



THE CHAT

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Due to the global Coronavirus pandemic, all ASC planned in-person programs and meetings through March, 2021 have been cancelled or postponed. But we are safely continuing on line. For the latest info, please visit our website at auduboncorvallis.org.

<https://auduboncorvallis.org/>



ASC General Meeting (webinar via Zoom)

January 21, 2021 at 7 pm

Randy Comeleo, Update on the Benton County Predator Control Program
The Benton County Agriculture and Wildlife Protection Program ([AWPP](#)), is a collaboration between farmers, wildlife conservationists, and county government to foster the coexistence of agriculture and wildlife.

Longtime ASC members Randy and Pam Comeleo co-founded the program in 2017 to encourage the proactive use of non-lethal animal damage deterrents to protect livestock, crops, and property. The AWPP funds education and consultation services and a grant program for the purchase of livestock guardian animals, electric fencing, visual and acoustic scare devices, protective housing, and flow devices such as beaver pond levelers. Randy, who currently serves as an advisor to the county program, will describe the motivations for creating the program, its scientific underpinnings, non-lethal methods and their effectiveness, and ongoing efforts to promote coexistence with wildlife. Learn more about the program at co.benton.or.us/awpp or read the 2017-2019 Program Summary Report [here](#).



Future Meetings:

February 18 - Todd Katzner, Raptor Migration and Tracking

March 18 - James Sumich, Marine Mammals

April 15 - Steve Perakis, Forest Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Studies

May 20 - Matt Lee/Sue Powell/Carla Olson/Mark Baldwin- Birding in Kenya

Worth Mathewson, on Natural History of the Band-tailed Pigeon, will join us if we are able to meet in person later this year.

If you have questions or suggestions for future speakers please contact me at audubon.corvallis@gmail.com.

Mark Baldwin, Vice President & Program Chair

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Our Website Connects You

Do you remember an article you read in a past Chat newsletter that you wish you could read again? No worries, all issues since April 2003 are in PDF format and ready to download. Check the ASC website link and enjoy these time-honored oldies.

Sue Powell, [ASC Website](#)

Check out our latest Backyard Spotlights, questions, photos and exciting bird sightings: at Audubon Society of Corvallis or tag us on [Facebook@corvallisaudubon](#).

Want to see an inspiring video about Corvallis Audubon by our teenage board member, Kai Frueh? See it on ASC's [Facebook page!](#)

Kai Frueh and Nancy DeMasi, ASC Facebook
Or check us out on Instagram: [@auduboncorvallis](#).

Christina Linkem, ASC Instagram

Presidents Corner

Biden and the “30 by '30” Initiative

President-elect Joe Biden has endorsed the “30 by '30” initiative, which seeks to protect 30% of both land and water area by the year 2030. This is a global initiative, with other countries also aiming to protect 30% of their land and water, but Biden is of course, looking at what to do here in the U.S. Currently 26% of our oceans have some level of protection, thanks in large part to designations by George W. Bush of several large Marine National Monuments. The tally on land is much lower - only 12%, a long way from 30%, but involving a lot of land that people care deeply about.

How might Biden achieve protection of another 18% of the country's land, an area more than twice the size of Texas? Surveys show that most Americans support land conservation. Experience shows, however, that top-down actions can backfire. Witness President Clinton's designation of National Monuments in Utah, an action that surprised many people near the new monuments and caused widespread resentment, eventually leading to large reductions in the areas covered by the monuments. In some cases, it's more productive to work with people who live near an area of interest - perhaps through state and local governments - to achieve something tolerable by both sides. This might mean stopping development but still allowing grazing, or by limiting most logging but allowing some for fire safety. As with any compromise, no one will come away completely satisfied, and there will always be a few who are intransigently opposed to any deal, but we can still make significant headway on conservation goals.

In addition, modern conservation focuses on linking together land parcels in various stages of protection, from completely protected wilderness to partially protected federal lands to private land covered by long- or short-term conservation easements. The latter will be especially important in the eastern US, where almost all land is privately owned; conservation programs, even with the backing of the federal government, won't be able to purchase more than a small fraction. Conservation easements, and payments from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (now funded at \$900 million per year) can work to prevent development.

All of these approaches will be needed to achieve lasting protection for the land. Let's get to work.

Dave Mellinger, Co-President

ASC Needs Key Volunteers

How would you like to contribute your skills and precious time to help us protect our environment and inspire our neighbors as a key volunteer with the Audubon Society of Corvallis?

This all volunteer, nonprofit group needs leaders to fill 3 key positions in the next six months. They are: 1) vice president and program chair, 2) Education Chair (or co-chairs), and 3) Christmas Bird Count Compiler. The time and skills required vary. Please step up now to help this dedicated team of local citizens supporting birds, wildlife and conservation. Details on the positions follow. The sooner you are on board, the more time we'll have to train and transition.

If you have questions or can help us out, please contact the current volunteer in the job (as noted on the next to last page of the CHAT) or email us at audubon.corvallis@gmail.com.

Vice-President and Program Chair

Mark Baldwin has served the last two years as ASC vice president and program chair. His term expires in May and he is not able to continue beyond that date. The chapter cannot function without a program chair and Mark has done a great job. It would benefit all to get a replacement on board now to allow plenty of time

for transition and training while Mark is still here. Full list of duties of the position include:

1. Assist the President in carrying out duties and preside at meetings President cannot attend.
2. Programs:
 - a. Select 9 programs/speakers per year (Sept-May) on a wide variety of topics for varied interests of our membership. These include travelogues as well as programs on bird behavior, mammals, butterflies and other fauna, flora, habitat protection and more.
 - b. Solicit program suggestions from members.
3. Coordinate with venue for 9 monthly meetings:
 - a. Schedule meeting dates and times with venue.
 - b. Should a new venue be required, locate new venue options and explore rates and availability. This information must be submitted to the Board for approval.
 - c. Arrange for payment of rental fees.
 - d. Arrange for seating, tables, microphones, screens and other items required for programs.
 - e. Host event and introduce program speakers.
 - f. Provide program information to the ASC Chat, Webmaster and other media.
 - g. Make arrangements for meetings of the Board.
4. Have custody of the ASC video projector and laptop, update as required and make sure that they remain in good working order.
5. Virtual meetings are currently hosted on Zoom as webinars.
 - a. Host and record meetings. Ensure that virtual speakers are able to project/share their screens and be heard by attendees.
 - b. Host and record Board meetings.
 - c. Maintain mailing lists so all members can be invited to attend each webinar.
 - d. Monitor recordings of general meetings and Board meetings and make sure they

are available for later review (recordings of programs for everyone, recordings of Board meetings for Board members until official meeting minutes have been approved).

Education Team Coordinator(s)/Chair

Teri Engbring has coordinated the ASC Education Team for the past 6 years, but will be leaving in late April. We need one or two folks (as co-chairs) to continue supporting this successful program, especially as we emerge from the pandemic in 2021 to resume our outreach and education efforts. It's an opportunity to lead an important environmental effort.

The Education Chairperson coordinates communications between the wider public (who frequently ask for our help) and our volunteer team. Other Ed volunteers also take on significant leadership roles, such as Event Manager (also described below); which Mikaela Lea did so well with the recent Coloring Contest and Phyllis Bailey continues to do for Backyard Spotlight. The Education Team tries to meet at the beginning of each year to decide our priorities, and share what we each can do in the year ahead.

What Does the Education Team Coordinator do?

1. Responds to requests from community for ASC event participation and Ed volunteers
2. Notify volunteers of event/education opportunities via email and recruit teams
3. Recruits, orients new volunteers throughout year, including event managers
4. Works with event managers to develop curriculum and manage event logistics
5. Write up and post events in CHAT and on ASC Website and Facebook page and other sites
6. Approve Ed budget and expenditures and report to board on education team results
7. Coordinate development and delivery of key messages to the community for our education programs and outreach, such as our current theme, *Connect with Nature*

What Does an Event Manager Do for ASC Education?

1. Communicate with the Organization, sponsoring the event to ascertain:

- a. Event title, theme, date, time (including setup and breakdown), location and parking information
 - b. Identify Tables, chairs and space to be provided to ASC and what we need to bring
2. Identify ASC volunteers, and coordinate their schedule and event logistics as a team
 3. What are key event messages? (Theirs and ours)
 4. What curriculum or program will we use?
 5. Decide and manage materials, supplies, activities and equipment we bring and how to get them
 6. Make sure volunteers follow through on their commitments before and during event

CBC Compiler

As noted in the December CHAT, due to the pandemic, this year's CBC was cancelled, which gave us a little more time to get help. The CBC has been held every year since 1962, and is a significant example of citizen science. The Corvallis CBC is traditionally held on the Tuesday before Christmas.

We have been trying to fill this position for months, but no one has yet stepped up to fill the now vacant position. We will include a full job description in the February CHAT, but basically this is a once-a-year event where the compiler coordinates teams of birders (most of whom have done it for many years) in assigned geographic areas within our count circle, and compiles the results of their one-day observations and counts. The program is in December. So, it's a significant role without year-round responsibilities.

Please step up now to help this dedicated team of local citizens supporting birds, wildlife and conservation.

Teri Engbring

Education News Bird Coloring Contest Success

Our first Connect with Nature Bird Coloring Contest was a hit with 50 entries by artists of all ages from 11 months to 60+ years old! Congratulations to the

Contest volunteer team, and especially to project leader, Mikaela Lea, for creating a safe, fun and creative program in the middle of a pandemic!

The contest dramatically increased the number of views to our website as participants explored the site and downloaded the four drawings (Pileated Woodpecker, American Goldfinch, American Kestrel and Wood Duck). Once they chose a drawing to color, they also responded to the question, "What do you like about this bird?" All but 2 of the contestants were from right here in Benton County, but we also had unexpected contributing artists from North Carolina and New Jersey! We hope to do it again next year but get the contest information out sooner and more broadly in our community. Liz suggested we begin now to gather donations of small prizes for the next group of winning artists, such as art supplies and laminated bird field guides if anyone cares to donate.

See for yourself: This year's 6 winning entries were shown in the ASC Annual Member slide show at the December meeting, and are now featured on the ASC website.

Congratulations and thanks to the artists, and 6 dynamic project volunteer team led by Mikaela Lea. Everybody helped with planning and decision making. Dodie Wilson, Dale Mitchell and Mai Kiigemagi took on the tough job of selecting 6 winners from 50 beautiful entries. Liz Hogan helped with everything from getting the documents translated for Spanish speakers in our community to promotion and prize gathering. Dale designed the Certificate of Artistic Merit for all participants that Mai personalized them with her calligraphy skills. These were mailed out in mid-December along with Wildlife Explorer patches as a gift from ASC. Thanks too, to John Strocchio and Ricardo De Ycaza for Spanish translations, and Roberta Sperling for donating some prizes.

Thanks as well to our very supportive partners at the Corvallis Office Depot/Office Max store. Store Manager Layla Montes gave us a display table in their print center all month so anyone who didn't have access to a printer could still participate. Her kind staff made extra copies as needed, and encouraged visitors to get creative and connect with Nature. It was a great opportunity for us to share ASC information in a safe public environment during the quarantine.

If you'd like to help the team develop other virtual programs in 2021 that are fun, creative and safe ways to learn and Connect with Nature, please contact us at asc.educationteam@gmail.com.

The winning drawings can be seen on the Corvallis Audubon website at auduboncorvallis.org

Teri Engbring, ASC Education Team

Backyard Spotlight

Marcia's Backyard

Photos by Marcia Culter



Evening Grosbeaks and American Robins eating hawthorn berries

Because my neighborhood has a rat problem, I've moved from bird feeders to plantings that are attractive to birds. The most successful in my yard are: A non-native Hawthorn tree (not the one that is invasive and seen in various open areas and uncultivated fields). The berries on this tree ripen between November and December, usually after the first frost, though the birds were very early this year. Most common are Robins and Cedar Waxwings, along

with smaller squirrels. But other birds, such as Juncos, Chickadees and Scrub Jays may also partake. Red-hot Poker plant (*Kniphofia*, sp). Attracts Cedar Waxwings and hummingbirds.



Cedar Waxwing feeding on Red-hot Poker nectar

Some sort of crab-apple or crab-cherry (is there such a thing?). It attracts Robins, Cedar Waxwings and possibly other birds (the tree is hard to see from my windows). The pictures with the immature Cedar Waxwings show the berries of this tree.



Cedar Waxwings eating crabapples

Marcia Cutler

Gardening for Birds: Audubon Plants for Birds Program

In 2014, under the aegis of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, Molly Monroe, Stacey Moore and others coordinated a successful effort to certify Corvallis as a National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat. For a city the size of Corvallis, 200 homes, 6 common areas and 5 schools had to meet habitat

criteria. These goals were quickly met and exceeded, resulting in the recognition for Corvallis. Since then, it has become even more imperative that we garden in a more bird-friendly style. Habitat destruction, invasive species, insect declines, climate change and more are causing significant declines in bird populations.

The National Wildlife Federation's program is perhaps the best known. It is simple to self-certify (nwf.org/CertifiedWildlifeHabitat) and purchase your registration and a sign for display on your property.

The National Audubon Society has established a Plants for Birds (audubon.org/plantsforbirds) program to promote the use of native plants to develop more productive habitat in communities around the nation. The centerpiece of the website is a database of native plants that you can filter by locale, so one can generate a list of local native plants to use at home.

Besides planting resources, the website provides support for people who want to advocate for native plants in their communities. They have monthly webinars, so-called Online Advocacy Training, and an Advocacy Manual, designed to help "plan, manage and win" a campaign for an environmental issue. Perhaps readers can picture themselves in this role and help promote native plants in Corvallis or on an even wider scale. If so, I urge you to get involved in this important area of activism.

My personal preference is building and maintaining gardens. One of my big projects has been at the First United Methodist Church on Monroe Ave where I have developed what I call the Methodist Prairie. It is an isolated, exposed site for birds. As a result, I have thought of it as mainly benefiting hummingbirds and bees. However, with time, and now with water which I will describe in the future, it has attracted more bird species (Fig. 1).



Figure 1 Lesser Goldfinch

With the advent of water and at the urging of church staff, I finally certified this garden with the National Wildlife Federation and also purchased a sign from the Audubon Plants for Birds project (Fig. 2). Our hope is to spread the word to passersby and eventually see more gardens spring up around Corvallis, thereby continuing to improve urban habitat. We need to recruit every yard we can. Recall the Dr. Seuss story, when I say that “we need every Who in Whoville.”



Figure 2

Bill Proebsting

Thanks to Edward Benson

ASC recently received a generous and unexpected memorial donation of \$8,800 from the Estate of Edward Benson. In a year of drastically reduced revenues, it is especially appreciated. We invite anyone who would like to share a remembrance of Mr. Benson, to email it to Teri at chateditors@gmail.com by January 28, 2021 so we can share it. Thanks.

Teri Engbring

Hesthavn News

Honoring the Amazing Bluebird Lady

Volunteers Kate Matthews, Dodie Wilson, and Sue Powell are busy creating an exhibit for the Hesthavn

Nature Center that honors ASC's Bluebird Lady, Elsie Elzroth. In the 1970s, Elsie noticed that only six pairs of Western Bluebirds, a species once common in the Willamette Valley, nested in Benton County. She had the passion, curiosity, and persistence to do something about it.

Elsie created the Bluebird Trail, a collection of nest boxes built, erected, and monitored by volunteers in Benton and Linn counties. The information gathered helped prove that a lack of nesting cavities was the major reason for the decline in the Western Bluebird population in our area. Now there are nearly 400 nest boxes, and the population has increased dramatically and appears sustainable for the future.



Thanks to a generous donation from Elsie Elzroth's estate after her death, and the gift of a display case from the Benton County Historical Society, the Bluebird Trail exhibit is taking shape. Photo by Sue Powell

Sue Powell

Work Parties

Due to latest Covid restrictions, Hesthavn work parties are cancelled for the time being. Check the ASC website for up to the minute info.

Ray Drapek, Hesthavn Chair

Our Trails Are Still Open to Enjoy Nature

Hesthavn's trails and outdoor facilities are still open to our guests during daylight hours, as long as you observe social distancing and wear a mask if you are within 6 feet of others.

Directions to Hesthavn

8590 NW Oak Creek Drive, Corvallis. Take Harrison west from downtown Corvallis; after you cross 53rd, it becomes Oak Creek Drive. Pass Bald Hill farm and follow the brown signs for 'Nature Center.' Hesthavn will be on your left shortly before the end of Oak Creek Dr.

Airlie/Albany CBC Is Still ON

Airlie/Albany: This year's count is Sunday, January 3, 2021 using modified protocols. If new COVID orders are issued before then, please check this site for updated information. No fee is required to participate. The count includes the E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, Luckiamute State Natural Area, Helmick State Park, and most of the city of Albany. It also extends to parts of the Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge, McDonald-Dunn Forest, and the Lewisburg area. See the map at the link below. For details, contact Paul Adamus (541) 231-3095, adamus7@comcast.net; Joel Geier (541) 745-5821, joel.geier@peak.org.

[Airlie / Albany CBC Map](#)

Paul Adamus

Field Trip Schedule

Second Saturday Field Trips Are CANCELLED Until Further Notice

We'll be back out there with groups as soon as it is safe to do so. Take Care!

Check the ASC website and CHAT for updates.

Duncan Evered & Caryn Stoess

Weekend Field Trips

2021 Extended Field Trips Will Not Occur Unless Pandemic Situation is Resolved

ASC's multi-day field trips ordinarily entail long stretches of riding enclosed in passenger vans. This is definitely taboo until Covid-19 has been defeated. If it becomes safe, we will try to find venues and transportation, so that we may enjoy birding together in Oregon. Stay tuned on our website. Suggestions are welcome.

Fred Ramsey, Weekend Field Trips Chair

Community Notes

Young Birders Network

The Young Birders Network connects young birders from around the world to share their interests in birds and birding. A project of Black Swamp Bird Observatory in collaboration with a team of young birders, the Young Birders Network (YBN) provides a safe space across many digital platforms for young birders to communicate, with the opportunity to learn from the many resources and opportunities. Find information about young birders clubs, camps, scholarships, and other resources for youths interested in birds and birding.

The three main focus areas – Young Birders Clubs, Young Birders Camps, and Careers with Birds – will act as jumping-off points from which anyone can get involved in local bird-related projects, or if birding feels like your life's work, you can learn how to find a job working among birds. From this website, young birders can also access Facebook and Instagram accounts where you will find a number of engaging young birders' stories, bird ID quizzes, and more.

The Young Birders Network is proudly led by an outstanding group of teens from across the world with support from fantastic adult advisors. YBN hopes young birders around the world will use this one-of-a-kind website, continue to enjoy finding and studying birds, and become better protectors and

promoters of birds worldwide. For more information, please visit youngbirdersnetwork.org/about. You can “meet” some of the outstanding leadership members of the Young Birders Network at youngbirdersnetwork.org/leadership

Kai Frueh

Finley Visitor Concerns Shared

ASC Vice President Mark Baldwin got this response from Finley Refuge Wildlife Biologist Brian Root:
Thanks very much for reaching out to us about recent incidents of refuge rules violations observed by you and other ASC members.

Refuge visitation has increased substantially during the coronavirus pandemic, and with it the numbers of rules violation incidents. Many of our visitors are unaware that these are Federal wildlife refuges, but instead consider them to be ‘parks,’ just like all the other state, county, and municipal parks they frequent. Our refuge signage is purposefully toned down in quantity / size / color to be less obtrusive, and this too exacerbates the tendency of modern society to ignore regulation signs! Our approach is not to write a lot of tickets, but instead we put a lot of trust in our visitors to act appropriately. It’s certainly not a perfect system.

That said, we are definitely aware of this issue and try our best to mitigate any serious problems. Our refuge’s law enforcement officer, Scott Neumann, works incredibly hard to patrol his assigned refuges, but he has a large geographic zone to cover. And as you know, the number of refuge staff is small.

We posted the following letter to our Facebook page to provide some guidance. Please share with ASC members.

Thank you again for your concerns and for taking the time to contact us. The Audubon Society of Corvallis is a great partner for the Willamette Valley refuges. Happy Holidays!

Brian Root, USFWS

From Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex Facebook page:

We have seen an increase in visitation during the pandemic. We’re glad so many folks are finding the Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuges and safely and respectfully enjoying them!

We wanted to let you know where to report any issues or violations that you might encounter while visiting and enjoying your local Refuges.

If it’s a medical emergency or violent crime, call 911. If you notice someone not following Refuge rules, send us an email with details to:

willamettevalley@fws.gov.

- * Where did it happen and when (date and time).
- * Describe what happened and what you saw.
- * If you were able to get photos and a license plate number, that’s great.

Refuge rules are with good reason and that is so the species we are charged to protect can thrive. This is their home. Elk, bobcats, rare plants, amazing birds happen on the year-round trails.

Don’t forget to leave your drones, horses and ATVs at home. Campfires and collecting (e.g. historical items, plant material, that cool looking spider, etc.) are not allowed.

As a reminder and reference:

- * Pets are not allowed. (Kids in costumes are fine).
- * No running. (It really freaks out wildlife and makes them think you are after them).
- * Bikes are treated as transportation and need to stick to the main roads.

We are in winter sanctuary right now (aka “It’s all for you, waterfowl: Rest. Before you know it you’ll have to fly ALL the way back north. We need you to be fat and happy so that you make it safe and sound”).

All hiking, wildlife observation, photography, etc. needs to happen on the year-round trails until sanctuary lifts (April 1st annually).

Thank you for doing your part; for being the guest you would want in your home!

*Brian Root
Refuge Wildlife Biologist
Willamette Valley NWR Complex*

Winter Wildlife Field Day 2021 Info

Winter Wildlife Field Days will be March 1 – 14, 2021

(1) This year WWFD will be a two-week fully virtual event. The theme is “Nature in Your Neighborhood.”

(2) Audubon Society of Corvallis has set up a subcommittee that is planning ASC’s participation in WWFD 2021. We have a number of ideas for

educational activities but no decisions have yet been made. Any member of Audubon who wants to get involved in the subcommittee's work is invited to attend the next (Zoom) meeting which will be held January 4, noon – 1:00 pm. If you want to participate in the meeting, please send an e-mail to Robert Murray so that he can put you on the list to receive the Zoom login code. His e-mail address is

robert.murray@maine.edu

(3) Any member of Audubon who wants to get involved in the overall event planning of WWFD 2021 is invited to attend the next (Zoom) meeting of the Planning Team, which will be held January 11, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. If you want to participate in the meeting, please send an e-mail to Samantha Bartling at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, so that she can put you on the list to receive the Zoom login code. Her e-mail address is

samantha.bartling@fws.gov

Robert Murray, ASC WWFD Representative

Board Meeting Summary For December 10, 2020 Board Meeting

The ASC Board met again via Zoom. In spite of Covid restrictions, the Corvallis Audubon Society members are actively volunteering and keeping in contact by a flurry of e-mails and zoom meetings. The annual appeal letter brought in \$2,055 (updated 12-2020 by Paul Adamus). Carolyn Peterson reported the Benson estate bequest brought in \$8,800.

The first annual coloring contest held in November saw 50 entries including one each from New Jersey and North Carolina. Mikaela Lea announced winners on our website, Facebook and Instagram sites. Robert Murray and others are working diligently on the 2021 Winter Wildlife Field Days (March 1-14, 2021) planning. Jim Fairchild is keeping the board up-to-date on conservation issues. Ray Drapek reported that work parties at Hesthavn will resume in January. See CHAT for more details about issues brought up at the monthly board meetings.

Susan McNutt, ASC Secretary

Open Board Meetings

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

Membership Corner

Welcome, New Members

Bruce Hecht

Arthur Boright

Philip Sanfilippo (gift from member Gerry Perrone)

General Membership Renewal Information

For membership renewal online go to the ASC website (<https://auduboncorvallis.org/membership/>) and renew via PayPal. To renew by USPS, mail a check to ASC, PO Box 148, Corvallis, OR 97339.

Email Notifications/Meeting Cancellations

We encourage members to join the ASC listserv 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 the administrator (Karan Fairchild, alderspr@peak.org) and request to be added.

Have You Changed Your Contact Info?

If you have moved or changed your email/mail addresses please update your information by emailing it to [adamus7\(at\)Comcast.net](mailto:adamus7(at)Comcast.net).

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Paul Adamus, Membership Chair

Contributors to this Chat

Paul Adamus, Mark Baldwin, Don Boucher, Marcia Cutler, Ray Drapek, Teri Engbring, Kai Frueh, Susan McNutt, Dave Mellinger, Robert Murray, Sue Powell, Naomi Weidner

Chat Articles

The Chat editors, Teri Engbring and Naomi Weidner, welcome articles from all members of the Audubon Society of Corvallis. Please submit articles to the Chat editor by the fourth Thursday of the month, unless another date is indicated in the CHAT calendar the previous month. Submit text using Microsoft Word and photos to: chateditors@gmail.com.

Calendar

Jan 3 Airlie/Albany CBC
Jan. 14 ASC Board Meeting on Zoom, 7 pm
Jan. 21 ASC Members Meeting on Zoom, 7 pm
Jan. 28 Submission deadline for February CHAT
Due to increased Covid restrictions, Hesthavn work parties are currently cancelled. Check our website for the latest scheduling info in 2021.

Short-Eared Owl and Rough-Legged Hawk photos taken by Matt Lee on Dec. 1 on Bruce Road, at what's called the "scrape pond" or "mitigation wetland," which is between the bridge over Muddy Creek and the parking area for the Beaver Pond and Cattail Pond Trails at Finley National Wildlife Refuge. These owls were seen on Bruce Rd. as recently as Dec. 12.



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