



# THE CHAT

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## ASC General Meeting

### Chintimini Senior Ctr:

2601 NW Tyler Ave (& 27th) in Corvallis  
Thurs, Sept. 20th, 2018, 6:30-8:30 pm

### September 20, 2018 Program

Program Speakers: Stephen Fitzgerald, Amy Barry, and Joan Hagar (See the Summer CHAT for further details on our three September speakers)

**Stephen Fitzgerald** is a Professor and Extension Silviculture & Fire Specialist with Oregon State University. He is also the Director of the College of Forestry's Research Forests, stationed at OSU in Corvallis. Stephen will provide an overview of studies in Oregon Research Forests.

**Amy Barry** recently received her M.S. from OSU in the Department of Forestry. Her research focused on the long-term usefulness of created snags as bird habitat in the McDonald-Dunn. Her current focus is on assessing woodpecker populations and habitat in managed forests. Amy will address the impact of created snags and how they have been utilized by wildlife over the past 25 years, including recent Pileated Woodpecker surveys.

**Joan Hagar** is a Research Wildlife Biologist for the USGS, at the Forest & Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center in Corvallis, OR. Forest songbirds are her favorite research subject, but she has also studied arthropods, amphibians, bats, pikas, pygmy rabbits, and flying squirrels. Purple Martin research will be the subject of Joan's talk.

Doors open at 6:30 pm for refreshments and visiting. The chapter meeting begins at 7:00 pm, followed by our guest presentations at 7:30.

### Upcoming meetings:

Our **October 18th speaker is William Ripple**, OSU Professor of Forest Ecosystems & Society, will speak about his research on predators and their role in ecosystem health.

For our **November 15th** meeting our speaker will be **James Cassidy**, Senior Instructor Soil Science & Sustainable/Organic Agriculture, Faculty Adviser OSU Organic Growers Club. He will share his expertise in soils and how to maintain healthy organic garden soils.

**December** will be our annual member photo night.

**William Sullivan**, author of the well-known "100 Hikes" books, will share his new favorite hikes for an as yet unnamed month in 2019.

**Other programs** this year will include slideshows of birding expeditions by Bill Proebsting and Matt Lee & Sue Powell, and a special display of award winning wildlife photos from the National Audubon Society!

## ASC General Meetings

**Third Thursdays at Chintimini Senior Ctr: September – May**  
2601 NW Tyler Ave (& 27th) in Corvallis

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## Field Trip Schedule

### Local Monthly Second Saturday Field Trips

Our Saturday morning local field trips meet at the Benton Center parking area, behind the Cannery Mall, 757 NW Polk St., Corvallis at 7:30 am. This field trip is free and geared towards beginning birders, birders new to Oregon's mid-valley area and persons looking for a pleasant outing. Contact Bill Proebsting at [proebstw@gmail.com](mailto:proebstw@gmail.com) or 541-752-0108 with questions. Check the Midvalley ListServ, <http://www.midvalleybirding.org/pipermail/birding/>, a couple of days before the field trip for updates. Weather may alter plans. Watch the weather forecast and dress appropriately. Return to Benton Center by noon.

### Coming Field Trips

**September 8.** Bald Hill Natural Area. From the Oak Creek parking lot, we will make the circuit on the bike path and around through Bald Hill Farm. Looking for flocks of migrants. Vesper Sparrow is usually still around. We have seen Virginia Rail along Mulkey Creek.

**October 13.** Baskett Slough NWR.

*Bill Proebsting*

**There will be no more Weekend field trips this calendar year.**

## President's Corner

### Welcome to a new program year, Committee of the Whole.

The first chapter meeting of the new season is September 20. We will undoubtedly have a number of persons attending for the first time, perhaps also new to Corvallis and wanting to check out ASC. As we long-timers come in, let's take the time to look around for unfamiliar faces and make the effort to welcome them.

Occasionally, I encounter stories of people who came to ASC meetings once or twice but couldn't connect. They weren't greeted or made to feel particularly welcome. Besides the basic importance of fellowship, who knows what opportunities were missed in the talents and energy of those who gave up on ASC before they even started?

Find someone, say hello and take them to the refreshments table. If you get the chance, find out what their interests are and relate those to the variety of activities ASC offers for learning and volunteering. One of these may pique their attention: local and state-wide field trips, the Education program, Hesthavn work parties, the Bluebird Trail, Conservation and so forth. Other opportunities that may appeal to some to pitch in to keep the chapter running are: refreshments, newsletter, publicity, etc. One doesn't have to plunge in and take over the leadership of any of these. We have ample opportunities for ad hoc participation and are happy to share in the fun of our projects and events.

In any case, heads up when you come to the next chapter meeting. Let's avoid the comfortable reflex to settle in with our buddies. Look for someone you don't know and say hello.

*William Proebsting, Chapter President*

## Hesthavn News

### Hesthaven Open House

Come on out to Hesthavn on **Saturday, September 29th from 10 am to 2 pm** for a special opportunity to enjoy ASC's unique Nature Center. Hike the center's meadow and forest trails with birding and wildlife experts; get creative and jump into fun activities with a Nature twist for kids of all ages, starting at 10 am. See live birds from Chintimini Wildlife Center (from 10 am to 1 pm). Check out the center's collection of taxidermied birds, and enjoy the touch table of bones and fur, nests, and more. Share the day with others who understand and appreciate birds and wild places. Snacks will be available, too.

### September Work Parties

On Sunday September 16 from 10 am to 2 pm we will have a barn and yard cleanup work party. We will need to get the place looking nice for the open house, so we could use lots of help that day. The following Sunday, September 23, I will also be out at Hesthavn for another work party from 10 am to 2 pm. I hope to be working on some weed management projects that day, but we could also use that time period for some additional barn and yard cleanup and event prep if we don't get everything done on the 16th.

### Youth Volunteer Corps Work Parties

Over the course of this summer we had 60+ kids from the Youth Volunteer Corps come over to Hesthavn to work on projects ranging from painting the ramps by the barn to cleaning weeds out of plant cages. Kids ranged in age from (roughly) 8 to 17. At times the kids faced temperatures in the upper 90s and as of the last work party, two wasp nests were discovered. Fortunately, no one was stung. Many thanks to the kids and their adult supervisors for their hard work.



## Eagle Scout Kiosk Project

Scout Philip SanRomani has been working on building a kiosk for Hesthavn for his Eagle project. The kiosk is located in the upper parking lot where it is visible from the road. It will tell curious visitors who we are, what we do, (and perhaps lay down a few rules for visitors). This will be visible from the road and potentially seen by many people, so it would be nice if it was visually striking. We could use the help of someone with artistic abilities to make that happen.

If you would like to help us care for the trails, meadows, trees, bird feeders and homes, and buildings of Audubon's Nature Center, on Oak Creek, please contact Hesthavn Chair, Ray Drapek, at [raydrapek@gmail.com](mailto:raydrapek@gmail.com), to volunteer.

*Ray Drapek, Hesthavn Chair*

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## A Hesthavn Celebration of Feathers

Hesthavn is a great place to come and enjoy Nature and learn! As part of the focus on the Year of the Bird, key ASC Ed Volunteers Valerie and Dale Mitchell will open their second season of Nature centered programs at Hesthavn with a detailed look at feathers and flight called **A Hesthavn Celebration of Feathers!**

**October 21st, 1 to 3 pm** we will offer family-friendly fun, educational activities, a craft and a scavenger hunt. The lovely grounds will be open for strolling and we will have many, many feathers on hand. Bring in your own feathers and perhaps we can identify them. **Free for all ages!** No reservation needed, just come by the Nature Center west of Corvallis at 8590 Oak Creek Drive and enjoy the special exhibits of bones, nests, birds, and more.

*Valerie & Dale Mitchell, ASC Ed Team*

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## Education News

### Your ASC Education Team in Action

ASC Education volunteers have been very productive in the past year and met recently to review their accomplishments and plan for the coming months. Here's a look at what they've done lately and hope to do in the new program year with support of Corvallis Audubon leaders, members and friends.

### Summary of Our ASC Ed Team 9/17 to 8/18 Accomplishments - Events & Numbers served

- Winter Wildlife Field Day at Finley (800+ people in attendance)
- Monthly Family Nature Program at Hesthaven (60)
- Girl Scout Spring and Summer Day Camps (160 + 150 = 310)
- Get Outdoors Day at Peavy Arboretum (350+ people in attendance)
- OSU Child Development Center Science Night (100)

- OSU Earth Day – wheel activity (200)
- OSU EXTENSION-4H Science Day Program at Hoover School (150)
- Sustainability Fair (150)
- Insights Into Gardening (150)
- Adult Daycare program outreach by Kris (35).  
Total of community members served by ASC Ed in the past year = 3,205

### List of ASC Ed events and plans for 9/18 to 8/19 (lead volunteers listed when known)

- Sept. 29, 10-2, Open House at Hesthaven (Valerie with Tricia, Kris, Sue & Nancy)
- 2019 Winter Wildlife Field Day at Finley (Teri coordinates with Sam at Finley with help from ALL, & graphics by Sue. Planning begins in September for March (date to be set)
- Monthly Family Program at Hesthavn, third Sunday, October-May) (Mitchells and Beth)
- Oct. 2018 Boy Scout Birding Badge with Albany Troop (Nancy and Bob Brown)
- Develop Raptor ID Workshops (Kris & Teri)
- Get Outdoors Day at Peavy Arboretum (Valerie)
- Develop Nature program for seniors (road show & field trips) for Corvallis and Albany Senior Centers, Stoneybrook, and Grace Adult Day Ctr (Valerie, Tricia and Carla Olson)
- Update and manage ASC Bird Specimen Collection – review, and arrange repair, or replacement as needed, plus set loan and use criteria (Laura, Nancy, Marcia and Mark)
- Develop Art in Nature Program at Hesthavn (Kris & Valerie)
- OSU Earth Day
- Explore Corvallis School Science program with 4H extension service (Valerie & Nancy)
- Sustainability Fair table at Sustainability Coalition annual event
- Master Gardener program: Insights into Gardening in spring (Kate and Marcia)
- Girl Scout events including Spring and Summer Day Camps
- Closely coordinate with education and outreach programs with staff and Friends group at Finley (Kris & Teri) and with other natural resource agencies in area (Val & Teri)

If you want more information or would like to join the ASC Ed team, contact us at [volunteerasc@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerasc@gmail.com) or check in with us at the monthly member meetings that begin September 20. Thanks!

*Teri Engbring, ASC Education Team Coordinator*

## Field Notes

07/20/18 – 08/23/18

Dry and hot weather continued through the period, with no measurable rain, twenty days over 90° F and only five days in which the mercury stayed below 80° F in Corvallis. The extended dry conditions produced noticeable stress on trees by the end of the period, with some conifers and native deciduous trees turning brown. Smaller wetlands dried up and some Coast Range creeks ceased to flow, causing some montane birds to move down

**Abbreviations and locations:** NWR = National Wildlife Refuge, STP = sewage treatment ponds. Jackson-Frazier Wetlands is in north Corvallis near Chel-delin Middle School. Luckiamute State Natural Area is along the Willamette River northwest of Albany. Philomath STP is south of Philomath and requires access permission. Teloh-Calapooia Park is in south Albany near Linn-Benton Community College, Talking Water Gardens is in NE Albany. Cabell Marsh, McFadden Marsh, and North Prairie are locations at Finley NWR. The word “fide” indicates second-hand reports.

### Observations:

A **Snow Goose** flew low over Willamette Park along with a movement of 340 **Canada Geese** (Duncan Evered, Caryn Stoess) 11 Aug. Snow Geese are rare in our area during the winter months, and even more surprising for the summer months. One – likely the same bird – was later seen resting on a gravel bar there 16 Aug (Duncan Evered).

Duck numbers were increasing on the Philomath STP by 21 Aug, with several **Gadwalls**, **Northern Pintails**, and **Green-winged Teal** joining more than sixty **Cinnamon Teal** and at least two Blue-winged Teal (Hendrik Herlyn).

On 10 Aug I was surprised to see a pair of **Mountain Quail** along Soap Creek Rd. just s. of the historic Tampico town site. Perhaps the continuing dry weather caused them to move down slope in search of water. For this pair, the closest water would likely be Soap Creek. Four adult female **Sooty Grouse** were still tending half-grown young along forest roads above Quartzville Creek 10 Aug.

**Band-tailed Pigeons** continued to be seen regularly, often flying high out over the valley in search of berries.

A few **Common Nighthawks** continued to be seen and heard along the edges of the Coast Range and Cascades, but there were no local reports this month from along the Willamette River where nighthawks formerly nested on gravel bars.

On 10 Aug a flock of forty **Vaux's Swifts** foraged over Crabtree Lake e. of Lacombe where old-growth snags may provide natural roosts for migrants; by 16 Aug

numbers had dwindled to just five. Although migrant flocks numbering in the hundreds were reported using chimneys as roosts farther north in Washington (fide Larry Schwitters), and south of us in Eugene (Barbara Combs), no large roosts were reported in the Corvallis-Albany area.

A male **Calliope Hummingbird** visiting a sw Corvallis feeder 15-16 Jul (Srikar Sigali) was rare for the season. Alongside of the resident **Anna's Hummingbirds**, **Rufous Hummingbirds** continued to visit local feeders through the period; most of the latter were females or immature birds, as males shifted to higher elevations early summer.

On 22 Aug Nancy Stotz found the partly scavenged remains of a **Virginia Rail** in a residential area of NW Corvallis, half a mile from the nearest creek or natural wetland. She speculated that the rail may have perished in southbound migration, either due to an avian predator or due to landing exhausted after failing to find suitable habitat to replenish its energy reserves. The timing of southbound migration for this species is poorly understood, but there are some indications that it begins in late August.

As southbound shorebird migration picked up, shorebirds at the Philomath STP 21 Aug included several **Killdeer**, a **Spotted Sandpiper**, four **Least Sandpipers**, a juvenile **Semipalmated Sandpiper**, and a **Baird's Sandpiper**; three juvenile **Red-necked Phalaropes** were also on the ponds (Hendrik Herlyn).

Six **American White Pelicans** circled over the Irish Bend area s. of Peoria 22 Jul (Nancy Stotz). Esther McEvoy noted more at Finley NWR by the end of the period (fide Rana Foster).



*Least Sandpiper photo by Matt Lee*

Usually we think of herons as waders but apparently they can also swim when pressed. At the Buena Vista ferry landing 6 Aug, Bob O'Brien watched an **Osprey** harass a **Great Blue Heron** that was fishing at the river's edge. The Osprey, likely nervous about having a heron close to a nearby nest, dove repeatedly at the heron until finally the heron went out into deeper water, then swam back to shore downstream and flew away.



A pair of **Green Herons** interacted regularly in Jim Smith's yard near Teloh-Calapooia Park, and were likely nesting nearby. A juvenile **Black-crowned Night-Heron** flushed from a marsh in Baskett Slough NWR 18 Aug (Roy Gerig). Although no breeding site for this species has been confirmed in the mid-valley region, occasional sightings of adults and regular occurrence of juveniles in late summer suggest that a few pairs might nest in secluded locations.

**Turkey Vulture** numbers increased as young birds fledged and joined adults, often in grass fields where harvest operations and post-harvest straw-chopping left an abundance of dead snakes, voles, and other carrion. By 7 Aug a flock of 14 were roosting at Kirk & Judy Lewis's place s. of Buena Vista.

Four **Osprey** were in a nest along the Roaring River near Lacombe 12 Aug (Rana Foster). A **White-tailed Kite** interacted with two Common Ravens at the North Prairie 20 Aug (Kaplan Yalcin). A **Bald Eagle** soared high over sw. Corvallis 28 Jul (Julie Gibson).

A **Red-tailed Hawk** repeatedly carried leafy twigs into a tree along Ash Creek north of Monmouth 20 Jul, perhaps refreshing the bedding for a late brood of nestlings. A light-morph Swainson's Hawk visited a large grassland restoration site along Diamond Hill Rd. s. of Brownsville 16 Aug (Sandra Morey, Patti Truhn).

A **Barn Owl** and a **Great Horned Owl** called around Village Green Park before dawn on 12 Aug, when Don Boucher and Lisa Millbank got up to watch the Perseid meteor shower.

An **Acorn Woodpecker** colony in Sublimity as of 12 Aug was using a dead Douglas-fir for acorn storage (Rana Foster).

A female **Northern Flicker** fed a fledgling at a suet feeder near Teloh-Calapooia Park 21 Jul (Jim Smith).

Two **Olive-sided Flycatchers** called on the south side of Vineyard Mtn near Lewisburg 5 Aug (Paul Adams).

Eight **Western Wood-Pewees** and a **Pacific-slope Flycatcher** called from the canopy at Willamette Park 11 Aug (Duncan Evered, Caryn Stoess).

Three **Black Phoebes** (one seen carrying food to young) were at the water treatment plant s. of Willamette Park 11 Aug (Duncan Evered). At least one **Western Kingbird** continued through 24 Jul at the North Prairie where this species nested again this year (Jacob Mathison, Mark Baldwin). Two kingbirds were nw. of Brownsville 2 Aug (Thomas Gilg).

Flocks of **Violet-green Swallows** and **Barn Swallows** were massing in the Airlie area by 9 Aug. A flock of **Tree Swallows** at Finley NWR 12 included one all-white, apparent albino swallow (fide Susan Hatlevig).

A well-described **Mountain Chickadee** was seen and heard on Marys Peak 22 Jul (Joshua Galpern).

An **American Dipper** sang and preened on a rock at the Larwood covered bridge near Lacombe on 12 Aug; the dipper stood on one leg without moving for about

five minutes, so may have been missing a leg.

**Cedar Waxwings** hawking after flying insects were a frequent site along rivers and streams, throughout the period.

A pair of **Purple Finches** turned up 5 Aug in Judith and Jerry Paul's yard in the Highland Dell area of nw. Corvallis.

A male **American Goldfinch** fed a fledgling at a feeder near Teloh-Calapooia Park 26 Jul; fledgling **American Goldfinches**, **Lesser Goldfinches**, and **House Finches** were all abundant there by 22 Aug (Jim Smith).

A female **Common Yellowthroat** at Mike Lippsmeyer's farm s. of Independence in late Jul through 1 Aug had the unusual habit of foraging in the canopy of a 50-ft high oak, then returning to her nest down low with a beak full of green caterpillars.

Warblers began to disperse from nesting habitat, often drawn to running water whether in creeks or backyard water features. On 2 Aug a Wilson's **Warbler** visited Judith and Jerry Paul's yard in the Highland Dell area, followed by a **Yellow Warbler** and a **Black-throated Gray Warbler** 16 Aug. As dry weather wears on, backyard water drippers can be a good way to bring these colorful, active birds in for close looks before they head south.

Meanwhile migrant **Townsend's Warblers** – which nest mainly north and east of our region but can winter locally – began to show up. A male visited a rhododendron bush near Airlie 14 Aug (Olin Allen). Another male turned up 16 Aug in old-growth forest in the Carolyn's Crown/Shafer Creek Research Natural Area w. of Lacombe, where **Hermit Warblers** are more expected during nesting season.

Juvenile **Spotted Towhees** near Teloh-Calapooia Park 5 Aug were likely from second broods; one "bathed" in dew-covered white clover there on the morning of 13 Aug (Jim Smith).

This month produced several more reports of **Green-tailed Towhees** from the Cascades in eastern Linn County. One was reported at Clear Lake 12 Aug, and a juvenile was noted at Big Lake 20 Aug (fide eBird). This species mainly nests on the east side of the Pacific Crest, but occasionally turns up farther west, most often in areas where volcanic terrain and/or fires have resulted in open-canopy forests with brush-dominated understory.

A few **Chipping Sparrows** were still tending nestlings through 7 Aug, when I watched one carry grubs into a shrub-sized oak in a Soap Creek Valley pasture.

The appearance of juvenile sparrows in late summer adds more challenge to identification of these streaky brown birds, especially in grassland situations. On 1 Aug Nancy Stotz photographed a puzzling sparrow that she concluded was a juvenile **Savannah Sparrow**.

"**Oregon**" **Vesper Sparrow** fledglings from second broods were out of the nest by the end of July, and

some older youngsters from earlier nests began to disperse. One juvenile banded at Bald Hill Farm as a nestling for an American Birding Conservancy study turned up on a ranch in the Soap Creek Valley 3 Aug, and another turned up near Wren 17 Aug (Bob Altman).

A male **Grasshopper Sparrow** sang on the North Prairie 22 Jul (Hendrik Herlyn), an unusually late date for this secretive sparrow to still be singing.

Juvenile "**Oregon**" (**Dark-eyed**) **Juncos** were conspicuous throughout the period near wooded habitats, especially near the edges of the valley and in the mountains. A family group of juncos frequented a yard on the valley floor near Teloh-Calapooia Park through 1 Aug (Jim Smith).

Juvenile juncos can be confused with Vesper Sparrows during this season, because of their streaky appearance and white outer tail feathers. Several eBird reports of Vesper Sparrows in unexpected habitat during the period, both in Linn and Benton County, may have been misidentified juncos. It's important to be careful that reports of imperiled species such as this are accurate.

As of 22 Aug **Black-headed Grosbeaks** were still occasional visitors in Judith and Jerry Paul's yard in the Highland Dell area. Most male **Lazuli Buntings** left our area in early August, but a few female or immature buntings continued through the end of the period.

A **Western Meadowlark** at Mike and Karen Lippsmeyer's farm s. of Independence 1 Aug may have been a bird dispersing from a nearby nesting site at the end of nesting season. On 12 Aug four meadowlarks were in a cut grass field near Kingston Prairie Preserve, a native prairie site se. of Stayton.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** chicks were conspicuous in early August, tagging along and begging food from their unwitting adoptive parents. One near Airlie 9 Aug was with a small flock of adult and juvenile **White-crowned Sparrows**. On 12 Aug on in the Soap Creek Valley was tended by two adult **Chipping Sparrows**.

A trail camera at Bald Hill Farm filmed a **Bobcat** as it attempted to catch fish from under a log in Mulkey Creek in late Jul.

On 10 Aug Martha Geier and I surprised a mother **Black Bear** with a gangly, half-grown cub along a side road above Quartzville Creek.

A **Monarch** butterfly turned up at Warren and Laurie Halsey's Raindance ranch near Alpine in late Aug (Rana Foster).

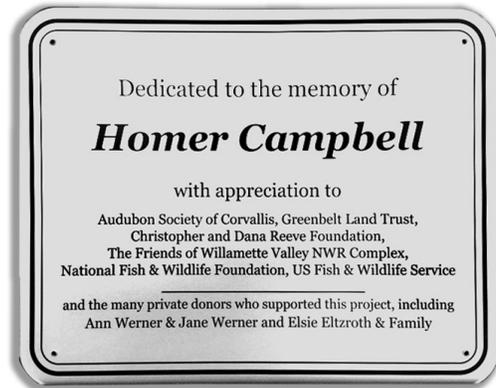
**Next month:** Fall migration will be picking up steam, with continuing passage of southbound shorebirds, arrivals of some wintering sparrows, and departure of many swallows, warblers, and other neotropical migrants. By the time this column was going to press, some observers were beginning to hear the nocturnal calls of migrant Swainson's Thrushes. Please post your

observations to the Mid-Valley birding list at [midvalley-birding.org](http://midvalley-birding.org), e-mail them to me at [joel.geier@peak.org](mailto:joel.geier@peak.org), send by post to 38566 Hwy 99W Corvallis 97330, or call (541) 745-5821 by 27 Sep.

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## Community Notes

### Homer Campbell Trail Update



This summer, a subtle but important change was made in the bird blind at the end of the Homer Campbell Trail Memorial Boardwalk at Finley National Wildlife Refuge. This new plaque acknowledging sponsors takes the place of the original one that left out a few folks! ASC wanted to correct those omissions.

The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation gives grants to non-profits who provide wheelchair-accessibility to a variety of places. They are particularly keen to help organizations who help folks get out into the natural world. Another addition is the grateful acknowledgment of several major donors, both within and beyond our community. It is easy to forget that non-profit organizations are made of individuals who give what they can to causes they support. In the case of ASC—the entire organization is run by volunteers. Those who donated to the memorial funds set up at ASC & Greenbelt Land Trust were from everywhere. This boardwalk trail, known to people all over the world, is a treasure made possible by the generosity and cooperation of many.

*Linda Campbell*

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## Board Meeting Summary

### For Summer 2018 ASC Board Meeting

The Summer Board meeting & potluck at Hesthavn was a happy, if hot, event with excellent food & 16 members attending! At the opening of the meeting, new Board members and Committee Chairs (see full list on the back page of this issue) took up their roles. Dave Mellinger is the new Conservation Committee Chair, as Jim Fairchild is stepping down after many years of service. Jim Philipson will remain the Publicity Chair.



### **The Board also discussed:**

- Maintenance & landscaping needs at Hesthavn Nature Center.
- Our expanding Education Program, thanks to a team of dedicated volunteers noted in a report by Teri Engbring (included in Education News in this CHAT).
- The progress of a new, multi-partner-sponsored, trail in the Fitton Green area, planned to honor the late Amy Schoener.
- Malheur Field Station's water woes and progress being made there.
- The odd behavior of the ODFW Commission in granting, and then rescinding, Endangered status for the

marbled murrelet. It was noted that five conservation groups are presently suing ODFW over this unprecedented action.

The Board voted unanimously to sign on to a group letter with other conservation organizations to oppose anti-environmental riders that are being slipped into the federal Farm Bill now in committee. We also expressed support for full conservation funding that is in danger of being slashed.

The next Board meeting will take place at Hesthavn Nature Center at 7 pm on Thursday, September 13th. All members are welcome!

*Linda Campbell, Board Secretary*

### **Open Board Meetings**

ASC Board of Directors meetings are open to all ASC members, and the board encourages you to come and see what we do. Our monthly board meeting is on Thursday, one week before the General Meeting. See the Board meeting minutes for location.

### **Membership Corner**

#### **Welcome New Member!**

Robert Murray

#### **General Membership Information.**

If you have moved or changed your email/mail addresses please send your new contact information to Suzanne Ortiz at [ortizsv@gmail.com](mailto:ortizsv@gmail.com).

#### **Membership Renewal**

To renew your membership online, go to the ASC website (<http://www.audubon.corvallis.or.us/join.shtml>) and renew via Paypal, or you can mail a check to ASC at PO Box 148, Corvallis, OR 97339.

#### **Email Notifications Regarding Weather Conditions**

We encourage members to contact Karan Fairchild to get on the ASC listserve to receive emergency email notifications about meeting cancellations related to weather, updated information about

ASC events, fieldtrip locations and volunteer work parties. Send an email to our listserve administrator, Karan Fairchild, and request to be added to the [listserve: alderspr@peak.org](mailto:alderspr@peak.org).

#### **Have You Changed Your Contact Information?**

If you have moved or changed your email or mail address, please send your new contact information to Suzanne Ortiz at [ortizsv@gmail.com](mailto:ortizsv@gmail.com).

*Suzanne Ortiz, ASC Membership Chair*

#### **Contributors to this Chat**

Mark Baldwin, Bill Proebsting, Joel Geier, Suzanne Ortiz, Teri Engbring, Naomi Weidner, Don Boucher, Linda Campbell, Ray Drapek, Valerie & Dale Mitchell

#### **Chat Articles**

The Chat editors, Teri Engbring and Naomi Weidner, welcome articles from all members of the Audubon Society of Corvallis. Please submit articles to the Chat editor by the fourth Thursday of the month. Submit text using Microsoft Word and photos to: [chateditors@gmail.com](mailto:chateditors@gmail.com).

**Audubon Society of Corvallis**

## Calendar

Sept. 8	Sat Field Trip, Bald Hill Natural Area 7:30 am
Sept. 13	ASC Board meeting, 7:00 pm at Hesthavn
Sept. 16	Hesthavn Work Party, 10 am to 2 pm
Sept. 20	ASC General Meeting at Chintimini Sr Ctr
Sept. 23	Hesthavn Work Party, 10 am to 2 pm
Sept. 27	Stories due for October CHAT issue
Sept. 27	Field Notes submissions due
Sept. 29	Hesthavn Open House, 10 am to 2 pm

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