



THE CHAT

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ASC General Meeting

**Third Thursdays at
Chintimini Senior Ctr:
2601 NW Tyler Ave (& 27th) in Corvallis
Next Meeting:
Thurs., Dec. 21, 7-8:30 pm**

December 2017 Program

Annual Members Photo Show

December's ASC meeting is Member Slide Night. Select your best nature photos to share with the group at the Dec. 21 meeting. Photos should be nature-themed, i.e. any interesting, beautiful or fun photo(s) of birds, other animals, plants, nature scenes, etc. are welcome. Bring about 20 of your favorites, along with accompanying stories. Plan your presentation to be 5 minutes or less.

Bring your slides to the meeting on a flash drive. (You can email them to Bill Proebsting in advance, if you wish.) Plan to arrive around 6:30 pm so that we can load your files on our laptop. From past experience, presentations work best if the photos are incorporated into PowerPoint. It is simple to set up and works better at the meeting.

If you have physical (film) slides, please bring your own projector.

Doors open at 6:30 pm for refreshments and visiting. The chapter meeting commences at 7:00 pm, with member slides beginning at 7:30 or soon after. Questions can be directed to me at proebstw@gmail.com. We hope to see you on December 21.

Next Month's Speaker:

January 18: Peter Kappes, Ice Baby (Penguins!): Investigating how sea ice influences reproductive success and population dynamics of Adelie Penguins breeding on Ross Island, Antarctica

Bill Proebsting, Vice Pres. & Program Chair, proebstw@gmail.com



ASC General Meetings

**Third Thursdays at
Chintimini Senior Ctr:
September – May
2601 NW Tyler Ave (&
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Field Trip Schedule

Our Saturday morning local field trips meet the second Saturday from September through June at the Benton Center (756 NW Polk) parking area, behind the Samaritan Square Buildings, Corvallis at 7:30 am. This field trip is free and geared towards beginning birders, birders new to Oregon's mid-valley area and persons looking for a pleasant outing. Contact Bill Proebsting at proebstw@gmail.com or 541-752-0108

with questions. Check the ASC Facebook page or the Willamette Valley ListServ, 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.

Next trip. December 9, Talking Waters/Simpson Park, Albany.

Bill Proebsting



This Barred Owl was photographed in 2009 by Todd Brown near 31st and Jackson in Corvallis.

Get to Know Your Neighbirds!

A new column by Ed Volunteer Kat Perlman

This month, let's get to know one of the Willamette Valley's new(er) avian residents—the barred owl! You've likely encountered these big beauties during bird walks at Finley, at Chintimini Wildlife Center, or in your own backyard. Native to the eastern United States, this Strigidae family member has traveled west over the past century, showing up in Oregon sometime in the early 1970s. Barred owls have taken a liking to the varied habitats of western Oregon, and have increasingly interacted over the past few decades with native species such as the northern spotted owl. Despite being cousins, these two species compete extensively for space and food—and barred owls tend to have the upper hand.

Barred owls utilize a broad diet including small mammals, amphibians and reptiles, invertebrates, and even bats. They can live in a variety of habitat types, from old growth groves to urban parks, and in rela-

tively close quarters with other barred owls. They do, however, actively defend their territories—usually in pairs—preventing weaker, less confrontational birds like spotted owls from establishing nests. Barred owls also enjoy high survival rates, and can lay up to four eggs each nesting season. This is one hardy bird! The long-term effects of this intrepid owl on the Oregon landscape are not yet known, but one thing is certain—barred owls love the Pacific Northwest, and we will be seeing them around for a long time to come. Keep your eyes and ears open!

Kat Perlman

OSU MS Geography

President's Corner

The Evolutionary Significance of Wire Bird Feeders

Through their studies on Darwin's finches in the Galapagos, Peter and Rosemary Grant famously showed that natural selection can operate over the time course of a single generation, in response to climate changes that affect available food supplies. A recent paper in *Science* (M. Bosse and 14 coauthors, October 20 issue) shows that human activities have comparable effects. The authors studied the Great Tit, a common European songbird in the same family as chickadees and titmice. Regional variations in the gene for collagen, a structural protein, showed a correlation with beak length. Beaks from birds in Britain were significantly longer than beaks from birds in mainland Europe, a difference seen with museum specimens extending over many years.

The authors noted that residents of the United Kingdom spend twice as much on birdseed as do residents of the entire remainder of Europe, and they concluded that the greater beak length of European birds is an adaptation allowing more efficient capture of birdseed in wire bird feeders. The authors conclude, "Combining large-scale genomic and ecological data in natural populations will substantially enhance our

understanding of both the mechanistic basis and evolutionary consequences of natural selection." What would Darwin think?

Chris Mathews, ASC President

2017 Corvallis CBC on Dec 19

Thanks to all who have told me they will participate in the field for the Corvallis Christmas Bird Count on Tuesday, December 19th.

Backyard bird counters are still needed and a great way to join us from the comfort of your own home. I can always use as many people as are willing to participate. The main requirement is that you live within the Count Circle – for Benton Co. this is roughly between Finley NWR on the south, Chip Ross Park, Jackson-Frazier Wetlands and Garden Ave. on the north and Daisy Loop (in Mary's River Estates), Hwy 34, Decker Rd and parts of Starr Cr. Rd on the west. For Linn Co. areas between Hwy 34 and Peoria, extending east to about McLagan and Hinck Rd. may be in the circle. A map of the circle can be found at the ASC website under Bird Counts.

Backyard or Feeder counting is easy, you can do it when and for how long you wish on the date of the count. Just e-mail me your results. While I would like to know ahead of time if you plan to count, I've often gratefully received results from counters who didn't decide until the day of the count that they would do it. While I will be sending out advance instructions on how to count to people who notify me in advance, these instructions can also be found on the ASC website under Bird Counts.

See last month's CHAT for further details.

If you are interested in participating, or would like further information, I can be reached at marciafcutler@comcast.net. and my contact information is at the back of the Chat.

Marcia F. Cutler, Christmas Bird Count Coordinator

Education News

Thanks to Mitchells for Hesthavn program

Thanks to volunteers Valerie and Dale Mitchell for designing and leading a wonderful program on Migration for several families and happy guests at Hesthavn last month. Thanks, also, to other volunteers who stopped by in support of their teammates.

Teri Engbring, Education Team

Winter Wildlife Field Day 2018

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the fourth annual Winter Wildlife Field Day at Finley on

Saturday, March 10, 2018! Many folks will be needed for the big event, which drew 450 participants last year. Please contact Teri Engbring at ASC meetings or via email (on back of CHAT) to volunteer. Thanks to the 20 team members already on board and preparing for the big event.

Teri Engbring, ASC Education Team

Hesthavn News

ASC owns, and our volunteers manage, the Hesthavn Nature Center at 8590 Oak Creek Drive. Our 5.75 acres of meadows, plantings, forest and creek are full of wild-life from deer and bats to chickadees and jays. It is also laced with easy trails and picnic tables the community is welcome to enjoy. Please take care, especially in removing your trash, and treat our natural and enhanced facilities with care so we can all enjoy them for generations to come.

From downtown Corvallis, it's only about five minutes past Bald Hill Farm if you keep heading west on Harrison, which becomes Oak Creek Drive after the light at 53rd.

And if you have a little time and interest in working in Nature to help us maintain a beautiful wild place, please contact our Hesthavn Chair, Ray Drapek, at raydrapek@gmail.com, to volunteer.

Field Notes

10/25/17-11/23/17

Weather on the mid-Willamette Valley floor continued to be wet but mostly mild. On 31 Oct temperatures dipped below freezing in some areas, enough to leave a thin skin of ice on birdbaths in south Albany and in the Coast Range west of Alsea. However the light frost had little impact on plants on the valley floor. On 4 Nov a riverbank lupine (*Lupinus rivularis*) that was still blooming at E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area attracted a visit by a bumblebee. Frost was noted again on the valley floor around Corvallis 7 Nov, but still not so severe as to damage local gardens. The rest of the period was mostly rainy but above freezing. On occasions when the clouds cleared, a blanket of snow could be seen on Marys Peak and down to middle elevations in the Cascades.

Abbreviations and locations: NWR = National Wildlife Refuge, STP = sewage treatment ponds, WA = wildlife area. E.E. Wilson WA is north of Corvallis. Jackson-Frazier Wetlands is in north Corvallis near Chel-delin Middle School. Kester Pond is along De Armond Rd. north of the Camp Adair Rifle Range. Luckiamute

State Natural Area is along the Willamette River northwest of Albany. Philomath STP is south of Philomath and requires access permission. Teloh-Calapooia Park is in south Albany near Linn-Benton Community College, Talking Water Gardens are in NE Albany. Cabell Marsh, McFadden Marsh, and North Prairie are locations at Finley NWR.

Observations

A young **Snow Goose** swam alongside **Cackling Geese**, "**Taverner's**" and "**Western**" **Canada Geese**, plus many **Mallards**, **Northern Pintails**, **Northern Shovelers**, and **Green-winged Teal** on Cabell Marsh 26 Oct (Howard Bruner). Three **Snow Geese** were there 5 Nov (Erik Knight). A pair of **Wood Ducks** swam on a pond north of the Homer Campbell boardwalk at Finley NWR 23 Nov (Julie Gibson).

A **Blue-winged Teal** continued along with two lingering **Cinnamon Teal** at Philomath STP through 27 Oct, and a **Cinnamon Teal** drake was still there 14 Nov (Hendrik Herlyn). 200 **American Wigeons** and two **Gadwall** were at Talking Water Gardens 26 Oct; a **Eurasian Wigeon** was with them 30 Oct (Paul Adamus) and on 14 Nov when four more **Cinnamon Teal** were also present (Kaplan Yalcin). Prior to the late 1990s, Cinnamon Teal were rarely seen in our area after fall migration, but since then small numbers have regularly stayed through the winter, often at wastewater facilities that receive relatively warm inflows from municipal or industrial sources.

Diving ducks on a flooded former gravel quarry off Eicher Rd. e. of Albany 26 Oct included seven **Canvasbacks** plus larger numbers of **Lesser Scaup**, **Ring-necked Ducks**, **Buffleheads**, and **Ruddy Ducks** (Paul Adamus). A female **Long-tailed Duck** visited Philomath STP 11-13 Nov (Hendrik Herlyn; Peter Kappes) but was gone by 14 Nov when the flock included a male **Redhead** and 40 **Canvasbacks** (Hendrik Herlyn). 40 **Hooded Mergansers** were on the Knoll Terrace STP near Lewisburg 8 Nov (Paul Adamus). A **Common Goldeneye** was on Wendell Kreder Reservoir w. of Buena Vista 14 Nov (Bill Tice).

Tundra Swans began to arrive near Halsey by 30 Oct, and 105 were there 9 Nov (Delores Porch). 60 were on McFadden Marsh on 31 Oct (Howard Bruner) and a total of 185 were on Cabell and McFadden Marshes 23 Nov (Julie Gibson). Eight **Tundra Swans** turned up on Kester Pond 8 Nov (Paul Adamus); two still there 15 Nov were joined by two **Trumpeter Swans**.

"Forest chickens" on Prairie Peak near the Lane/Benton county line 25 Oct included nine **Mountain Quail**, a **Ruffed Grouse**, and two **Sooty Grouse** (Hendrik Herlyn, Oscar Harper). Seven **Mountain Quail** flushed from cover on a snowy Marys Peak 19 Nov (Howard



Ring-billed Gull photo by Matt Lee

Bruner).

Eight **Western Grebes** were on the quarry pond off Eicher Rd. 26 Oct (Paul Adamus). An **Eared Grebe** napped on the Adair Village STP 12 Nov.

By 17 Nov upward of 150 **Mourning Doves** gathered in the south part of E.E. Wilson WA, around fields that where staff and volunteers planted forage crops last spring. At least 25 gathered near Teloh-Calapooia Park by 23 Nov (Jim Smith).

Resident Anna's Hummingbirds continued to be seen at local feeders. A female or immature *Selasphorus* (**Rufous** or **Allen's**) **Hummingbird** visited a NE Corvallis feeder 25 Oct (Lisa Millbank, Don Boucher).

A **Virginia Rail** continued along with many **American Coots** at Talking Water Gardens 26 Oct (Paul Adamus). Several **Virginia Rails** called at Jackson-Frazier Wetland 10 Nov (Don Boucher, Lisa Millbank).

A **Black-bellied Plover** was in a wet field near McFadden Marsh 12 Nov (Hendrik Herlyn). On 21 Nov a **Pacific Golden-Plover** foraged alongside **Killdeer** and **Dunlin** in a muddy field along Fayetteville Dr. just w. of Shedd (Ben Phalan, Mary Anne Phalan), continuing through the period.

Five **dowitchers** were at Cabell Marsh 25 Oct (Howard Bruner). A **Red-necked Phalarope** circled over Philomath STP 27 Oct (Hendrik Herlyn).

Two **Bonaparte's Gulls** and a **Ring-billed Gull** were at the quarry pond off Eicher Rd. 26 Oct (Paul Adamus). Two **Mew Gulls** were at Waverly Park in Albany 30 Oct (Paul Adamus). A **Heermann's Gull** turned up at Philomath STP 1 Nov (Vickie Buck; Howard Bruner). By the evening of 13 Nov, about 150 **gulls** were using Waverly Pond as a nocturnal roost (Mary Garrard).

Double-crested Cormorants were seen regularly along the Willamette River and nearby roosting sites from mid-Oct onward. A flock of 23 **American White Pelicans** American flew south over Oakville Rd. w. of Tangent 19 Nov and were later seen flying in the op-

posite direction near Cabell Marsh (Chris Hinkle; Pam Otley); three flew north over the Philomath STP 22 Nov (Hendrik Herlyn).

Many **Great Blue Herons** and a few **Great Egrets** were seen in area wetlands and fields throughout the period.

A lingering **Turkey Vulture** fed on a dead **Nutria** near Luckiamute SNA 20 Nov (Kirk Lewis).

A juvenile **White-tailed Kite** was along Livermore Rd. just n. of Baskett Slough NWR 7 Nov (Frank Kolwicz). A lingering **Osprey** dove for fish at Foster Reservoir 22 Nov (Scott Gremel). Seven **Bald Eagles** were in fields near the traditional winter roost sw. of Tangent 8 Nov (Delores Porch).

Hundreds of **Cedar Waxwings** drawn to viburnum berries in NE Corvallis in turn drew the attention of local **Cooper's Hawks** in late Oct; by mid-Nov **Sharp-shinned Hawks** were also regularly hunting hundreds of **Pine Siskins** and other songbirds in the neighborhood (Lisa Millbank).

Red-shouldered Hawks were seen regularly at Finley NWR, the Philomath STP, and E.E. Wilson WA. Numbers of **Red-tailed Hawks** continued to increase as more wintering birds arrived in the valley. A "**Harlan's**" **Red-tailed Hawk** continued at Mike & Karen Lippsmeyer's farm s. of Independence 5 Nov, taking advantage of an abundance of voles. A **Rough-legged Hawk** was e. of Airlie 8 Nov (Paul Adamus). A first-winter **Rough-legged Hawk** drew alarm calls from **Western Meadowlarks** as it flew over a field e. of Adair Village 12 Nov. These lanky, arctic-nesting hawks focus almost entirely on voles and other small rodents while wintering in our area, and rarely hunt birds, but perhaps the meadowlarks didn't realize that. Two more **Rough-legged Hawks** were sw. of Tangent 14-18 Nov (Roy Gerig; Lars Norgren).

Great Horned Owls continued to vocalize throughout the period, as part of the pair-bonding process leading up to their late-winter nesting season. A dead **Barred Owl** along Camp Adair Rd. 1 Nov was at least the fifth one to be killed by vehicles around E.E. Wilson WA in the past three years. One still alive called on Witham Hill 15 Nov (Julie Gibson).

Two **Short-eared Owls** emerged from their daytime roost at North Prairie at sunset on 12 Nov (Hendrik Herlyn). Three hunted there alongside 12 **Northern Harriers** at dusk on 19 Nov (Pam Otley). A **Burrowing Owl** continued sw. of Tangent 23 Nov (Roy Gerig).

A **Lewis's Woodpecker** continued in oaks west of the Ray Bentley overlook at Finley NWR through 29 Oct (Linnaea Basden; Isaac Denzer). On 19 Nov another was in oaks with mistletoe near McFadden Marsh (Pam Otley).

A **Red-breasted Sapsucker** and **Downy Woodpeck-**



Short-eared Owl photo by Matt Lee

er were among the highlights of a Naturalist Adventure in Avery Park 20 Nov (Don Boucher).

A **Merlin** hunted over NE Corvallis 24-25 Oct and on 16 Nov one perched near Village Green Park (Lisa Millbank; Don Boucher). **Peregrine Falcons** were seen near Halsey 26 Oct, over NE Corvallis 16 Nov (Don Boucher) and frequently around waterfowl concentrations at Finley NWR and the Philomath STP.

A **Prairie Falcon** flew over open fields just east of Corvallis near the Trysting Tree golf course 28 Oct (Jeff Fleischer). One was in the Fayetteville area s. of there 31 Oct (Roy Gerig). One was farther west between Hwy 99W and Finley NWR 3 Nov (Mary Rose Kent).

A **Say's Phoebe** at Finley NWR headquarters 30 Oct was chased off by a **Black Phoebe** (Kaplan Yalcin). Another **Say's Phoebe** was on the south side of Ward Butte off Manning Rd. sw. of Lebanon on 15 Nov (Roy Gerig). While Say's Phoebes are only seen as migrants or wintering birds in our area, Black Phoebes have become a year-round presence since expanding their range northward from California in recent decades.

A **Northern Shrike** was along Livermore Rd. just n. of Baskett Slough NWR from 30 Oct through 7 Nov (Frank Kolwicz). Another (immature) was along Haley Rd. s. of Independence 7 Nov. Another continued to be seen at Philomath STP through the period. One more was at the North Prairie 12 Nov (Hendrik Herlyn). On 23 Nov Mike Lippsmeyer had the rare treat of hearing one sing near his place s. of Independence.

Reports of **Horned Larks** continued to be scant. Apart from a flock of 15 along Davis Rd. 30 Oct (Tom Gilg), there were only two other reports in the mid-valley area during the period, near Halsey and Brownsville, totaling just four larks.

A late **Barn Swallow** perched in e. Albany 30 Oct (Paul Adamus). A **Common Raven** rode blustery winds over a snow-covered Marys Peak 19 Nov (Howard Bruner). A **Mountain Chickadee** was heard on Prairie Peak just s. of the Lane/Benton county line 25 Oct (Hendrik

Herlyn).

Songbirds encountered during a Naturalist Adventure in Avery Park 20 Nov included **Red-breasted Nuthatches, Brown Creepers, Golden-crowned Kinglets, and Ruby-crowned Kinglets** (Don Boucher). A **Pacific Wren** skulked in a thicket, sheltering from the wind on Marys Peak 19 Nov (Howard Bruner).

Western Bluebirds were reported in good numbers through the period. A flock in the south unit of Luckiamute SNA 22 Nov chattered sociably as they foraged in mistletoe clumps, high up in the oaks. Several **Varied Thrushes** foraged under trees in Avery Park 19 Nov (Catherine Otto, Don Boucher).

Wintering flocks of **American Pipits** were widespread in area fields by 25 Oct when several called in flight over NE Corvallis (Lisa Millbank).

Large flocks of **Pine Siskins** and **American Goldfinches** continued to show up in Corvallis, contrasting with low numbers last winter. As these finches flock to feeders, it's good to watch out for listless birds that may be infected with salmonellosis. By 17 Nov Lisa Millbank noticed at least one goldfinch and one siskin that were apparently affected, visiting NE Corvallis feeders; she notes that in order to reduce risk of contagion, it's wise to sanitize your feeders and birdbaths frequently, and not to let seed and droppings accumulate under feeders.

A lingering **Orange-crowned Warbler** skulked in a dense hazel/blackberry thicket in the nw. part of E.E. Wilson WA 13 Nov. As of 23 Nov **Yellow-rumped Warblers** were scarce at suet feeders near Teloh-Calapooia Park (Jim Smith), perhaps because the mostly mild temperatures allowed them to easily find insects in trees and other vegetation throughout the area. Two **Townsend's Warblers** were in young ponderosa pines in Avery Park 20 Nov (Naturalist Adventure, Don Boucher).

An unusual sparrow associating with **Savannah Sparrows** at Philomath STP 20 Nov had more limited streaking on the underside (Virginia Stanton). This may have been a migrant from a subspecies that nests in the intermontane region of western North America, which can be strikingly brighter with more limited streaking on the underside than most local Savannah Sparrows.

A **Swamp Sparrow** called in the s. end of E.E. Wilson WA 12 Nov. Another called from a backwater slough along the north trail in Luckiamute SNA 20 Nov, along with many **Sooty Fox Sparrows** and **Song Sparrows**. Lincoln's Sparrows were reported regularly from grassy habitats throughout the period.

Along with more numerous wintering flocks of **Dark-eyed Juncos, White-crowned Sparrows** and **Golden-crowned Sparrows, White-throated Spar-**

rows were reported from numerous locations including Luckiamute SNA, E.E. Wilson WA, Finley NWR and Teloh-Calapooia Park.

Two birds with a small flock of **House Sparrows** in the Starker Arts Garden for Education 19 Dec were noticeably different. Based on Julie Gibson's description of a small black bib under a white chin and yellowish background, one or both were likely **Dickcissels**. This midwestern species is rare in the west, but several were found along the Oregon and NW California coast last month; birds found out-of-range are often associated with House Sparrows.

Western Meadowlarks were seen with increasing frequency in local fields and prairies. Most of these are migratory flocks that nest farther inland, but spend winter in the Willamette Valley.

A **Ringneck Snake** found dead along Stapleton Rd. s. of Independence on the morning of 18 Nov must have been killed overnight, which was very surprising considering the cold, foggy conditions (Mike Lippsmeyer).

A **Mink** swam and ran along a trail at Talking Water Gardens 10 Nov (Andrea and Greg Foster). A **Gray Fox** left tracks and scat in a NE Corvallis yard 25 Oct (Lisa Millbank); another dashed across Harrison Blvd. below Witham Hill open space early on 22 Nov (Julie Gibson).

While checking a screech-owl nest box sw. of Philomath 29 Oct, Jim Fairchild found six **Humboldt's Flying Squirrels** that were napping inside. The Naturalist Adventure in Avery Park 20 Nov encountered three species of squirrel: **Townsend's Chipmunk, Douglas Squirrel, and Western Gray Squirrel** (Don Boucher).

Next month: Local Christmas Bird Counts in Corvallis 19 Dec, in Brownsville 26 Dec, and Airlie-Albany 31 Dec offer chances to get outside and find more of the amazing variety of birds that winter in our area. Please post your observations to the Mid-Valley birding list at midvalleybirding.org, e-mail them to me at joel.geier@peak.org, send by post to 38566 Hwy 99W Corvallis 97330, or call (541) 745-5821 by 28 Dec.

Note from Our Raffle Table

New and Used Book Sale

The Book and Raffle table will be featuring many new and used books for just \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00 at our December meeting. It's time to gather books for those long winter evenings or to give as gifts so take a good look at the selection. It is necessary to reduce our inventory to make space for new titles. And, we'll have a good supply of ASC tote bags on hand for holiday gift giving.

Sally Shaw

Board Meeting Summary

Summary of Minutes from November 9th, 2017 Meeting of the Board of Directors

Programs in progress:

- Hesthavn upkeep & improvement
- Sponsorship of Willamette Valley Bird Symposium - January 27th
- Annual Winter Wildlife Field Day preparation - in March
- Christmas Bird Count - December 19th
- Internship program development for Finley Refuge & ASC
- Amy Schoener Bequest project development

The next Board Meeting will be at 7 pm, December 14th, at Natural Grocers, 1235 NW 10th St.

Linda Campbell, Secretary

Open Board Meetings

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

Membership Corner

Membership Chair Notes

We want to extend our thanks to all of our members who have participated in the 2017 Annual Appeal. Our annual fundraising campaign runs through December so there is still plenty of time to make a donation, renew your membership or give a gift membership for the holiday season.

We appreciate the many ways that our members support ASC, from the time you donate as volunteers, to your contributions and participation in our fieldtrips, events and attendance at our lecture series.

You may have noticed that the November CHAT address labels had incorrect dates for membership expirations. We are working with a new vendor and the printing company has apologized for the date mix-up and is working to resolve the format problem.

Welcome New Members!

John and Ann Filson

Membership Renewal

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

Email Notifications Regarding Weather Conditions

We encourage members to contact Karan Fairchild to get on the ASC listserve in order to receive emergency email notifications about meeting cancellations related to weather conditions, updated information about ASC events, fieldtrip locations and volunteer work parties. Send an email to our listserve administrator, Karan Fairchild, and request to be added to the listserve: alderspr@peak.org

Have You Changed Your Contact Information?

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

Suzanne Ortiz, ASC Membership Chair

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Audubon Society of Corvallis

Calendar

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| Dec 9 | Field Trip to Talking Waters/Simpson Park, Albany |
| Dec 14 | ASC Board meeting, 7 pm at Natural Grocers |
| Dec 19 | Corvallis Christmas Bird Count |
| Dec 21 | ASC General Meeting at Chintimini Sr Ctr |
| Dec 28 | Field Notes submissions due |
| Dec 28 | January CHAT stories due |
| Jan 13 | Field Trip, location TBD |

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