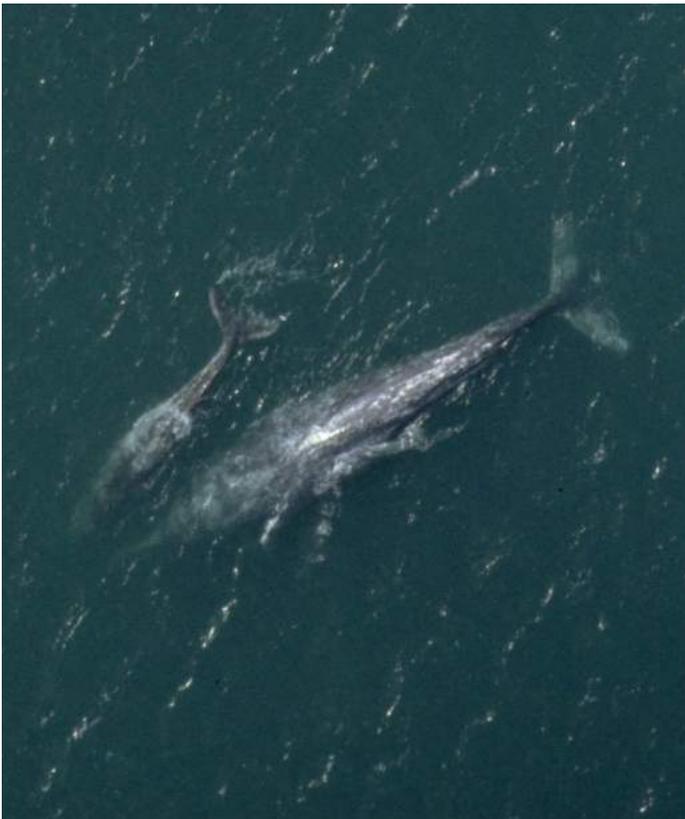




# THE CHAT

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Due to the global Coronavirus pandemic, all ASC planned in-person programs and meetings through April, 2021 have been cancelled or postponed. But we are safely continuing online. For the latest info, please visit our website at [auduboncorvallis.org](http://auduboncorvallis.org).



## ASC General Meeting

(via Zoom Webinar)

**March 18, 2021 at 7 pm**

**Gray whale populations; the eastern/western paradox**

**Dr. James Sumich**, Affiliate Faculty, OSU Marine Mammal Institute at the Hatfield Marine Science Center

Jim is the author of a best-selling textbook on marine biology (now in its 11th edition) and co-author of the widely adopted 'Marine Mammals: Evolutionary Biology.' He has taught marine mammal biology at the college and university level for more than four decades and has conducted research on gray whales from British Columbia to Baja California. Jim currently holds an Affiliate Faculty appointment at OSU's Marine Mammal Institute at the Hatfield Marine Science Center.

In his presentation, "Gray whale populations; the eastern/western paradox," Jim will discuss the past and current distributions, migration patterns, and genetics of gray whale populations, and some likely future scenarios for this species in the context of our changing global climate. Jim has authored or co-authored over twenty papers on gray whales and has recently published a general audience book *E*.

*robustus: The Biology and Human History of Gray Whales* (available on request).

## Future Meetings:

April 15 – Steve Perakis, Forest Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Studies

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

If you have questions or suggestions for future speakers please contact me at [audubon.corvallis@gmail.com](mailto:audubon.corvallis@gmail.com)

We also need a volunteer (or committee of two or more) to step up soon to organize and host our monthly meetings beginning this fall, as my term as VP for programs ends this May. It's a great opportunity to meet some fascinating folks and impact local environmental awareness! Please let me know if you can help, as Vice President or co-VP. For the latest info, check the ASC website at: [auduboncorvallis.org](http://auduboncorvallis.org)

*Mark Baldwin, Vice President & Program Chair*

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## Our Website Connects You

On March 1, the website will publish a special webpage about ASC contributions to the seventh annual Winter Wildlife Field Day(s). Due to COVID restrictions, the event is actually two weeks instead of one day to allow people more time to explore the virtual stations. The ASC Education Team is contributing three stations: Scavenger Hunt, Backyard Birds, and How to Help Our Feathered Friends. Participants who complete all the stations will receive a Wildlife Explorer patch. The event is hosted by [Finley NWR](#) and 17 partners, including ASC.

*Sue Powell, ASC Website*

## Corvallis Audubon Facebook

Learn about what's new with ASC and share more Backyard Spotlights, questions, photos and exciting bird sightings: at Audubon Society of Corvallis or tag us on Facebook at [Facebook@corvallisaudubon](https://www.facebook.com/corvallisaudubon).

*Nancy DeMasi and Kai Frueh, ASC Facebook*

## Audubon Corvallis Instagram

Or check us out on Instagram at [auduboncorvallis](https://www.instagram.com/auduboncorvallis).

*Christina Linkem, ASC Instagram*

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## Conservation Report Spring Cleaning

After nearly two hundred years, planning for extraordinary unwelcome events should be a fixture of American culture. Yet our prosperity depended on a narrow viewpoint, like a draft horse with blinders, not able to see how slavery built our wealth, how extraction without replenishment continues that rosy focus. As when former President Trump threw out the national pandemic playbook, and Texas chose energy

independence, hundreds of thousands of our fellow humans suffered, and it continues.

Oregon's Labor Day 2020 wildfires came just as I predicted they would. When we model our future based only on the past "normal" narrow range of conditions, disastrous results become predictable.

Timber taxes in Oregon have followed this pattern. County budgets, swollen by decades of enormous federal timber revenues, switched their formulas to continue subsidizing a bloated industry with a shrinking work force, sold on the concept that keeping a fading timber industry alive would sustain local economies throttled by environmental protections. Severance tax revenue disappeared. That trickle-down myth proved dysfunctional from inception, and counties are now in desperate economic straits, with the pandemic adding to the strain. Local counties now look to extracting more value from state-owned forests, especially after the Labor Day wildfires burned through those forests with standing marketable timber.

ASC and other conservation groups are asking State Forest managers whether this is the best reason to abandon their current plan, and a future Habitat Conservation Plan with the imprimatur of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Post-fire clearcutting can maximize short-term income, but it will reduce future timber sale revenue, convert older and more complex forests into plantations, along with costs to wildlife, clean water supplies, while creating more forests susceptible to uniform fire loss.

Forest management plans seldom include wildfire when the historic natural fire return interval is longer than the planning period. This makes plans for the College of Forestry Research Forests, the potential Elliott Research Forest, and the Santiam State Forest vulnerable to abandonment when wildfire, wind storm or other stochastic event invalidates the predicted outputs of those plans.

Now add climate change. There is a difference between optimism and a view through rose-tinted glasses. We can do better, we really must. There is no Planet B.

*Jim Fairchild, Conservation Chair*

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## Education News

### Winter Wildlife Field Day 2021 Has Arrived – Join Us Online Now

As of March 1, we encourage everyone to go to the Education page of Corvallis Audubon's Website and check out three virtual programs we specially designed for the 2021 Winter Wildlife Field Day celebration. We aren't quite ready for in-person learning yet, so this is a great opportunity for us to share these bird focused programs and activities with our Corvallis neighbors of all ages.

Our Corvallis Audubon Education team volunteers created:

**1) ASC Scavenger Hunt** guiding your exploration of local trails, your neighborhood, and the internet, in search of nature's treasures (in English or Spanish).

**2) Mini Field Guide to Backyard Birds** (in English and Spanish) Introducing you to 20 of your favorite local birds from Black-capped Chickadees to Cooper's Hawks, with photos, fun facts and basics like size, diet and color.

**3) How to Help Our Feathered Friends** (separate English and Spanish versions). More bird and habitat photos and valuable tips on how we all can help local birds survive throughout the year in our backyards.

There are so many fascinating birds in the trees, parks, and backyards of the Corvallis area. Here's a chance to get acquainted with a few of your favorite feathered residents and learn how you can help them, especially in harsh winter weather. So please check us out and feel free to download any of these activities to help you enjoy and connect with Nature.

You can also find the link to the full event website at: [www.WinterWildlifeFieldDay.org](http://www.WinterWildlifeFieldDay.org), and earn a 2021 Wildlife Explorer patch from Finley Refuge friends during the March 1-14, 2021 event.

This is the 7th year Corvallis Audubon has been part of the Winter Wildlife Field Day, from starting the event in 2015 to partnering with the US Fish and Wildlife Service staff at Finley Refuge and other environmental groups for an increasingly successful

event in subsequent years. Thanks to the following volunteers who helped develop this year's WWFD programs: Mikaela Lea, Nancy DeMasi, Liz Hogan, Christina Linkem, Dodie Wilson, Gail Nickerson, Tricia Bowlby, Bob Murray, and Sue Powell.

*Teri Engbring, Education Team Coordinator*

## Education Team Co-Chairs Named

Highly regarded local educator Meika Vingelen will join ASC Board member and education volunteer Dodie Wilson as co-chairs of our education efforts in the coming months. Dodie and Meika have already begun transitioning with Teri to coordinate our popular education and outreach programs and communications with volunteers, schools, and the wider community. We are all looking forward to safely returning from pandemic restrictions, possibly by this summer. Thanks to Dodie and Meika and our strong team of outstanding volunteers who have worked hard on several virtual programs recently. Special thanks to Mikaela, Liz, Nancy, Sue, Phyllis, Tricia, Gail, Dale and Christina for their superb help.

It has been a slow and difficult year, especially compared to our last 5 bustling years of interactive education and outreach. We hope to rebuild our team and program in the coming months as soon as it's safe, and would appreciate new ideas and team members. We will contact current volunteers soon to begin planning for better days ahead.

*Teri Engbring, ASC Education Team*

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## Backyard Spotlight

### Don and Lisa's Home Habitat

When we moved into our house in NE Corvallis in 2014, almost all of the yard was lawn. We knew we wanted to landscape with native plants and put up nest boxes, but we didn't have much experience with any of that after many years of apartment living. The first thing we did was to remove some ornamental shrubs and bulbs that we didn't want, and then we started the long process of killing all of the lawn by sheet-mulching it with cardboard.



*Sheet-mulching the lawn with cardboard boxes*

After installing raised beds for vegetables, we put in 13 native plant beds, with some of the beds being fully shaded and some baking in the sun on the south side of the house. We decided to stick to plants found on the valley floor or in the lower foothills. Sources of plants included native plant sales and nurseries, wild-collected seeds, cuttings from wild plants, plants salvaged from construction sites and some collected from friends' properties. One of the main goals was to attract more birds by increasing the insect population and diversity, although we also planted fruit-, nectar-, and seed-bearing plants for birds. We added host plants for butterflies and moths.



*Backyard native plant beds in early spring*

At the same time, we began to add nest boxes, feeders, water and insect habitats. In 2015 we had our first pair of bluebirds nesting in the yard, and have also had Violet-green Swallows, Tree Swallows and Black-capped Chickadees in our boxes.



*Not a wasp! A Strawberry Crown Borer moth on Yarrow*



*Western Bluebirds nesting in the front yard.*

We started raising mason and leafcutter bees, and placed dozens of pieces of dead wood and a brush pile among the native plant beds to benefit fungi, insects, snakes and other critters.



*Turkey Tail mushrooms on a maple stump*

We found a rotten birch trunk that someone had dumped in a nearby park and put it up in the garden as an artificial snag. A Downy Woodpecker made a roosting cavity, and Black-capped Chickadees have nested in the snag for several years. We put up another small artificial snag with a native honeysuckle vine to climb it, and girdled two unwanted trees to create two more snags for woodpeckers, insects that bore into dead wood, and fungi.



*A Downy Woodpecker excavating in the birch snag*

Some things we've tried haven't worked, such as making artificial nest cups for Barn Swallows and a nesting platform for American Robins or House Finches. There are nest boxes that have never had occupants, but they still seem to pique birds' curiosity. We made mistakes, such as not realizing that some of the rhizomatous perennials would grow to enormous size, invade the paths and crowd out smaller plants. Some annuals produce so much seed that every year, we have to toast thousands of seedlings with a weed torch. There were also a few species that didn't make it, but we reached a milestone of over 100 native species a couple of years ago. And from the yard, we've observed 121 bird species. The biggest payoff has been that there is always something interesting to observe in the yard, whether it's the plants themselves, the hundreds of insect species, the nesting birds, or the fungi and slime molds. It's been appreciated even more over the last year of restrictions on where we could go and working from home.

*Lisa Millbank*

Please share how you encourage and shelter wildlife in your yard and have fun doing it. We ask that you submit a photo or two and accompany the photo with a paragraph or two explaining what you do to make your yard, or part of it, a mini refuge for wildlife around us. Or feel free to share a poem or journal entry describing your special natural world. We won't disclose your address or any other personal information, only what you wish to share. Your entry may appear in the Chat and/or ASC Facebook page and Instagram.

Thanks to Don Boucher and Lisa Milbank for sharing their superb backyard habitat with us this month.

*Phyllis Bailey,  
ASC Backyard Spotlight Coordinator*

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## Hesthavn News

### Work Parties and an Update

Due to the latest COVID-19 restrictions, Hesthavn work parties remain 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 at 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.

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## Gardening for Birds

### Witch-hazel, a Revelation in an Oak Creek Garden

I was planning to write on another subject for the March issue but decided to pass along a completely new experience in our 40 years gardening at our home in Oak Creek. This winter, we have observed several species of birds foraging on our Chinese Witch-hazel (Fig. 1), a species lightly used, if at all, in the past. The tree is outside Lena's sewing room, so she serves as an observation post to track activity.



*Fig. 1. Chinese Witch-hazel*

Chinese Witch-hazel (*Hamamelis mollis*) forms a small, open tree that produces wonderfully perfumed, bright yellow flowers starting about the third week of January for about a month (Fig. 1). We purchased the plant in the mid-80s when it was on prominent display at Garland Nursery. The fragrance and color immediately sold us. This was in my gardening phase as a plant collector with only a passive, intuitive understanding of the importance of native plants. Over the years, the witch-hazel has symbolized progress through winter for us, the first major color of the year and the pervasive fragrance in front of the house.

This is the only witch-hazel we have experience with. Eastern Witch-hazel is a native of the eastern half of the U.S. There are several interspecific hybrids of

*H. mollis* x *H. japonica*. These varieties vary in color and fragrance.

Starting about two winters ago, Bushtits (Fig. 2) started coming through occasionally, typically, on sunny, mild days, favorable for insect activity. The only insects I have found are tiny gnats, perhaps fungus gnats. Suitably tiny prey for tiny birds. At least part of the birds' activity is capturing insects. I don't know whether they are also foraging for nectar.



*Fig. 2. Bushtit*

This winter's activity was led by gangs of Bushtits (5.3 grams according to Sibley) followed by a Ruby-crowned Kinglet (6.5g) (Fig. 3). Then a Townsend's Warbler (Fig. 4) made regular appearances, again, usually in the afternoon on mild, sunny days. At 8.8 g, Townsend's is the bruiser of the group. Whatever resource he was after, probing flowers and gleaning branches, he found enough worth repeated visits. We have also seen a couple of Black-capped Chickadees (11 g) and Dark-eyed Juncos (19 g) check through, but did not maintain their interest. Anna's Hummingbirds occasionally hawk gnats around the witch-hazel, but they do this throughout the garden.



*Fig. 3. Ruby-crowned Kinglet*



*Fig. 4. Townsend's Warbler*

Native plants are the sure bet for a productive bird garden. Nonetheless, it is fun to see activity on some "legacy" plants, especially after going unused for over three decades. What changed? I am curious if others have seen birds using witch-hazel. Hendrik Herlyn recently reported a Nashville Warbler in town that moved into a witch-hazel. Perhaps opportunities like these play a significant role in the attractiveness of urban environments for winter warblers.

*Article and photos by William Proebsting*

## Abbreviated 2020 CBC

### Results:

ASC did not officially hold its annual Christmas Bird Count in 2020. But on 22 December, some 38 birders went afield to record 57,880 birds of 122 species in our count circle. Mostly, we searched individually or in small parties in remarkably pleasant weather.

Unlike previous counts, birders were not confined to specific areas; several visited favorite spots scattered throughout the circle. The count results, however – posted on ASC’s website – are fitted into the standard count areas.

A Nashville Warbler, visiting a feeder, was the biggest surprise ... although it failed to show on count day. There was one Iceland Gull reported – what was previously called a Thayer’s Gull. A few Glaucous-winged Gulls are usual for our count, but the flock of 451 on the east edge of the circle was unexpected. Single Say’s Phoebes were found in four different areas. Two Prairie Falcons were recorded, but we dipped on Peregrine. And somewhat comforting: Cackling Geese outnumbered European Starlings.

The biggest miss? The countdown chili. That will return later this year ... if someone will step up to coordinate the potluck this December.

*Fred Ramsey*

## Count the CBC in 2021

The Corvallis Christmas Bird Count is back for 2021. Bev Clark and Matt Lee will co-chair the event, following long-time coordinator Marcia Cutler who retired two years ago. Bev will confer with Marcia about the forms, sign ups, and other specifics of the count. Matt will collate the data. As long as we have no restrictions from the pandemic in December, teams will continue the tradition of meeting to share data and hot chili at the end of the day. Past Potluck Coordinator Gail Nickerson has also retired, but will generously share her pots and other supplies with the incoming cooks.

*Sue Powell*

## Atop the Nest Box

### Coming Soon to a Nest Box Near You!



If you have nest boxes on your property, or if you monitor nest boxes for the Bluebird Trail, you may soon notice Western Bluebirds inspecting your boxes in preparation for nesting – if you haven’t seen them doing that already. By the end of March, some bluebirds will likely have begun building their nests. (Last year, several boxes in the Bluebird Trail had eggs laid during the first week in April.) Therefore, now is the time to make sure your boxes are ready for the 2021 nesting season.

If you forgot to clean out your boxes last fall, you should do that now. Remove any old nests, and scrape away droppings that may be stuck to the inside walls of the box. Dispose of the discards far from the box to lessen the chance of predators finding it. And be careful when you reach into your boxes, as wasps often use them as roosting sites.

Also check the condition of your boxes. The top should be waterproof, the door should close securely, and the entrance hole should be the right size. Rodents or woodpeckers may have enlarged the hole while you weren’t watching (Fig. 1). A hole that’s too large will allow bigger birds, such as European Starlings, to occupy the box. If the box is mounted on a pole, make sure it hasn’t slid down the pole and the pole hasn’t keeled over (Fig. 2).

If you need help with nest box repairs or replacement, contact me at:

[BluebirdTrail.corvallisaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:BluebirdTrail.corvallisaudubon@gmail.com).

Matt Lee



Fig. 1. Recently remodeled! Before (left) and after modifications, presumably done by a woodpecker (right). Photos by Matt Lee (left) and Tyler Wilson (right).



Fig. 2. A bluebird box that has keeled over

## Field Trip Schedule

### Second Saturday Field Trips Are Still 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

We are still not in a position to plan for ASC's multi-day field trips as they entail long rides in enclosed passenger vans. COVID-19 conditions don't allow that yet. If that opportunity opens, we can plan possible trips in 2021 to: Bandon; Klamath Basin; Rogue Valley with Shakespeare; Malheur NWR; Summer Lake; Wallowas; Steens Mtn.; and a Shorebird Search. If not, we will try to find other venues and/or other transportation, so that we may enjoy this great state of ours and bird together. Stay tuned and keep up to date on our website. Suggestions are welcome.

Fred Ramsey, Weekend Field Trips Chair

## Community Notes

### OSU Bird Nerds Seminars

ASC members are invited to participate in weekly seminars with bird scientists sponsored by our partners, OSU Bird Nerds, this winter. Here's the info on the last one, which starts at 5 pm.

**Week 9:** Tuesday 3/2/21

Dr. Mathys – Ohio Dominican University  
Central Ohio Owl Project

Interested? Join us on Zoom, Tuesdays at 5:00 pm PST using this link:

<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/j/97751906240?pwd=WjB4SE1lbjBOYTg5SVNvQTlkXAxUT09>

Password: NERDS

Caleb Centanni, Bird Nerds

### Streaked Horned Lark Intern Report

from Friends of the Willamette Valley  
National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Thanks to the financial support of the Friends of the Willamette Valley NWR Complex and Corvallis

Audubon, the Complex was able to bring on an Environment for the Americas Intern, Gabriela Judd, to conduct Streaked Horned Lark (SHLA) nest searching and monitoring during the 2020 breeding season.

As in 2019, we focused our SHLA nest monitoring work at Baskett Slough NWR, because this refuge supports a majority of the larks at the 3 Willamette Valley Refuges. We got a later start than we'd planned because of coronavirus and other logistical issues, but we hit the ground running on June 1st. Gabriela and the Refuge Biologist, Brian Root, eventually found and monitored 19 SHLA nests, similar to last year's total of 22 nests.

The SHLAs at Baskett Slough had a pretty successful nesting effort this year. Of the 19 nests we monitored, 12 nests fledged at least 1 chick, 6 nests were unsuccessful, and 1 nest had an unknown fate (although we believe it may also have been successful). That's a raw nest success rate of 67%, which is pretty good for a ground-nesting bird species. And that's also substantially greater than what we observed at similar Baskett Slough locations during 2019, when only 33% of the SHLA nests fledged any chicks. We're not yet certain why there was such a difference between 2020 and 2019, although we believe that nesting habitat conditions were improved in 2020 – more short, green vegetation but still lots of bare dirt – and that may have hindered the ability of nest predators like crows and coyotes to find the SHLA nests.

We hope to continue our SHLA nest monitoring efforts in the coming years. In 2021, we plan to implement substantial habitat improvements for nesting SHLAs at W.L. Finley NWR. Vernal swale habitats they depend on here have degraded because of encroachment by dense, weedy vegetation. This will be a great opportunity to assess the post-treatment SHLA nesting locations and success, so we may focus our SHLA nest monitoring activities at Finley refuge during the next couple of years.



*Biological intern, Gabriela Judd, locates the first Streaked Horned Lark nest of the season at Baskett Slough NWR, 6/2/2020*



*Streaked Horned Lark nests, 2020*

*Project summary from November 2020 Refuge Report compiled by Eddy Pausch, USFWS.*

## Audubon Prints Gifted to ASC



Brian and Allison Kato-Dilks donated six framed Audubon prints to ASC on February 20. The prints were collected by Brian's late father Albert L. Dilks, Jr. of Salem. Brian said his father and grandfather loved birds and Albert enjoyed being surrounded by the Audubon birds at home.

A committee will be formed to determine how best to honor this donation. If you can help us figure out the best use of these beautiful prints, please contact us at: [audubon.corvallis@gmail.com](mailto:audubon.corvallis@gmail.com).

*Sue Powell*

## Board Meeting Summary for February 11, 2021

Environmental news is better now than it has been in years and climate change issues are encouraging. VP Mark Baldwin reported that when we return to meeting in person again, we can use Wesley Hall at the Methodist Church in our traditional time slot.

Due to COVID issues we are continuing to say Hesthavn is not open to the public. Dodie Wilson has agreed to co-chair the ASC education program with environmental educator Meika Vingelen and they will begin transitioning with Teri soon.

Ray Drapek reported that work will begin at Hesthavn to remove Shiny Geranium and start construction of a new south ramp to the barn. The north fence is collapsing and will be dismantled. Mikaela offered to make signs to help visitors recognize the boundaries.

A new group has been formed called Oak Creek Valley Safety Action that is looking at concerns about recreational use and neighborhood impacts including overflow parking at trailheads, increased traffic, traffic speed, garbage, and increased fire risks. Ray expressed an interest in being part of a continuing discussion. A new Hesthavn trail guide brochure is in process with Olivia Ozgu and Sue Powell. Fred Ramsey does not anticipate prospective weekend field trips before late April or May, if then. Next Board Meeting is March 11.

*Susan McNutt, ASC Secretary*

## Peregrine Falcon Ready for ASC Education Thanks to Taxidermist



Last fall ASC was given a deceased Anatum Peregrine Falcon for educational purposes. The ASC Board approved funds to have the bird prepared for display and Dallas Taxidermist Jeremy Graves worked on the bird over the winter. It has now been mounted and added to our specimen collection at Hesthavn. We look

forward to sharing it with the public once it is safe to do so again.

## 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.

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## Membership Corner

Welcome New Members:

Vicki Nelson

Linda Houston & David Feinberg

Jody Wood

Margaret Kelly

Tom Penpraze

## General Membership Renewal Information

For membership renewal online go the ASC website ([auduboncorvallis.org/membership/](http://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](mailto:alderspr@peak.org)) and request to be added.

## Have You Changed Your Contact Info?

If you have moved recently or changed your email/mail addresses, please update your information by emailing it to [adamus7@comcast.net](mailto:adamus7@comcast.net).

Thank you for your generosity and support!

*Paul Adamus, Membership Chair*

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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](mailto:chateditors@gmail.com).

## Calendar

March 1-14 Winter Wildlife Field Days (online)  
March 11 ASC Board Meeting on Zoom, 7 pm  
March 18 ASC Members Meeting on Zoom, 7 pm  
March 25 Submission deadline for April 2021 CHAT  
*Due to increased COVID restrictions, Hesthavn work parties in March are still cancelled. Check our website for the latest scheduling info in 2021.*

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