



# The Quail

News from Lane County Audubon Society

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## From Our Past President

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## “Where Have All MY Birds Gone?”



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That is the question I hear dozens of times a year while answering the Audubon Phone. Lane County Audubon Society (LCAS) has a phone number people call, seeking answers to all sorts of nature-related questions. We receive calls about injured wildlife, impending nearby “development” that will destroy wildlife habitat, neighborhood cats, feeding birds, bird identification, swifts at Agate Hall, building a bird house, buying bird seed, buying

binoculars, and more. But for the past several years some of the most common and desperate calls have been concerning the reduction or even total lack of birds in their yards.

I keep a list near the phone of possible reasons for this unfortunate situation. I start by asking a few questions about where they live in case I know about something currently happening in their part of town that may be adversely affecting birds. If the call is late in the summer or early fall, I mention that some of our summer resident birds are starting their migration south and the winter residents perhaps have not arrived yet. I mention that a few of the birds in this area are altitudinal or elevational migrants, including Varied Thrushes, Dark-eyed Juncos,

and Belted Kingfishers. Until the cold weather and snow start to arrive in the mountains, those species have not yet arrived in the valley.

Several bird species may be going through their semi-annual molt. During a molt some birds cannot fly for a few days so they tend to hunker down and find a good hiding place away from predators. They are certainly less active during this time and try not to be seen by anything, including you. The fall molt happens just before migration so the bird will have new, strong feathers to help with the long migration flight.

The next few questions refer directly to the caller’s yard. The first one is a little controversial, but I ask if they have an outdoor cat, or if the yard is visited by neighbors’ cats or feral cats. Cats kill millions of birds every year in the United States. If they have an outdoor cat, I encourage them to make their outdoor cat into an indoor cat and I refer them to the National Audubon Society website or

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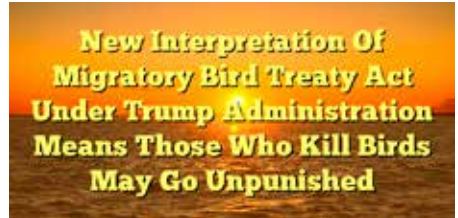
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## Ideas—Good and Bad

**“The way to get good ideas is to get lots of ideas, and throw the bad ones away.” – Linus Pauling**

We’ve all heard the expression “There’s no such thing as a bad idea,” but I think many would disagree. Unfortunately, on the environmental front, many bad ideas have recently been proposed. Thankfully, many of these ideas have not been implemented. I list a few below.

**1. Killing ravens to save sage grouse.** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife proposed to kill hundreds of ravens in northeastern Oregon. This “solution” would have left hundreds of poison baited eggs in habitats, threatening non-target animals as well as causing the starvation of raven nestlings. The environmental assessment provided no evidence that ravens were actually harming sage grouse and no evidence that this strategy would work. The actual causes of sage grouse decline were not addressed. Thankfully, after receiving comments from bird allies, the agencies cancelled the proposal.

**2. The Jordan Cove Energy Project and Pacific Connector fracked gas pipeline.** This project would fragment habitat, pollute hundreds of waterways, threaten migratory birds, and create the largest source of climate pollution in Oregon. It would result in additional clear cuts in coastal and interior forests, impacting breeding habitat for endangered species like the Marbled Murrelet and Spotted Owl. Even after multiple application extensions, Pembina, a Canadian energy corporation, failed to provide adequate information for a permit to be granted. Fortunately, they were told that another extension would not be approved, and the company withdrew their application on a key removal-fill permit. The permit would have allowed them to dredge Coos Bay harbor and create pipeline on state wetlands and waterways.

**3. Selling off public forests for timber company profit.**

- a. *Selling off swaths of the publicly owned Elliott State Forest.* Thankfully, a recent state Supreme Court ruling affirmed an Oregon Court of Appeals’ ruling, agreeing

that selling 788 acres of Elliott State Forest to a private timber company in 2014 violated state law.

- b. *Selling off BLM land close to residential property near Springfield.* Thankfully, a recent court ruling found that the BLM’s environmental review failed to consider residential fire hazard due to logging and failed to buffer recreation trails from logging as required by BLM’s own rules.

**4. Allowing trapping of an animal that is threatened with extinction due to extremely low population numbers.**

Fortunately, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission recently voted 4-3 to protect Humboldt Martens from trapping. Fewer than 200 of the martens survive in the state’s coastal forests.

**5. Weakening one of the most protective environmental laws, The Migratory Bird Act.** Eliminating this Act would provide industries with a free pass for actions that result in bird deaths. Thankfully, a new bill has been introduced into congress to restore some protections, but we are far from seeing it implemented. In the past week, announcements have been made that would further weaken protections. So it’s a good idea to let your congressional representatives know that you stand with birds (plus other wildlife and humans). See National Audubon’s action alert “Urgent: Save Our Most Important Bird Law” at [audubon.org](http://audubon.org).



Photo: Cary Kerst

*Great Egrets, Finley NWR*

## Field Notes: January 2020

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### Vermillion Flycatcher, Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel, Williamson's Sapsucker, Tricolored Blackbird

Many birders like to start off the new year right by getting out and doing lots of birding. This month brought a number of "good" birds for everyone to look for, especially the female Vermillion Flycatcher (a first for Lane County), and the male Williamson's Sapsucker. Because so many were out searching for the sapsucker, a couple other "good" birds were found in the same area, something that often happens.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR)



Vermillion Flycatcher



Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel

#### WATERFOWL TO RAPTORS

Canada Goose (Dusky)	Jan	Junction City area	M.ob.	Numbers seem higher than normal
Blue-winged Teal	Jan 7	S Canary Rd area	LW	A rare winter record - wintering?
Blue-winged/Cinnamon Teal ♀	Jan 13	Stewart Pond	JL	Neither species normally winters
Band-tailed Pigeon	Jan 31	Cottage Grove area	TM	A few weeks earlier than normal
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	Jan 12	Siltcoos Lake	BR	Very rare sighting from land in Lane
American White Pelican	Dec 28	Cottage Grove CBC	Fide GF-G	A first for the count
Green Heron	Dec 28	Cottage Grove CBC	Fide GF-G	Winter most years in the area
White-tailed Kite	Jan 1	Alvadore	SM	Very few reports this winter
Golden Eagle	Jan 1	Pickens Rd	M.ob.	Rare in valley
Golden Eagle	Jan 23	Mt Pisgah	LG	Rare in valley
Barred Owl	Jan 2	Near U of O	KL	Still being seen around town
Barred Owl	Jan 7	Tyler St	MS	Still being seen around town
Great Gray Owl (2)	Jan 4	Oakridge CBC	JG	A high count for the CBC

#### WOODPECKERS TO WABLERS

Lewis's Woodpecker	Jan 19	Cox Butte Rd	JS,TJ	Very small numbers winter some years
Lewis's Woodpecker	Jan 20	N Hideaway Hills Rd	JG	Very small numbers winter some years
Williamson's Sapsucker	Dec 29	Pickens Rd	HH	Very rare in valley - seen to mid-Jan
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Jan 24	River Rd area	RH	Fewer than 10 records for Lane - photo
Red-naped/Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Jan 3	W Eugene bike path	DF	Either would be rare
Prairie Falcon	Jan 12	Junction City area	JS,TJ	Winter in very small numbers
Black Phoebe	Jan 4	Oakridge CBC	JG	First record for count
Say's Phoebe	Jan	W Eugene/Mt Pisgah	M.ob.	Wintering birds
Vermillion Flycatcher	Jan 5	Alton Baker park	RR,RA	First record for Lane - many photos
Horned Lark (100+)	Jan 12	Alvadore area	JL	A very large number for Lane
Tree Swallow (2)	Jan 2	Delta Ponds	SH	A very early sighting
Tree Swallow	Jan 12	Washburn Ln	JS,TJ	A very early sighting
Barn Swallow (3)	Jan 2	Baker Beach	KY	More mid-winter reports
Barn Swallow (5)	Jan 5	Waite Ranch	AC,et al.	More mid-winter reports
Townsend's Solitaire	Jan 3	U of O	EG	Rare during the winter
Townsend's Solitaire	Jan 25	FRR area	BC	Rare during the winter
Northern Mockingbird	Jan 15	Coburg area	EZ	Very small numbers winter some years
Bullock's Oriole	Jan 7	Florence	LW	Wintering in the area
Purple Finch	Jan	Eugene area	M.ob.	Higher numbers than normal
Tricolored Blackbird	Jan	Lehman Dairy	M.ob.	Rare in Lane
Brown-headed Cowbird	Jan	Lehman Dairy	M.ob.	Rare in valley during the winter
Hermit Warbler	Jan 1	Pickens Rd	VT	Rare wintering species

AC Alan Contreras, BC Barbara Combs, BR Brandon Reishus, DF Daniel Farrar, EG Eughan Gormley, EZ Elias Zuniga, GF-G Grace Fowler-Gore, HH Holly Hartmann, JG Joshua Galpern, JL Joshua Little, JS John Sullivan, KL Kit Larsen, KY Kaplan Yalcin, LG Linda Gilbert, LW Lisa Wallace, MS Martin Stervander, RA Ramiro Aragon, RH Rich Hoyer, RR Roger Robb, SH Sally Hill, SM Sylvia Maulding, TJ Tye Jeske, TM Tori Morgan, VT Vjera Thompson. Fide references a sighting reported to the listed observer. M.ob. signifies many observers.

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the Cornell University College of Ornithology website. In cities, this is frequently the number one reason for bird decline.

A new dog that hangs out in the yard may be discouraging birds from using the area. Dogs generally may not be that interested in birds, but some will chase birds and they may even harm baby birds that have fallen out of the nest or injured birds that cannot fly away.

Has there been any recent clearing of trees, brush, or shrubs in the yard or in the surrounding neighborhood? Less habitat means fewer birds. I discuss making their yards more desirable for birds by planting native shrubs, bushes, flowers, and trees and having less grass. I give them permission to have a “messy” yard and to stop worrying about what the neighbors will think. I encourage them to leave some garden vegetables for the birds and to leave their garden “messy” over the winter.

Does the caller or nearby neighbors use pesticides or fertilizers? I explain that these are poisons that kill animals, including birds. Birds that eat insects that have ingested insecticides may become sick and unable to avoid predators or search for food. Birds may also die directly from the pesticide. Rodenticides in a pellet or grain form may be eaten directly by birds. Rodents that are dying from being poisoned may be eaten by birds, especially raptors, which are then also poisoned. Pesticides in the form of pellets used to kill slugs and snails may also be eaten by birds. Of course, cats, dogs, other pets, and even children may also eat

these poisons. I explain that there are alternatives to all chemical pesticides and the alternative frequently does a better job, is cheaper, and won't harm birds and other animals.

If I still have their attention, I ask if birds hit their windows. I explain that birds see the reflection of the background in regular window glass. If it is a reflection of trees and shrubs, the bird thinks it can fly to that nice tree and it smacks into the window instead. Non-reflective glass is the best way to prevent window strikes. This is also very expensive if all the windows need to be replaced, or at least the ones that are being hit by birds. If they are building a new home, installing non-reflective window glass will really reduce bird strikes. If non-reflective glass is cost-prohibitive, then placing non-reflective strips of tape on the windows will help. These strips should be four to six inches apart. I have friends who hang old CDs on a string, place colorful ribbons on the windows, and use all sorts of things that will sway in the wind and distract the birds. All these distractions, including the non-reflective tape, must be on the outside of the window.

Seed-eating birds may leave the yard in the summer to seek water. As small ponds, creeks, and low areas dry up, birds need to find water, especially seed eaters. Insect eaters get some of their moisture needs from the juicy bugs they eat, but seed-eaters need water. Birds also like water for bathing. So, I suggest adding a water feature to the yard. It can be as simple as an old-fashioned birdbath, or a more complicated water fountain with a recirculating pump. The basin part of any birdbath should be sloped and shallow because bird legs are only a couple of inches long. Be sure to wash

out the bath at least weekly to kill mosquito larvae and clean it thoroughly to kill algae, bacteria, and viruses. If you have an outdoor cat, then perhaps a birdbath is not a good idea.

If the caller has not fallen asleep by now, I mention the current world-wide decline of birds, which of course includes our local birds. Coincidentally, about the same time I started writing this essay, a team of more than 100 scientists from all over the world released the results of their research showing the loss of over 2.9 billion (with a “B”) birds over the past 50 years. In North America, 604 bird species were studied. The report further states that 389 bird species in North America are vulnerable to extinction soon. More than half of these species are in Oregon, and many use our backyards. Anything we can do to slow down climate change and save habitat will help birds locally and globally.

I mentioned earlier that people call for many reasons and some just want a sympathetic ear from another person who is also concerned about the natural world. We encourage these discussions, but we also strongly suggest action. If many people do even a few little things in their own backyards to save habitat and protect birds, the cumulative effect can be tremendous. Then maybe the question “Where have all my birds gone?” will not have to be asked again.

## Thank you!!!

To our members who support us by renewing their local Lane Audubon memberships and /or sending in donations! Our annual fundraiser keeps us functional through the year. We have the best members and truly appreciate your ongoing financial support!

**Program Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 pm**

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**7 pm start time!**

**By popular request, our program meeting time has permanently changed from 7:30 pm to 7 pm.**

## All Tied Up in Knots: Seven Years with *Calidris canutus*



Photo: Paul Moyer

Janet Essley

In a slide show of her original paintings, Janet Essley explores the fascinating life cycles of these long-distance migrants, their amazing physiology, and the conservation challenges they face. The Red Knot, *Calidris canutus*, a medium-sized sandpiper, is a regular guest along the Oregon Coast during its spring and fall migrations. Extremists among sandpipers, Red Knots migrate longer distances, breed farther north, display faster beach-probing feeding maneuvers, and ingest harder-shelled mollusks than other sandpipers. Recording scientific knowledge through art forms from around the world, Essley's project Cultural Cartography of Red Knots (visit [theredknotsproject.org](http://theredknotsproject.org)), is a unique collage of human and avian natural history. Research for this project has immersed Essley in shorebird scientific studies and an astounding variety of human artistic expression from around the world. If nothing else, she says, studying migrating birds teaches us that the world is one shared home.

Of her paintings shown on the

right, she reports that "Faithful Foraging" depicts site fidelity of migrating red knots at Willapa Bay in Washington state. "Stopover Bohai Bay" records the critically important migration stopover site in northern China for Red Knots migrating from New Zealand and Australia to the Siberian Arctic.

Janet Essley is a painter, muralist, and teaching artist with 30 years of experience creating collaborative murals with youth and adults. Her personal art work has consistently focused on environmental issues. Prior to studying painting at the University of Oregon and settling into an artist's career, she worked for 15 years with the worker-owned reforestation cooperatives of the Pacific Northwest. In 2018 she completed the mural, "We Weave Our Future," on external walls of Oregon Woods, Inc., 299 Garfield in Eugene. The commemorative tree-planter's mural enlivens the yard of a former lumber mill. Janet also embraced opportunities as a seasonal volunteer on a variety of wildlife studies that included Brant Geese and California Gray Whales in Baja, and Orcas in British Columbia. It was in the marine estuaries of Baja that her interest in avifauna took form. "A Cultural Cartography of Red Knots" has been a collaborative project with long-term friend and shorebird biologist Lee Tibbitts.

Janet and her husband, Paul Moyer, a bird listener, reside in White Salmon, Washington, and the Columbia River Gorge.



"Faithful Foraging"



"Stopover Bohai Bay" For those interested, the entire Cartography can be seen on the website [theredknotsproject.org](http://theredknotsproject.org)

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# Volunteers Needed



*Drawings made during Audubon in the Schools classroom visits*

## Audubon in the Schools

The Audubon in the Schools team has been doing a wonderful job bringing this educational program into our schools. Volunteer instructors have also presented some beginning birding classes for the Outdoor Schools Program. In 2019 the overall number of students who enjoyed these sessions was 1,286! We gave 48 presentations in 23 schools.

**Schools are requesting more AITS classroom visits than ever, so we need more volunteers to help out!** If you are interested in helping and being a part of this talented group, please contact Maeve Sowles at [audubon@laneaudubon.org](mailto:audubon@laneaudubon.org).

## Binoculars Needed

The AITS team has also led beginning birding sessions for kids at the Outdoor School's Forest Field Day. They loan them binoculars and use bird silhouettes in trees to practice focusing, then they do a brief walk to look for birds in the forest.

The AITS team would like to have more binoculars for the kids, so they can each practice using them.

To donate used, but working, binoculars, please call Maeve Sowles at 541.343.8664 or bring them to an LCAS Program Meeting

## AITS Scheduler

The Audubon in the Schools team would like a volunteer to help with the scheduling of classroom visits. It usually takes 5-6 emails between the teacher and scheduler to schedule an AITS visit. This volunteer needs to be organized and attentive to the teachers' requests as well as work with the AITS instructors and their schedules. It is a critical piece of keeping this program running and helping everyone succeed in their mission to bring the AITS program into classrooms, where the kids can learn about drawing birds, feathers, and ecosystems!!

FMI: please contact Maeve Sowles at [audubon@laneaudubon.org](mailto:audubon@laneaudubon.org) or 541.343.8664

## Bird Display Volunteer

Lane County Audubon Society has a nice collection of encased taxidermied birds, bird nests, feathers, and eggs which are used for educational display at various locations around town (schools, libraries, etc.). If you're interested in identifying locations and setting up and monitoring the displays, this could be an ideal volunteer position for you.

Since exhibits are usually scheduled to be on display for a full month or two, this volunteer position doesn't require a tremendous amount of time. After a display location is identified and dates are set, the volunteer transports the display to the site, and sets it up. Then the volunteer inventories and monitors the exhibit until it is taken down. Only one or two displays are typically up at any one time.

Some basic organizational skills are useful, as is e-mail access (although this is not required).

FMI: please contact Ron Renchler at [christyandron2@gmail.com](mailto:christyandron2@gmail.com) or 541.345.0834.

## Administrative Assistant

Lane Audubon would like a volunteer who could serve as an Administrative Assistant for Board responsibilities. Requisite skills include the ability to use typical word processing, Excel spreadsheets, and PowerPoint. Since we do not have a physical office, working from home would be required.

FMI: please contact Maeve Sowles at [audubon@laneaudubon.org](mailto:audubon@laneaudubon.org) or 541.343.8664

## Booth Staffing Scheduler Sought

The booth staffing scheduler position requires only a few hours of time two or three times each year, when booth events are scheduled. Some basic computer and organizational skills, such as sending group e-mail messages and putting together staffing schedules, are needed. The process begins by sending out announcements to an email list of potential volunteers, alerting them to a booth staffing opportunity. After volunteers respond, the scheduler puts together staffing schedules and distributes them to booth staffers.

Orientation and training will be provided, and the work can be done from your home. It can be rewarding to work behind the scenes to help Lane Audubon spread the word about the importance of birds and their habitats.

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## Bird Enthusiasts Flock to the Good Earth Show

Hundreds of interested, interesting people stopped by Lane County Audubon's booth at the Good Earth Home, Garden & Living Show at the fairgrounds January 24-26. As usual, the questions and topics of conversation this year were nearly endless: dealing with squirrels and cats at backyard feeders, identifying unusual birds (it's becoming more common for people to use their phones to take photos of birds), and planting native plants that attract birds and other wildlife to their yards, just to name a few.

A big thank you goes to all the LCAS volunteers who made our booth appearance possible: Rick Ahrens, Joyce Baker, Connie Berglund, Sara Brownmiller, Barbara Foreman, Gary Hersh, Dolly Marshall, Milo Mecham, Jerry Morsello, Sally O'Donnell, Nancy Radius, Dave Stone, Janie Thomas, Susanne Twight-Alexander, and Dan Willis.

Special thanks also to Denise and Brian Rogers, who helped set up and take down the booth, and Dick Lamster, for providing a Good Earth Show seminar on backyard birding attended by about 30 people.

If you're interested in getting involved in helping staff the booth during local festivals and events, email or call Ron Renschler: [christyandron2@gmail.com](mailto:christyandron2@gmail.com), or 541.345.0834.



Photo: Cary Kerst

*Hooded Merganser, Finley NWR*



Photo: Cary Kerst

*Immature Bald Eagles, Finley NWR*

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- Website: [laneaudubon.org](http://laneaudubon.org)

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## Community Calendar and Events

A service to Lane County Audubon Society members

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### Mt Pisgah Arboretum

Saturday, March 7, 10 am-noon  
*Nature's Slimy Creatures Walk*

Families will learn about the lives of our fascinating slimy friends at the Arboretum with Education Manager Jenny Laxton. After the walk, create some slime of your own. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. Don't forget your parking pass. Members \$5 per family, non-members \$8 per family.

FMI for all walks: [mountpisgaharboretum.org](http://mountpisgaharboretum.org), or 541.741.4110

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Sunday, March 8, 8 am-11 am  
*Bird Walk*

Join Julia Siporin and Joni Dawning for their monthly bird walk intended for people with all levels of birding experience. Please bring binoculars. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. Don't forget your parking pass. Members free, nonmembers \$5.

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### Nearby Nature

March 10, 10 am-11:30 am  
*Green Start Play Day: Nature Notes*

Enjoy outdoor nature play in our Learnscape plus toddler and pre-school activities. Kids 5 and under only, with an adult. Rain or shine! Nearby Nature Learnscape, 622 Day Island Rd., Eugene. Members free, non-members \$7/family. Pre-register [nearbynature.org](http://nearbynature.org) or 541.687.9699

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March 13, 8:30 am-3 pm  
*No School Day Adventure: Misty Mount Pisgah Magic*

Explore the woodlands and waterways of Mount Pisgah. Hunt for natural treasures in the forest! Ages 6-9, max 12 kids. After-care 3-4 pm! Outdoors in Mount Pisgah Arboretum. \$55 members/\$65 non-members. Scholarships available.

FMI or preregister: [nearbynature.org](http://nearbynature.org) or 541.687.9699

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### Southern Willamette Ornithological Club (SWOC)

Monday, March 16, 7 pm

*Eugene Birders' Night*

"Fern Ridge Wildlife Area: Management and Opportunities"

David Speten, manager of Fern Ridge Wildlife Area, will discuss the current management plan. Attendees will have an opportunity to express questions or concerns directly to him. All are welcome to attend this free monthly event, held at the historic McNail-Riley house, 601 W 13th Ave, Eugene, at the NW corner of W. 13th and Jefferson St., by the former Lincoln School. Park in the five spaces closest to the M-R house, or across 13th in the fairgrounds parking lot.

FMI: [ellencantor@gmail.com](mailto:ellencantor@gmail.com)

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### Coast Fork Birders

Saturday, March 21, 9-11 am  
*Bird Walk at My Brothers' Farm*

Join the Coast Fork Birders for its first spring walk, led by Grace Fowler-Gore of the My Brothers' Farm property. Located along the Coast Fork Willamette River, the farm is a CFWWC restoration project site. Be prepared to walk on some uneven terrain. Bring your own binoculars.

My Brothers' Farm, 84674 Cloverdale Rd., Creswell, is located on Cloverdale Road between Creswell and Pleasant Hill. Proceed down the driveway and follow parking signs.

FMI: [mybrothersfarm.com](http://mybrothersfarm.com)

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### Mt Pisgah Arboretum

March 21 & 22, Noon-5 pm  
*Plein Air Landscape Painting Workshop*

Jordan K. Walker will explore the basic principles of landscape painting, including composition, value, depth, and color. Participants will paint directly from life at Mount Pisgah Arboretum. The class will also touch on essential techniques of oil painting. All levels of experience are welcome. Meet at the Visitor Center. Members \$50, non-members \$60. Pre-registration required.

FMI or to register: [mountpisgaharboretum.com/workshop-registration](http://mountpisgaharboretum.com/workshop-registration), or 541.747.3817

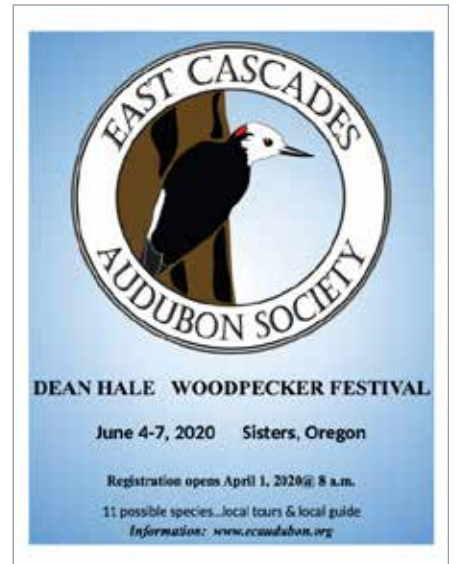
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### Nearby Nature

Thursday & Friday, March 26 & 27, 8:30 am-3 pm

*No School Day Adventures: Incredible Journeys & Puddle Power for ages 6-9.*

FMI or preregister: [nearbynature.org](http://nearbynature.org) or 541.687.9699



6/4-7

### East Cascades Audubon Society (ECAS)

June 4-7

*10th Annual Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival*  
Most tours fill quickly for this popular festival, some within a day of registration opening. Festival participants have a choice of twenty-nine guided tours in search of 11 different woodpecker species and 200 other birds that make central Oregon a birding hot spot. Online registration opens April 1.

FMI: Sherrie Pierce at 541.548.4641 or [ecaudubon.org/](http://ecaudubon.org/)



*Ellychina, Finley NWR*



*Bald Eagles, Finley NWR*

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## LCAS Bird Walks & Events

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### Third Saturday Bird Walk

**Saturday, March 21, 8 am**

The March walk will take place at Finley Wildlife Refuge and be led by Caryn Stoess and Duncan Evered. The exact meeting place at Finley is to be determined. Details will be posted on the LCAS Facebook page: [facebook.com/pages/Lane-County-Audubon-Society/330177413824](https://facebook.com/pages/Lane-County-Audubon-Society/330177413824), and on the website: [laneaudubon.org](http://laneaudubon.org).

**Saturday, April 18, 8 am**

Gerry Meenaghan will lead the April walk at LCC.

*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.*

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## Save the Date!

**Sunday, April 26.** We have scheduled our spring Bike Path Clean-up for that date. April Paulson has agreed to help with the planning and promotion for this event, and we look forward to working with her.

In November we held our fall Bike Path Clean-up led by Phil Johnson. Nine people helped out that day, and we accomplished our clean-up goal by hauling out a truckload of garbage. It was sunny, which helped make it both fun and birdy. We watched birds while hauling trash off the bike path in west Eugene. Gerry Meenaghan posted his resulting eBird list to the Lane Audubon Facebook page. Thank you to Gerry and his family: Alicia, Arya, and Aemon. Thanks also to April Paulson, Matt Shanahan, Dick Lamster, Maeve Sowles, and Phil Johnson!



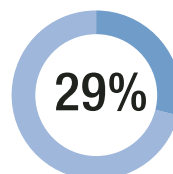
### March Program Meeting

All Tied Up in Knots: Seven Years with  
*Calidris canutus* with Janet Essley

Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 pm

Eugene Garden Club  
1645 High St., Eugene

**New  
7pm Start  
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