



THE CHAT

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Due to the global Coronavirus pandemic, ASC will slowly restart in-person programs and meetings. But our policy changes with pandemic status and restrictions. SO, for the latest info, please visit our website at auduboncorvallis.org.

ASC General Meeting 02/17/22 on ZOOM at 7:00 PM Dave Mellinger Echoes from the deep: Exploring the oceans through acoustics

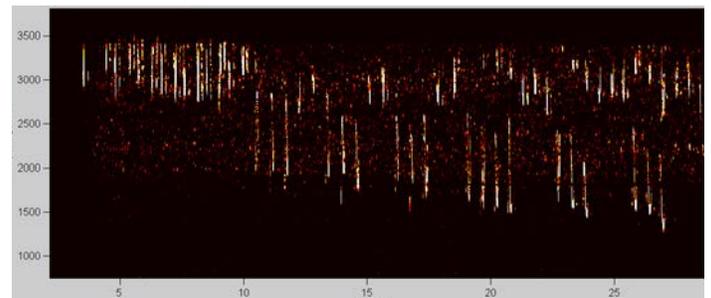


Humpback whale breaching

Dave Mellinger, a professor at Oregon State University at the Hatfield Marine Science Center, will present “Echoes from the Deep: Exploring the oceans through acoustics.”

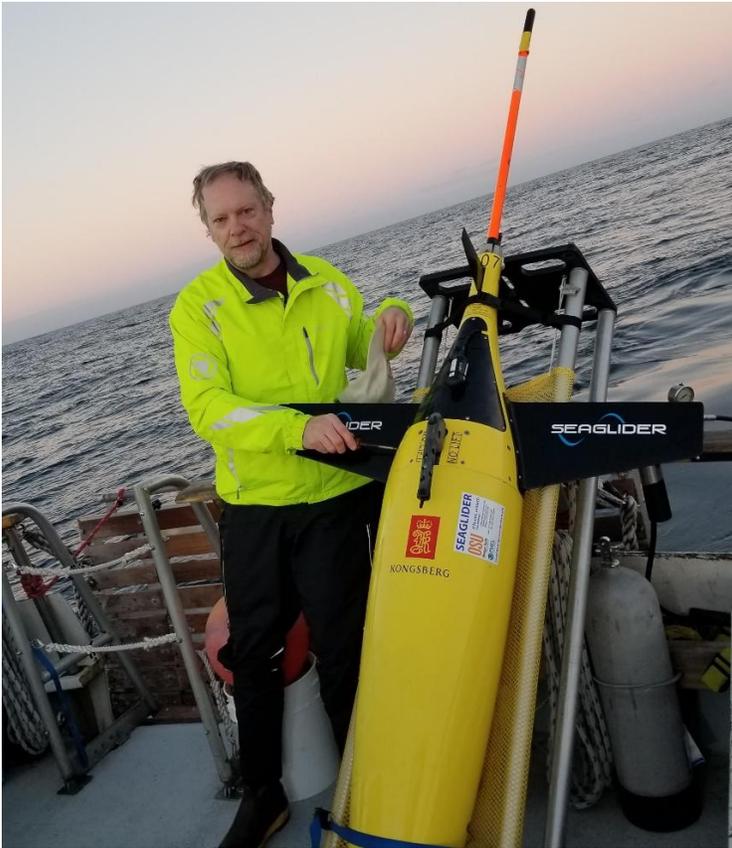
Bioacoustics is the study of sound produced by or affecting animals. Many marine animals rely on sound to communicate, detect danger, locate food, and navigate. Underwater, sound is a more effective means of communication than other senses because visibility is typically limited to a few tens of feet while sound waves travel fast, for longer distances, and can carry a lot of information.

Different species of marine mammals produce specific sounds, including clicks, buzzes, songs, and more. Instruments, such as hydrophones, detect the sounds, and the information can identify a species, estimate population and distribution, study seasonal changes, and help prevent or mitigate human impacts on ocean species.



Spectrogram of humpback whale song

Dave develops user-friendly acoustic tools for studying marine mammals and their environment. Results are important for research and conservation of marine species throughout the world. For one project, seismic sensors installed to detect earth movements off the Pacific Northwest also recorded sounds from fin whales. Seabed conditions make it difficult to detect individual fin whales, but Dave determined that sounds from multiple whales increased energy in the 15-30 Hz band, which provide a new method to estimate the population density. In another, Dave ‘flew’ ocean gliders underwater to study sperm whales in the Gulf of Mexico.



Mellinger with drone

The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and is open to the general public, although space is limited. Contact audubon.corvallis@gmail.com for information about accessing the program. See the ASC website [Monthly Speakers](#), for the list of January through May 2022 presentations.

You can find a recording of the January Zoom Meeting [January Zoom Meeting about Barred Owls here](#).

ASC member meetings are held the third Thursday of each month from September through May. Presentations are now held on Zoom due to COVID-19. We want to keep the sharing, learning, and inspiration going, but health and safety are priorities in these times. For login information, see our website at <http://auduboncorvallis.org>

Thanks to Eric Preston for guiding our Zoom meetings, and Program Committee members Mai Kiigemagi and Mikaela Lea for coordinating and scheduling. As Mikaela has accepted a job in Ashland in February and leaving this area, we need another volunteer or two to help with our program committee. This year is pretty well scheduled, so it's mostly support and coordination this year. Can you please contact us at the website noted above to help Mai and Eric at least for the next 6 months?

We're still open to speaker and program suggestions for future meetings!!

Mai and Eric, Program Committee

Goodbye, Mikaela 😞

Mikaela Lea has accepted a position as Service Learning Program Leader at the North Mountain Park and Nature Center in Ashland, Oregon. She begins her new position on Feb. 1.

Mikaela has served Audubon of Corvallis as a Board member, Education Team member, Program Committee member, and Coloring Contest Chairperson (2020-2021). She developed the idea of the Coloring Contest as an activity to remotely engage bird lovers of all ages during the Covid pandemic. She started her partnership with ASC in 2019 as a Winter Wildlife Field Day volunteer and leader in defining a “Connect with Nature” theme for education and outreach programs. Her combination of formal education at OSU (where she graduated last June), dedication, and creativity were just what we needed.

She has also coordinated the Zoom account for Board meetings and general meetings, and has filled in as needed to chair general meetings. Another project she developed was a guide to local birds, an educational tool that illustrates (photos and facts) common birds in our area, for use in educational events.

We are sad to see Mikaela go but wish her the best in her new position.

Mai Kiigemagi, Program Committee

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President's Message

The Audubon Society of Corvallis has had an exceptionally active and successful history. Thanks to generous donors, concerned members and talented volunteers and leaders we are an established and highly regarded environmental nonprofit in the Corvallis area and throughout the state. But the question today is whether or not we will have volunteers willing to keep our glowing record going. We need to fill board member and other key positions ASAP. **Please consider a personal role in this 100% volunteer team now and contact us at: audubon.corvallis@gmail.com or contact individual team leaders, listed at the end of the Chat and on the website.**

This is a key time in the history and future of Corvallis Audubon. After 2 years of pandemic isolation, our programs, outreach, and membership have suffered in varying degrees. Because we haven't been able to meet in person due to the persistent and dangerous COVID-19 outbreak, it may seem that ASC had closed down. But we haven't missed an interesting program for our monthly meetings or an informative newsletter yet. Many dedicated volunteers have continued to invest their time, skills and energy to creatively support birds, wildlife and critical habitat in our community. And we currently have 237 supportive dues-paying members seeing us through. Thanks!

ASC owns the Hesthavn Nature Center with unique education, wildlife habitat, and recreation opportunities just west of town on Oak Creek. The 6 acres of trails and outdoor resources have remained open to you and the public every day, throughout the pandemic. It isn't easy to maintain the woody property against invasive weeds and mammalian pests, let alone the natural processes of aging and decay. We have had to pay for extensive repairs, maintenance and improvements to buildings and grounds, guided by Ray and Kim Drapek, supported by key volunteers including Karl Hartzell, Jim Fairchild, Julie Gibson, Matt Lee, Sue Powell, Suzanne Ortiz and John Criscietello, and some very responsive contractors. Other gifted volunteers, especially Sue Powell, Matt Lee, Mikaela Lea, Kate Mathews, and Dodie Wilson have created beautiful informational posters, kiosks, displays, gardens and signs. And our invaluable study skins and mounted birds in the museum room have been monitored and reported annually by Mark Baldwin, Ann Brodie, and Marie Martin. Our dynamic Education team Team has cleaned out years of outdated education materials and updated the displays and library in the building even during the pandemic, while Chris Mathews continues to regularly feed the birds.

Our Education team Team has focused on a few safe, virtual education programs, such as the annual Connect with Nature Bird Coloring Contest. But several key volunteers have had move away in the past year for personal commitments, leaving gaps in our ability to serve. Once in-person learning is safe, we hope to once again have the volunteers to share the treasures

of Hesthavn and inspiring educational experiences with our neighbors of all ages.

Please let us know what role YOU would like to play in keeping Audubon Society of Corvallis an important and active participant in the community.

Karan Fairchild, Co-President

ASC Website, Social Media A Cure for Cabin Fever at Finley NWR

Want to keep your feet dry and still enjoy great birding during gray, rainy winter days? The Homer Campbell Trail fits the bill. Located about 12 miles south of Corvallis in Finley National Wildlife Refuge, the trail honors a life-long Willamette Valley resident, scientist, ASC chapter leader, Chat editor, and legendary environmentalist. The public is welcome to walk the trail year-round.



Photo by Matt T. Lee

ASC partnered with Finley NWR, the Greenbelt Land Trust, and the Friends of Willamette Valley Refuges to construct the trail, which follows a 1700-foot boardwalk through a forest of native Oregon Ash and Big-leaf Maple. Keep your eyes peeled for Dark-eyed Juncos, Bushtits, thrushes, and perhaps a well-camouflaged owl. High and dry, scan the flooded area under the boardwalk for Rough-skinned Newts,

Pacific Tree Frogs, and perhaps a garter snake. Listen for Douglas Squirrels, which do a pretty close impersonation of bird calls.



Photo by Matt T. Lee

The observation blind at the end of the trail has windows overlooking Cabell Marsh, a haven for waterbirds, such as American White Pelicans, Tundra Swans, Dusky Canada Geese, and a variety of ducks. Maybe you'll be lucky and spy a hopeful Bald Eagle birdwatching, too. Stand in awe as a silent signal triggers hundreds of geese to rise en masse from the water, honking and flapping their wings with an amazing uproar on their way to another area.

You got some exercise, your feet are mostly dry, and you remember how connected we are to our diverse environment! Check out other ASC projects to conserve habitats and species on the ASC website [Conservation pages](#).

Sue Powell, ASC Website



Photo by Matt T. Lee

Reminder: for contact information to report injured, rare, banded, or dead birds, check the ASC website 'Birding' tab, then the '[Injured or Rare Birds](#)' subtab for email and/or phone numbers. We are at: auduboncorvallis.org.

Corvallis Audubon Facebook

Be sure to keep up to date and be inspired by joining our ASC Facebook page. Just "like" us for the latest news and pictures of wildlife that affect our local area. Feel free to post about what is happening in your neighborhood, street and back yard. Let's stay connected. Join us on Facebook at [CorvallisAudubon](#).

Nancy Demasi, ASC Facebook

Audubon Corvallis Instagram

Check us out on Instagram at auduboncorvallis. We NEED a new coordinator for our Instagram account. Please let us know at volunteerasc@gmail.com if you can fill this hole. Doesn't take much time. Thanks,

Christina Linkem, ASC Instagram

Conservation Report

In a departure from my monthly report, I'd like to note my family's long and rewarding relationship with our local Corvallis Chapter of Audubon, perhaps only one of few families here spanning several generations of birding members. The "Audubon" family of Chapters and the National membership encompass many more generations, all harkening back to namesake and artist John James Audubon. As we strive to better include the breadth of people who know and want to learn and understand more about their natural surroundings, we should also recognize that our association with J.J. Audubon's name and his enslavement of others during his lifetime is a barrier to greater membership and interest during our own. Please be aware that both National Audubon, and many of its member Chapters are working to rectify this obstacle.

An important topic to the western U.S. is the protection of saline lakes, including Lake Abert, itself a

critical breeding area and migratory stopover for Western Sandpiper, Northern Shoveler, Western Snowy Plover, Eared Grebe, and 10% of the global populations of Wilson's Phalarope and American Avocet ([Link](#)). A letter from local and national conservation groups to Governor Kate Brown needs our support, where multiple state agencies have failed to enforce their protective authorities ([Link](#)). We also need to urge our federal legislators to support the passage of federal saline lake ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act (S. 1466 and H.B 5345), to provide important technical and financial resources for the study of Lake Abert and other saline lakes across the west.

Pacific Power is also considering building two water storage reservoirs for future electricity generation, which would use even more water from the already over-allocated Chewaucan River. This just proves that a Wild West mindset thrives where agencies turn their backs.

Oregon forest practices and the fate of the Elliott State Forest will be heard soon during the February short session of the state legislature. The Private Forest Accords, and permanent protections for at least a portion of the Elliott, as a public resource detached from the Common School Fund, have successfully emerged from negotiated settlements after years of conflict. Information and public sessions on the Elliott are scheduled at 1 PM on Feb 1st and 3rd. I urge you to contact your state representatives, particularly Sen. Sara Gelser Blouin and Rep. Dan Rayfield to urge their support for these important legislative solutions.

Next month we'll be hearing more on the appeal by Republic Services to Benton County Commissioners to overturn the rejection of plans to expand Coffin Butte landfill, now scheduled for later in March. The record for submitting information to the Board of Commissioners remains open.

For details, links, and more information, please visit our updated [Conservation webpage](#).

Jim Fairchild, Conservation Chair

2021 Corvallis Christmas Bird Count Results

The 61st Corvallis Christmas Bird Count (CBC) took place on December 21, 2021. The 49 field observers and feeder watchers were treated to very accommodating weather, with temperatures ranging from 38 to 43 degrees Fahrenheit, light winds, and no rain or snow. Altogether, they counted 56,401 birds of 115 species. Two additional species—Greater White-fronted Goose and Orange-crowned Warbler—were seen during the count week, which ran from December 18–24, but not on the count day.

By far the most abundant species recorded was Cackling Goose, which accounted for 36 percent of all birds counted. Finishing in second place was European Starling, at 10 percent.

All of the species observed during the 2021 CBC had been seen in previous years, so there were no great surprises in that regard. However, new records were set for the number of birds seen in several species, including Trumpeter Swan (16 vs. a previous high of 6), Glaucous-winged Gull (639 vs. 452), Acorn Woodpecker (153 vs. 112), American Kestrel (172 vs. 170), Black Phoebe (42 vs. 29), and Golden-crowned Sparrow (1,066 vs. 990).

Among the species missed in the 2021 CBC were Greater White-fronted Goose, Gadwall, Ring-necked Pheasant, Ruffed Grouse, Long-billed Dowitcher, Western Screech-Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Lewis's Woodpecker, and Northern Shrike. All of those species had been seen in at least half of the previous Corvallis CBCs.

To download a pdf of the 2021 Corvallis CBC results, visit the ASC website (<https://auduboncorvallis.org/bird-count-opportunities/>). You can also view the results of this or any other CBC on the National Audubon Society CBC website: (<https://netapp.audubon.org/CBCObservation/CurrentYear/ResultsByCount.aspx>).

Matt Lee and Bev Clark, CBC

Field Trips

Second Saturday Field Trip February 12, 2022

The Second Saturday field trip will be February 12. We'll meet at 8 AM at the shelter in Willamette Park (end of SE Goodnight Ave.) and tour the park. This four-hour excursion is free and geared to people with an interest in learning more about birds that can be found in the Corvallis area. All levels of expertise are welcome. Bring suitable hats, shoes, and rain gear, as well as water and snacks! Participation will be limited due to the ongoing pandemic and face coverings will be required. Please email CorvallisAudubonSecondSaturday@gmail.com to sign up. Led by Duncan Evered and Caryn Stoess. Weather may alter plans.

Caryn Stoess & Duncan Evered

2022 Extended Field Trips on Hold Until Pandemic Situation is Resolved AND we Get a NEW Field Trips chairperson!

Yes, we **still** need a new weekend field trips chair or co-chairs, ASAP to begin transitioning with and learning from our amazing coordinator of 50 years of fantastic birding trips, Fred Ramsey. Please help us continue the tradition! Even if you can only coordinate one or two field trips a year, please step up so we don't lose this popular and invaluable program for ASC.

We are not yet planning any specific multi-day field trips. COVID-19 conditions don't allow that yet. If that situation changes, AND SOMEONE STEPS UP TO MANAGE THE PROCESS (are you seeing a theme yet?), we will plan for potential 2022 trips to: Bandon; Klamath Basin; Rogue Valley with Shakespeare; Malheur NWR; Summer Lake; Wallowas; Steens Mountain; and a Shorebird Search. If these don't work, we can 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 to auduboncorvallis@gmail.com

Education News

Education Revving Up for Spring

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, ASC Education has scaled back its programs over the past year and a half. With cases predicted to fall over the coming weeks, we are hoping to begin some in-person classes at our Hesthavn Nature Center for children in April with and more classes added for the summer months. These classes will focus on some of the bird families in our local area and how they adapt to their habitat. Look for more details coming on [our website](#) and in the March Chat. If you are interested in volunteering to help with these classes, please contact Dodie Wilson at asc.educationteam@gmail.com.

*Meika Vingelen and Dodie Wilson,
Education Co-Chairs*

Gardening for Birds

Indian Plum: Harbinger of Spring



Fig. 1: Clusters of Indian plum flowers.

The first glimmers of spring are appearing now as this newsletter is published. The first significant ray of light is Indian plum (*Oemleria cerasiformis*) also known as osoberry. This is an understory shrub that starts flowering in February, or January in mild winters. Individual flowers are small and white, but they occur in clusters of 10 to 20 and there are masses of clusters

on each plant (Fig. 1). The effect of the whole is a very heartening sight at this point in the winter (Fig. 2), especially on a sunny day. Spring is coming.

When we first arrived in Corvallis, we learned the lore that the return of Rufous Hummingbirds coincided with flowering Indian plum. Indeed, the arrival of flowers and birds coincided closely, though I have not personally seen hummingbirds feed on Indian plum. Nonetheless, they are reported to do so, as do butterflies and moths. With mild winters occurring more frequently, flowering of Indian plum has advanced significantly. We live in one of the colder sites in the area and still can see about a two-week advance of flowering compared to cool winters, the old normal. It would seem that a significant nectar source is becoming less available to Rufous Hummingbirds as flowering advances more quickly than hummingbird migration.



Fig. 2: Attractive understory shrub on a sunny winter day.

Indian plum is dioecious, that is male and female flowers are borne on separate plants. Female flowers set small, ovoid fruit which are orange-colored as they develop, then turn blue-black at ripening. My photos and most of those on the web show the orange fruit (Fig. 3). The reason is that birds and wildlife snap up fruits as they ripen in May and June. Towhees and other sparrows, finches, thrushes, and tanagers partake.

Indian plum grows as a multi-stemmed shrub 8-12 feet tall. With the multiple stems and suckering habit, it is not a tidy plant, thus favoring planting in the back of the garden where it has room to grow and form part of

a screen or border. It is shade-adapted but prefers the shade of deciduous trees rather than conifers. Presumably this gives it a couple of months of spring sunlight in which to develop before the canopy closes in. Like most of our natives, it prefers some moisture and good soil during the summer but can tolerate dry shade once established.



Fig. 3: Masses of immature fruit.
Text and Photos by William Proebsting

Hesthavn News

February Work parties (10 AM to noon):

- February 6, Weeding work party
- February 20, Barn and yard work party

March work parties (all from 10 to noon):

Sunday March 6. Weed work party. Spring will be starting up and the weeds will probably be springing into action. We may be working on: blackberries, false brome, stinky bob, yellow archangel, English ivy, or shiny geranium (or all of the above) depending on what problem seems the worst. Bring work gloves and snacks for a picnic lunch at noon.

Sunday March 27. We'll be working from a checklist of maintenance activities ranging from mowing the lawn to clearing the cobwebs from the inside of the

nature center. Bring work gloves and snacks for a picnic lunch at noon.

Check the ASC website or the Hesthavn Facebook page 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 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.

Community Notes

Ankeny Hill Nature Center

AHNC will be open on Feb. 5th, 2022! A week-long outdoor welcoming event from 2/5/22-2/12/22 will include introducing families to the Nature Explore Area,

trails and nature discovery activities. A special story walk and activity guide will be available in both English and Spanish. The Wild Goose Nature Store is planning on having a table there with items for sale during the first weekend. The entrance gates to AHNC are about 5 minutes west of Interstate 5 from the Ankeny Hill Road Exit or about one minute east of Buena Vista Road. Just type 130 Ankeny Hill Rd SE Jefferson, OR into your navigation apps. We hope to see you there as it's been a huge project for all involved.

Plan ahead for Winter Wildlife Field Days, Nature Night and Day, and Ankeny Refuge Bilingual Preschool Program.

Diane Young, Friends of WVNWR

Notice from Rogue Valley Audubon Society

The local spot in Medford where a Costa's Hummingbird has been wintering over, has been closed to any and all would-be viewers.

COVID numbers being what they are in the area, the location where the hummingbird is staying (a retirement community) has been closed to visitors.

Please share this information widely to your Audubon website, Facebook page, other bird listservs and alerts so people won't drive all the way down here hoping to get a sighting or some photos and then be turned away.

Erin M. Ulrich, President RVAS

The Great Backyard Bird Count

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a free, fun, and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the four-day event and report their sightings online at birdcount.org. Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from beginning bird watchers to experts, and you can participate from your backyard, or anywhere in the world.

The 25th annual GBBC will be held Friday, February 18, through Monday, February 21, 2022.

Please visit the official website at birdcount.org for more information.

Each checklist submitted during the GBBC helps researchers at the [National Audubon Society](https://www.audubon.org), [Cornell Lab of Ornithology](https://www.cornell.edu/lab-of-ornithology) and [Birds Canada](https://www.birdscanada.org) learn more about how birds are doing, and how to protect them and the environment we share. Recently, more than 160,000 participants submitted their bird observations online, creating the largest instantaneous snapshot of global bird populations ever recorded.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Board Meeting Summary January 13, 2022

Zoom meeting called to order by Dave Mellinger around 7 PM

Present: Phyllis Bailey, Mark Baldwin, Bev Clark, Kelly Collins, Ray Drapek, Jim and Karan Fairchild, Mai Kiigemagi, Dave Mellinger, Susan McNutt, Carolyn Peterson, Sue Powell, and Dodie Wilson

Officer Reports

VP/Program Committee – Dave Mellinger will speak in February. Upcoming meeting speakers are in the works. Meeting locations will be announced.

Treasurer report sent online. Carolyn sent IRS forms out and is continuing to deal with an old issue.

Committee and Team Reports

Education – A going away party was held for Mikaela. The annual report is almost done, according to Dodie.

WWFD – March 1-31, 2022 event. A request to borrow some of our bird specimens was discussed.

CHAT – Kelly Collins' deadline for articles for March newsletter is February 24th.

Conservation – Jim Fairchild mentioned forest issues are keeping him busy.

Benton County Planning Commission/Republic Services issues postponed until March 21st meeting. Dave thanked Jim for producing the Elliott State Forest letter and continuing to follow legislation regarding conservation easement.

Publicity/Social Media – Sue Powell mentioned changes in the website pages. She noted that the

education page with WWFD older photos has been deactivated but not removed.

Hesthavn – Ray Drapek

1. Tool shed combination lock – having difficulty with it so bought a new lock that is alleged by Amazon to be weather resistant. It is a number combination this time.
2. Spate of new volunteers – In the last week Karan has passed the names of 4 potential new volunteers. Ray made contact and has gotten one positive response so far.
3. Kiosk keys and key box – in the drawer marked “NOT MOUSE PROOF.” May hang that box up on the wall at the next work party.
4. ADA trail – Ed from Crestmont Land Trust built the Amy Schoener Trail. He said they might be able to help build our trail, but he was suggesting compacted crushed rock. That is what Amy’s Trail is. They do still have to spray it with Roundup once a year. (Karan suggested contacting Christopher Reeve Foundation for potential funding of a trail.)
5. Tree hanging over bridge – has the potential to fall on the bridge. I haven’t contacted an arborist yet. It looks like it could be an expensive removal.
6. Douglas spirea – Kim has a friend who does restoration work. She has some Douglas spirea to give away, so the next Barn-and-Yard work party (Jan 23) will include Douglas spirea planting.

February 10, 2022 ASC board meeting will be on Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

Susan McNutt, Board 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

Jerry & Lyn Larson
Lawrence Mathews

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 recently or changed your email/mail addresses, please update your information by emailing it to adamus7@comcast.net.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Paul Adamus, Membership Chair

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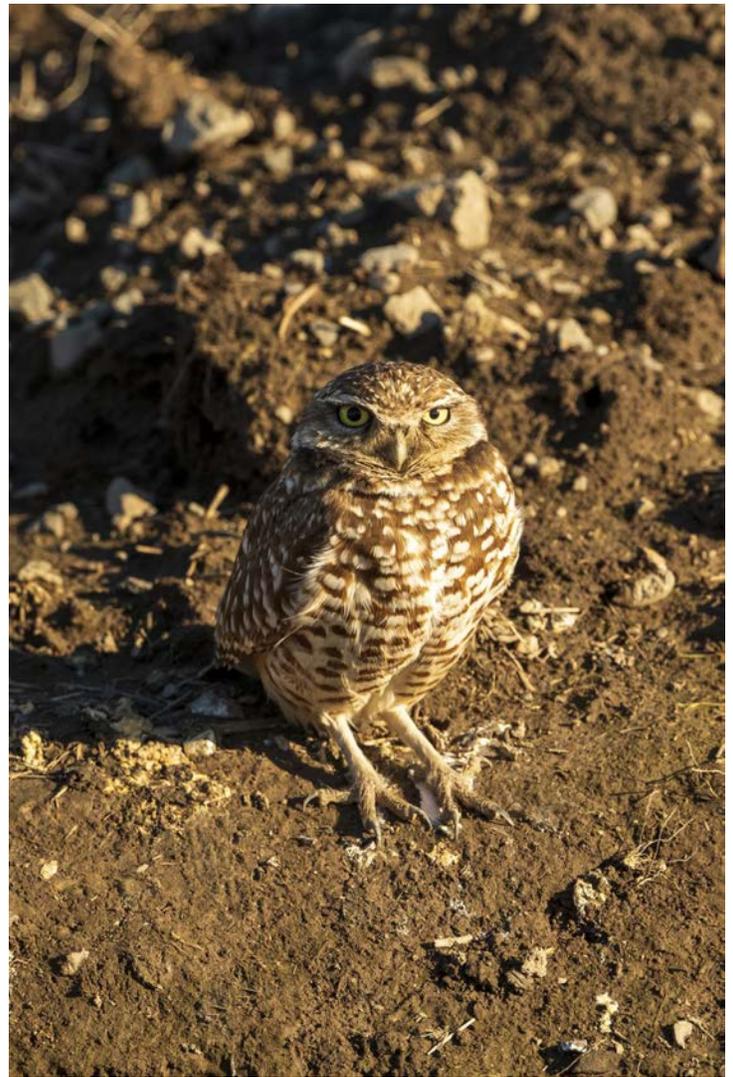
Chat Articles

The Chat editors (Kelly Collins, 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

February 6, Hesthavn weeding work party
February 10, Board Meeting
February 12, Second Saturday Field Trip
February 17, General Meeting – Dave Mellinger,
 *Echoes from the deep: Exploring the oceans
 through acoustics*
February 20, Hesthavn barn and yard work party
February 24, March CHAT submission deadline
March 6, Hesthavn weeding work party
March 12, Second Saturday Field Trip
March 17, Board Meeting
March 24, General Meeting – to be announced
March 26, Hesthavn barn and yard work party

Board and Member meetings may have to be cancelled or changed to ZOOM due to pandemic challenges, so please check our website for the latest scheduling info.



Burrowing Owl in Linn County. Photo by Tom Heath

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Interested in volunteering?

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volunteerasc@gmail.com

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