



# THE CHAT

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Due to the global Coronavirus pandemic, all ASC planned in-person programs and meetings through May, 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).

progressed, the COVID-19 outbreak developed into a global pandemic, forcing a premature end to the safari and a harrowing rush to return home before all airports closed. Matt, Sue, Mark, and Carla will share photos and short videos as they recount some of the highlights of their adventures in Kenya.

## ASC General Meeting

(via Zoom Webinar)

**May 20, 2021 at 7 pm**

### “Safari Adventures in Kenya – Covid Interruptus” Matt Lee/Sue Powell/Carla Olson/Mark Baldwin

At the beginning of March 2020, ASC members Matt, Sue, Mark, and Carla embarked on a guided tour of Kenya by safari. From the first day of the tour, they were overwhelmed by the abundance and diversity of animals in this East African country, which straddles the equator between Ethiopia and Tanzania. Elephants, rhinos, hippos, giraffes, zebras, lions, leopards, gazelles, baboons, and buffalo paraded past their safari vehicle and posed for their cameras.

Many of the nearly 300 species of birds they photographed, including bustards, hornbills, bee-eaters, sunbirds, and weavers, belong to families unrepresented on this side of the Atlantic. As their tour

*Mark Baldwin, Carla Olson, Matt Lee, Sue Powell*



*Lilac-breasted Roller  
photo by Mark Baldwin*



*Leopard photo  
by Matt Lee*

## Future Programs for ASC members:

**We still need a new Vice President or team of volunteers to help develop speakers and host next year's monthly Member Meetings.**

If you can help or have suggestions for future speakers, please contact us at [audubon.corvallis@gmail.com](mailto:audubon.corvallis@gmail.com).

We take the summer off, so May will be the last general Member Meeting until September. Check the summer CHAT and the ASC website for updated information at: [auduboncorvallis.org](http://auduboncorvallis.org)

*Mark Baldwin, Retiring Vice President/Program Chair*

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## ASC Website, Social Media

Did you miss the Winter Wildlife Field Day and Planet Palooza activities from our Education team volunteers in the past 2 months? You can still check them out on the Home and Education pages of our website at: [auduboncorvallis.org](http://auduboncorvallis.org)

*Sue Powell, ASC Website*

## Corvallis Audubon Facebook

Learn about what's new with ASC and share bird sightings, questions, photos and alerts: at Audubon Society of Corvallis or tag us on [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*

## Nominations for 2021-2022 Officers and Board

The Board of Directors of the Audubon Society of Corvallis offer the following slate of candidates to serve in the 2021/2022 term, which begins at the summer Board meeting this August. Normally, the slate of continuing and new Board members is elected by the members at the May General Meeting. Members attending this year's meeting on Zoom will see fantastic photos of a March 2020 African safari, and be able to vote for the board on line during the May 20, 2021 webinar. As you haven't been able to see us in person under COVID restrictions, we included photos of our team here. Please check the [auduboncorvallis.org](http://auduboncorvallis.org) website for further information.

### Officers:

### Co-Presidents: Dave Mellinger and Karan Fairchild



*Dave Mellinger*

**Dave Mellinger** has been a member of ASC since 2000 and a Board member most of that time. He's currently Co-President, was Vice President for four years, and has served intermittently as ASC Conservation Chair over the last two decades. He's also a professor at OSU, working in Corvallis and at

the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, where he studies sounds of whales and other marine and terrestrial species. Until we can entice a volunteer to serve as chapter vice president, Dave will also host the Board and Member meetings next year.



*Karan Fairchild*

**Karan Fairchild** has been involved with the Audubon Society of Corvallis for over 30 years. She's served in many capacities during that time, including Member-at-Large, Secretary, and fundraising chairperson. She instigated the successful Birdathon fundraisers, and currently serves on the bylaws, nominations, Homer Campbell award, and

Hesthavn committees; and in several other functions. Past duties also included bird rehabilitation, bluebird trail, sales table, fair booths, and publicity. She and husband Jim have done a local Christmas bird count for over 35 years and a Breeding Bird Survey in the Coast Range for over 25 years.

### Vice President:

**As nobody has stepped up to take the full vice president role**, we are improvising, with Co-President Dave Mellinger hosting meetings and a committee of volunteers helping to find and book speakers for the 9 monthly member meetings. Thanks to Sue Haig, Mikaela Lee and Mai Kiigemagi for serving on the program committee.

### Secretary:



*Susan McNutt*

**Susan McNutt** moved back to Corvallis in 1978, raised 3 children, and still lives in the same house. She retired in 2007 after spending 28 years serving as secretary and office manager in multiple departments at Oregon State University. She is enjoying her second year as a member of

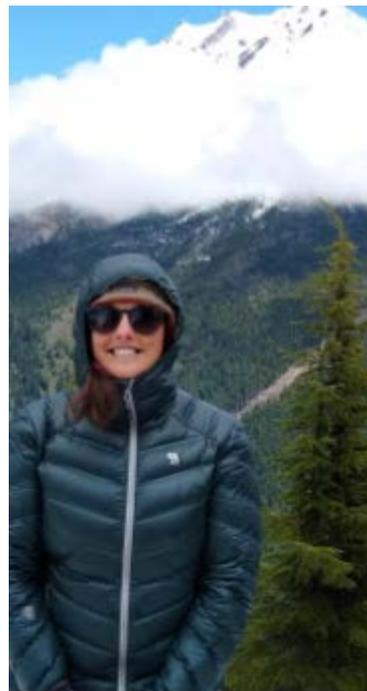
the Corvallis Audubon Society and is learning a lot about birding and conservation. She stepped in to fill

an opening as secretary to the Board last year. She volunteers in various capacities for several other organizations, loves to travel, and repairs quilts as a hobby.

### Treasurer:

**Carolyn Peterson** is completing her first year as ASC Treasurer with rave reviews. After raising two sons, Carolyn retired after nearly two decades as a CPA. She moved to Corvallis from Sherwood, Oregon with her husband Curt about six years ago. Relocating to Corvallis was a return to her stomping grounds of the early 80s when she was a Geology graduate student at OSU. Although not a "lister," Carolyn has enjoyed observing birds since childhood. No photo available for Carolyn.

### Board Members-at-large:



*Christina Linkem*

**Christina Linkem** is returning for her second year on the board. After earning a B.S. degree in Biology from the University of Hawaii, she moved to Corvallis and volunteered with ASC at the Hesthavn Nature Center, running a macro-invertebrate station for 4th and 5th graders. Last year she started an Instagram account for ASC, and led the Scavenger Hunt team for the Winter Wildlife Field Day (in her third year helping WWFD).

Christina serves as a Biological Field Technical Crew Leader for the Forest Service in the summers, visiting remote sites within the Pacific Northwest to conduct stream surveys as a part of a long-term monitoring program for the Northwest Forest Plan. She hopes to obtain a graduate degree at Oregon State University and help educate the public about the importance of our fragile PNW forest ecosystems.



*Dodie Wilson*

**Dodie Wilson** is also in her second year on the Board. She had volunteered often for the Corvallis Schools Naturalist-in-Residence program where she co-taught a program on birds. In 2001 Dodie received a Masters in Wildlife Science from OSU and has worked in a number of

temporary positions doing bird, amphibian, and small mammal surveys. With her daughters heading off to college, Dodie has become more involved with the education and conservation efforts of ASC. This spring Dodie and Meika Vingelen teamed up as the new Co-chairs of our very active Education program.



*Phyllis Bailey*

**Phyllis Bailey** has lived in Corvallis for almost 22 years and has been a member of ASC since 2000. She is a nearly life-long birdwatcher with a deep appreciation for the natural world, and is a retired teacher. She has served on the ASC Education Team for the past seven years, participating in Winter

Wildlife Field Days, Girl Scout Day Camps, and education events at various schools and in the field. She also coordinates our Backyard Spotlight CHAT feature. She looks forward to continuing to spread the Audubon message of protecting, promoting, and preserving wildlife.



*Mikaela Lea*

**Mikaela Lea** began volunteering with the Education Team in 2016 on the Winter Wildlife Field Day Planning Committee. Since then, she has contributed to all levels of education program planning and implementation, while working part-time and completing her studies at OSU. She joined the ASC Board last August. She will graduate this June with a double degree in Natural Resources and Sustainability, as well as

a minor in Leadership at OSU. She has been a key leader and innovator with our Education Team and also supports other ASC efforts, including many hours on Hesthavn work parties.



*Suzanne Ortiz*

**Suzanne Ortiz** has been a member of ASC since 2010. Prior to moving to Corvallis, she joined Audubon chapters in the San Francisco Area & New York City. She served many years as the ASC membership chair and is currently serving as the ASC liaison to the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, where she is a member of

the Natural Areas & Water Action Teams. This year she is working with the NAAT team to plant pollinator gardens in Corvallis & with the WAT on restoration projects at a number of sites. While working at UCSF, she served as the chapter & the national chairs for the Sierra Club Inner City Outings Program, and led Sierra Club national hiking trips in Hawaii. While working at MSKCC in NYC, she served as the VP for the NYC NABA (butterfly) group. She enjoys hiking, wildflowers, birds, butterflies, dragonflies, gardening, art, music, dance, theater & sports.



Mark Baldwin

**Mark Baldwin** has lived in Corvallis since 1987. He has been an active member of ASC since retiring in 2013, a Member-at-Large of the Board and Vice President for the past three years. An avid birder, he has participated in many ASC field trips (including a month with Fred’s team in Australia) and

enjoys travel & birding with his wife, Carla. For 25 years, he taught Applied Tech (woodworking to pre-engineering) at Crescent Valley High School and was co-founder of the school’s FIRST Robotics team. Photographing birds and other wildlife, and time with kids and grandkids highlight his life now.

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## Conservation Corner

Another Earth Day has passed, and we should breathe easier: vaccines easing the pandemic burden for many in the U.S., fine spring weather, and a federal administration moving to counter four years of attacks on nearly every aspect of our natural surroundings. Yet, everywhere I look, administrative transparency, shining of light in dark places, is not how our public forests are managed.

ASC has joined other groups seeking legal remedy for the post-wildfire logging of older or layered “complex” forests in the Santiam State Forest, counter to the current Dept. of Forestry plan and a new plan being developed in partnership with US Fish & Wildlife Service. It is deemed too hazardous for public field review, but not for tree-planters to work there without hardhats (in Corvallis Gazette Times front page photo, April 4, 2021).

Closer to home, Corvallis is proposing that Siuslaw National Forest fund city watershed logging adjacent to a meadow to “restore” a stand edge pattern known from pine forests, while their required plan has lapsed.

This is behind locked gates, and still applying COVID restrictions to site reviews. Many ASC members know the McDonald-Dunn Forests, where a decade of extensive logging occurred when the College of Forestry stopped following their own plan—and are still logging while another plan is in development—all without public input. And this Earth Day, Oregon Division of State Lands reviewed the latest of the College’s Elliott Research Forest Plan proposals. Also revised in the dark, it is vague in responding to earlier public and expert input, but clear that OSU will not pay for the forest while it researches more logging (it doesn’t pay property or harvest taxes) and will expect subsidies for its long-term care. Meantime the College says it will release an updated governance structure soon, which so far prohibits legal challenge.

I’ve not yet seen the extensive 2020 wildfire impacts in the west Cascades. These habitat changes are dramatic, but the greatest changes—and carbon losses—follow with the extensive removals of large wood, standing or downed, that supply critical habitat for amphibians, mammals of all sizes, and many birds for nesting, foraging and/or roosting. Post-fire logging comes with increased traffic, scorched topsoil and hydrologic disturbance, artificial forest planting and creation of dense conifer plantings, accompanied often by herbicide use to reduce competing vegetation.

This is the expected response on private lands where fiber production is the goal. It should not be the reaction to wildfire on public lands, where management is directed by plans that provide for multiple resource values. We must have transparent planning and implementation review for our public forests.

*Jim Fairchild, Conservation Chair*

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## Hesthavn News

### Work Parties Resume This Month

We have been able to resume weekend work parties at Hesthavn and welcomed several new volunteers (Paul, Laura, Liz, Mikaela, and Jesse) in April.

Things generally slow down in Corvallis in the summertime, but we dare not let up on weed control activities at Hesthavn. April and (maybe) May are our last chances to pull the false brome. After that it forms

seeds and we dare not move in it without causing more spread than we gain in control. May, June, and (maybe) July are months where we concentrate on thistle and teasel. Later in the summer, as conditions become drier and plant growth starts to slow down, we have more time to catch up on some of the other problems. Later in the summer, as conditions become drier and plant growth starts to slow down, we have more time to catch up on other problems. For example, I often spend time cleaning weeds out from around some of the caged plants.

It can get hot at Hesthavn in the summer. If you come, bring lots of water! We don't have a potable water source on site. We'll take it nice and slow with lots of breaks. I know this is not going to be a terrific selling point for summer work parties at Hesthavn, but I should mention that as we get into late summer the chances of getting stung by wasps does increase. Ground nesting wasps form nests at random locations around the property. I try to mark these as I discover them, but I can't guarantee I'll get them all. If you have a serious sting allergy you might want to wait until later in the fall before coming to a work party. Finally, drop-ins are always welcome, but it is helpful if you contact me to let me know you're coming.

### **May through September Hesthavn work party schedule (all from 10 am to 2 pm on a Sunday):**

- May 9: Weed work party.
- May 23: Barn and yard work party.
- June 6: Weed work party.
- June 27: Barn and yard work party.
- July 11: Weed work party.
- July 25: Barn and yard work party.
- August 8: Weed work party.
- August 15: Barn and yard work party.
- September 19: Weed work party
- September 26: Barn and yard work party

Please bring your mask and plan to continue social distancing until everyone is safe. Check the ASC website for up to the minute info.

*Ray Drapek, Hesthavn Chair*



*New member & Hesthavn Volunteer Paul Schlegelmann on driveway repair duty in April*

## **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 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.

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## **Education News**

### **Ed Volunteers Carefully Returning**

On a beautiful spring day in April, 11 ASC Education Team volunteers joined a Corvallis Parks and Recreation celebration of Earth Day that they called Planet Palooza.

Volunteers spread out over 4 city parks –Willamette, Martin Luther King Jr., Sunset (Bruce Starker Arts

Park), and Chepenafa. At each site guests could take a printed scavenger hunt tailored to their site (with an extra site on the back) with drawings of birds, plants, invertebrates, and more. All 4 were masterfully drawn by our new Education Co-Chair, Meika Vingelen, to illuminate habitat components in each park and encourage kids of all ages to explore Nature locally. Each table featured birds from the ASC Museum collection that can be found in the park, such as a Mallard, American Wigeon, and Hooded Merganser in Sunset Park. This spot included freshly borrowed aquatic invertebrates and laminated guides that can easily be sanitized.

We also shared information on ASC, Birding in Corvallis and Albany, and the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Plus, we handed out green bookmarks with tips on how everyone can help local birds.



*Liz Hogan and Nancy DeMasi in Sunset Park*

Thanks to all our wonderful ASC team members who worked this event: Meika Vingelen, Mikaela Lea, Mai Kiigemagi, Dodie Wilson, Dave Mellinger, Ann Brodie, Kerstin and Ben Frueh, Nancy DeMasi, Liz Hogan, and Teri Engbring.

It has been a crazy, socially distanced year. Some of our talented volunteer force are now vaccinated, so we are easing back into public events with plenty of protection. We will continue to follow social distancing and mask protocols at all coming events in a slow steady return.

Please check the Education page and What's Happening calendar on the ASC website for our developing summer program information, as we won't have another CHAT until August. We also plan to schedule an Education and Outreach Team meeting for anyone interested in helping with summer events. You

can always reach us at [asc.educationteam@gmail.com](mailto:asc.educationteam@gmail.com)  
Thanks.

*Meika Vingelen and Dodie Wilson, ASC Education  
Co-Chairs, and newly retired Teri Engbring*

## **Meika & Dodie Lead ASC Ed Team**

Our new Education Co-Chairs, Meika Vingelen and Dodie Wilson, are off to a great start with the support of our wonderful volunteers, chapter leaders and members. Dodie is introduced in the Board Nominations story in this CHAT. Here's a quick intro to her co-chair, Meika:



*Meika Vingelen*

Meika Vingelen has worked in Early Childhood Education and environmental science in Corvallis over 15 years, including as Nature Education Director for Avery House. Her broad experience includes curriculum and materials development, classroom and outdoor learning. She has a BS degree from OSU in Forestry and Wildlife, as well as a teaching certificate. This mom of three is a dynamic and dedicated environmental educator who likes to share her considerable knowledge and appreciation of local species and ecosystems. Thanks to Meika and Dodie for agreeing to lead our inspired education team.

*Teri Engbring, ASC education volunteer*

## **Winter Wildlife Field Day Report**

WWFD 2021 was a success with hundreds participating online. Seventeen organizations offered "virtual" environmental education activities over a two-week period. This success may lead to keeping a

multi-day online component as a permanent part of WWFD, along with the traditional day of “live” events at Finley Refuge we hope to resume in 2022.

Our Education volunteers designed three fun interactive online programs for WWFD 2021 including an ASC scavenger hunt, Backyard Birds (mini field guide to 20 favorite locals), and How You Can Help Birds. Community members of all ages can still access all three activities on the Corvallis Audubon website, Education page, through May.

ASC also donated \$250 to Friends of Finley Refuge for WWFD expenses such as printing and patches. Our Education Co-chairs will coordinate ASC’s contribution to Winter Wildlife Field Day 2022 beginning next fall, so if you wish to participate in this or any other Corvallis Audubon educational activity, you can contact them at [asc.educationteam@gmail.com](mailto:asc.educationteam@gmail.com).

*Robert Murray, ASC Rep to  
WWFD Steering Committee*

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## Backyard Spotlight

The ASC Education Team wants to thank all those who so generously participated in our Backyard Spotlight corner in the CHAT this season. We so appreciate your efforts in sharing with us what you have done and continue to do to provide an environment for wildlife in your yard. Thanks to: Phyllis Bailey, Nancy DeMasi, Marcia Cutler, Sue Powell and Matt Lee, Don Boucher and Lisa Milbank.

If there is interest in continuing this feature in the future, we would love to have it as an ongoing part of the CHAT; if not in every issue, then certainly something we could run from time to time as interest and space allow. Again, thanks to all who took part this season. Have a wonderful summer—see you in the autumn.

*Phyllis Bailey, ASC Backyard Spotlight Coordinator*

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## Gardening for Birds

### Pacific Serviceberry

Although near the end of its flowering period by the time you read this, Pacific Serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*) provides a showy display of white flowers starting in mid-April. It seems like it starts flowering

about the time migration is really getting going. By mid-summer, dark-blue fruit are avidly sought by a variety of birds. It is not unusual to find a large serviceberry with a heavy crop being feasted on by several species of birds. I particularly associate Western Tanagers with this frenzy, but thrushes, waxwings, finches, juncos, towhees, and others may take part. Serviceberry is in the Rose family, which generally hosts large numbers of insects.



*Pacific Serviceberry*



*Cedar Waxwing on serviceberry*

Serviceberry grows as a large shrub or small tree and is common in open fields and edges. Once established, it requires minimal water if planted in good soil. It ranges throughout the broader Pacific Northwest, western Canada and Alaska, even growing in the northern prairies. As such, a number of cultivars have been selected with larger, sweeter fruit. It is one of the rare fruit crops that can be grown in that harsh environment. Horticulturists have also selected

varieties that are compact, columnar, or with good fall foliage. Thus, there are a number of shapes and sizes, hence no excuses to not use this plant in your bird garden.

*Article and photos by Bill Proebsting*



*Purple Finch*



*Western Tanager*

## Field Trip Schedule

### 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 will plan for 2021: 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. Stay tuned and keep up-to-date by checking our website. Suggestions are welcome.

*Fred Ramsey, Weekend Field Trips Chair*

## 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, hopefully this fall. Take Care!

Check the [ASC website](#) and CHAT for updates.

*Duncan Evered & Caryn Stoess*

## Community Notes

### Natural Areas Celebration in May

The 2021 Natural Areas Celebration Week will take place from May 1-9. The annual celebration is hosted by the Natural Areas Action Team of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition. Event information & a calendar of events will soon be available via a link on the ASC website <https://auduboncorvallis.org> or at the [CSC/NAAT website](#).

*Suzanne Ortiz, ASC Sustainability Coalition Rep.*

### First-ever Global Young Birders Big Day is May 8

I'm excited to share about the first-ever Global Young Birders Big Day being organized by the Young Birders Network. It's being led by a number of Oregon young birders with an amazing international team (from over 10 countries!).

We are looking to have young birders from across the world join us on May 8, 2021, to try to find over 1,000 species in just 24 hours!

If you are a birder under 20 please join us! And please help us spread the word by sharing this info with any young birders you know! Here's how to join:

1. Fill out the registration form\* to participate: [https://linktr.ee/Young\\_Birders\\_Network](https://linktr.ee/Young_Birders_Network)  
\*(there are Portuguese, Spanish and English versions)
2. Go birding on 8th May!
3. Enter your sights from 8th May on eBird until 11th May and share them with the YBN eBird account

*Only checklists submitted on eBird will count, but if you don't have an account and don't want*

to create one, we will send you access to the YBN account and you can use it instead (tell us if this is the case)

Please find more information about this event on our website:  
<https://www.youngbirdersnetwork.org/2021-ybn-big-day.html>

Let me know if you have any questions.

([kaifrueh2@gmail.com](mailto:kaifrueh2@gmail.com))

*Kai Frueh, ASC Board member*

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## Board Meeting Summary for April 8, 2021

- Nominee bios for next year's officers and board will be in May CHAT and vote will be via webinar at 5/13/21 member meeting.
- Mark Baldwin reserved the Methodist Church for live member meetings (hopefully this fall)
- Carolyn Peterson has worked up a new budget that will be voted on at the next meeting.
- Matt Lee will buy supplies for bluebird houses.
- Meika Vingelen, Education Co-chair, suggested Junior Birding programs & membership with T-shirts and scholarships. Education Volunteers could also wear shirts when representing ASC. We are ready for April 17th City Parks event called 'Planet Palooza', staffed by 11 Ed volunteers
- July 22nd is CHAT deadline for August issue, no CHAT in June or July.
- Robert Murray attended WWFD wrap up meeting. The 2022 WWFD may be hybrid with a month long online component plus one live day at Finley.

Jim Fairchild noted and Board approved letters on:

1. Rocky Habitat Working Group
2. Santiam State Forest Litigation
3. Sign-on requests from Center for Biological Diversity about pesticide (chlorpyrifos,

malathion, and diazinon) controls on federal lands or federally supported activities.

Ray Drapek outlined Hesthavn work being done:

- Squirrels - 8 squirrels were caught and relocated. Chris Gibson, the ramp contractor says that the vent will still be exposed when the ramp is built. Good Earth company might install a one-way cover over that vent sometime in late August or early September.
- South Ramp – Contract has been drafted and work will start in May.
- Bee Buddies –Jerry Paul will install bee box on the south wall of barn
- New invasive weed, Italian arum, to be removed.
- Tool shed cleaned, concrete put in big hole at top of driveway, and lower tree branches near the barn (potential fire ladders) were trimmed.
- Hesthavn Facebook page of 4 years ago will be reactivated.
- Hesthavn work parties have resumed, twice a month on Sunday

May 13 will be the next Board meeting on Zoom before two-month summer break. New term begins August 12 at summer Board meeting. Details TBA after May meeting and in summer CHAT

*Susan McNutt, 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.

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## Membership Corner

### Welcome New Members:

Barbara Taylor

### General Membership Renewal Information

For membership renewal online go 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](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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## 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](mailto:chateditors@gmail.com).

## Calendar

May 13, 7pm, ASC Board Meeting on Zoom  
May 20, 7pm, Zoom Member Meeting on Africa  
May 23, 10am-2pm, Barn and Yard work party  
June 6: Weed work party  
June 27: Barn and yard work party

July 11: Weed work party

July 22 Submission deadline for Summer CHAT

July 25: Barn and yard work party

Check our [website](#) for all our latest scheduling info.



*Western Fence Lizard photo by Don Boucher*



*Western Meadowlark photo by Sue Powell*

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