



Audubon Society of Corvallis the **CHAT**

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General Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church

A Mid-Valley Safari

An exotic adventure is closer than you think



ASC's April program will be a visual treat. Lisa Millbank and Don Boucher of the Neighborhood Naturalist (<http://www.neighborhood-naturalist.com>) will present a spectacular and eye-opening new movie showcasing the natural treasures, and a

few surprises, in our midst. Featuring birds, native plants, mammals and more, this movie will transform this place we call home into a destination that rivals the wildlife spectacles of distant lands.

For many years, Don and Lisa have spent their free time exploring nature in the Willamette Valley. Lisa and Don have conducted many outings through the Neighborhood Naturalist program and taught birding classes for the Audubon Society of Corvallis. This duo happily makes a spectacle of themselves as they bike around town with their backpacks, camouflage and camera equipment. Don't call the cops, it's your friendly neighborhood naturalists!

Doors open at 7:00 pm for refreshments and visiting. Chapter meeting commences at 7:30 pm followed by the guest lecture at 8:00 pm. Questions about the series can be directed to Diana Brin (908-6166, dianaasc@gmail.com).

Directions

The chapter meeting is in the meeting hall of the First Presbyterian Church (upstairs), 114 SW Eighth Street.

Diana Brin

Finley Planting Big Success



Over 130 volunteers showed up at Finley National Wildlife Reserve to help Audubon Society of Corvallis and the Finley staff cover a hillside with a variety of plants that will serve as habitat for the endangered Fender's Blue butterfly. Several thousand meadow checkermallow, Oregon iris, shooting star, dense sedge, and wild onion were planted at

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the site. Volunteers included the SAE fraternity from OSU, high school students, and members of the Greenbelt Land Trust. Audubon provided refreshments including a lunch for all participants. Jock Beall, Finley Biologist said, "This is the best volunteer planting I have ever seen, with over 100 happy people."

A special thanks to ASC team members Jerry Paul, Karl Hartzell, and Chris Mathews for their excellent parking job for all vehicles, To Rana Foster, Kate Mathews, Jody Gaylord, Stacy Moore, and Gail Nickerson for refreshments and lunch. And to the many planters - we and the Fender's Blue butterfly thank you!

John Gaylord

Hesthavn Open House

9th Annual – Sunday, May 10, Noon to 4 pm

Come to the ninth annual Hesthavn open house and see what's new at Hesthavn!

- Wine tasting from neighboring Nuthatch Cellar Winery
- Children's Nature Activities
- Tours of Nature Center and Trails Refreshments

Paula Vanderheul

Seen Western Pond Turtles?

The Siuslaw National Forest is gathering information on known or suspected pond turtle sites, either recent or historic. If you would like to share any information, please contact Siuslaw National Forest wildlife biologist Cindy Burns, at 541-271-6025, or by email, cburns@fs.fed.us.

Cindy Burns



Vaux's Swift Survey

May 2: Want to Help Out?

Vaux's Swifts are quite the celebrities these days. Earlier this year they were featured in a documentary on OPB (which included an interview with a certain distinguished wildlife biologist... moi!). Now they're the subject of a West Coast citizen-science project, "Vaux's Happening," organized by the Pilchuck Audubon Society in Washington, in cooperation with the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife and others.

This group is organizing an Oregon swift count on Saturday, May 2, to learn more about the swifts' spring migration – numbers, routes, habitat needs, etc. To learn more about the project, please see their website at <vaux-happening.org>. To conduct a volunteer count or scout for roost locations, please contact Oregon State Coordinator Nicole Nielsen-Pincus <nnielsenpincus@yahoo.com>.

More information about the Vaux's Happening project, from their website: "The Vaux's Swift nests only in Western North America in areas of habitat that have been continually under siege from timber interests and developers. It takes little imagination to consider these birds a migrating indicator species for the Pacific Northwest forests, sort of a tiny, social, neo-tropical Spotted Owl.

"Yet this is a poorly understood and little studied creature. The fear is that Vaux's Swift could be in serious decline, but there are few numbers from which to draw conclusions. Here is an Audubon-Tweeters [online birders] opportunity to lead a valuable, coordinated, large-scale citizen science project."

The project's ultimate goal? "Border to border tracking of Vaux's Swift migration, twice a year as long as the grass grows and the wind does blow. Vaux's Happening has been a great start.... Audubon holds the keys to the future."

Mary Derr Van Brocklin,
project manager of the

Willamette Valley Survey SwiftWatch 2000

News from the Sales Table

A pen and ink drawing was donated to ASC by John Gaylord. It was decided that the print will be auctioned off "live" at our May meeting. This print of a loon and her two chicks was drawn by Mark A. McCollough and is #52 out of a printing of 150. Mark signed the print. He is a well known artist in Maine. His loon is featured on special license plates for the State of Maine. Mark received his M.S. degree in 1981 from the University of Maine and completed a PhD in 1986. He currently is an endangered species biologist with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and is an artist and author with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Come view the print at our April meeting at the book table.

The featured book to bring to your attention is the *Peterson Field Guide to Advanced Birding*. It is highly recommended by Fred Ramsay. This field guide begins where basic birding books leave off. The book was written by Kenn Kaufman. Aware of the special needs of less-experienced birders, Kenn takes pains to explain basic things thoroughly and clearly. He addresses such questions as why immature gulls are so confusing in early summer or what is the first thing to look for on an unknown warbler. This is a guide for all seasons, to be used in the field as well as at home.

For those intrepid birders who want to hone their bird identification skills, this is the book for you.

Beverly Clark

Volunteer at Chintimini Chintimini Wildlife Center Looking for Home Care Volunteers

Are you over the age of 18? Mature? Retired? Staying at home? Have a flexible schedule? Responsible? Reliable? Work well under the direction of others? If so, you may be just the person Chintimini Wildlife Center (CWC) is looking for.

CWC needs volunteers to provide home care for baby birds and animals that have been orphaned until they are old enough to eat on their own. It requires that you maintain a place in your home away from children and domestic animals.

Wild bird and animal home care is a 24-hour demanding, but very rewarding, job. It means getting up in the middle of the night to feed, change, and tend to the needs of the animal. It also means balancing the nurturing they need with making sure they stay wild and able to return to their natural habitat when ready.

If you are interested in providing home care, please contact Chintimini's Animal Care Director, Cyndi Leech, at 745-5324, ext. 3, for more information.

Judith L. Paul

Field Trip Schedule

Monthly Year-Round Saturday Field Trips

Apr 11: Meet at the Benton Center at 7:30 am

May 9: Meet at the Benton Center at 7:30 am

Our Saturday morning local field trip meets the second Saturday of every month at the Benton Center parking area, 757 Polk Ave, Corvallis at 7:30 am. This field trip is especially interesting for beginner birders and birders new to Oregon's mid-valley area. We spend a lot of time identifying local birds by sight and song. We visit the valley national wildlife refuges—Finley, Baskett Slough, and Ankeny, as well as other birding areas throughout the year. Contact Rich Armstrong at richarmstrong@comcast.net or 541-753-1978 with questions.

Spring 2009 Weekend Field Trips

April 17-19: Klamath Basin

May 1-3: Rogue Valley

May 28-31: Malheur NWR

June 12-14: Summer Lake/Ft Rock/Fremont NFS



Join Fred Ramsey's April Klamath Basin field trip where you will have opportunities to view Virginia Rails up close like this photo taken in 2008 at the Klamath National Forest marsh.

Fred Ramsey leads all the spring weekend trips. Fred has been leading these field trips for ASC for over 35 years. He is an amazing field trip guide, sharing his knowledge about finding birds in their habitat and pointing out wild flowers, butterflies, mammals, and reptiles. The field trips fill up early in the fall. Sign-up sheets are available at the general meeting or email Paula Vanderheul with your requests. vanderp@peak.org

Please note:

- The Rogue Valley deposit is \$40 for the play.
- *The Music Man* will be the play seen at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.
- The Malheur deposit is \$50. Each deposit must be made payable to Fred Ramsey at 3550 NW Glen Ridge Pl., Corvallis OR 97330.

Midvalley birding discussion list

A free subscription email list posts local bird sightings and birding information. I post where the field trip will be going two days before the field trip date on this list. To subscribe, go to www.midvalleybirding.org and follow the instructions.

Rich Armstrong

Birding Classes

Instructors: Don Boucher & Lisa Millbank

Birding in the Willamette Valley

We'll learn identification skills, how to choose field guides and binoculars, and birding sites. We'll spend time outside with the birds at the peak of springtime.

- Classroom sessions: Wednesdays, May 20 & 27, 7–9 pm.
- Field Trips: Saturdays, May 23 & 30, 9 am–noon
- Cost: \$24

Birding by Ear

Would you like to know your local bird songs and calls? Learn to listen and remember bird sounds. Beginners, take "Birding in the Willamette Valley" first.

- Classroom sessions: Wednesdays, June 3 & 10, 7–9pm.
- Field Trips: Saturdays, June 6 & 13, 9 am–noon
- Cost: \$24

Class information: Don Boucher, 753-7689, bouchdon@peak.org.

Registration: Corvallis Environmental Center, 753-9211 or info@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org

Bicycle Birding

May 24: 9 am – noon

Chat-O-Rama. E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, North of Adair Village. 29555 Camp Adair Rd, Monmouth, OR. E.E. Wilson is east of Hwy 99W and opposite of the Coffin Butte Landfill. Meet at the pheasant cage parking lot on the north side of Camp Adair Drive. A good place to see and hear Yellow-breasted Chats.

June 28 through Sept 27:

Meet at Avery Park Rose Garden at 1210 SW Avery Drive in Corvallis.

- June 28: 9 am – noon
- July 26 9 am – noon
- Aug 23 9 am – noon
- Sept 27 9 am – noon

Trips are free. Bring a bicycle helmet, water and binoculars. We ride slowly, listen for birds and stop frequently. Trip lengths are usually less than 10 miles. For more information, contact Don Boucher, 753-7689, bouchdon@peak.org.

Don Boucher

Spring Migratory Bird Count

Help Count Birds on Saturday, May 9

This year the Spring Migratory Bird Count in Benton County will be on Saturday, May 9. This is a relatively unorganized bird count. You can do it in your backyard, during a walk around your neighborhood or favorite local park, or spend a more intensive time counting birds at

county hotspots. There is no sign-up necessary and you can bird alone, with friends, family and/or your pet dog. Just report your results to me by e-mail: marciafcutler@comcast.net or mail it to me (my address is on the back of the Chat). In addition to the number of species and birds seen at each location, I need to know the total amount of time spent and mileage (by car and/or other locomotion). I'd appreciate being informed ahead of time if you plan to do the count, but last minute participation is fine too!

Marcia F. Cutler

Benton Co. Coordinator, NAMC

Field Notes

25 February - 24 March 2009

March is the lull before the storm. True, the weather can be windy, gloomy, and trade downpours with rainbows in the space of an hour. But it is quiet for birds. The hordes of geese begin to thin out as many head to the tundra. Ducks wander away to northern breeding grounds. Scads of juncos, chickadees and kinglets drift upslope as mountain snows melt. But glittering green swallows appear from the south and remind us of the ensuing glorious rush of song and color soon to follow. April is just around the corner. Yet, March can offer its own pleasures. Many flowers bloom. Trees bud and leaves of species with hardy attitudes get to work. Some of the earliest migrant birds arrive and even occasional rare species wander here. This time, the rarest species detected were a Glaucous Gull and Loggerhead Shrike.

Abbreviations and Locations: m.ob. = many observers. Observer names are noted in parentheses after their reports. Observations without a name (or with WDR) are the editor's. ASC indicates observations made by Audubon Society of Corvallis field trips. EEW = E. E. Wilson Wildlife Area north of Corvallis. ANWR = Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge in Marion County. FNWR = Finley National Wildlife Refuge, and includes Cabell, Cheadle, and McFadden marshes. STP = sewage treatment ponds; Philomath STP are off of Bellfountain Drive south of Philomath. Knoll Terrace STP are off of Elliot Circle in Corvallis. Stewart Lake is at Hewlett-Packard in Corvallis. Toketie Marsh is the remedial wetland for Coffin Butte landfill north of Corvallis, just off of Highway 99W. The Bellfountain Wetland along Bellfountain Drive south of Philomath is also sometimes called the Evergreen Mitigation Bank. The Diamond Hill Road wetland is in Linn County.

A **Ross's Goose** joined up to 27,000 **Cackling Geese** at FNWR, 11-20 Mar (m.ob.); two Ross' were there 11 Mar.

By 1 Mar, the last **Trumpeter Swans** in their traditional Airlie wintering area had wandered away (J. Geier). A few **Tundra Swans** continued to occur at Cabell Marsh through the period.

Gadwalls were present in small numbers; 7 were at McFadden Marsh, 11-20 Mar. Ten **Eurasian Wigeon** were in Albany at Grand Prairie Park, 11 Mar (J. Geier), for the highest local count of the season. **American Wigeon** largely moved out of the region; the highest count was 240 at a pond near Corvallis airport, 22 Mar. Numbers of **Mallards** at McFadden Marsh, the site with the largest number around Corvallis, declined from 500 to 300 during March. By mid-March, many single males were feeding, suggesting that some females were busy sitting on nests. The four **Cinnamon Teal** detected early in the winter at Toketie Marsh were found there again in early Mar (R. Armstrong). A pair at McFadden Marsh, 7 Mar, might have been first spring arrivals, but no others followed them before the end of this period. A movement of

Northern Shovelers was apparent by 20 Mar; 167 were at Philomath STP, 24 Mar, up from high counts of 30 in the previous 3 weeks.

Two **Canvasbacks** stopped for a day, 14 Mar, at Philomath STP. After an absence of several weeks, **Greater Scaup** returned to Philomath STP, 12 Mar, when two were there. One or two were detected on one of the FNWR ponds throughout the period (H. Bruner, m.ob.). Numbers of **Lesser Scaup** peaked at 109, 1 Mar, at Philomath STP. A remarkable 68 **Buffleheads** were quite a sight at Philomath STP, 24 Mar. The highest number of **Ruddy Ducks** was 112 at Philomath STP, 8 Mar.

Ring-necked Pheasants began calling at FNWR prairie in the last week of Mar. The species is becoming quite rare around Corvallis. A surprise was a **Ruffed Grouse** on the Homer Campbell boardwalk to Cabell Marsh, 8 Mar. Ten **Sooty Grouse** were displaying, 4 Mar, on Marys Peak. **Wild Turkeys** continue to make themselves at home in Corvallis, appearing in yards of several ASC members. The birds seem to wander into Corvallis each spring now. A **Mountain Quail** was calling near Coffin Butte, 5 Mar (J. Geier)

A count of 28 **Great Egrets** near Monroe, 7 Mar, was a nice sight. Most were foraging for voles. **Great Blue Herons** moved to their nest sites; they are most conspicuous at their canopy nests now, before the leaves provide cover later in spring.

The first real surge of **Turkey Vultures** into the area was 11 Mar, when many small kettles of birds passed overhead. The first **Osprey** of the spring was at EEW, 11 Mar (R. Armstrong). They were still uncommon by end of the period, but one had already staked out its nest site at the Harrison Street Bridge (D. Boucher).

Numbers of **Rough-legged Hawks** declined during the last ten days of Mar; where there were 4 to 6 in early Mar, only one or two remained.

A few scattered reports of **Merlins** came in, but they were not yet present in any numbers (m.ob.).

Four **Virginia Rails** were at Jackson-Frazier wetland, 5 Mar (J. Simmons) and one or two were detected regularly at McFadden Marsh (m.ob.). A flock of 90 **Sandhill Cranes** passed over Middle Ridge, near Lebanon, 27 Feb (R. Gordin); there were no reports from the more westerly sites in the Valley.

The first **Greater Yellowlegs** of spring was at Philomath STP, 12 Mar. It was followed by two along McFarland Road, south of FNWR, 14 Mar.

A flock of 130 to 150 gulls at Coffin Butte dump, 6-12 Mar contained several species. The most unusual was a young **Glaucous Gull**, 11-13 Mar (R. Armstrong, m.ob.). The species is very rare around Corvallis (see photo).

A **Northern Saw-whet Owl** was calling regularly during early Mar near Coffin Butte (J. Geier). A communal roost of 10 **Short-eared Owls** in a remote part of FNWR prairie was found 20 Mar (R. Moore). **Barred Owls** continue to be detected in town; one was at Witham Hill Natural Area, 25 Mar (J. Gibson).

A few **Northern Shrikes** were seen; one was at EEW, 11+ Mar (R. Armstrong, m.ob.), one was along Dawson Road, 11 Mar, and one continued at FNWR prairie where it was chasing American Robins, 13 Mar. **Loggerhead Shrike**, which is extremely rare as a spring migrant, was at FNWR prairie, 13 Mar. The bird may have been there a couple days earlier as well (T. Leonard). A **Loggerhead** was also at Tangent STP (Linn Co.), 21 Mar (R. Campbell).

A flock of 18 **Steller's Jays**, 23 Mar, at FNWR savannah appeared to be migrants.

Tree Swallows were present in good numbers throughout the period, but especially after 14 Mar.

Violet-green Swallows arrived a week after Tree Swallows, being detected first at FNWR, 28 Feb (WDR), then later that same day at EEW (J. Geier).

A **Cliff Swallow** and two **Barn Swallows** arrived at ANWR, 23 Mar (S. Finnegan); 4 Barn Swallows were at Cabell Marsh, 26 Mar.

A **Northern Mockingbird** has wintered along NW Sequoia in

Corvallis (P. Vanderheul).

J. Simmons heard an **Orange-crowned Warbler** at Jackson-Frazier, 5 Mar, which was perhaps a locally wintering bird. Probably the first spring arrival was 23 Mar at FNWR when one was singing from a hedgerow near the prairie.

The arrival of **Yellow-rumped Warblers** was becoming noticeable by 20 Mar, but numbers were still low by end of the period. A few **Townsend's Warblers** continued to visit feeders during the period (J. Gibson), but numbers were much lower in most areas than they were last year.

Savanna Sparrows began singing, 22 Mar, and there was a conspicuous influx of arrivals on 26 Mar. Soon, they will be nearly everywhere.

A yellow variant **Purple Finch** appeared at Raylene Gordin's feeder; the color morph is much less common in that species than in **House Finches**. **Red Crossbills** were absent, but **Pine Siskins** were numerous in town around Sweet Gum trees. Small numbers of **American Goldfinches** have joined them, becoming more noticeable after 24 Mar when singing increased (D. Boucher).

Evening Grosbeaks arrived a bit earlier than normal, with the first report being 7 in Corvallis, 3 Mar (J. Ray).

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Please send your reports for the next issue by 4 May.

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Glaucous Gull at Coffin Butte dump, 11-13 Mar, for a rare local record Photo by W. D. Robinson



Partially albinistic American Robin Photo by Kate Louden

April Hesthavn News

April 25 9 am to 1 pm: work party

April 25 10 am to 1 pm: monthly open house

A work party is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 from 9 am to 1 pm. Bring your shovels, loppers, weeding tools, gloves, boots, and work clothes for a morning of service work.

We will host an open house on the same day as the work party April 25 from 10 am to 1 pm. If you would like to greet visitors during the open house, please contact me.

Five volunteers planted 60 trees and shrubs at the March 21 work party. The removal of the blackberry brambles from the west bank of the creek has provided open space for native trillium, bleeding hearts, milkmaid, and early blue violets to show themselves. Many other types of forbs and shrubs are starting to bloom and show signs of spring.

You can find map directions to Hesthavn Nature Center which is located at 8590 NW Oak Creek Drive on the ASC website at www.audubon.corvallis.or.us. The nature trail is open to the public every day of the week to stroll on and view native habitat and wildlife. A great place to take young children wearing their boots and play clothes.

A volunteer email bulletin board that publishes work party dates and other events as they happen at Hesthavn Nature Center is available at www.corvallisaudubon.org/mailman/listinfo/hesthavn-news. The website has information on how to subscribe to the Hesthavn-news bulletin board.

Paula Vanderheul, Hesthavn Chair

ASC Quarterly Photo Contest

This is an idea long overdue and we're expecting a huge response! It's quite simple:

1. Email your digital photos to our webmaster, Tom Haig, at tomhaig@hotmail.com.
2. Photos must be avian in nature, but not necessarily from the Corvallis area.
3. Photos must be reduced to a maximum file size of 5 megs.
4. Photos will be judged by a panel of ornithologists from OSU. Names will not be attached to the photos during judging.
5. Winners will be notified by email and receive an official ASC certificate, suitable for framing, with their photo prominently featured.
6. Winning photos will be announced at the next ASC meeting after the voting. They will also be on the front page of the website.
7. Entry Deadlines are as follows:
 - * Spring: May 31
 - * Summer: August 31
 - * Fall: Nov. 30
 - * Winter: March 1
8. Winners may not re-enter for 24 months after their win.

Tom Haig

Birds and Climate Change Ecological Disruption in Motion

Audubon recently released a new study using Christmas Bird Count Data. These analyses would not have been possible without the hard work of CBC participants and the many chapters that organize and lead counts. We thank all that have participated over the years for their effort. The study explored if birds had shown significant shifts in their winter distribution over the last 40 years. As we all know, birds are good indicators of the environment. We think birds provide important information to people on changes in the environment and human quality of life. Audubon has a goal of working bird indicators into regular reviews of how the environment in the US is doing and hopefully helping drive policy and funding that benefits the environment and birds. These analyses of the CBC dataset on winter distribution are part of that effort.

The report, *Birds and Climate Change*, is available on Audubon's web site at <http://www.audubon.org/bird/bacc/cbcanalysis.html> and provides more details on the analyses and results. To download the report from this web site, click on the "Download Report" link on the left side of the page or on the image of the report cover.

We will continue to undertake scientific analyses of these data to learn more about the status of birds and conservation needs. Please consider donating through the web site to help us continue using the CBC data to move a conservation agenda.

National Audubon Society

Wings & Wine

Fourth Annual Fern Ridge Festival, May 9

Secret House Vineyards and the City of Veneta, in association with the Lane County Audubon Society and others, are organizing a day of birding walks, canoe trips, live raptor exhibits, educational speakers, crafts, and, of course, wine tasting. Some activities require pre-registration and fees. For more information, call 541-935-8443, or go to www.wingsandwinefestival.com.

Maeve Sowles, Lane County Audubon

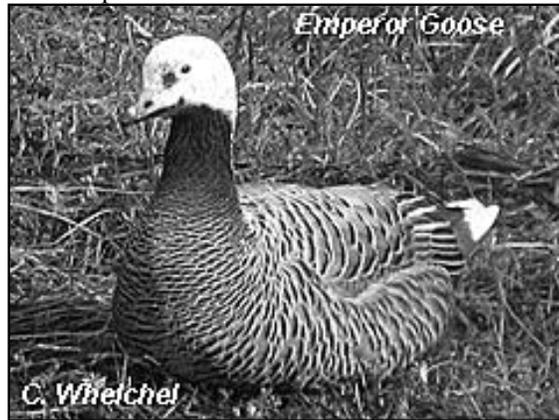
Bandon Birding with Fred 20-22 March 2009 Trip Report

With the weather forecast to be rainy, 16 birders accompanied Fred Ramsey on ASC's annual Bandon adventure and collected 109 species, including three additions to the historical list: Ross's Goose, Rough-legged Hawk and Thayer's Gull. Good omens started on the OSU campus as Acorn Woodpeckers were spotted and eagle eye Jessie Leach found a bluebird of happiness on the tennis court fence. The first day's highlight was a gorgeous Red-shouldered Hawk who showed off his colors for all to enjoy. Although van #1 was advised to look for a White-tailed



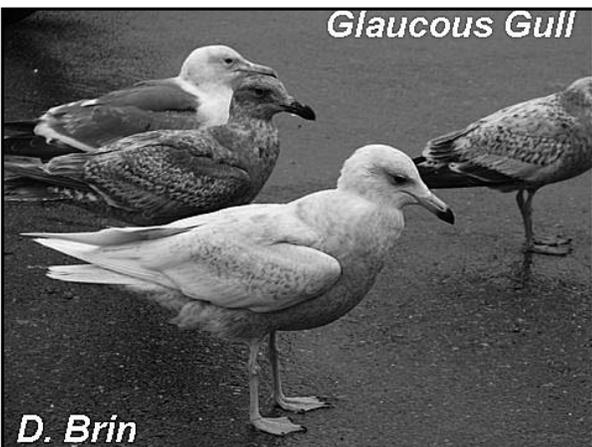
Kite in trees along the road to Myrtle Point, once again it was Jessie, in the trailing position, who spotted the bird. It patiently waited for us all to turn around and set up the scopes.

The Emperor Goose was still around the little resi-



dential lake near the south jetty of Bandon. Its head was tucked until Cheryl played the goose's call.

We had some good practice with Fred's recent gull ID



tips...besides the expected Western and Glaucous-winged representatives, we found Thayer's, Glaucous, Ring-billed and Mew. Saving pancakes, popcorn and french fries from meals is a great way to entice gull cooperation.



Sunday started with a downpour, but the sun came out at Simpson Reef as Elephant Seals were spotted and about six tagged pups were found in the next cove. Wrentits chattered along the road, but the real treat was a Wrentit and Townsend Warbler display at Cape Arago. Unfortunately, cameras were not available as the Wrentits hopped around on the grass, giving everyone a great view. Good thing they had been well photographed at Bullard's Beach Park.



Snowy plovers. C. Whelchel

With blue skies and sun, Cheryl notched up another lifer on the Siltcoos dunes... Snowy Plover. Although the first two birders didn't spot them, two of the plovers cooperated for photos and viewing by all.

Thanks, Fred for a wonderful trip and for getting so many great birds to cooperate. Check out the website for more pictures.

Group members: Karl Fairchild, Jim Faulkner, Greg Fink, Mary Garrard, Ulo Kiigemagi, Jeannine and Gil Lawrence, Jessie Leach, Barbara and Jack Mykrtantz, Tom Prenpraze, Barrett Reeve, Cheryl Whelchel; as well as Fred Ramsey and myself.

Diana Brin

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May 4: Field notes submission deadline for May Chat
May 7: Article submission deadline for May Chat
May 9: Second Saturday field trip, 7:30 am
May 9: Spring Migratory Bird Count
May 9: Wings & Wine Festival, Fern Ridge
May 10: Hesthavn annual open house, noon – 4 pm
May 20/27 Birding in the Willamette Valley class
May 24: Bicycle birding, 9 am
May 28-31: Malheur NWR weekend field trip
May 31: Spring ASC photo contest deadline

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