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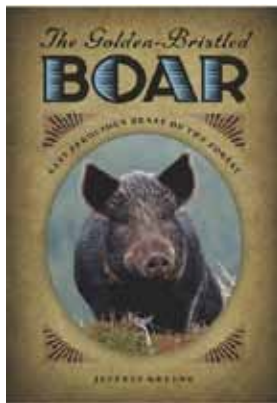
General Meeting

Thursday, March 15, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Monroe

**The Golden-Bristled Boar:
Last Ferocious Beast of the Forest**
Jeffrey Greene



Jeffrey Greene takes us on an international journey in search of the history and current reality of golden-bristled wild boar, and animal formerly widespread in Europe. Heading from his home in France through Italy all the way to the American South, Greene meets with hunters, museum curators, scientists, chefs, and inhabitants of European chateaux who for generations have shared the ancient countryside with boars. The result is an unforgettable journey filled with wonders and discoveries about these majestic animals the poet Robinson Jeffers called “beautiful monsters.”



Jeffrey Greene authored the memoir *French Spirits* and the nature book *Water from Stone*, and has published four collections of poetry. He is the recipient of the Samuel French Morse Poetry Prize, the Randall Jarrell Award, and The Nation Discovery Award. His poetry and prose have appeared in numerous publications including *The New Yorker*, *Poetry*, *The Nation*, *The Southwest Review* and *Ploughshares*. He is an associate professor at the American University of Paris.

Doors open at 6:30 pm for refreshments and visiting. The chapter meeting commences at 7:00 pm, followed by the guest lecture at 7:30 pm. Questions about the series can be directed to Dave Mellinger at David.Mellinger@oregonstate.edu or 541-757-7953.

Directions

The monthly chapter meeting is in Dennis Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 114 SW Eighth Street.

Dave Mellinger

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Award-winning Documentary: *Bag It*

The award-winning film *Bag It*, a touching and often funny documentary about how we use and abuse plastic, will be shown at 6 PM on Thursday, Mar. 15 before the ASC general meeting in the First Presbyterian Church. The film is an eye-opening look at the environmental and health dangers posed by the global use of disposable, non-biodegradable plastic products.

Told with wit and humor, *Bag It* follows “everyman” Jeb Berrier as he embarks on a global tour to unravel the complexities of our plastic world. Featuring interviews with scientists and experts from around the world, *Bag It* is a first-person documentary in the style of Michael Moore, asking how we can incorporate healthy, more environmentally friendly practices into our lives, our cultures, and our communities. To learn more about the film, please visit www.bagitmovie.com.

Dave Mellinger

Field Trip Schedule

Local Monthly Saturday Field Trips:

Our Saturday morning local field trip meets the second Saturday of every month at the Benton Center parking area, behind the Cannery Mall, Corvallis at 7:30 am. This field trip is especially interesting for beginner birders and birders new to Oregon’s mid-valley area. We focus on identifying local birds by sight and song while enjoying the outdoors. We visit the valley national wildlife refuges—Finley, Baskett Slough, and Ankeny, as well as other birding areas throughout the year.

Contact Bill Proebsting at proebstw@gmail.com or 541-752-0108 with questions. Check the Mid-Valley ListServe, www.midvalleybirding.org/pipermail/birding/, the week before the field trip for updates. Weather may alter plans. Watch the weather forecast and dress appropriately.

Full Day Field Trip:

March 10. E.E. Wilson State Wildlife Area. Parking permit required. We will carpool, but bring a permit if you have one, so we will have enough for the group.

Bill Proebsting

Multiple Day Field Trips:

BANDON FIELD TRIP March 23-25, 2012

Meet at 8:00 am on Friday, March 23. Meet at **Benton County Fairgrounds**. There are bathrooms available. The Benton County Sheriff’s patrol car goes through the Fairgrounds at regular intervals. Entry and exit are open all the time, so we will not get locked out. We park in spaces along 53rd Street. Please carpool if possible, and do not park in other spaces.

ITINERARY (subject to change)

Friday: Fern Ridge, Drain, Reedsport, Myrtle Point, Bandon, arriving Bandon ~ 5 pm.

Saturday: Bandon Marsh, Bullards Beach State Park, Bandon Rocks, New River, Port Orford, Cape Blanco

Sunday: Bandon Marsh, Cape Arago & Simpson Reef, Charleston, South Beach of the Siuslaw, Corvallis at ~ 6 pm.

MEALS: We will eat at restaurants, and Bandon has a couple good seafood ones. We have breakfasts at the Minute Cafe in Bandon. Think: *cranberry crepes*. And we will stop for lunches in shops wherever we are ... after a sack lunch on Friday.

COST: For a guess, the vans and gas will cost about \$150 per person. This is just a guess - we will total these expenses at the end of the trip and collect then.

The costs of lodgings and meals are your own costs.

WAIVER: We are requiring all participants to read and sign a liability waiver.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Reserve accommodations at the Lamplighter Motel in Bandon for the nights of Friday and Saturday, 23 & 24 March. Lamplighter: 541-347-4477 or 800-650-8817.

QUESTIONS: Contact me at flramsey5@comcast.net or 541-753-3677.

Fred Ramsey

KLAMATH BASIN FIELD TRIP April 27-29, 2012

The Klamath Basin Field trip has been moved to the weekend of 27-29 April. Please re-mark you calendars.

Fred Ramsey

Hesthavn News

On Saturday, February 25, Lori McGovern and student volunteers from OSU Instructor, Steve Cook’s, GEO 300 class, worked on the elimination of the invading False Brome. These students must do a service project for their GEO class and for that project they spent at least 4 hours tackling the False Brome at Hesthavn. False Brome seems to be one of the biggest unwanted species invaders at Hesthavn during this past year. If you would like to donate some time to help with future restoration projects, please contact our volunteer link at volunterrasc@gmail.com.

Our thanks go to Susan Brown, who has diligently recorded Hesthavn’s history from 1997, when work was first starting on the conversion of the horse stable and corral to the Hesthavn Nature Center it is today.

Susan has just completed the 3rd album of Hesthavn memories beginning with January 2008, up to the present. This album will be on display at the March General Meeting and then on display at Hesthavn with the other 2 completed volumes. I hope you’ll take the time to look through this lovely collection of memorabilia archiving the history of Hesthavn.

For those of you who have submitted donations to the Hesthavn Bridge Fund, we thank you for your support. We have only a couple more weeks before our deadline for the matching funds is here and we're not quite there yet. We currently have \$4,470 towards the \$5,000 matching funds we are trying to meet. If you would like to contribute towards this project, please send your tax-deductible donations to the Audubon Society of Corvallis, PO Box 148, Corvallis, OR 97339 Thank you.

Susan Atkisson

Hesthavn Work Party Volunteers

Hesthavn Nature Center and Sanctuary require care throughout the year to maintain the nearly six acres of riparian mixed hardwood forest, ash forest and upland prairie habitats. Ongoing efforts from volunteers are needed to keep invasive species of plants from spreading out of control. To meet this challenge, Hesthavn committee members are holding work parties on March 24, 2012 from 9 – 12 pm All you have to do is show up ready to work. You can choose to work the entire three hours or one –any effort is appreciated! Make sure you dress for the weather. Check our website for location and directions: www.audubon.corvallis.or.us/hesthavn.shtml

Lori McGovern

Atop the Nestbox

We will be holding our annual spring bluebird workshop on Saturday, March 31st from 1-4 pm. Come join us for bluebird fun and facts. There will be a slide presentation, Q&A and door prize at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 for which we will request a \$5 donation. You may also visit our displays and sales table for no charge anytime between 1:00 and 4:00. Items available will include nest boxes, kits, baffles and sparrow spookers. The event will be held at Dennis Hall, First Presbyterian Church, at the corner of 8th and Monroe. We have lots of new pictures, stories and information to share this year, so we hope to see you there!

Raylene Gordin

Birdathon Time!

Birdathon 2012 is set for the weekend of April 21. This is our yearly fundraiser for the Hesthavn Nature Center. In past years we've raised thousands of dollars for projects and improvements for this wonderful local Audubon sanctuary.

How it works: Put together a team (or go solo). Ask people to sponsor you at so many cents a bird, or for a flat rate. Then go birding the weekend of April 21 and see how many species you can see! (Another weekend in that time frame is fine too, if you have a birding trip planned or a scheduling conflict.) Bird anywhere – your backyard, the coast, the Rio Grande... the sky's the limit (literally). If you feel shy about asking people to sponsor you, get creative. For example, you can pledge to your own team, perhaps in honor of a nature-loving relative. Just drop me an email to let me know you are planning to participate. Sponsor forms and report forms will be on the ASC website under

Birdathon. Results will be announced at the May meeting and in the summer *Chat*.

If you own a local business, you could generate some good publicity by having your business be a sponsor of the event. Your business could sponsor every team at a certain rate. This encourages more people to form a team and participate, knowing they already have their first sponsor. Beyond raising more funds for Hesthavn activities, this involves more people, who then feel they personally have a stake in Hesthavn's success and, more broadly, in wildlife and nature conservation.

Good Birding! And email me at Karan.Fairchild@alderspr@peak.org.

*Karan Fairchild,
Interim Birdathon Coordinator*

Meeting to Review Alternatives to County Payments Trust Proposal

Chuck Willer, Executive Director of the Coast Range Association, will present and discuss alternatives to recent legislation passed by the House of Representatives to permanently transfer management of 1.5 million acres of federal forestlands to local county management for intensive timber production.

Oregon counties with a high proportion of federal forestlands managed by Bureau of Land Management, have become dependent on federal revenues, either from timber harvests, or payments in lieu of logging income. Because Republican control of the House has denied continuing county payments, Representatives DeFazio and Schraeder allied their interests with House leadership to give away BLM forests under 125 years old, much in the Oregon Coast Range. Public review, federal guidelines, and environmental protections are thus removed, and can be managed much as private industrial forestlands are now treated. This solution gives complete control of federal assets revenue production trusts—into the indefinite future.

Marys Peak Chapter of the Sierra Club and Audubon Society of Corvallis are co-sponsoring this talk at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Monday, March 5th, from 7 to 9pm. Please join us in seeking better solutions.

Jim Fairchild

Field Notes

1/27/12-2/23/12

The general area covered by the field notes is a rough circle centered on Corvallis, extending to around Sweet Home, Monroe/Harrisburg, Marys Peak and the nearby Coast Range, and Monmouth/Dallas.

This period was marked by noticeably longer days and generally average temperatures. A few Turkey Vultures began to work their way northward, and other early migrants like Tree Swallows and Rufous Hummingbirds were on birders' minds. Early woodland bloomers such as trilliums and camas began to put up new leaves, and by the end of the period, the first dangling blossoms of Osoberry (or Indian-Plum) appeared.

Locations: Finley = William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge, EEW = E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, TWG/SP = Talking Water Gardens & Simpson Park in Albany, Philomath STP = Philomath sewage treatment ponds

Observers: Amber Beck (ABk), Don Boucher (DB), Susan Brown (SB), Marcia F. Cutler (MFC), Preston Filbert (PF), Becky Geier (BG), Joel Geier (JG), Martha Geier (MG), Julie Gibson (JGb), Jeff Harding (JH), , Jeff Fleischer (JFI), Jeff Harding (JH), Susan Hatlevig (SH), Kaynor Heineck (KH), Hendrik Herlyn (HH), Deb Holland (DH), Richard F. Hoyer (RFH), Carol Karlen (CK), Frank Kolwicz (FK), Jarod Jebousek (JJ), Jan Landau (JL), John Lambrinos (JLm), Lisa Millbank (LM), Molly Monroe (MM), Pam Otley (PO), Wanda Parrott (WP), Jerry Paul (JP), Steve Seibel (SS), Tim Shelmerdine (TS), Paul T. Sullivan (PTS), Bill Tice (BT), Brandon Wagner (BW), Will Wright (WW)



Greater White-fronted Goose photo by Preston Filbert

A single **Greater White-fronted Goose** was found at Waverly Lake in Albany 1/28 (PF), and 7 were at Cheadle Lake in Lebanon 2/12 (JH). The highest count of **Trumpeter Swans** at the Airlie/Maple Grove Rd area so far was 20 in early February (BT), and impressive flocks of hundreds of **Tundra Swans** continued at Finley. **Gadwall** were spotted at TWG/SP 2/11 (FK). 4 **Cinnamon Teal** were at TWG/SP 2/12 (PO); a few overwinter, but expect to see

many migrants arriving in the next period. 2 male **Common Goldeneyes** were a nice surprise in a flooded field SE of Jefferson 1/28 (JFI), and 1 female was at Philomath STP 2/5 (HH). A single **Ruddy Duck** visited Waverly Lake in Albany 1/28 (PF), but Philomath STP had 259 2/5 (HH). Good numbers of other waterfowl continue at Philomath STP, with 77 **Bufflehead**, 123 **Lesser Scaup**, and 605 **Northern Shovelers** on 2/5 (HH). A female **Hooded Merganser** on Cronemiller Lake in McDonald Forest had caught a fish that she couldn't swallow, and seemed to be swimming toward the shore to deal with it there (JGb) 2/16.

Wild Turkeys have been gobbling at dawn, and male **California Quail** have started to call occasionally.

A dark **Western/Clark's-type Grebe** (likely a Western) was in a stock pond between Monmouth and Independence 2/12 (FK). A single **Horned Grebe** was in a pond near Adair 2/20 (PO).

An **American Bittern** stood motionless at Jackson-Frazier Wetland 2/1, allowing a good look (JGb); they overwinter in small numbers but often go unnoticed. A remarkable gathering of 45 **Great Egrets** were S of Independence 2/15 (BW).

Turkey Vultures began to drift northward, with a report of one SE of Shedd 1/28 (JH) and another near Ryals Ave near Adair Village 2/3 (RFH) being some of the earliest reports. 2 very early **Ospreys** flew north near EEW 2/15 (BG), but expect to see more migrants beginning in late March. The Kings Valley raptor survey route had 3 **White-tailed Kites** 1/31 (JFI); 1 flew along Hwy 34 between Corvallis and I-5 2/17 (SH), and another was along Gore Rd E of Albany 2/22 (ABk). The Tangent **Bald Eagle** roost had a high count of about 104 birds on 2/15 (SS). There were 29 **Northern Harriers** on the S Benton Co raptor survey route 1/29 (WW), and a male was performing his roller-coaster display flight for a female 2/14 (MFC). 2 **Red-shouldered Hawks** were sunning themselves in the Highland Dell neighborhood of NW Corvallis 1/26 (JP), singles were reported from EEW, Finley and S Corvallis areas. 44 **Red-tailed Hawks** were counted on the S Benton Co raptor survey route 1/29 (WW), and many pairs were engaged in courtship flights throughout the period, with the male dangling his legs as the two birds soar together. 3 **Rough-legged Hawks** were found on the S Benton Co raptor survey route 1/29 (WW). A young **Golden Eagle** continued to be reported from Finley throughout the period; it guarded prey from an immature Bald Eagle 1/30 (WW). Single adult Golden Eagles were sighted over Corvallis 2/5 (LM) and 2/15 (HH). 2 **Peregrine Falcons** were found on the S Benton Co raptor survey route 1/29 (WW), and 3 were on the central Benton Co route 2/19 (MFC, JL). **American Kestrels** seemed to begin their courtship this period, with a marked increase in calling and a male seen giving his prey to a female at TWG/SP 2/15 (FK).

Virginia Rails were beginning to call frequently, especially at Jackson-Frazier Wetland where at least 8 grunted and squawked excitedly on 2/3 (HH).

A **Long-billed Curlew** was seen in a field off of Tangent Loop Rd 2/4 (JH); this is a rare sandpiper in winter and there's a possibility it could be the same one that was reported in December. 11 **Dunlin** were feeding in a wet field N of Monroe; and while not many have been reported so far this year, a large movement of these often occurs in March. A **Spotted Sandpiper** was at TWG/SP 2/11 (FK); a few of these birds have been reported this winter.

A gull flock off Troutman Rd SE of Shedd contained **Mew, Ring-billed, Glaucous-winged, Herring** and **Thayer's Gulls** 1/28 (JH). A first-year **Glaucous Gull** was at Tangent Loop Rd 2/12 (JH) among a large flock of mostly Mew Gulls.

A **Barn Owl** screamed as it flew around Reser Stadium at OSU 2/10 (DB). After months of duets and females begging, **Great Horned Owls** were finally beginning to sit on nests this period; at EEW, 1 pair used an old Cooper's Hawk nest and another pair had claimed a Red-tailed Hawk nest by 2/14 (JG). A **Northern Pygmy-Owl** was in McDonald Forest in mid-February (JGb). A **Burrowing Owl** showed up on private land in the Inavale area early in the period. **Barred Owls** were detected at Witham Hill Natural Area in Corvallis 1/30 and McDonald Forest 2/14 (JGb). 2 **Short-eared Owls** were seen at a reliable site off Bruce Rd at Finley 2/13 (PO); 1 briefly harassed a Red-tailed Hawk in a field. 2 **Northern Saw-whet Owls** were calling N of Lebanon 2/4 (JH).

A male **Anna's Hummingbird** sang at EEW 11/22, indicating what may be a new breeding area for these hummingbirds that typically stick close to residential neighborhoods (JG).

At least one **Lewis's Woodpecker** was still at Bald Top at Finley 2/3 (DH). An adult male **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** at EEW 2/7 is more than likely the same one wintering there for 3 years now. He showed up as a juvenile, then in adult plumage last year (JG). A male Yellow-shafted **Northern Flicker** was at EEW 2/11 (JG), though it was not clear whether he was an intergrade with our usual Red-shafted or a pure Yellow-shafted.

4 **Black Phoebes** were found on a bicycle trip S of Corvallis 1/28 (LM, DB), and many singles were noted elsewhere, including one noted singing on Riverside Dr in Linn Co 2/21 (DB). A **Say's Phoebe** was perched on a fence S of the Luckiamute River on Hwy 99W 2/18 (JJ, MM).

Northern Shrikes were at the Finley prairie 2/5 (SH) and 2/21 (PTS, CK), and one continued at EEW throughout the period (JG). **Hutton's Vireos** were first noted singing 1/28 (LM, DB) and 3 were singing on Middle Ridge near Sodaville 2/3 (KH).

The **Blue Jay** at Bald Hill Park continued to be seen throughout the period and seems to have made itself at home there for the winter. An **American Crow** appeared to be engaged in a fluttering/gliding courtship flight, after which he approached another crow and uttered soft calls 2/14 (MFC).

A flock of **Horned Larks** was along Hwy 99W a few miles S of Corvallis 1/28 (LM, DB) and a single was

reported on Glasser Dr W of Lebanon 2/4 (JH).

Migrant **Tree Swallows** have started to trickle in, although a few did manage to overwinter in a few locations around the valley. 1 was seen from the prairie overlook at Finley 2/5 (WW), and several were spotted at Finley 2/22 (TS).

Overwintering **Marsh Wrens** began singing in earnest this period, with at least 6 singing at Jackson-Frazier Wetland 2/3 (HH). **Pacific** and **Bewick's Wrens** brightened mornings with their loud, clear songs.

Varied Thrushes were singing their full, quavering songs by 2/5 (LM), and were seen hopping around in a lawn near Adair Village 2/16 (MG).

Though not many are around during the winter, a flock of 30 **Cedar Waxwings** descended on a berry-covered bush in Corvallis 1/27 (WP).

A presumably overwintering **Orange-crowned Warbler** was in an apple tree at EEW with other songbirds 2/14 (JG), but by the end of March, it should be joined by migrants from warmer wintering grounds. **Yellow-rumped**



Western Tanager photo by Diana Christofersen

Warblers seemed to be everywhere, and were especially conspicuous when flycatching.

A male **Western Tanager** was eating suet in a S Corvallis yard near Lincoln School this period, a very unusual visitor in the winter (JLM).

While **Song Sparrows** have been singing just as morning twilight begins for some time, **Spotted Towhees** are chiming in with their simple songs and **Dark-eyed Juncos** have been adding their trills.

There were 22 **Western Meadowlarks** just S of EEW 2/7 (JG), and a good number singing at the Corvallis Airport 2/12 (SB). Many people reported them singing from Finley; the most reliable place to enjoy them.

Some feeder watchers were delighted by scattered flocks of **Evening Grosbeaks** visiting feeders all over the area, but expect numbers to remain fairly low until the end of March. More **Pine Siskins** were reported at feeders and singing in neighborhoods. **American** and **Lesser Goldfinches** and **House Finches** added their voices to the growing chorus of bird sounds.

Please post your reports to midvalleybirding.org, send them to lisaaves@peak.org, or leave a voicemail at 541-753-7689 by 3/22/12.

- Lisa Millbank

Bird Classes

The Audubon Society of Corvallis and Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC) are offering two birding classes instructed by Don Boucher and 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.

- May 16 Wed. 7-9 pm, Classroom Session at Avery House
May 19 Sat. 9 am-Noon, Field Trip
May 23 Wed. 7-9 pm, Classroom Session at Avery House
May 26 Sat. 9 am-Noon, Field Trip

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.

- May 30 Wed. 7-9pm, Classroom Session at Avery House
June 2 Sat. 9am-Noon, Field Trip
June 6 Wed. 7-9pm, Classroom Session at Avery House
June 9 Sat. 9am-Noon, Field Trip

Registration is required, space is limited and there is a fee of \$12 per person, per 2-week class, or \$20 for both classes. To register, contact the CEC's Avery House Nature Center at 541-753-9211, or ahnc@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org.

For class information, contact Don Boucher or Lisa Millbank 541-753-7689, bouchdon@peak.org

Don Boucher



White-tailed Kites mating. Photo by Matt Lee.

The Mid-Afternoon Snooze



It was about 2 PM and 48 degrees on a dull, gray, very rainy Wednesday, January 18, 2012. Our rather large picture window on Tamarack Drive in NW Corvallis overlooks a south-facing front yard. The 6-foot roof overhang above the window shelters an old rose bush and a shorter bush next to it. There were at least two dozen Bushtits distributed on the branches of both bushes. Most birds were either chattering or preening. What was unusual was the huddling together of several birds that were not preening.

Seven Bushtits were all snuggled side-by-side on one branch. This snuggling lasted at least 30 minutes. One of the birds appeared sickly (or just plain sleepy) as six other Bushtits huddled up against this bird and to each other. Another group of four Bushtits sacked out side-by-side for over 15 minutes on another branch.

Bushtits are very social amongst themselves. The dry overhang of our house offered a nice shelter on that very rainy day. Our theory was that their night sleep had been disturbed because of the high winds. They were now making up for lost sleep in a calm, warm place.

All the Bushtits left the yard together only to return later in the afternoon. The second visit lasted only a few minutes—enough time to taste the fat cake in a caged enclosure hanging from a pine tree twenty feet from the "snooze bushes". Our day brightens when the flock pays a visit.

Greg and Andrea Foster

Conservation Report

New Window Tape



A new, translucent adhesive tape, which tests show can significantly reduce bird collisions with glass windows and doors, is now available to the public. The product is being sold by American Bird Conservancy (ABC) and production of ABC; BirdTape is made possible through the generous support

of the Rusinow Family Foundation.

Birds can't see glass and don't understand the architectural cues, such as window frames, mullions, and handles, that alert people to the hazard. Experts estimate that up to one billion birds may die each year from resulting collisions. Unlike some sources of bird mortality that predominantly kill weaker individuals, there is no distinction among victims of glass. Because glass is equally dangerous for strong, healthy, breeding adults, it can have a particularly serious impact on populations. Studies have shown that even small windows can be dangerous to birds that are accustomed to flying through gaps between trees and shrubs.

Steve Holmer

Board Meeting Summary

ASC February Meeting

1. Conservation Committee Member, Dave Mellinger, wrote a letter in support of marine reserves to the Oregon House of Representatives. By general affirmation, all Board members present at the meeting approved the letter and signed it.
2. The Board voted unanimously to co-host a public information meeting at the Corvallis Public Library with Coast Range Association regarding recently introduced bills in the Oregon legislature that would take public (BLM) land out of public hands and greatly increase logging in Oregon's public forests. Check the ASC website for further details.
3. Jim Fairchild was unanimously approved to fill an At-Large Board member vacancy, created by Lori McGovern's resignation last month, until the May 2012 Board of Directors elections.
4. The Board voted unanimously to approve the nominees recommended by the Homer Campbell Environmental Award Committee. The winners of this award will be announced in the April issue of the *Chat*.

Linda Campbell

Open ACS 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 calendar on the last page of the *Chat* for meeting location.

Welcome New Members

Dan Shapiro
Barbara Hanley
Amy Hill

Contributors to the Chat

Dave Mellinger, Bill Proebsting, Fred Ramsey, Susan Atkisson, Lori McGovern, Raylene Gordin, Karan Fairchild, Jim Fairchild, Don Boucher, Greg and Andrea Foster, Steve Holmer, Lisa Millbank, Linda Campbell, and Anne Schroder (new *Chat* Editor).

Chat Articles

The *Chat* editor welcomes monthly articles from all members of the Audubon Society of Corvallis. Please submit articles to the *Chat* editor by the 4th Thursday of the month. Always submit text using Microsoft Word.



Female Common Merganser photo by Matt Lee

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the **CHAT**

Renew your membership before the date on the mailing label to avoid missing issues of the Chat.

Calendar

- Mar 8 March Board Meeting at:
Marcia Cutler's, 991 Sequoia Ave., Corvallis; Marcia's
email: marciafcutler@comcast.net
- Mar 5 Coast Range Assn Talk, 7 pm
- Mar 10 Second Saturday Field Trip, 7:30 am**
- Mar 24 Hesthavn Work Party, 9 – 12 pm
- Mar 22 Article and Field notes submission deadline for April
Chat
- Mar 23-25 Bandon Field Trip**
- Mar 31 Spring Bluebird Workshop, 1 pm
- Apr 14 Second Saturday Field Trip, 7:30 am
- Apr 19 General Meeting, 7 pm. 1st Presb. Church
- Apr 21 Birdathon, Hesthavn Nature Center
- Apr 26 Articles & Field Notes deadline
- April 27-29 Klamath Basin Field Trip**
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