesensky*)
Marshall Island, OR

You might have heard a little something about the birds and the bees. But maybe you haven't heard that what's good for bees is good for birds as well. Because that's true, Lane County Audubon has joined the Eugene Pollinator Protection Committee in collaboration with the Xerces Society, Beyond Toxics, Walama Restoration Project, GloryBee, and the City of Eugene Parks and Open Spaces. By helping to protect native bees, we also secure resources, habitat, and health for our bird populations and other wildlife.

Unfortunately, pollinator populations have declined dramatically. A 2017 report revealed that over 700 species of native bees are in trouble. As for the non-native honeybee, beekeepers have lost an average of 38 percent of their hives each winter since 2010. The devastating declines can be attributed to loss of habitat and native plants, widespread use of pesticides, the spread of invasive species and diseases, and climate change. Climate change exacerbates the other threats. Further, climate change can cause a mismatch in timing between when flowers bloom

and when native bees emerge in the spring, resulting in bees starving and plants not getting pollinated.

Why should we care? In general, 75-90 percent of flowering plants rely on animal pollinators including insects like bees and butterflies and vertebrates like birds and bats. *One out of every three bites of the food we eat is pollinated by bees.* Bees pollinate about 75 percent of the most common crop species around the world. Pollinators add about 217 billion dollars to the global economy (over \$24 billion in the U.S. alone.). In addition, pollinators are responsible for functional ecosystems that provide food and habitat for other wildlife, clean the water and air, stabilize soils, and provide protection from extreme weather events.

Although most people are familiar with the introduced honeybee, it turns out that there are about 20,000 species of bees worldwide, with 500 species of bees in Oregon alone. That's not a typo! Five hundred, including species of mason bees, sweat bees, mining bees, carpenter bees, long-horned bees, and cuckoo bees. Most of these bees are solitary; with no hive to protect, they are much less likely to sting than honeybees. Even the social ones, including some bumblebees, are not particularly aggressive and rarely sting. Native bees are more efficient pollinators than honey bees, and a diversity of native bees improves that efficiency. In a recent study published in the journal *Science*, researchers found that although smaller farms may benefit from five or six different species

of bees, large swaths of farmland needed 79 bee species to achieve a 75 percent pollination rate.

Partners on the Pollinator Protection Committee are working together to make Eugene an official "Bee City USA" (see beecityusa.org/) in order to join in the goal of galvanizing communities to sustain pollinators. We believe that the City of Eugene fits the bill for official designation as "Bee-friendly." The city invests in the creation and restoration of native pollinator habitat. Eugene has banned

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What You Can Do to Be Pollinator-friendly:

- Volunteer to help the city maintain native habitat.
- Support suppliers of pesticide-free native plants. Make sure that the plants you purchase aren't treated with pesticides.
- Get involved. Raise awareness. Spread the word about the importance of pollinators.

In the garden:

- Provide diverse and abundant native pollinator plants. Plant various flowering natives that bloom in succession throughout the growing season. For lists of native pollinator plants and bloom times, see salixassociates.com/resources.html
- Provide clean water for drinking, nest-building, cooling, diluting stored honey, and butterfly puddling.
- Provide undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, un-mowed areas, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering of wild pollinators. Avoid the use of chemicals in the garden. Use pesticide-free materials and plants.

Field Notes: April/May 2018

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Trumpeter Swan, White-faced Ibis, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Rock Wren, Townsend's Solitaire, Indigo Bunting

It seems like the majority of migrants have arrived earlier than “normal” for the last few years. Is this due to global climate change, or are an ever-increasing number of people out looking? The “normal” we use is a spreadsheet we started in 1994 to track migrant arrival dates. Each year the dates are entered into the spreadsheet and the average is automatically readjusted.

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



Ash-throated Flycatcher

Photo: Andrew C. Wiki Commons



Rock Wren

Photo: ADJ82, Wiki Commons

WATERFOWL TO TERNS

Trumpeter Swan	May 18	Gold Lake	FT	A very unusual location and date!
Blue-winged Teal	April 10	Meadowlark Prairie	LB	About two weeks earlier than normal
Redhead (4)	April 19	FRR - Royal Ave	RR	Returning for the breeding season
Harlequin Duck	April 26	HJ Andrews Forest	ND	Are they nesting in the area?
Common Poorwill	May 22	MF Willamette River	Csm	Rarely found in the county
Black Swift	May 22	Salt Creek Falls	VB,SH	Returning to their nesting area
Vaux's Swift	April 8	UO Agate Hall	BC	Right on time
Calliope Hummingbird	April 18	Skinner Butte	SH	Small numbers occur during spring migration
Sora	April 13	Stewart Pond	SH,SM	A few days later than normal
Black-necked Stilt	April 15	FRR - Fisher Butte	RR	About a week earlier than normal
Black-necked Stilt (12)	April 25	FRR - Fisher Butte	SH	A very large number!
American Avocet	May 28	FRR - Fisher Butte	VT	They have bred in the past
Pacific Golden-Plover	May 1	Heceta Beach	NS	Rare during spring migration
Red Knot	May 2	Baker Beach	DF	Migrate through in small numbers
Solitary Sandpiper	April 26	Meadowlark Prairie	N&ZS	Migrate through in a very narrow window
Wilson's Phalarope	April 28	FRR - Fisher Butte	JP	About a week earlier than normal
Red-necked Phalarope (4)	May 4	FRR - E Coyote	SH	Rare inland during migration
Caspian Tern	April 9	Florence - Old Town	DF	A normal arrival date
Black Tern	May 4	FRR	SR	Right on time

ALCIDS TO VIREOS

Marbled Murrelet (30)	May 4	Siltcoos River mouth	JS,JL	A large number for Lane Co
Cassin's Auklet (200)	May 18	Siltcoos River mouth	JS	Very large number for Lane Co
Rhinoceros Auklet	April 9	Sea Lion Caves	SH,DP	Returning to their nesting area
Brown Pelican	April 28	SJSR	JP	A very early return date again this year
Great Egret	May 22	W Eugene	VT	Birds seen in a heronry - breeding?
White-faced Ibis (13)	May 11	FRR - Fisher Butte	JS	Rare in the valley during spring migration
Great Gray Owl	May 23	S of Oakridge	Csm	Small numbers breed in the Cascades
Lewis's Woodpecker (2)	April 20	Creswell area	SS	Wintered in the area
Merlin	May 1	Alton Baker Park	LGi	The last report for the winter season
Olive-sided Flycatcher	April 26	Baker Beach area	SH	First arrival on the coast
Olive-sided Flycatcher	April 28	FRR - Perkins	BV,LGi	A few days earlier than normal
Western Wood-Pewee	April 27	Skinner Butte	SH	A few days earlier than normal
Willow Flycatcher	May 13	FRR - Fisher Butte	BC	Right on time
Hammond's Flycatcher	April 16	Springfield	SM	A few days earlier than normal
Hammond's Flycatcher	April 16	Razor Park	LG	A few days earlier than normal

Dusky Flycatcher	April 25.....	Creswell area.....	NS.....	A few days earlier than normal
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	April 11.....	SE Eugene.....	AM.....	About a week earlier than normal
Ash-throated Flycatcher	May 11.....	Oakridge.....	MLS.....	Rare in Lane Co
Western Kingbird	April 18.....	Skinner Butte.....	RF.....	A couple days later than normal
Cassin's Vireo	April 5.....	Skinner Butte.....	SH.....	Right on time
Warbling Vireo	April 5.....	Skinner Butte.....	SH.....	A couple weeks earlier than normal

JAYS TO BUNTINGS

California Scrub-Jay (35)	April 25.....	FRR - Perkins.....	AC,VT.....	All flying south from the point - why?
Purple Martin	April 13.....	FRR - Perkins.....	RS.....	A few days later than normal
Rock Wren	May 4.....	E Springfield.....	GG.....	Rare in the valley during spring migration
House Wren	April 20.....	Mt Pisgah/Wild Iris R.....	SH/BB.....	A couple days later than normal
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	May 23.....	Mt Pisgah.....	RR.....	Third year in a row they've been found there
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	May 8.....	Wild Iris Ridge.....	CA.....	The last report for the winter season
Townsend's Solitaire	April 18.....	Skinner Butte.....	RR.....	Always rare on the valley floor in Lane Co
Swainson's Thrush	May 3.....	SE Eugene.....	TM.....	Right on time
Evening Grosbeak	April 17.....	Eugene.....	m.ob.....	Large numbers all around town!
Chipping Sparrow	May 5.....	Baker Beach.....	DF.....	Rarely seen along beach
Vesper Sparrow	April 26.....	N Eugene.....	BC.....	A couple weeks later than normal
Black-throated Sparrow	May 8.....	NJSR.....	DC.....	Rare spring "overshoot" from the
Black-throated Sparrow	May 11.....	Oakridge.....	fide MLS.....	Great Basin
Grasshopper Sparrow	May 6.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	JS,JL.....	Right on time
Yellow-breasted Chat	April 28.....	KR Nielsen Rd.....	SH.....	About a week earlier than normal
Yellow-headed Blackbird	April 2.....	FRR.....	VB.....	Right on time
Yellow-headed Blackbird	April 21.....	Ayres Rd area.....	FW.....	Normally only found at FRR
Bullock's Oriole	April 26.....	FRR - Perkins.....	SH.....	Right on time
Nashville Warbler	April 14.....	EWEB - Roosevelt.....	BC.....	Right on time
MacGillivray's Warbler	April 22.....	Mt Pisgah/Skinner B.....	TC/SH.....	A couple days later than normal
Yellow Warbler	April 22.....	Skinner Butte.....	PR,BH.....	A few days earlier than normal
Black-throated Gray Warbler	April 7.....	Skinner B/Harlow Rd.....	SH/PO.....	A couple days later than normal
Hermit Warbler	April 23.....	Creswell area.....	NS.....	A couple days later than normal
Wilson's Warbler	April 13.....	SE Eugene.....	TM.....	A couple days later than normal
Western Tanager	April 23.....	E Eugene.....	JG.....	Right on time
Black-headed Grosbeak	April 19.....	Bloomberg Rd.....	AP.....	A couple days earlier than normal
Indigo Bunting	May 16.....	Mt Pisgah area.....	LGG,CSh.....	Rare in Lane Co
Lazuli Bunting	April 20.....	Junction City area.....	BC.....	About a week earlier than normal

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neonicotinoid pesticides (particularly lethal to bees) from use on city property. Additionally, we have a Native Plant Nursery and neighborhood parks that are pesticide-free. Official designation helps us institutionalize the local government and community's commitment to pollinator protection and provides accountability. Raising awareness and providing educational materials will help us create and maintain habitat for bees, birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. It will also help improve local food production and support growth of small local businesses that provide pollinator-friendly landscaping and chemical-free garden care, native seed suppliers, and plant nurseries. We hope to

engage community volunteers in removing invasive plants and planting native flowers, along with participating in an annual pollinator celebration. Currently, City Councilor Mike Clark (who values bees!) plans to propose that the committee's resolution be adopted by the City Council in order to receive official designation. Please let your councilors know that you support this endeavor. (To find your city councilor, see eugene-or.gov/532/Find-Your-Ward). Hopefully, by the time you read this, Eugene will be an official Bee-Friendly City. Updates will be available on our web page.

Program Meeting

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Fall 2018 Lane Audubon Program meetings

After a summer break, our program meetings will start up again in the fall! Save these dates.

September 25—Paul Engelmeyer, Audubon Tenmile Creek Sanctuary Manager, will talk about Land and Sea Conservation Issues and Strategies.

These include Oregon Marine Reserves and the conservation challenges, along with Forage Fish and Coho Recovery efforts on the Oregon coast, and issues facing the Marbled Murrelet.

October 23—Joe Moll, Executive Director of the McKenzie River Trust,

will talk about river systems and the benefits of restoring them to a more natural state.

November 27—Artist, actor and birder, Ram Papish, will give a presentation TBA.

December 14—LCAS will co-sponsor a program with Eugene Natural History Society at UO. Bruce Newhouse will talk about “Bugs, Birds and Plants in the Pollination Dance!”



LCAS Big Day, May 5, 2018

Rebecca Waterman

The idea of a Big Day or a Big Year reaches back for decades. The goal is to count as many different bird species as possible, whether by sight or by ear, within a specific time frame (a day, a week, a year, etc.). The current record for a single day is 431 species, set in Ecuador!

Birding is not accessible or even appealing to everyone, though few can deny the joy found in the observation of these amazing creatures. It's rarely mentioned in mainstream films or television. A notable exception is the film entitled “The Big Year,” based on a novel of the same title by Mark

Obmascik. Its humor, along with the familiar faces of the actors, made this film appealing to even those with little to no interest or knowledge of birds. The winner of that particular year is named Kenny Bostick. He was not always likable, but his skill and determination were unmatched. So I called us Team Bostick: Rebecca, Nick, John, Josh and Jan.

Our Big Day began at 5:45 a.m., at the foot of Skinner's Butte. Western Tanagers were numerous, as were many species of warbler and a few vireo. We left the butte with 46 species! Next we stopped at Alton Baker for a Ring-necked Pheasant, which we heard

before leaving the cars. From there, we drove to Fern Ridge, where we walked both the Royal Avenue and the Fisher Butte paths. By the time we headed to Florence, we had observed 100 species! The South Jetty was lovely as always, with great sea birds such as Pigeon Guillemot, Pelagic Cormorant, and Common Loon. After the jetty, we went up the Mountain Loop road to find Mountain Quail and Gray Jay. We found both, plus many others. A few other stops along the way gave us 133 species for the day.

Joining in this activity is easy. You don't need to commit to the full 24 hours. Even 10 minutes or an hour of submitted information helps! More than 28,000 birders worldwide participated this year, reporting 6,899 species—more than 2/3 of the world's species! Ten percent of these species were reported by only one person, which goes to show how much of an impact you can have by participating.

The 2019 Global Big Day date has not been announced, but stay tuned for another group adventure next year! Team Bostick will undoubtedly be out at dawn, searching for as many species as possible!



Photo by Rick Ahrens



Photo by Rick Ahrens

Lazuli Bunting.

Special thanks go to Beth Stein, ShyAnne Groberg, Bear Scamman, and the rest of the staff and volunteers at Nearby Nature, who helped LCAS plan the event and host it at Nearby Nature's facilities. LaRue Rodgers handled the kids' educational activities for LCAS and was there throughout the day, making sure they all had fun. Rebecca Waterman assembled a great group of bird walk leaders: Rick Ahrens, Ramiro Aragon, Dave Bontrager, Nick Paget, John Polo, John and Laura Sullivan, and Vjera Thompson. Maeve Sowles and Ron Renschler planned and coordinated the event for LCAS. Other LCAS volunteers included Connie Berglund and Bob Fleming. Thanks also go to the National Audubon Society for a Collaborative Funding Grant, which helped us with production costs and other expenses.

World Migratory Bird Day Celebration

On World Migratory Bird Day, Saturday, May 12, Lane County Audubon Society and Nearby Nature co-sponsored a family-friendly event at Nearby Nature's Learnscape in Alton Baker Park.

Attendees young, old, and in between were treated to bird walks in the park, bird- and nature-related games and activities, and information about the migratory birds in our area. LCAS and Nearby Nature volunteers got a chance

to socialize and enjoy the sun, which made its appearance by late morning.

Fifty-two bird species were sighted between the morning bird walk and the early afternoon event closing. Kids participated in nature journaling, migratory bird games, and bird- and nature-related coloring and craft activities. Parents enjoyed seeing their youngsters outdoors, appreciating nature within the boundaries of our growing urban area.

Thank You Audubon Adventures Sponsors!

This school year, Lane County Audubon Society has put a record number of Audubon Adventures kits in classrooms! We couldn't have done this without our generous sponsors. Thanks to them, we were able to place 62 kits in 51 classrooms across 21 Lane County schools! That's about 1,275 students that have been enriched with standards-based science content about birds, wildlife, and their habitats. If you have any questions about the Audubon Adventures program or would like to sponsor a classroom, email Rachael Friese at audadventures@gmail.com

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13th Annual Marbled Murrelet Community Science Survey



Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve/Protected Area

Session 1 - July 19/20, 2018

Session 2 – July 26/27, 2018

Join the 13th annual Marbled Murrelet Community Science Survey on a spectacular stretch of Oregon's coast near Yachats, Oregon. Training will be provided, so no prior experience is needed. This year, we are offering two separate training sessions; join us for one or both, if you'd like.

Oregon State University ornithologist and Marbled Murrelet expert Kim Nelson and local naturalist Abigail DeYoung will lead the surveys with Paul Engelmeyer of Portland Audubon and manager of the Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary. We'll survey for endangered Marbled Murrelets in the Yachats vicinity. This area is Oregon's stronghold for the murrelet and includes the 100,000-acre "Globally Significant" Murrelet Important Bird Area.

We will be viewing and discussing old-growth forest habitat as well as the recently designated Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve and Seabird Protection Area. During the morning surveys, murrelets will be seen and/or heard on breeding territories and in their near-shore feeding areas.

Day 1—Survey training starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Yachats Commons (1555 Hwy 101, Yachats, OR). Survey site selections and directions (maps) will be distributed.

Day 2—Morning survey at upland sites starts before sunrise and ends 2 hours later and near-shore surveys (6 coastal sites) start at 9 a.m. and end at 10 a.m.

Please RSVP to goo.gl/forms/KgY1ESmcep91uQ8I3. Contact Paul Engelmeyer at 541-547-4227 or pengelmeyer@peak.org for more information.

Camping is available at numerous campgrounds in the area:

fs.fed.us/r6/siuslaw/recreation/triplanning/newpflor/index.shtml
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Audubon in the Schools (AITS) Needs Volunteers and a Leader

This Lane Audubon program is in high demand by grade school teachers. Teachers and their students love this program!

Our volunteer instructors and five new people brought the program to several classrooms this spring.

We hope to continue to build our volunteer pool, and more importantly, we need a leader to organize the teaching materials and set up classroom visits.

We hope to offer more in-school programs going forward.

Please help us provide the kids with these art and biology lessons!

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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. Your membership dues for National Audubon Society no longer fully cover the costs of 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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Community Calendar and Events

A service to Lane County Audubon Society members



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North American Butterfly Association

Sunday, July 1, 10 a.m.

Eugene 4th-of-July Butterfly Count

This, the first of two "Fourth of July" butterfly counts, will be led by experienced local NABA Oregon officers. Four separate count groups will look for butterflies in four areas. Beginners are encouraged to participate. Physical effort is low to moderate. Meet in the Campbell Community Center parking lot, 155 High St., Eugene, to split into groups and carpool to sites. Preregister by email NABA. ES.trips@gmail.com. FMI: naba.org/chapters/nabaes/index.html

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Cascades Raptor Center

Saturday, July 7, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Family Discovery Day

All About Owls! CRC invites families to become scientists, dissecting owl pellets to learn what and how owls eat, and why owl pellets are fascinating. Kids can create a pinecone owl to take home. While visiting the Raptor Center, families can meet resident owls and view all of the nearly 40 permanent resident raptors. Admission fee plus \$2. See website for admission fees. FMI: CascadesRaptorCenter.org or 541.485.1320

7/8

Mt Pisgah Arboretum

Sunday, July 8, 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

Bird Walk

Julia Siporin and Joni Dawning will lead a bird walk for people at all levels of birding experience. Vocalizations, habitat, and behavior clues will be used for identification of a diversity of breeding and year-round residents. Please bring binoculars. Option to continue the walk until noon for those who are interested. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. \$5, members free. FMI: mountpisgaharboretum.org or 541.741.4110

7/21

Saturday, July 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Butterflies and Dragonflies Walk

Join nature guide Dave Hagen on a walk for kids and families. Explore the diversity of butterflies and dragonflies found at the Arboretum! This will be a gentle walk through the meadowlands. Nets and bug boxes are provided to get a closer look at these amazing organisms. Co-sponsored by the North American Butterfly Association-Oregon Chapter. Meet at the Visitor Center. Don't forget your parking pass. \$8 per family, \$5 individual, members free. FMI: mountpisgaharboretum.org or 541.741.4110

8/4

Cascades Raptor Center

Saturday, August 4, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Family Discovery Day

Wildlife Play Hospital. Kids and their families can become wildlife rehabilitators for the day! Participants will receive a report of an injured stuffed animal to be rescued on the Raptor Center's wooded hillside property. After rescuing their animal, kids can bring it to the wildlife hospital play area for treatment. While the rescued animal recovers, families can visit with the dozens of permanent resident raptors at the Center, and then can release their patient back to the 'wild.' Admission fee plus \$2. See website for admission fees. FMI: CascadesRaptorCenter.org or 541.485.1320

8/11

Nearby Nature

Saturday, August 11, 10 a.m.-noon

Creepy Crawly Bug Safari

Go on a 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. Members free, non-members \$5 per family. Pre-register at nearbynature.org. FMI: nearbynature.org, 541.687.9699 or email info@nearbynature.org

8/12

Mt Pisgah Arboretum

Sunday, August 12, 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

Bird Walk

Join Julia Siporin and Joni Dawning for another monthly bird walk intended for people with all levels of birding experience. Leaders will use vocalizations, habitat, and behavior clues for identification of breeding and year-round residents. Come discover the Arboretum's avian diversity. Please bring binoculars. Option to continue the walk until noon for those who are interested. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. \$5, members free.

From Our President *cont. from page 1*

Friends of Hendricks Park asked Lane Audubon for two outreach activities. One was a bird walk on May 6th, led by Rebecca Waterman and Nick Paget. Of about a dozen attendees, some were new birders. Then on May 20th, Dick Lamster presented a Cavity Nesting Birds informational talk at the Hendricks Park shelter. We are happy to help foster an appreciation of

Hendricks Park. Thanks to Dick, Nick and Rebecca!

Our annual world Migratory Bird Day event was held May 12th, and we had a great turnout of volunteers willing to assist with this fun time. For more details see the piece on page 6. Thanks for the organizing efforts of Ron, Rebecca, and LaRue to make the day special.

To each of our volunteers who made these events happen, we say **thank you** for your commitment to helping Lane Audubon reach out with fun birding activities and educational programs. Through these activities we connect with each other and the community. It is important to share the love we have of birds and being in nature. Keep up the good work!



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LCAS Bird Walks & Events

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Third Saturday Bird Walks

Saturday, July 21, 8 a.m.

Canoe/ kayak trip to Fern Ridge Lake, led by Dick Lamster and Maeve Sowles.

You will need to furnish your own canoe or kayak and lifejackets (required). Each craft needs an Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit. See boatoregon.com for more information on this required permit. To reserve a spot on the trip and/or get more information, call Dick at 541.343.8664. If you do not have a

canoe or kayak, call anyway because other participants may have extra space in their craft. Last year we identified 44 species of birds. Some years we have seen more than 50 species.

Saturday, July 21, 7 a.m.

Land-based Bird Walk

Rebecca and Nick will also lead an early bird walk, on the same day, meeting up with walkers at the Royal Ave. entrance to Fern Ridge. Royal dead ends there. You'll

need an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife permit to park in the lot there, but not if you can find a parking spot on the road.

Saturday, August 18, 8 a.m.

Our August walk leader is TBA. The location of the walk will be determined by interesting bird sightings posted to OBOL, along with other pertinent information available before the walk date. Details will be posted on the LCAS Facebook page: facebook.com/pages/Lane-County-Audubon-Society/330177413824, and on our website: laneaudubon.org.

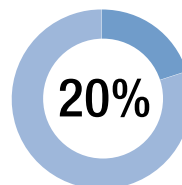
All ages and skill levels are welcome. Bring binoculars, if you have them. To carpool, meet at 8 a.m. at the South Eugene High School parking lot, corner of 19th and Patterson. We plan to return by noon. Remember that it's not a good idea to leave valuables or your vehicle registration in your car if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

Fall 2018 Program Meetings

September 25, October 23, November 27

Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.

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