



# Audubon Society of Corvallis the **CHAT**

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## General Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 7:00-8:30 pm  
First Presbyterian Church; 9th and Monroe



### Effects of Wind Energy Generation on Bird Populations

Our February program features Jim Maloney, an environmental engineer from Eugene. Over a period spanning more than 35 years, Jim has worked at the intersection of energy and environment in both public and private sectors.

Jim's academic training is broad: Physics (BA, Cal Berkeley); Physics (MS, U of Oregon); Architecture & Planning (Cal Berkeley); Wildlife Ecology (OSU). Jim "retired" a few years ago after 20 years at Eugene Water & Electric Board, where he was an energy planner and decision analyst. Jim has worked in the fields of energy development and wildlife impacts for the last 15 years.

Jim served on the committee that wrote Oregon's Wind Energy Siting Guidelines and has represented Lane County Audubon Society on wind and energy infrastructure issues since 2002. He has filed comments on numerous wind project proposals at the state level and has commented on national permitting proposals of the USFWS.

Jim is active in the Lane County Audubon Society, where he serves on the Board and coordinates the monthly bird walk and field trips. Come hear Jim's presentation on a topic that should be a major concern of all Auduboners.

*Chris Matthews*

Doors open at 6:30 PM for refreshments and visiting. Chapter meeting begins at 7:00 pm, followed by the guest speaker at about 7:30.

Questions about the series can be directed to Chris Matthews at 541-754-1172 or [matthewssc2@comcast.net](mailto:matthewssc2@comcast.net).

### Directions

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

## Field Trip Schedule

### 2014 Weekend Field Trip Schedule

Explore Oregon from its Pacific Ocean shores to the lofty mountains on its eastern border. ASC schedules ten weekend birding trips all across this marvelous state. "Weekend" consists of either three days—Friday through Sunday—or four days—Thursday through Sunday. Comfortable vans supply transportation. We stay in comfortable motels and lodges and eat at some excellent restaurants. All ASC members and prospective members can participate. The trips are led by an experienced crew of good birders who

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take pride in their abilities to help beginners. Expenses are shared by all participants. So pick up your 2014 calendars, and mark these dates:

**March 28-30** Bandon and the south Coast

**April 18-20** Klamath Basin wildlife refuges

**May 9-11** Rogue Valley, with a performance of the Marx Brothers classic *Cocanuts* at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival

**June 5-8** Malheur National Wildlife Refuge

**June 27-29** Summer, Agency & Crater Lakes

**July 9-13** The Willows

**August 14-17** Steens & Hart Mountains

**September 5-7** Return to Bandon for shorebirds

There will be sign-up sheets at the Field Trips desk at monthly general meetings, or you can register by email at [framsey5@comcast.net](mailto:framsey5@comcast.net). We request a \$50 deposit for each trip.

*Fred Ramsey*

### Local Second Saturday and Half Day Field Trips

Our Saturday morning local field trip meets the second Saturday from September through June at the Benton Center parking area, behind the Cannery Mall, 777 NW 9th St., Corvallis at 7:30 am. This field trip is geared towards beginning birders, Birders new to Oregon's mid-valley area or anybody looking for a pleasant outing. Contact Bill Proebsting at 541-752-0108 or [proebstw@gmail.com](mailto:proebstw@gmail.com) with questions. Check the Midvalley ListServ, [www.midvalleybirding.org/pipermail/birding/](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.

### Upcoming Field Trips

**February 8:** Ankeny NWR

**March 8:** Newport. All day.

*Bill Proebsting*

## President's Corner

### The Future of Birds and Climate Change

Whether or not current weather portends it, humans around the world are noticing climate change is occurring. We notice it at a variety of scales, from first arrivals of spring migrant birds, the extent of snow in the Cascades, when we notice buds and flowers blossoming, storm strengths or just the unpredictable winter rainfall.

Coastal residents in Coos County were just treated to both strong warm winds and smoke from wildland forest fires. And even though the Pacific Northwest has been spared exceptionally cold winter temperatures, western states may soon be included in a historically unprecedented drought already gripping much of California.

So what about the birds? What condition will our spring migrants arrive in? What does climate change hold for their future?

From the Chapter Services office of National Audubon Society:

"In the first half of 2014, Audubon is submitting a paper for publication that quantifies the specific risk to North America's birds in a greater level of detail and clarity than has been available so far; we'll know which birds are most threatened by climate change and where."

Numerous studies by the world's top climate scientists and biologists indicate that climate change poses an extremely dire threat to birds and biodiversity—the greatest threat since humans have been on the planet, as David Yarnold said in his column this fall in Audubon magazine (<http://tinyurl.com/l4hdrk6>).

**Here are three links with more info:**

### EPA: Climate Impacts on Ecosystems

<http://tinyurl.com/mpds2pp>

### The Guardian: Animal species/climate change

<http://tinyurl.com/kd6bp3u>

With that knowledge in hand, it'll be our responsibility to figure out what to do about it—how to protect our birds today and tomorrow as climate changes. But then, we already know the basics: We've got to protect the habitats birds need, and we've got to do everything we can to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This new information about the threat climate change poses to birds will add urgency and clarity to our work in a way that few other things have before.

Thinking about how birds and other creatures could be affected by climate change is not just a good mental exercise, it really is a matter for our own security and well-being.

*Jim Fairchild*

## Hesthavn Education News

Education Volunteers will be available at Hesthavn from 10 am to 2 pm each Wednesday through April, and are scheduled to assist in several community events and projects this Spring.

*Michelle Shula*

## Field Notes

12/27/13 – 1/23/14

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

This period was marked by unusually dry weather, with prolonged, foggy temperature inversions. The Airlie-Albany Christmas Bird Count (A-A CBC) was held January 5, with 112 species found that day. Full results are included on a separate page, but a few highlights are discussed here.

Location abbreviations: Ankeny = Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge, EEW = E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, Finley = William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge, LSNA = Luckiamute State Natural Area, Monmouth STP = Monmouth sewage treatment ponds, Philomath STP = Philomath sewage treatment ponds, Stewart Lake = lake on Hewlett-Packard campus in Corvallis, TWG/SP = Talking Water Gardens & Simpson Park in Albany

Observer abbreviations: Barb Alexander (BA), Matt Blakeley-Smith (MBS), Don Boucher (DB), Howard Bruner (HB), Dan Edge (DEd), Deanna Emig (DE), Jim Fairchild (JFa), Karan Fairchild (KFa), Jeff Fleischer (JFI), Joel Geier (JG), Martha Geier (MG), Jeff Harding (JH) Oscar Harper (OH), Kaynor Heineck (KH), William Hemstrom (WH), Hendrik Herlyn (HH), Charlotte Hottmann (CH), Jarod Jebousek (JJ), Tim Johnson (TJ), Mike Lippsmeyer (ML), Greg Metcalfe (GM), Lisa Millbank (LM), Molly Monroe (MM), Anne Mary Myers (AMM), Catherine Otto (CO), Bill Proebsting (BP), Doug Robinson (DR), Stefan Schlick (SS), Jamie Simmons (JS), Jim Smith (JSm), Evan Smouse (ES), Virginia Stanton (VS), Paul Sullivan (PS), Judy Vincent (JV), Brandon Wagner (BW)

A few flocks of **Greater White-fronted Geese** were noted this period, with 63 at Ankeny on the A-A CBC 1/5 (JJ, MBS, AMM). 13 **Snow Geese** were in two separate flocks at Finley 1/6 (HH, OH). The only reported **Ross's Goose** was a single one with 5 Snow Geese and many **Cackling Geese** 12/29 (DR). 60 **Canada Geese** of the Dusky or Vancouver subspecies were reported from Ankeny 1/19 (TJ); it's likely that almost all were Dusky. 676 **Tundra Swans** were found in Linn Co. during a waterfowl survey in the last week of the period (DE). 40-45 **Trumpeter Swans** were at a habitual site at the intersection of Airlie & Maxfield Cr Rds 1/3 (JG). 24 **Wood Ducks** and 24 **Gadwall** in the TWG/SP/Millersburg area were good counts for these species on the A-A CBC 1/5 (JFI, PS). **Eurasian Wigeons** and **American Wigeons** associate closely in the winter...but some pair up for some interspecies romance too, as evidenced by 3 **American x Eurasian Wigeon hybrids** at Grand Prairie Park in Albany this period (JH, JG). 6 **Cinnamon Teal** seem to be overwintering at TWG/SP this period (DE). Impressive waterfowl numbers were recorded at Ankeny on the A-A

CBC 1/5, with 743 **Green-winged Teal**, 990 **Mallards** and 305 **Northern Pintail**. 15+ **Canvasbacks** were in a pond E of Albany along Eicher Rd. 12/29 (SS), and up to 5 visited Stewart Lake throughout the month (JS). One **Redhead** was reported from Monmouth STP 1/10 (BW). 49 **Ring-necked Ducks** turned up in the TWG/SP/Millersburg area on the A-A CBC 1/5 (JFI, PS). A male **Tufted Duck** was a rare surprise in the Monmouth STP 12/27 (DR). 23 **Lesser Scaup** were found on the A-A CBC 1/5, and 2 female **Greater Scaup** were at TWG/SP 1/14 (DE). There were 78 **Bufflehead** and 59 **Ruddy Ducks** on the A-A CBC 1/5. At Stewart Lake, a record high of 21 **Hooded Mergansers** was reached on 1/14 & 1/22, and 13 **Common Mergansers** joined them on 1/22 (JS).

10 **Mountain Quail** were recorded in McDonald Forest 1/3 (DR). 1 **Ring-necked Pheasant** was reported from SE of Tangent 1/23 (DR). **Ruffed Grouse** were seen at Finley 1/2 (ES).

14 **Pied-billed Grebes** and 52 **Double-crested Cormorants** were found on the A-A CBC 1/5.

15 **Great Blue Herons** were found during a waterfowl survey in Benton Co at the end of the period (DE). 6 **Great Egrets** visited Stewart Lake 1/22 & 1/23, a record high number (JS). An overwintering **Green Heron** was heard calling at the TWG/SP area 1/4 (DR).

After a certain point in winter, it's anyone's guess whether a **Turkey Vulture** is an overwintering bird or a very early migrant...but single birds were seen 1/6 W of North Albany on the A-A CBC (JG, MG), on 1/19 in SW Corvallis (LM, DB), and near Adair Village 12/23 (JG). 2 **White-tailed Kites** were found on the Kings Valley raptor survey 12/31 (JFI). **Golden Eagles** were seen at several locations, including near Brownsville 12/29 (SS), regularly at Finley (where there were at least two) and again in Linn Co at the end of the period (DE). There were 85 **Northern Harriers** on a 3-day raptor survey in Linn Co at the end of the period (JFI). 2 **Sharp-shinned Hawks** and 1 **Cooper's Hawk** were found on the Brownsville raptor survey route 12/27 (JFI). A healthy population of 142 **Bald Eagles** were found along a 3-day Linn Co raptor survey (JFI). A pair of Bald Eagles S of Philomath tried to land on a treetop, but were harassed by 2 **Red-tailed Hawks** until they flew away 1/22 (VS). A new high count of 4 **Red-shouldered Hawks** was reached on the Kings Valley raptor survey route 12/31 (JFI). A possible dark-morph Swainson's Hawk was in the Airlie vicinity 1/14, but more likely it was a very similar-looking dark-morph **Rough-legged Hawk** with white around the bill (JV).



Single calling **Virginia Rails** were heard at Jackson-Frazier Wetland 1/14 (HH) and 1/20 (HH, OH). 348 **American Coots** were found in the TWG/SP area on the A-A CBC 1/5 (JFI, PS). 1 **Sandhill Crane** was in a pasture at Bellfountain & Greenberry Rd 1/18.

3 **Black-bellied Plovers** and 4 **Dunlin** were hanging out with 56 **Killdeer** near Halsey 1/23 (DE). There were 24 **Long-billed Dowitchers** at Ankeny 1/19 (TJ). 4 **Least Sandpipers** and 3 **Wilson's Snipes** were in the TWG/SP area on the A-A CBC 1/5 (JFI, PS),

A tremendous flock of about 2,150 gulls was along Hwy 34 between I-5 and Lebanon 1/13 (DR). Within the flock were the more expected species such as 110 **Mew Gulls**, 900 **Herring Gulls**, and 750 **Glaucous-winged Gulls**, as well as hundreds of unidentified gulls. But there were also 8 **Western Gulls**, 2 **California Gulls**, 40 **Ring-billed Gulls**, 50 **Thayer's Gulls** and 1 **Glaucous Gull**. An enigmatic **large white gull** reported from the Halsey area 1/20 may have been a Glaucous Gull (JFI).

171 **Rock Pigeons**, 141 **Mourning Doves**, and a new high of 235 **Eurasian Collared-Doves** were counted on the A-A CBC 1/5.

2 **Barn Owls** were recorded S of Monmouth for the A-A CBC 1/5 (ML), and 1 **Northern Pygmy-Owl** and 4 **Northern Saw-whet Owls** were found in McDonald Forest (LM, DB). 1 **Burrowing Owl** was still being seen in Linn Co 12/27 (JFI, BA). 4 **Short-eared Owls** emerged at dusk along Bruce Rd at Finley 12/31 (HH, OH). 4 **Barred Owls** and 7 **Great Horned Owls** were recorded for the A-A CBC 1/5. A single **Western Screech-Owl** was also detected that day in the Palestine/LSNA area (JG, MG).

Male **Anna's Hummingbirds** were beginning to display more frequently this period, as their early breeding season begins. An odd hummingbird with a seemingly short tail, white flanks and other characteristics of a Costa's Hummingbird turned up at a Corvallis feeder 1/9 (HB). Despite these features, his gorget and bill were not too unusual for a male Anna's, and he wasn't reported again.

11 **Belted Kingfishers** were found on the A-A CBC 1/5.

A **Lewis's Woodpecker** was seen at a regular spot near Ankeny 1/19 (TJ). **Acorn Woodpeckers** near Timberhill Natural Area were active on 12/31, flying around and calling, and checking out holes in trees (CO).

13 **Red-breasted Sapsuckers**, 50 **Downy**

**Woodpeckers**, 10 **Hairy Woodpeckers** and 3 **Pileated Woodpeckers** were counted on the A-A CBC 1/5. A "Yellow-shafted" **Northern Flicker** or a "Red-shafted" x "Yellow-shafted" hybrid was in a yard near Ankeny this period (CH).

Over 3 days of raptor surveys in Linn Co at the end of the period, an amazing 179 **American Kestrels** were counted (JFI). Although **Merlins** were reported frequently, 3 were found on the Brownsville raptor survey route on 12/27 (JFI, BA). 2 **Peregrine Falcons** were sighted at Finley 1/11, and one chased a Bald Eagle briefly (MM). There were several reports of **Prairie Falcons** this period, with 1 near Brownsville 12/27 (JFI, BA) and 12/30 (SS), one near Finley 12/29 (DR), and more in Linn Co 1/21 (JFI) and in the last week of the period (DE). Several of these reports may be of the same bird.

4 **Black Phoebes** were calling at EEW 12/21 (JG).

A **Northern Shrike** was hunting at EEW 12/31 (BP), and another was at Ankeny 1/19 (TJ). An adult **Loggerhead Shrike** was a rare find along Twin Buttes Rd in Linn Co 1/7 (DR); only a few are reported from W of the Cascades annually. A large chickadee-kinglet flock in McDonald Forest contained 2 **Hutton's Vireos** 1/13 (JG).

A family of 4 **Gray Jays** were foraging along a mountain bike trail in McDonald Forest 1/13 (JG). 135 **Steller's Jays** and 402 **Western Scrub-Jays** were found on the A-A CBC 1/5. An affectionate pair of American Crows gently preened one another in SE Corvallis 1/20 (LM). Several **Common Ravens** were noted around Corvallis this period, and one dove into a field and pounced on a vole along Campus Way 1/19 (LM, DB).

Amazingly, a few swallows were found this period; they somehow find enough food to get by. A **Barn Swallow** with unusually white underparts that flew out of a shed at EEW 1/1 could possibly have been the Eurasian subspecies (JG). 3 **Tree Swallows** were also noted at Ankeny 1/19 (TJ).

45 endemic "Streaked" **Horned Larks** shared a field with American Pipits SE of Peoria in Linn Co 1/7 (DR).

This period, male **Black-capped Chickadees** began to sing daily. The A-A CBC recorded 89 **Chestnut-backed Chickadees**. A female **White-breasted Nuthatch** was observed to be staying around a male at a bird feeding station in Albany (JSm).

## Corvallis Christmas Bird Count Results – December 21, 2013

Species	1A	1B	1C	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Fdr	Totals	Historic High	Counts seen
Gr. White-fronted Goose											13					13	122	31
Snow Goose											1					1	39	27
Canada Goose (lg. form)		170		5		36	32		1,459		2450	50	172	22		4396	38623	9
Cackling Goose	80	144		1075		125	2910	1329	390		31000	300	80	26		37459	43351	9
Can/Cac Goose, sp.										3080						3080	78141	52
Trumpeter Swan									2							2	5	8
Tundra Swan					191				2		391					584	1313	44
Wood Duck	1				9	5			1	1	14					31	518	49
Gadwall						2			14		8			1		25	31	41
Eurasian Wigeon						3			1		5					9	8	31
American Wigeon		8		70		255	30		292		4734		5			5394	15630	51
Mallard	1	50		30		143	46	4	16		5818	2				6110	40627	51
Northern Shoveler				150		65			3		49		669	6		942	1317	48
Northern Pintail											3312					3312	25475	50
Green-winged Teal				1		7			9		9550			7		9574	21309	51
Eurasian (Common) Teal													cw			cw	2	3
Canvasback		1				1			58				4			64	104	22
Redhead									1				2			3	5	7
Ring-necked Duck		15		24		30	2		72		315		50	4		512	2743	41
Greater Scaup									2							2	8	12
Lesser Scaup		3							3				1			7	488	39
Bufflehead				12		6			4		5		47			74	206	42
Common Goldeneye									3							3	11	21
Hooded Merganser	1					2	6		13		1					23	49	39
Common Merganser				8		2			5	1	1					17	196	39
Ruddy Duck				6					1		22		37			66	448	41
Duck, sp.									12							12	442	6
Wild Turkey	6	1		1									11	1		20	135	15
Mountain Quail													8			8	17	23
California Quail	1					10	5		1	11	12	12	9	30		91	560	51
Pied-billed Grebe		2		2		5			12							21	135	44
D-c Cormorant				25	1	24	1	5	6	2	1					65	565	31
Great Blue Heron	2	1		6	1	8	2	3	4	2	11	1		1		42	100	51
Great Egret				4		3			1	2						10	18	23
White-tailed Kite											2		1			3	13	34
Bald Eagle	1			10	42	9	5	3	5	3	7		1			86	87	38
Ad./Im.						7 & 2												
Northern Harrier	1	1		8	21	13	1	1	9	3	18	5	3	2		86	135	51
Sharp-shinned Hawk							1		1					1		3	22	49
Cooper's Hawk	2					1	2				1					6	14	48
Accipiter, sp		1	1					1				1				4	3	4
Red-shouldered Hawk		1					2			1	3		2	2		11	9	9
Red-tailed Hawk	7	5		15	15	23	11	6	29	12	11	3	4	10		151	273	51
- Harlan's					1											1	1	3
Rough-legged Hawk				1		2			7		2			1		13	47	47
Golden Eagle											cw					cw	2	7
American Kestrel	4	6		6	16	17	6	6	19	6	4	5	10	7		112	170	51
Merlin	1					1	1					1				4	10	31
Peregrine Falcon				1		1			1							3	6	21
Virginia Rail											3					3	5	13
American Coot						10			744		44		5			803	1924	50
Killdeer	2			12		2	40	1	12			1	4	38		112	10728	51
Least Sandpiper									1							1	80	14
Dunlin									1		1					2	2937?	47
Wilson's Snipe							1		4					5		10	829	51
California Gull						3										3	335	29
Herring Gull						28										28	210	14
Thayer's Gull						6										6	1	4
Glaucous-winged Gull				3		33										36	188	25
Glauc.-wing. x Western Gull						3										3	1	3
Gull, sp.		2														2	241	21
Rock Pigeon	3	6			10	14	10		5							48	750	39
Mourning Dove				9		3	23		18	1	4	25	15			98	496	51
Eurasian Collared Dove	5	13	1	9		22	12		23	18		6	9	2		120	58	5
Barn Owl							2				3					5	13	43
W. Screech-Owl	1															1	6	30
Great Horned Owl	2	6				1	4	1	6	2	3					25	21	48
Northern Pygmy-Owl											1					1	3	26
Barred Owl									1							1	1	7
Short-eared Owl									2		4					6	29	39
N. Saw-whet Owl	1															1	6	22
Anna's Hummingbird	3	2				2	8		1			3	7	2	5	33	59	38
Belted Kingfisher		1		2		7	2	1	7		1					21	22	51
Lewis' Woodpecker									1							1	68	27
Acorn Woodpecker	8	1		1	7	6	39		7	12	4	6	10	6		107	112	51
Red-breasted Sapsucker	1					1			2				1	3	1	9	29	51
Downy Woodpecker	6			1	1	10	9	1	3	1			3	3	1	39	358	51
Hairy Woodpecker						2	1	1	1	1	3			1		10	16	46
Northern Flicker, red-s.	17	11	3	11	8	31	37	12	18	13	10	7	6	17	3	204	427	52
Pileated Woodpecker						1					1			3	2	7	11	44

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Black Phoebe						1	1	2						1		5	13	13
Hutton's Vireo							2				4					6	19	39
Steller's Jay	11	6	4	10		4	13		17	20	21	4	19	11	1	141	379	51
Western Scrub-Jay	31	24	17	43	11	45	128	5	36	22	15	27	20	14	8	446	675	51
American Crow	1	170	12	9	2	11	535	10	36	1		20	276	3	4	1090	2491	52
Common Raven		1			17	31	5	1	12	29	5			3	3	107	158	47
Horned Lark						2			23	1						26	315	40
Bl.-capped Chickadee	58	48	13	15	12	71	431	28	39	14	14	17	15	19	10	804	879	52
Ch.-backed Chickadee	2					7			2		5		10	2	1	29	362	50
Bushtit		10	26	30		75	215	46	12		16				10	440	554	51
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2		1			6			2		1		3	6	1	22	120	51
White-breasted Nuthatch	5	2		1	3	6	21	1	5	6	2	2	2	1		57	99	52
Brown Creeper	1	2	2		1	5	7	1			6			3		28	50	52
Bewick's Wren	2		2	3		5	8	5	7	2	7	1		5		47	153	50
Pacific Wren	8				1	1	4	3	1					11		38	129	52
Marsh Wren	1	3				3	5				15			2		29	30	41
Golden-crowned Kinglet	16	2		4	2	20	308	13	14	1	28	2		36		446	908	52
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	7	2	3	1		5	19	6	7	1	12	1		7		71	346	51
Western Bluebird	15			10		10	17	4		39	26	17		41		179	440	48
Hermit Thrush	3					1					1				2	7	46	42
American Robin	77	85	21	261	43	24	1397	98	89	37	5	21	30	170	4	2362	9386	51
Varied Thrush	8	1	1				17	1		2		3	5	7	3	48	356	50
Wrentit	3						2									5	30	27
European Starling	155	1033	41	1475	46	552	1410	145	432	979	98	200	453	147	140	7306	99683	51
American Pipit						41	50		1		40					132	1581	51
Cedar Waxwing			9				7		1							17	346?	49
Orange-crowned Warbler						1										1	7	21
Yellow-rumped Warbler	7		8	1			105			7	11			4	5	148	334	50
- Audubon									4							4	151	27
- Myrtle		8		1					1							10	93	27
Townsend's Warbler	2			1			9								2	14	96	46
Common Yellowthroat											1					1	1	3
Spotted Towhee	29	13	1	9	1	21	54	9	23	13	11	15	26	14	7	246	451	52
Savannah Sparrow						10			51		3					64	542	46
Fox Sparrow	11	1		7		16	16	1	3	1	15	1	5	5	5	87	422	51
Song Sparrow	19	21	1	19	2	106	67	23	18	3	49	9	9	29	2	377	1418	52
Lincoln's Sparrow	1					1	3				6					11	71	42
Swamp Sparrow											1					1	9	13
White-throated Sparrow	4					2	2		1					1		10	30	45
White-crowned Sparrow	1	2		26	15	27	26	2	39	9	6	5	31		3	192	539	51
Golden-crowned Sparrow	16	4		16	20	45	156	3	28	11	30	19	42	9	9	408	990	51
Dark-eyed Junco	82	58	32	41	15	120	792	36	99	106	107	57	148	274	53	2020	3518	52
- slate-colored		19?															9	8
Sparrow, sp.			1													1	1	1
Lapland Longspur									1							1	13	6
Red-winged Blackbird	3	36				41	65	1	490		3	2		1		642	23111	51
Western Meadowlark						8			8		6					22	892	52
Brewer's Blackbird		90		162	60	9	11	13	140		11	2		18		516	8735	52
Brown-headed Cowbird									2							2	320	41
Purple Finch	1	1							2	1						5	104	49
House Finch	2	17	13	38		16	126	1	16	1	8	10	7	3	3	261	739	49
Lesser Goldfinch	10	9	9	24		3	37				1	6				99	110	36
American Goldfinch	2					1	22		3		1		1			30	367	50
Evening Grosbeak											1					1	247	29
House Sparrow	2	30		51		22	40	10	6	1	2	13				177	614	51
<b>Total birds</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>2130</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>3754</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>2540</b>	<b>9403</b>	<b>1843</b>	<b>4986</b>	<b>4479</b>	<b>58445</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>2287</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>93404</b>		
<b>Total Species</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>130</b>	
Scoops	1					4			8		8		1					
Hours Foot	7	8.5	3.5	1.5	1.75	7	1	5	6	5	4	3.8		5		59.05		
Hours Car	1	1.5		7	4.75	5		3.5	4.8	4.5	2	5	7.5	4		50.55		
Hours Bicycle						9										9		
Hours Kayak						3.5										3.5		
Miles Foot	7.5	4.55	5.3	0.5	0.3	5	0.5	4	4	3.5	3.5	2.25		6		46.9		
Miles Car	27	20		30	35	41		28.7	22.3	23	42	20	44	44		377		
Miles Bicycle						43										43		
Miles Kayak						2										2		
Hours Owling	0.25						2									2.25		
Miles Owling	0.1						10									10.1		
Hours Feeder	1														16.5	17.5		
Parties Feeder	1														7	8		
# Participants	2	3	2	2	1	3	4	3	4	2	4	4	3	2		38		
# Parties	2	1	1	1	3	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	1		21		

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Species	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Fdr 1	Fdr 2	Fdr 3	Total
Pied-billed Grebe													3			2	9					14
Double-crested Cormorant												4	12		1	8	25	2				52
Great Blue Heron			1	3		5	6	6	1	2	3		4	1			8	13				53
Great Egret																1		3				4
Tundra Swan							45											36				81
Trumpeter Swan							3	5														8
Canada Goose			18	205		154	88	42	634		100	45		111		147	615					2159
Cackling Goose			60	200			110		2		30		62	50		40	258	8460				9272
Canada/Cackling Goose			9		9		30							9								57
Snow Goose																		5				5
Greater White-fronted Goose																		63				63
Wood Duck		2														5	24					31
Green-winged Teal						14	645	14			1		7				13	743				1437
Mallard			1	35		16	123	8	13	4	8	31	15		14		124	990				1382
Northern Pintail				2			16						2				6	305				331
Northern Shoveler						3	14						1				7	31				56
Gadwall																	24					24
American Wigeon				10		2	12	3		1					55	85	257	65				490
Canvasback																	13	5				18
Ring-necked Duck		1		3		23	28	10			25				6		49	16				161
Lesser Scaup									9		2						3	9				23
Bufflehead						2					2						47	27				78
Hooded Merganser		4					1				8				2			18				33
Common Merganser							17											1				18
Ruddy Duck																	10	49				59
Turkey Vulture											1											1
Bald Eagle - total		2	1	3					2		3		1	3		1	4	8				28
Bald Eagle - ad		2	1	2							2		1	2		1	2	4				17
Bald Eagle - imm				1							1			1			2	4				9
Northern Harrier				5		1	8	5	1	1	4		1				4	7				37
Sharp-shinned Hawk			2	3						1				1				2				9
Cooper's Hawk						1							1	1								3
Red-shouldered Hawk				5		2					2					1		1				11
Red-tailed Hawk	1	7	4	18		4	11	17	12	9	13		3	6		8	18	21			1	153
Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk																					1	1
Rough-legged Hawk				2			2	2			2											8
American Kestrel	1	3	2	4		2	13	9	6	4	8			1		5	8	14				80
Merlin				2						1	1						2	1				7
hawk sp.							1															1
Wild Turkey		1					3															4
California Quail		8					1	19			22		1	1		12	12					76
American Coot				2						1							348	78				429
Virginia Rail				1														2				1
Killdeer			1	21		7	112	66	5	2	415					5	72	32				738
Least Sandpiper																	4					4
Dunlin											5							114				119
Long-billed Dowitcher																	10					10
Wilson's Snipe	1		1			3		5			1						3	1				15
Mew Gull																		1				1
California Gull						2																2
Herring Gull				1														2				3
Thayer's Gull						5																5
Glaucous-winged Gull				107		93						3	1	1			15	55				275
gull sp.				6														1				7
Rock Pigeon									24			10					84	53				171
Mourning Dove				2			1	9	6		4	1		1		2	4	111				141
Eurasian Collared-Dove			2		2		2	36	27							24	134	8				235
Short-eared Owl								2										1				3
Barn Owl																					2	2
Western Screech-Owl											1											1
Great Horned Owl				1							4		2									7
Barred Owl	1		2								1											4
Northern Pygmy-Owl			1																			1
Northern Saw-whet Owl			4																			4
Anna's Hummingbird		2	4						3	2		1		2			4	2	1	2		23
Belted Kingfisher		1						4					2				2	2				11
Acorn Woodpecker			2	2		3		1	5		3			1		1	3	4		3	2	30
Red-breasted Sapsucker	1	5	3	1							2					1						13

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Species	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Fdr 1	Fdr 2	Fdr 3	Total
Downy Woodpecker		4		13		1	1	1	3	4	4		10	2		1	2	4				50
Hairy Woodpecker		3				1					1		2			1	1	1				10
Northern Flicker	2	8	12	22		7	20	15	10	6	13		9	19		8	17	16		1		185
Pileated Woodpecker		2						1														3
Black Phoebe							1									1	1					3
Steller's Jay	7	34	13	4			7	21	5	5	9		9	2		3	12		3	1		135
Western Scrub-Jay	3	22	22	17	12	19	14	33	46	9	43	9	6	30		64	27	19	2	5		402
Gray Jay		2																				2
American Crow		5	4	42		135	94	66	116		33	3	2	10		80	8	5				603
Common Raven	5	6	3	6			26	14	1	1	68											130
Black-capped Chickadee	81	80	45	35	6	30	4	12	18	4	35	8	24	24		27	18	17		5		473
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	7	72	5								5											89
Bushtit			1	2			12			45				75			55	5			4	199
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	15	11	1						1	2			8			1					41
White-breasted Nuthatch	2			1		2		1			2			7			2	3		2		22
Brown Creeper	5	8						2	1	1	2		5	1		1	2	3		1		32
Bewick's Wren	1	8	4	11		9	4	5	3	3	4		1	3		1	2	3				62
Pacific Wren	6	42				2	1	2	3	2	1		3	2				1				65
Marsh Wren				1					1								3	1				6
Golden-crowned Kinglet	40	510	25	8	1	3		14	6	2	10		6	23			8	7				663
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	26	13	2	5		7	3	1	1	3	3		2	7		1	16	6				96
Western Bluebird			8			2	46	14			1			7				4				82
Hermit Thrush	2	3	1	2		2	1	1						4		1						17
American Robin	27	157	137	168	25	72	384	79	78	10	112	31	47	74		176	93	21		2		1693
Varied Thrush		4	1	3								1					2	2		2		15
Wrentit	4	2		16	1	2					1											26
American Pipit				10		1												9			40	60
Cedar Waxwing														1								1
European Starling	100	191	124	2168		355	935	900	728	1	795	139	36	181		140	536	367		3		7699
Hutton's Vireo		2						1										1				4
Yellow-rumped Warbler		8	3	15	1	2	19	4			8			10		2	17	3		2		94
Townsend's Warbler			1									2	5	2			2					12
Spotted Towhee	7	19	5	33	12	43	13	19	16	10	15	1	4	27		16	5	12	2	6		265
Savannah Sparrow				1						6												7
Fox Sparrow	3	4	11	37	26	19	15	19	21	7	6	1	6	6		10	7	2	4	2		206
Song Sparrow	16	65		58	38	44	17	133	49	109	44		5	52		42	55	72	1			800
Lincoln's Sparrow				1		2	1	7	1	4	3						9	5				33
Golden-crowned Sparrow	5	43	15	124	37	50	54	135	61	185	26		3	18		105	28	38				927
White-crowned Sparrow		1		156		9	16	72	19	15	41		4	1		28	3	45		2		412
White-throated Sparrow		1	1	3		1		1		1			2			1	1			1		13
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	13	157	74	403		56	79	216	140	480	250			148		230	87	55	20	22		2430
Red-winged Blackbird			4	162	50	94	32	325	67	175	128	20	24			24	52	166				1323
Western Meadowlark				3		5											9	3			12	32
Brewer's Blackbird		1	358		61	50	125	4	36	60						42	112	163				1012
Brown-headed Cowbird				27				1										32				60
Purple Finch				1		2						1										4
House Finch		10	20		10	7	1	2	27		12			8		12	6	1		2		118
Lesser Goldfinch		3	6				1	6			3	2					6			2		29
American Goldfinch																	2					2
House Sparrow				8	14			21	7		23			10		48	26					157
<b>Individuals</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>1551</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>4573</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>1389</b>	<b>3138</b>	<b>2535</b>	<b>2182</b>	<b>1153</b>	<b>2438</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1267</b>	<b>2992</b>	<b>13075</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>39413</b>
<b>Species</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>112</b>
Car HR	0		1.15	1.5	0		6.5	7	4	1	0.75	1.5		5	0	6	4.5	6				44.9
Car MI	0		43	14	0		40	61	56.4	12	21	36		28.5	0.5	46	54	35				447.4
Foot HR	5		8	8	1		2.5	2.5	6	5	1.75	6.5		3	0	2	5	3				59.25
Foot MI	2		1	7	2		1.5	1	3	8	3.5	8.5		1	0	2	3	2				45.5
Bike MI	8.4	35		4																		47.4
Bike HR		9.25		1																		10.25
Nocturnal HR		2.5																				2.5
Nocturnal MI		5																				5
Feeder HR																			2	4	1	7



65 **Pacific Wrens** and 6 **Marsh Wrens** were found on the A-A CBC 1/5. Male **Bewick's Wrens** began to sing their loud, clear songs every morning this period.

663 **Golden-crowned Kinglets** and 96 **Ruby-crowned Kinglets** were found on the A-A CBC 1/5.

Nest boxes are boosting numbers of **Western Bluebirds** in the A-A CBC count area; 82 were counted on 1/5. A **Townsend's Solitaire** was found at EEW 1/22 (HB), and the next day one was reported from OSU (DEd, WH). There were 17 **Hermit Thrushes**, 1693 **American Robins** and 15 **Varied Thrushes** on the A-A CBC 1/5.

A flock of about 330 **American Pipits** SE of Peoria in Linn Co contained 1 **Lapland Longspur** and a likely but unconfirmed McCown's Longspur 1/7 (DR) The McCown's would be one of just a handful of Oregon records.

An overwintering **Orange-crowned Warbler** was noted throughout the period in Peoria (GM). The famous **Yellow-throated Warbler** from the Ankeny area continued to attract dozens of birders as it faithfully visited its favorite suet feeder in Charlotte Hottmann's yard. A small flock of **Yellow-rumped Warblers** foraged on the ground with Western Bluebirds along Philomath Blvd throughout the period (LM). 12 **Townsend's Warblers** were found on the A-A CBC 1/5.

265 **Spotted Towhees** and 206 **Fox Sparrows** were found on the A-A CBC 1/5, but just 7 **Savannah Sparrows** were counted. 1 overwintering **Chipping Sparrow** was found NW of Crabtree 1/13 (DR). An estimated 120 **Song Sparrows** of several subspecies filled a young tree plantation at LSNA 12/29 (JG). **Swamp Sparrows** were found with some regularity at EEW, with 2 there 1/10, and 1 was at Jackson-Frazier Wetland 1/14 (HH). 33 **Lincoln's Sparrows**, 927 **Golden-crowned Sparrows**, 412 **White-crowned Sparrows** and 13 **White-throated Sparrows** were found on the A-A CBC 1/5. An unusual **junco** with light-colored eyes showed up in Sodaville (SE of Lebanon) 1/5 (KH). It's most likely a Dark-eyed Junco with unusual pigmentation.

More than a dozen **Western Meadowlarks** continued along Campus Way at OSU this period. 1,323 **Red-winged** and 1,012 **Brewer's Blackbirds** were found on the A-A CBC 1/5. Some sizable flocks of **Brown-headed Cowbirds** were also noted, with 27 at EEW (JFa, KFa) and 32 at Ankeny (JJ, MBS, AMM).

Overall finch numbers are low, with the exception of **House Finches** and **Lesser Goldfinches**. A grand total

of 4 **Purple Finches** were found on the A-A CBC 1/5, and just 2 **American Goldfinches** (although more were hanging around in Corvallis suburbs). One lonely **Pine Siskin** was reported at Peoria with some regularity (GM). A flock of **Red Crossbills** called as they flew over SW Corvallis 12/30 (LM); 3 were at Marys Peak 12/28 (HH) and 8 were noted near McDonald Forest 1/3 (DR),

Please post your reports to [midvalleybirding.org](http://midvalleybirding.org), send them to [lisaaves@peak.org](mailto:lisaaves@peak.org), or leave a message at 541-753-7689 by 2/27/14.

- Lisa Millbank

## Atop the Nest Box

The 2014 Annual Bluebird Workshop will be held at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center on Saturday, March 1st from 1:00 – 3:30 pm. Our meeting room will be in the Willamette Conference Center. If you know of any conservation organizations, student groups, friends or family members who may be interested in learning about bluebirds, please suggest to them that they (or their representative) attend our workshop. We had a very engaged group of attendees last year and everyone enjoyed themselves. This year should be just as fun and informative.

*Raylene Gordin*

## Corvallis CBC Results

The final results for the Dec. 21, 2013 Corvallis Christmas Bird Count are available in this month's CHAT. A few corrections need to be made to the count summary, which was printed last month. The total number of species seen was 122 – the report of a Cinnamon Teal turned out to be a recording error. One additional species, Golden Eagle, was seen during count week circling over Pigeon Butte at Finley NWR.

### CBC Area Key

- 1A Oak Creek; NW Corvallis (west of 36th St and Witham Hill Drive, North of Walnut)
- 1B NE Corvallis (east of 9th St. and north of Circle)
- 1C Central Residential Corvallis, including main OSU campus
- 2 Orleans (Tangent Dr. to Riverside Dr.)
- 3 Oakville
- 4 Peoria
- 5 SW Corvallis, Neabeck Hill
- 6 S. Corvallis
- 7 Airport
- 8 Greenberry
- 9 Finley, Eureka Rd.
- 10 N. Philomath, West Hills
- 11 S. Philomath, Evergreen
- 12 Beaver Cr.

*Marcia Cutler*

## Airlie-Albany CBC Results

The Airlie-Albany CBC found 112 species January 5. This is the third-lowest in the 15 years of this count. Also, the number of individual birds was barely above half what was found last year. Almost as many birding parties went afield (13 this year, 15 last) although there were fewer sets of eyes (23 people this year, 32 last). The circle includes Ankeny refuge, E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, and lands west of the Willamette River from north Corvallis to almost Monmouth. As noted by others, the only species new for this count was TURKEY VULTURE, and it was spotted by the most junior of all the participants! Nothing exceptionally noteworthy was found. Numbers of EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE (235), which occurred on the count for the first time 3 years ago, nearly tripled from last year, while MOURNING DOVE numbers (141) were barely one-third of last year's total. A new high for BARRED OWL (4) was reached, partly due to a vigorous owling effort by Lisa Millbank, Don Boucher, and Joel Geier. That also resulted in 1 NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL, 4 SAW-WHET, WESTERN SCREECH and GREAT HORNED. Others found BARN OWL and SHORT-EARED OWL. Significant misses were Eurasian Wigeon, Spotted Sandpiper, Peregrine Falcon, Ring-necked Pheasant, Ring-billed Gull, and Pine Siskin.

### CBC Area Key

- 1 Dunn Forest—Randy & Pam Comeleo
  - 2 McDonald Forest—Don Boucher & Lisa Millbank
  - 3 West and East Lewisburg—Jed Irvine, Julia Howard
  - 4 EE Wilson N.—Jim & Karan Fairchild
  - 5 Adair & EE Wilson SE—Adamus
  - 6 Adair RR tracks—Bob Altman
  - 7 Coffin Butte; Airlie, Tampico—Marcia Cutler & Nancy Clarke
  - 8 Elkins; Mitchell, Helmick State Park—Grant & Karen Hoyt
  - 9 American Bottom & Parker—Jeff Earls
  - 10 N. Luckiamute—Bruce Dugger & Becky Garrett
  - 11 Palestine, Oak Hill, Vanderpool Tract—Joel Geier, Martha Geier
  - 12 Central Albany—Suzanne Ortiz & John Criscitiello
  - 13 Northwest Albany & Kenagy property—Suzanne Ortiz & John Criscitiello
  - 14 North Albany—Bev Clark, Mary Garrard, Anne Smith
  - 15 Thornton Lake (mostly frozen)—Paul Adamus
  - 16 South Albany—Paul Adamus
  - 17 Connor; Dever; Simpson Park—Jeff Fleischer, Paul Sullivan
  - 18 Ankeny NWR—Jarod Jebousek, Matt Blakeley-Smith; Anne Mary Myers
- Fdr 1 Adair feeder—Wil Geier

Fdr 2 North Albany feeder—Robin Corcoran

Fdr 3 South Monmouth—Mike Lippsmeyer

*Paul Adamus and Joel Geier*

## Winter Wings Festival

Our friends with Klamath Basin Audubon will host their annual wildlife festival for birders and wildlife photographers February 13-17. For information on the full range of field trips, speakers, workshops and mini-sessions go to the website at: [winterwingsfest.org](http://winterwingsfest.org). Key field trip leaders and presenters this year include Bird Watcher's Digest editor Bill Thompson III, raptor expert Brian Sullivan, Canon Photographer and author Rick Sammons, and self-described "Birdchick" Sharon Stiteler. Most field trips filled early, but there are many events, exhibits and learning opportunities still open.

*Teri Engbring*

## Generous Person Opens Home to Birders

Many birding enthusiasts have visited Ankeny Wildlife Refuge, and since December of last year, to see one bird in particular; a Yellow-throated Warbler. After dozens of bird watchers had mobbed the area, which includes residences bordering the refuge, complaints from homeowners emerged. Fortunately, a solution was presented from a home-owner. Charlotte Hottmann, who lives close to the area frequented by the bird, found that her special brand of home-made suet drew the warbler like a magnet. She offered to open her yard to birders on certain days at certain times, and all the visitors would park their cars in a large gravel area at the bottom of the hill.

In addition to putting out trays of cookies and bottles of water, Charlotte has even provided rides up the hill. I believe Charlotte's guest list is well over 100 now, and people continue to visit to see the bird. For her generosity, many have delivered presents as well as thanks. Corvallis Audubon donated a 20 lb. sack of sunflower seed and some suet cakes. This is a small reward for all she has done. Many thanks go to Charlotte, and may others follow the same spirit she exhibits.

*ASC Board*

## Chat Books

I love birds. They have been part of my life since my beginning. I just published a digital book about how to draw and watercolor birds, *Bird Basics*. I have been teaching how to draw birds for over 30 years. You can find my book in most stores, or check out [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or [BarnesandNoble.com](http://BarnesandNoble.com). I do this because I love birds. If I can be of any help, contact me at: [bornowskimail@gmail.com](mailto:bornowskimail@gmail.com).

*Mark Bornowski*

# Board Meeting Summary

## ASC Meeting

At their January 2014 Meeting:

1. The Board passed a motion to donate \$250 to join the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition.
2. The Board voted unanimously in favor of becoming a Supporting Partner to Backyard Bird Habitat program in Benton County.
3. Board members also approved a motion to join National Wildlife Federation's "Certify Your Backyard" for the Hesthavn Nature Center. \$50 was allotted for the one-time fee to National Wildlife Federation, who sponsors the program & for a plaque documenting the dedication of Hesthavn to providing wildlife habitat.
4. \$50 was approved as a donation to the Oregon Bird Recording Committee.

The February Board meeting will be held at Chris & Kate Mathews' house at 3336 SW Willamette St. on February 13th at 7pm.

*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.

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*Suzanne Ortiz*

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- Feb. 8 Field Trip to Ankeny NWR
- Feb.13 ASC Board Mtg. 7:00 pm at Chris & Kate Mathews' house:3336 SW Willamette St.
- Feb. 20 General Meeting, 7:00 pm at church
- Feb. 27 Chat & Field Notes submissions due



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