



THE CHAT

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The 2022-2023 Monthly Meetings will be both in-person and available on Zoom! They will be held in the Corvallis Community Center at 2601 NW Tyler Ave. in Corvallis. At 6:30 PM there is a social gathering, followed by a Board meeting at 7:00 PM, and the program begins at 7:30 PM and lasts about an hour.

The in-person meetings will also be available on Zoom. ASC members who provided their email address with their membership dues will receive an invitation and instructions the day before the webinar. Members can view the presentation on their computers or phones at home. A few days following the meeting, the link to the recording will be posted on the ASC website (Homepage and Monthly Meetings) and will be available until the next meeting. Meetings are open to the general public, although space is limited. Email audubon.corvallis@gmail.com for information about accessing the program.

Sue Powell, ASC Website

ASC General Meeting

9/22/22, 7:00 PM

Greater Sage-Grouse: The Canary in the Sagebrush

By Kelly Hazen

Like canaries in a coal mine, Greater Sage-Grouse are indicators of the health of the sagebrush environment and its plant and animal inhabitants. Wildlife biologist Kelly Hazen, who monitored leks in Oregon, will share

information about the Sage-Grouse natural history and Oregon's Adopt-A-Lek program. She coordinated the citizen-scientist volunteer program from 2013 to 2017 in remote southern Malheur County. Her talk will include Sage-Grouse biology and new 2022 data.



Greater Sage-Grouse, photo by Matt T. Lee

Greater Sage-Grouse (GSG) are chicken-sized birds that are found in 13 western U.S. states and three Canadian provinces. At dawn in spring, the courting behavior of male birds is spectacular. They fan their pointed tail feathers, inflate yellow air sacs on their breasts, and burble their availability to interested

females. Habitat fragmentation and development have caused severe declines for this dramatic bird.



Photo by Vince Patton, OPB

Kelly has been an avid birder for over 40 years and says, "Wherever I live or wherever I travel, I enjoy taking advantage of the local birding opportunities." Early work started in Burns, Oregon in 1993. Kelly studied the huge flocks of Arctic white geese that migrate through the region each spring. In the winter of 2011-2012, a rare Snowy Owl established a foraging territory just a few miles from Burns. Kelly Hazen jumped on this rare opportunity to collect data about the owl's diet and foraging behavior.

You can find the sound recording of the May Zoom meeting by Jonathan Valente about research on the [Marbled Murrelet here](#).

Thanks to Eric Preston for guiding our Zoom meetings and Program Committee member Mai Kiigemagi for setting up speakers. We need another volunteer or two to help with our program committee! Please contact us at the website noted above to help Mai and Eric!!

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

Mai and Eric, Program Committee

Co-President's Message Support "Recovering America's Wildlife Act"

The House has just passed, and the Senate is on the verge of passing, the "Recovering America's Wildlife Act" (RAWA). This is the largest conservation bill in years, perhaps decades, and was put together cooperatively by conservationists and industrial leaders. The version passed by the House would:

- provide \$1.4 billion every year for collaborations by states and tribes on conservation projects, replacing the piecemeal funding that happens now;
- guide state efforts using the states' State Wildlife Action Plans;
- provide \$97 million annually to tribes for conservation efforts on tribal lands;
- target 15% of the totals to threatened and endangered species;
- help prevent species from becoming endangered and thus, triggering more restrictive regulations.

Please contact our Senators and ask them to support the House-passed RAWA in full. Both of them have initially supported RAWA, but it always helps them in negotiations to know they have citizen backing.

Ron Wyden: 202-224-5244,

<https://www.wyden.senate.gov/contact/email-ron>

Jeff Merkley: 202-224-3753,

<https://www.merkley.senate.gov/contact>

Dave Mellinger, Co-President

Thank you, Corvallis Advocate

Peggy Perdue gave the ASC a shout-out on 5/29/2022:

<https://www.corvallisadvocate.com/2022/corvallis-audubon-society-seeks-volunteers/>

Suzanne Ortiz

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ASC Website/Social Media Resources for a Sustainable Corvallis

Corvallis is lucky to have the [Corvallis Sustainability Coalition](#) (CSC) looking out for our community. Their mission is “to promote an ecologically, socially, and economically healthy city and county” and their efforts are focused in 12 directions, including natural areas, transportation, energy, housing, health, water, and more. ASC is one of their many partners, and our activities and events are included on [their calendar](#).

The CSC has developed many free resources, such as the online [Garden Guide](#). You can find helpful tips for your backyard garden from planning to harvesting, including who would be happy to use all that extra zucchini! There is information about bee- and poultry-keeping, too.

To recycle no longer loved household things, see a list of businesses that accept items, and select the applicable category from the online [Reuse and Recycling directory](#). The directory also provides a list of businesses that offer repair services for many items.

There are many links on the ASC website [Birding \(and other\) Resources page](#). I bet there are items on the page that will interest you and your family.

Sue Powell, ASC Website

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.

Sue Powell, ASC Website

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. If you can fill this hole, let us know at volunteerasc@gmail.com. It doesn’t take much time.

Thanks,

Christina Linkem, ASC Instagram

Conservation Report Pooh.

Like Christopher Robin’s companion Eeyore, I am slow to apply psychological understanding to a behavior which has become common, perhaps even acceptable. In the late 2010s I began to understand “projection.” In a clinical setting, projection—accusing others of one’s own flaws—is an uncontrollable behavior, often confined to childhood playground matters. Yet in a *New York Times* op-ed, Michelle Goldberg (2020) refers to Donald Trump as a “Master of Projection.” Examples include roundly criticizing Mitt Romney for failing to

release his tax returns and berating Barack Obama for watching too much TV in the White House, playing too much golf, overusing Air Force One for “politics and play” and potentially leading America into WWII.

Perhaps we could have foreseen planned activities, like the Russian escalation towards war against Ukraine, as Trump made corruption claims against Hunter Biden and the new Ukrainian government. At its core, psychological projection functions to make the relevant distinctions of a situation illegible or difficult to parse. According to W.W. Meissner's *Treatment of Patients in the Borderline Spectrum* (1988), “The result of these processes [of projection] is a fundamental confusion and an incapacity to differentiate subject and object, reality and fantasy, along with an inability to differentiate the real object from its symbolic representation” (p. 38).

What brings this to mind is the oft-repeated recent ad on local public radio stations, sponsored by Oregon Forests Forever, which advocates for sustainable forest management to protect clean water and wildlife habitat. Tree farms are not “forests,” just as a field of tomatoes or grass seed are not “prairies.” Forest management does not provide either cleaner water or greater habitat diversity than existed prior to modern management activities. Quite the opposite, as increased forest entry accompanied by roads, invasives and chemicals needed to control them, soil disruption and depletion through site removals of wood, and the introduction of maladapted trees and accompanying erosion control plantings all instead contribute to reduced water quality and biodiversity. Otherwise, how did we get here having water and biodiversity crises? Like repeating the expression “working forest,” this is not simple projection, but conflation of terms and facts to obscure a motive unrelated to a functional planet. And for now, let's forget about carbon and climate!

Like Eeyore almost against hope, I continue to learn about and advocate for Pacific Northwest forests where there remains any resemblance to naturally occurring forest. Many visitors no longer recognize unmanaged forests when they have a chance to recreate. Still some premier examples locally remain behind locked gates in the Corvallis watershed, which harbors the largest aggregation of large diameter trees (>55in) in Oregon north of the California redwoods

(https://lemma.forestry.oregonstate.edu/data/download/?file=/export/grids/imap/species/r2/mr118_wdycov.zip).

Meanwhile city managers derail younger native forests into even-aged harvestable stands. You can visit an example of this. The already-marked-for-a-second-cutting Old Peak Road Forest along the Corvallis-to-the-Sea (C2C) Trail, if you first get an entry permit from Starker Forests.

In the coming weeks please look towards public meetings as the OSU College of Forestry begins forest planning for the MacDonald-Dunn Research Forest. I currently serve on its Stakeholder Advisory Committee and very much welcome any input from ASC and community members.

Jim Fairchild, Conservation Chair

Field Trips

Second Saturday Field Trip September 10, 2022

The first Second Saturday field trip of the season will be on September 10. 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.

Duncan Evered and Caryn Stoess

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 Fred Ramsey, our amazing coordinator of

50 years of fantastic birding trips. 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. We will plan for potential 2022 trips to Bandon, Klamath Basin, Rogue Valley with Shakespeare, Malheur NWR, Summer Lake, the 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

A busy Spring for ASC Education!



Dodie Wilson and Liz Hogan read to a group of children at Hesthavn. Photo by Dodie Wilson

Five ASC volunteers attended the Spring Girl Scout Camp at Camp Whispering Winds in Kings Valley on May 7. We presented a program to 40 K-2 girls that had them hunting around the room for laminated local bird photos, viewing bird specimens, and learning different bird habitats. The highlight of the program was making bird pendant necklaces for Mother's Day. Liz Hogan and new ASC volunteer, Monica Drost, came up

with this fun, wearable craft that was so popular most of the girls wanted to make two, one for Mom and one for themselves! It was a lot of fun for everyone. Thanks to Phyllis Bailey, Liz Hogan, Mai Kiigemagi, Dodie Wilson, and our newest volunteer, Monica Drost, for putting on such a successful program.



Monica Drost and Liz Hogan show a group of girls the art of pendant making at Camp Whispering Winds. Photo by Dodie Wilson.

The week of May 21-28, the Willamette Valley Refuges celebrated Migratory Bird Week. Programs from various organizations were held at the 3 national wildlife refuges (Finley, Baskett Slough and Ankeny) throughout the week. On Friday, May 28, ASC Education had a station at the Finley NWR headquarters. We brought several of our bird specimens that represented long-distance migrants. Our newest specimen, a Peregrine Falcon, was a favorite. Kids attending could play Bird Bingo or participate in a bird scavenger hunt. We set up a spotting scope for people to view some of the birds in the area, including the Acorn Woodpeckers and Purple Martins. Child-sized binoculars were also available. Thanks so much to our volunteers: Dale Mitchell, Ann Brodie, Shelly Murphy, Laura Morrison, Paula Graff, and Dodie Wilson.

On Wednesday, June 1st Elizabeth Camacho, a lead teacher at PEGA Tots Preschool here in Corvallis brought her preschool class to Hesthavn to learn about birds. We had 3 stations set up inside the barn: 1) Match the bird drawing to the bird specimen, and match the bird nest to the bird specimen; 2) Fill the Bill,

an interactive game where the child tries to figure out which utensil matches the birds' beak the best so it can pick up its food; and 3) Make a bird using paper, feathers, pipe cleaners, stick-on eyes, and glue. We also read them stories and taught them a bird dance. Thanks to our volunteers: Dale Mitchell, Tricia Bowlby, Liz Hogan, and Dodie Wilson.

Upcoming Education Events

Coming up in July, ASC Education is participating in 2 events, a Summer Girl Scout Camp at Rock Creek Camp (July 20-21) and the Benton County Historical Society's Family Day (Saturday, July 23rd). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dodie Wilson at asc.educationteam@gmail.com.

Spotting Scope and tripod donated

Thank you to Sarah Imholt for donating a Leupold Wind River Sequoia 15-45 x 60 mm spotting scope to ASC. Tripod and case included! We have already put it to use at the Finley NWR Migratory Bird Day and are sure to get a lot of use out of it.

Dodie Wilson, Education Co-Chair

Gardening for Birds

Grow a Native Oregon Prairie

Lawn is an ecological disaster elevated to the level of a status symbol.

Douglas Tallamy

Our operating principle for gardening for birds is to grow a structural and biological diversity of native plants. Lawns meet neither of these criteria. One alternative to lawns is to develop a prairie. Native prairies in the PNW are comprised of bunchgrasses with annual and perennial forbs. In the mid-2010s, I replaced the lawn at the Methodist Church, 1165 NW Monroe Ave., with a replica of a PNW prairie. The prairie now provides structural and biological diversity where there was none previously, as well as ornamental interest throughout the year.

Roemer's fescue (*Festuca roemerii*), a moderately-sized native grass, provides the grass component. Other native grasses are mostly taller, and I thought unsuited from a design perspective for this site. Further, since non-native grasses invading the site are a continual challenge to monitor and control, I thought having a single species to maintain simplified management. Even the fescue is a potential problem, however. Left unchecked, grasses eventually dominate prairies. I have learned to cut the fescue flower spikes to prevent seed formation.

Over two dozen species of native forb have been planted and naturalized in the prairie. These species provide an impressive floral display through the spring and much of the summer as well as floral resources for insects.



Figure 1. April 2022, camas is the main flower. Also present are Oregon saxifrage, western buttercup, Henderson's shooting star, and wild strawberry.



Figure 2. April 2022, close-up showing common camas, Henderson's shooting star, wild strawberry, buds of Oregon saxifrage, foliage of Oregon geranium

which will flower later, and Labrador violet, a native of the northeastern U.S. which volunteered on the site.



Figure 3. June 2022, one remaining great camas, meadow checkermallow, sticky cinquefoil, Oregon geranium, arrowleaf buckwheat, western columbine (far right in back). Not visible are narrow-leaf mule ears and tapertip onion.

A variety of bees, wasps and syrphids visit the flowers over the course of the season. I have erected a bee hotel loaded with wood drilled with various-sized holes and leave the soil undisturbed, providing an opportunity for ground-nesting species.

The site is fairly exposed, so birds use the area cautiously. However, since planting the prairie, birds, mostly sparrows and finches, have been using it. Use improved further in 2020, when I installed a dripper and water pan. I know that fruit-eating birds visit based on the number of seedlings from the hawthorns in the neighborhood.

Maintenance of such a garden is not trivial. Weeds inevitably blow in from surrounding areas. Left untended, they would defeat the biological and esthetic features of the project. I have found that regular, careful inspection of the garden from late winter into June is effective in preventing these non-natives from taking over.

Text and photos William Proebsting

This is Bill's final regular column. Thank you, Bill, we appreciate your contributions!

(If there is anyone out there who could write this column or a different one, please volunteer for this!)

Hesthavn News



Barn stain, photo by Raymond Drapek



Photos by Suzanne Ortiz.

Hesthavn Work-Party Schedules

With a new stain on the barn and the native plant garden in full bloom, things have been looking nice at Hesthavn. Wednesday June 22 was the first of four Youth Volunteer Corps work parties at Hesthavn. Eight kids showed up for this first work party. They worked to clear Ray's Trail and cleaned up the tool shed.

Here is the work party schedule through September. Bring work gloves and snacks for a picnic lunch at noon:

- Wednesday July 27, 10 AM to noon. Youth Volunteer Corps work party.
- Sunday July 31, 10 AM to noon. Barn and yard work party. We will be working from the checklist.
- Wednesday August 10, 10 AM to noon. Youth Volunteer Corps work party.
- Sunday August 14, 10 AM to noon. Weed work party. Possibly we will work on clearing out weeds for the caged plants.
- Sunday September 4, 10 AM to noon. Weed work party. We will have to see what most needs to be done this day. Unfortunately, there's always plenty of invasive weeds to work on.

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 open to our guests during daylight hours.

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.

Fine Selection of Books at Our September ASC Meeting!

Our ASC Book and Raffle Table is back and will be loaded with a fine selection of fiction and non-fiction for you to choose from at our September meeting. For those of you who missed Jonathan Slaght's reading at Grassroots, we will have a copy of his highly acclaimed *Owls of the Eastern Ice: A Quest to Find and Save the World's Largest Owl*, as well as raven researcher Bernd Heinrich's personal memoir *Racing the Antelope: What Animals Can Teach Us About Running and Life*. For fiction, we'll offer four of Steve Burrows' engaging British birder murder mysteries.

And, our popular raffle is back!! For just \$1.00 a ticket you'll be able to take a chance to win some Surprising Thing to either take home or not (just donate it back to us). Remember that the sale of raffle tickets pays for our meeting room rental each month. We're looking forward to seeing you all again.

Sally Shaw, Book & Raffle Table

Community Notes

California Condors Released!

(I apologize profusely for not getting this article in the last issue! – Kelly Collins, editor)

California Condors have faced many challenges throughout their history, but the uplifting news about the 2022 Pacific Northwest release was greeted with cheers and appreciation for the efforts it took.

In 2003, Yurok tribe elders identified the California Condor as a keystone species in need of restoration. Yurok culture understood the significance of these beings as having great spiritual power. The Yurok and other tribes used Condor's shed feathers in healing ceremonies. Prey-go-neesh, their name for California Condors, play a critical part of the Yurok tribes 10-day Jump Dance, where participants pray, fast, dance and sweat in ceremonies to keep the world renewed and balanced.

The Northern California Condor Release Program represents a partnership that includes the Yurok Tribe Condor Restoration Program, the Ventana Wildlife Society Condor Crew, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Oregon Zoo's Johnson Center for Wildlife Conservation, the Peregrine Fund in Boise, Idaho and Redwood National Park and the National Park Service. Other contributors ranged from PG&E, who donated \$200,000 to the Yurok Tribe Condor Restoration Program, to local dairy farmers who donated stillborn calves to feed the fledglings.

In the spring of 2022, four California Condors were transferred by the Ventana Wildlife Society to the Yurok Release Facility in Redwoods National Park in California. Two of the Condors, aged 2-3 years, were mentored and socialized at the Yurok Release Facility site and monitored for the skills that contribute to their success in the wild.

On May 3rd, *Poy'-we-son* and *Nes-kwe-chokw*, were both released. The two cohort brothers left the flight pen on their own and immediately began to fly freely over the Northern California redwoods.

The May 3rd release date coincided with Natural Areas Celebration Week, and visitors to the ASC Nature Center were shown the life-size Condor artwork by the artist Katie Johnson that is installed at Hesthavn. Visitors were also provided with handouts containing information about California Condors.

The latest California Condor release was on May 25th when *Ney-gem'Ne-chween-kah*, a female condor, joined her cohort brothers, who were waiting near the pen. The three siblings have been observed socializing together.

Tiana Williams-Claussen, the director of the Yurok Tribe Wildlife Program noted that *Poy'-we-son* translates to "The one who goes ahead" and *Nes-kwe-chokw* translates to "He returns" or "He arrives," nicknames that represent the historic moment of the condors return to the skies of the Pacific Northwest.

The translation of the nickname for the female, *Ney-gem'Ne-chween-kah*, is "She carried our prayers."

The fourth California Condor was released June 14th just before dawn. The male is the last of his cohort to be released. He has been nicknamed "*Hlow Hoo-let*"

which means "At last I (or we) fly!" There were problems with his transmitter that delayed his release.

It is expected that a new cohort will arrive at the Yurok Release Facility later in 2022. The NCCRP plan is to release 4-6 birds every year for the next 20 years.

Updates on the Northern California Condor Release Program can be found at the Yurok Tribe Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/YurokCondors>

A link to the Oregon Zoo California Condor hatching program:

<https://www.oregonzoo.org/news/2022/05/zoo-reared-condor-takes-flight-historic-redwoods-release>

A link to the Oregon Zoo report of a record 12 California Condor chicks that were hatched in 2022:

<https://www.oregonzoo.org/news/2022/05/condors-dozen-hatching-season-breaks-record>

An overview of the California Condor's story by Dan Linehan. The article appeared in Bay Nature:

<https://baynature.org/2022/06/09/the-reintroduction-odyssey-of-the-yurok-condors/>

Suzanne Ortiz

Natural Areas Celebration Week

ASC opened Hesthavn Nature Center for five days during Natural Areas Celebration Week (celebrated from May 1-8). NACW is a joint effort of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition and its many partner organizations (ASC is one of the CSC's Engaged Partners).

Our visitors provided great positive feedback about the Nature Center, even when the weather was rainy and chilly. Our busiest day was Wednesday when the sun came out and visitors walked the trails, enjoyed picnics, wildflower blooms, passing birds and butterflies.

During NACW, a record of the daily sightings was posted in the Barn for birds, butterflies, mammals, and wildflowers in bloom. During the week, the species spotted included Wild Turkey, Anna's and Rufous Hummingbird, Turkey Vulture, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Warbling Vireo, Steller's Jay,

California Scrub-Jay, American Crow, Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit, House Wren, Swainson's Thrush, American Robin, Cedar Waxwing, Dark-eyed Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Spotted Towhee, Western Tanager, and Black-headed Grosbeak.

Many thanks go to the following volunteers for their contributions:

Ray Drapek and Kim Collins Drapek who give so much to maintain Hesthavn (the grounds looked terrific for the open house!).

Sue Powell for her work on the new visitor kiosks and the installation on Western Bluebirds; for the new Ray's Trail brochures and for the Nature Cover Boards that are installed along Ray's Trail.

Dodie Wilson and Tricia Bowlby, Education Team members who joined me during the open house hours.

Ann Brodie for her contributions inside the Nature Center; Karl Hartzell for pruning the apple tree; Chris Mathews for taking care of the bird feeders on the grounds; Julie Gibson for her work on the native plant garden and on the grounds; and all the other ASC and community members who volunteer their time at Hesthavn Nature Center.

We're looking forward to next spring, when we'll be back to welcome visitors for NACW, 2023!

Suzanne Ortiz

Liaison to the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

OBA Grants Available

The Oregon Birding Association (OBA) offers grants of up to \$1,000 each, twice yearly, through its Oregon Fund for Ornithology. Application forms for the upcoming round of grants are due on August 1, 2022. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at: tmyers@oregonbirding.org.

Projects should align with the OBA's mission to further knowledge, education, enjoyment and science about birds and birding in Oregon. We hope this grant program can support the diverse community of bird lovers in Oregon. We strongly encourage applications for projects that serve or are led by Black, Indigenous, and other birders of color, birders from working class backgrounds, birders who identify as women, birders

from the LGBTQIA+ community and birders living with disabilities.

Applications received before August 1st will be reviewed, and selections will be made at the Fall 2022 OBA Board meeting. We review and accept grant applications twice yearly, and the deadline for the next cycle will be February 1, 2023.

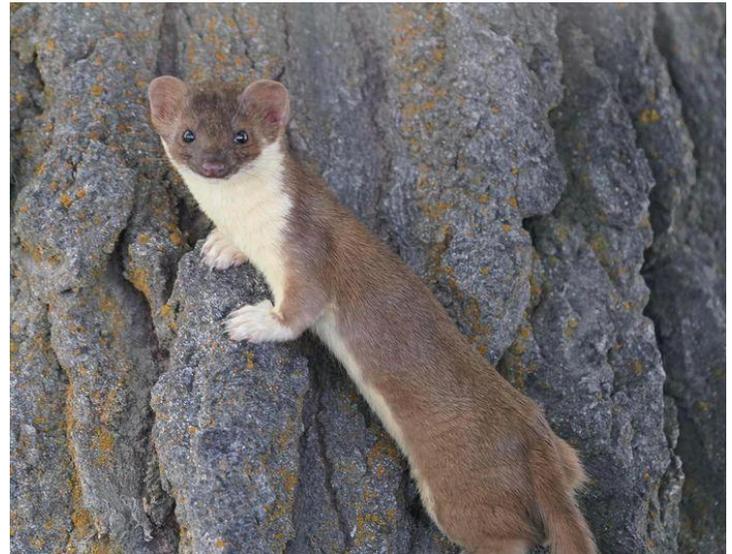
You can find information about previous projects as well as the application form on our website:

<https://oregonbirding.org/oregon-fund-for-ornithology/>.

Karan Fairchild, Co-President

Member Musings

A board member, Dodie Goodyear Wilson, took this great photo of a long-tailed weasel in Malheur Wildlife Refuge. The photo is highlighted on the [Friends of Malheur Facebook page](#) and in the Malheur Musings newsletter.



Long-tailed weasel at Malheur, photo by Dodie Wilson.

Board Meeting Summary

May 12, 2022

Zoom meeting called to order by Karan Fairchild at 7 p.m.

Present: Phyllis Bailey, Mark Baldwin, Beverly Clark, Kelly Collins, Ray Drapek, Jim and Karan Fairchild, Mai Kiigemagi, Susan McNutt, Dave

Mellinger, Suzanne Ortiz, Carolyn Peterson, and Sue Powell.

April meeting minutes were approved as revised and submitted by Mai Kiigemagi, acting as Secretary.

Officer Reports

President – Dave will read the slate of candidates at the general meeting before voting.

Next year's general meetings will be held at Corvallis Community Center (C3) and will be hybrid (in-person and on Zoom) which will be coordinated by Eric Preston. He would like volunteers (2-3) to be available for backup in his absence.

VP/Program Committee – Mai reported Kelly Hazen from Bend is confirmed as speaker about Greater Sage-Grouse. New program committee member, Marge Popp, will introduce the speaker.

Treasurer report – Caroline sent the budget/treasurer's report online with each program listed separately. Donations are appreciated. Future fund drives possible.

Secretary – Susan thanked Mai for taking minutes for the last two months.

Committee and Team Reports

Education – Karan read Dodie's message (see under Education News)

Conservation – Jim was invited to be an McDonald-Dunn Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the OSU College of Forestry. He asked for advice from the Board about representing Audubon. He's working on Corvallis City Watershed issues. He will speak to the City Council again soon and will file a Formal Public Records request.

Publicity/Social Media – Sue Powell thanks Jim for sending good conservation information for the website. We are always in need of program updates for the website!

Hesthavn – Ray says 1) Display boxes for kiosks are in process of finding a good surface for pinning, 2) Work parties schedule available through September. Wednesday work parties have plenty of workers but need to have more adults to help supervise kids.

Sustainability Team – Suzanne reported that she and volunteers from the Education Team opened Hesthavn Nature Center for 2 hours a day for Natural Area

Celebration Week, an event that is held annually during the first week of May. Visitors enjoyed having "the Barn" open and some remarked that they enjoyed coming out to visit Hesthavn's grounds during the pandemic. Bird, butterfly and wildflower lists were posted throughout the week. A flyer about the recent California Condor release was available and visitors were shown the new Bluebird installation.

Diversity and Inclusion Team – Ray, Dave, and Suzanne met in May to brainstorm ideas regarding diversity and inclusion issues and will continue to do research on proposals that will eventually be brought before the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

*Revised Minutes submitted by 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!

Mikayle Anderson
Thomas Gabe
Michelle Mills
Nelson Mills
Anne Smith
Kelly Wiegand

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, volunteer work parties, as well as ZOOM links. Send an email to the administrator (Karan Fairchild, mail to: 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

Contributors to this Chat

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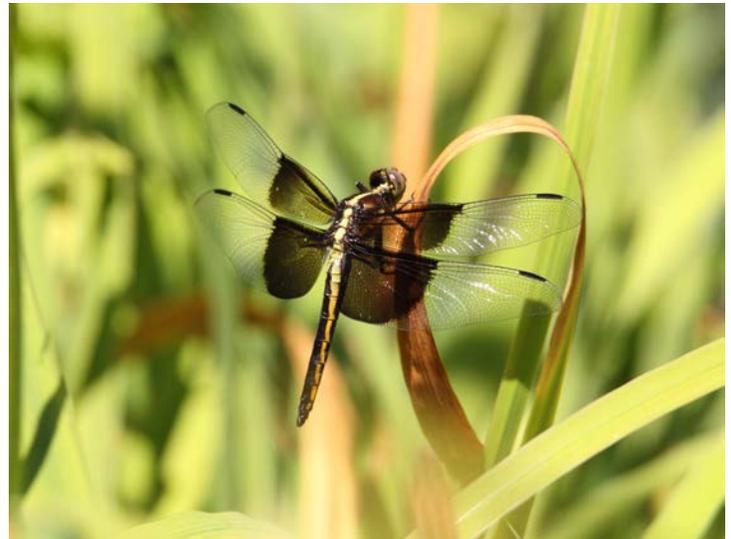
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Calendar

July 27, 10 AM to Noon - Youth Volunteer Corps work party (Hesthavn)

July 31, 10 AM to Noon - Barn and yard work party (Hesthavn)
August 4, 5:30 – Potluck and Board Meeting (Hesthavn, double-check the website!)
August 10, 10 AM to Noon - Youth Volunteer Corps work party (Hesthavn)
August 14, 10 AM to Noon - Weed work party (Hesthavn)
August 23 – CHAT deadline
September 4, 10 AM to Noon - Weed work party (Hesthavn).
September 8, 7 PM – Board Meeting
September 15, 7 PM – 8 PM General Meeting, Kelly Hazen speaks on the Greater Sage-grouse. (Corvallis Community Center)

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