



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](#) (Oak Room, there will be signage) 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.

COVID-19: Please do not attend Audubon Society of Corvallis in-person meetings or events if you have a known exposure to someone with COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19, if you are sick yourself, or have other reasons to quarantine. We encourage mask-wearing and will have some available at the general meeting if you need one. Remember, mask-wearing is not just for you, but helps protect your friends and neighbors.

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 phone. 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.

ASC General Meeting 10/20/22 at 7:00 PM Using Science to Understand and Reduce Wildlife Impacts from Wind Energy

By Manuela Huso



Credit: Oregon Department of Energy

Wind farms are usually located along ridgetops and in areas that funnel wind currents. Unfortunately, aerial wildlife often use the same areas during their migrations, which can result in fatalities. A key challenge facing the wind energy industry is the potential for wind turbines to impact wild animals both directly, via collisions, and indirectly, due to noise pollution, habitat loss, and reduced survival or reproduction.

Every year, thousands of dead bats and birds are found beneath wind turbines all over the world. Bird fatalities are mostly caused by impact with the blades. However, bats may mistake the turbines for trees and, when they get too close, the pressure waves damage their internal organs (US Geological Survey).



Manuela Huso

Manuela Huso led the Wind Energy and Wildlife Team on projects to design and analyze the results of monitoring studies following the construction of wind turbines. Her team also analyzed the results of wildlife deterrent projects at several wind power facilities. She will present what she has learned from this collaborative work and how the wind energy industry can lessen the impacts.

Until she retired in 2021, Manuela was a Research Statistician with the USGS Forest and Rangeland

Ecosystem Science Center in Corvallis with a courtesy faculty appointment in the Department of Statistics at OSU. Prior to that, she spent more than 20 years as a consulting statistician at OSU.

You can find a recording of the September Zoom Meeting on Greater Sage-grouse by Kelly Hazen [here](#), or use the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/wlRizA71ONXKMQ92S689S15eASB033TFHWqa8OjFmMtsVmsc0uagmGigl5BOyNXk.rSQ3FUFr4MON8kjV>

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! Can you please contact us at the website noted above to help Mai and Eric!!

Mai and Eric, Program Committee

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ASC Website/Social Media

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](#).

Conservation Report

Every other fall, the election season gives me great apprehension. Who will be taking the reins of power and how will their direction affect me, our communities, and the things we care about? Will voters be inclined towards apathy, negativity, or simply reactive to widespread advertising? Or will voters explore the background and voting records of candidates, vote and encourage their friends to participate in our democratic republic. Anymore, we have incredible access to information. Parsing through that demands our critical thinking. I encourage voters to find non-partisan sources, like the League of Women Voters, that research and endorse candidates for local, state, and federal offices.

Every fall season allows me a chance to reflect on environmental wins and where we seem to be on the right track. This month Oregon Audubon conservation leaders will share their wins, losses, and where to focus Chapter interests for the coming year. I will report on those in more detail next month.

For the present, Federal and state leadership is advancing measures to reduce consumption of fossil fuels, encouraging the development of renewables, and incentivizing conservation and more sustainable alternatives. Even local efforts are working to convince city decision-makers to act in the best interest of residents. Property ownership changes provide a moment when cities can require information on residential energy costs be passed on to new owners or renters.

All energy developments come with challenges. Immediate global energy demands have reduced our current petroleum reserves, increasing demand for new oil and gas leasing. Scaling up mining of lithium and cobalt, development of reversing hydropower energy

storage systems, and solar energy collectors have an increasing footprint and impact on primarily arid ecosystems. Wind turbine arrays now proliferate beyond those landscapes into productive farm and forest lands, and now even offshore where turbines will likely impact resident and migratory birds, bats, as well as marine mammals, fishes, and communities that depend on them.

How will energy developments impact wildlife and their habitats? Last month's speaker Kelly Hazen identified that juniper tree encroachment into our western sage provides perch sites for ravens in search for sage grouse eggs. Transmission line towers through sage grouse habitat also provide ideal raven perches. Are there deterrent measures that could benefit both species? Can we predict the wildlife impacts of wind turbines before they are sited and built? Our October speaker, Manuela Huso, has worked to understand the impacts of wind turbines on birds and bats around the world, and can provide us some insights about how scientists approach even recognizing a risk before population losses occur.

Field Trips

Second Saturday Field Trip

October 8, 2022 (8 AM - Noon)

We'll meet at the shelter in Willamette Park (east 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! Registration required; free, open to the public.

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 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. We will plan for potential 2022 trips to Bandon, Klamath Basin, Rogue Valley with Shakespeare, Malheur NWR, Summer Lake, and the Willows, 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 audubon.corvallis@gmail.com

Education News

Fall Migratory Bird Week!

Please join Dodie Wilson, Mai Kiigemagi, and Phyllis Bailey Wednesday, October 5th, from 10 AM -1 PM for bird walks at the William L. Finley NWR's Woodpecker Loop. This is part of the Willamette Valley Refuges' celebration of **Fall Migratory Bird Week**. BYOB (Bring Your Own Binoculars) or we will have a few loaners you can borrow.

Kalapuya Gaw-Ni (Kalapuya Trail through the Woods)

**Wednesdays thru November 30th
4:30-5:45 PM**

Students ages 9-14 are welcome to join us on *Kalapuya Gaw-Ni* trail through time and place this Fall to discover the Kalapuya way of life in the Willamette Valley. We will explore different local natural areas to

understand key plant and animal resources. Students will participate in hands-on Math, Science and History using the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde curriculum. Students will build a replica canoe and test if it floats. They will also explore the population dynamics of deer and investigate key plant resources for their value as food or tools. Class will include storytelling, *Chinuk Wawa* vocabulary, and hands-on activities. We will begin with a retelling of the Kalapuyan Creation Story and a hands-on investigation of the Great Flood 15,000 years ago. We will then explore the importance of wetlands, salmon, fire, plants, and sacred lands (Marys Peak). Finally, we will travel forward in time to gain an understanding of key events of history in the 1800s with broken treaties and Oregon becoming a state in 1859.

Each week's class will be held at a different natural area or park to investigate key components of local ecology. Please email asc.education@gmail.com for lesson locations and registration. Each class may be registered individually.

Program lead by Meika Vingelen.

Classes will utilize the key curriculum including:

- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde curriculum available online at <https://www.grandronde.org/services/education/>
- This is Kalapuyan Land <https://fiveoaksmuseum.org/this-is-kalapuyan-land-learning-materials/>
- Talking Stones <https://eugene-or.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3322/Talking-Stones-Brochure?bidId=>
- Historical Background knowledge from The Kalapuyans by Harold Mackery, Ph.D
- Additional Nature Resources include Field Guides for plant, and animal identification.

Meika Vingelen, Education

Diversity & Inclusion

Local members of Audubon Society of Corvallis can direct questions to members of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee: Suzanne Ortiz, audubon.corvallis@gmail.com; Dave Mellinger,

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Suzanne Ortiz, Diversity & Inclusion

Hesthavn News

Hesthavn Work-Party Schedules

For weed work parties, we will focus on the following: Himalayan blackberry, English hawthorn, stinky Bob, yellow archangel, shiny geranium, and English ivy. For the barn and yard work parties, we will work from a checklist which includes tasks ranging from weeding Ray's trail to cleaning the bathroom. All work parties go from 10 AM to noon (though Kim and I may do some work before or after that time period).

Oct 9: Weed Work Party

Oct 23: Barn and Yard Work Party

Nov 6: Weed Work Party

Nov 20: Barn and Yard Work Party

Dec 4: Weed Work Party

Dec 18: Barn and Yard Work Party

Check the [ASC website](#) or the [Hesthavn Facebook page](#) for up-to-the-minute info.

Ray Drapek, Hesthavn Chair

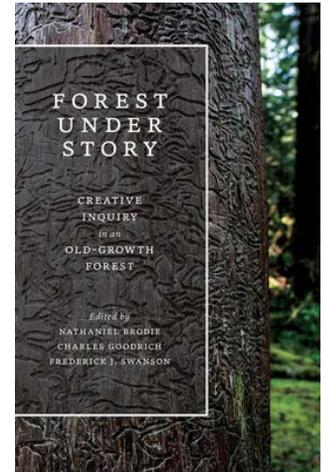
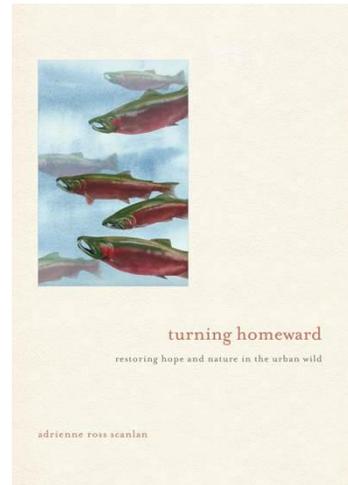
Our Trails Are Still Open to Enjoy Nature

Hesthavn's trails and outdoor facilities are open to our guests during daylight hours.

Directions to Hesthavn 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.

Book & Raffle Table

Watch for these good books in October



October's Book and Raffle Table at the ASC General Meeting will feature books fitting into the general interest category. Among the ones we've chosen are *Turning Homeward: Restoring Hope and Nature in the Urban Wild* by Adrienne Ross Scanlan. Scanlan weaves the complex issues of urban renewal, river restoration and altered landscapes with personal identification with a place in which she feels 'at home'. *Forest Under Story: Creative Inquiry in an Old-Growth Forest* is an anthology of writing by people affected by the research taking place at the H. J. Andrews Experimental Forest here in the Oregon Cascades. And our third featured book for the October Book Table is *Birds in Jeopardy: the Imperiled and Extinct Birds of the US and Canada*, published by Stanford University Press and illustrated with 191 color paintings.

After October, the Book Table will offer focused selections each month. November's table will feature gift quality choices. December's selection will consist of travel books, both international birding guides and narratives written by birders during their travels, and in January, we'll offer books by Pacific Northwest authors.

The October Raffle Table will feature an Audubon print of our ASC token bird, the Yellow-breasted Chat. Thanks for your continuing support. It's good to be back!

Sally Shaw, Book & Raffle Table

Community Notes

Kalapuyans of Central Willamette Valley

The Luckiamute Watershed Council will host a webinar on Tuesday, October 18 from 6:30 – 8 PM by David G. Lewis, PhD titled “Kalapuyans of the Central Willamette Valley, History and Culture.” The webinar is part of their Sips ‘n’ Science Talks.

His talk will address various Kalapuyan tribes and bands of the Central Valley and look at their original culture, how they stewarded their lands and the adjustments that they had to make following the arrival of colonial settlers. He will explore the removal process, treaties, encampments and payments, the likely understandings of the Kalapuyans, and the roles played by Indian agents to remove the tribes and bands to the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation.

Dr. Lewis is an assistant professor at Oregon State University, School of Language, Culture and Society and is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Suzanne Ortiz, Diversity & Inclusion

6th Annual Champinefu Series

Jedd Schrock will present the first webinar in the 6th Annual Champinefu Series. His webinar will be Wednesday, October 19th at 7 PM and his talk will focus on Kalapuya placekeeping at the Confluence of the Willamette and Marys Rivers and the life of Shawala (William Hartless), the last native-speaking member of the Ampinefu Kalapuya band and principal Kalapuya placekeeper of this area. Shawala’s birthplace was by the confluence of the two rivers. Jedd Schrock is the linguist for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde.

The Champinefu Series is co-sponsored by the Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, Spring Creek Project and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

To register for the free webinar, click on:
<https://bit.ly/2022champinefuseries1>

Suzanne Ortiz, Diversity & Inclusion

2022 Sea Otter Science Symposium



Photo by Ingrid Taylor

The Elakha Alliance will host a Virtual 2022 Sea Otter Science Symposium on Tuesday, October 25th from 9 AM to 5:30 PM PDT. The focus of the symposium will be “Think Globally, Act Locally.” There is a \$10 registration fee.

The keynote address will be by Dr. Ralph Chami (co-founder of Blue Green Future) who will speak on Natural Capital and Marine Conservation. Other speakers will be:

- Dr. Steven Rumrill (Shellfish Program Leader, ODFWS): Changes to Rocky Reef Habitat on the Southern Oregon Coast
- Dr. Leigh Torres (OSU, GEMM Lab): Importance of Kelp to Gray Whales
- Tom Calvanese (Oregon Kelp Alliance Coordinator): Toward Kelp Forest Restoration
- Tristin McHugh (Kelp Project Director, The Nature Conservancy): California Kelp Restoration Strategy
- Joanne Lyle (Blue Carbon Fellow, The Nature Conservancy): Exploring Blue Carbon in Oregon
- Dr. Phillip Seddon: (University of Otago, New Zealand): IUCN Conservation Translocation Considerations.

Symposium registration link:

<https://www.elakhaalliance.org/2022-sea-otter-science-symposium-october-25/>

Suzanne Ortiz, Diversity & Inclusion

Board Meeting Summary

September 8, 2022

Members present: Phyllis Bailey, Kelly Collins, Ray Drapek, Mai Kiigemagi, Dave Mellinger, Karan and Jim Fairchild, and Dodie Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by Dave Mellinger at 6:30 PM. Approval of the August Board Meeting minutes was tabled since we did not have a quorum. President's report - Karan Fairchild asked if anyone in the group had a suggestion for a new secretary. It was suggested that we ask at the general meeting. Until we have someone, we will rotate the job among the board members.

VP/Program - Mai Kiigemagi said our first speaker for the program year is Kelly Hazen, speaking on the Greater Sage Grouse. Dave said he has ASC's laptop and a clicker in his possession. Phyllis shared some ideas for future speakers: the person who monitors Tufted Puffins at Cannon Beach, and the person who monitors the Murres at Yaquina Head. Dave suggested Liz Kelly to speak on Snowy Plovers.

Education - Dodie Wilson has been in contact with Sam Bartling, Visitor Services Manager for Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuges, about the Fall Migratory Bird Week activities at Finley NWR. Dodie and Phyllis will lead bird walks at the Woodpecker Loop at Finley on Oct. 5. Other volunteers are welcome.

Conservation - Jim Fairchild reported on two pressing issues of local concern.

1. Coffin Butte, which Jim relies on members Marge Popp and Joel Geier to track and keep us informed. Things are quietly happening behind the scenes just now but will come before the public again.
2. Two forest planning issues are on the front burner now:
 - a. Elliott Forest management planning currently focuses on crafting an accompanying Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), which is designed by federal agencies to assure no net loss of 3 covered species in its 80 year term

(Coho Salmon, Spotted Owl, Marbled Murrelet). Conservation interests want specified commitment to overall road density reductions which continues to jeopardize persistence of those species, as well as a reduction in the recently inflated annual acreage allowed to be logged. We look to have those revisions in the public release of the draft HCP in the coming weeks.

- b. MacDonald-Dunn Forest Planning effort has begun, and Jim represents ASC on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee. A first public listening session was held August 31, and a summary of that is to be distributed soon. Logging activities continue on the Mac-Dunn under the 2005 Forest Plan, including an operation beyond Hesthavn and another along Jackson Creek west of Crescent Valley High School (see [OSU CoF Research Forests website](#) for more information).

Hesthavn - Ray Drapek reported that he was contacted by Tim Marcella from NV5 Geospatial. They have a large group of potential volunteers who would like to donate some of their time to Hesthavn. Ray has scheduled a work party for Sept. 25 to work on removal of invasive species. He hopes the group might be used for more specialized projects like the proposed upgrade of Ray's Trail to make it handicapped accessible. Ray is also researching grant funding for this project. Ray was able to purchase a used industrial strength mower that "runs like a champ".

Field Trips - Saturday field trips have resumed. There is a small group working on multi-day field trips but no report was available.

Old Business - Sept. 15 will be our first in-person general meeting in 2½ years. As a refresher, the group ran through the meeting procedures. Set up begins at 6:15. Help with setting up chairs is appreciated. As before, there will be socializing and refreshments from 6:30 to 7. Dave will conduct a short business meeting. Following that we'll have the raffle. Then Marge Popp will introduce the speaker. Eric Preston will be running the technology at the Sept. meeting. Masks are

encouraged but not required. Masks and hand sanitizer will be provided.

Next board meeting will be Oct. 13, 7 PM at Dave's house. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Mai Kiigemagi, Acting 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!

Janet Farrell

Jeanette Swanson

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, 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

Paul Adamus, Don Boucher, Ray Drapek, Duncan Evered, Jim Fairchild, Mai Kiigemagi, Suzanne Ortiz, Sally Shaw, Jamie Simmons, Caryn Stoess, and Meika Vingelen

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 Monday of the month, unless another date is indicated in the Chat calendar the previous month. Submit text and photos to: chateditors@gmail.com.

Calendar

- Oct. 5: Bird Walk, Finley NWR's Woodpecker Loop (10 AM -1 PM)
 - Oct. 8: Second Saturday Field Trip (8 AM – Noon, Willamette Park)
 - Oct 9: Weed Work Party (10 AM – noon, Hesthavn)
 - Oct. 13: Board Meeting (7 PM, Dave Mellinger's House)
 - Oct. 20: General Meeting, Manuela Huso: Using Science to Understand and Reduce Wildlife Impacts from Wind Energy (7 PM, CCC Oak Room)
 - Oct 23: Barn and Yard Work Party (10 AM – noon, Hesthaven)
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- Nov. 5: Second Saturday Field Trip (8 AM – Noon, Willamette Park)
- Nov 6: Weed Work Party (10 AM – noon, Hesthaven)
- Nov. 10, Board Meeting
- Nov. 17: General Meeting, Worth Mathewson, Band-tailed Pigeons (7 PM, CCC Oak Room)
- Nov 20: Barn and Yard Work Party (10 AM – noon, Hesthaven)
- Dec 4: Weed Work Party (10 AM – noon, Hesthaven)
- Dec. 8: Board Meeting
- Dec. 15: General Meeting, Member Slide Show (7 PM, CCC Oak Room)
- Dec 18: Barn and Yard Work Party (10 AM – noon, Hesthaven)
- Jan. 19: General Meeting, Ram Papish, Wildlife Art on Interpretive Signs (7 PM, CCC Oak Room)
- Feb. 16: General Meeting, Fred Ramsay, Birds of Mongolia (7 PM, CCC Oak Room)
- Mar. 16: General Meeting, Marina Richie, Belted Kingfishers (7 PM, CCC Oak Room)
- Apr. 20: General Meeting, Don Boucher & Lisa Millbank, A Yard Full of Native Plants, Birds, Bugs and More (7 PM, CCC Oak Room)
- May 18: General Meeting, Bob Beschta, Trophic Cascades (7 PM, CCC Oak Room)



Spotted Towhee photo by Tom Heath

Board and Member meetings may have to be canceled or changed to ZOOM due to pandemic challenges, so please check our [website](#) for the latest scheduling info.

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