



# 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, business meeting, and a raffle at 7:00. followed by a Board meeting at 7:00 PM, and The program begins at 7:330 PM and lasts about an hour or less.

**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 public, although space is limited. Email [audubon.corvallis@gmail.com](mailto:audubon.corvallis@gmail.com) for information about accessing the program.

## ASC General Meeting Member Slideshow! December 15, 2022, 7:30 PM



Select your favorite nature photos to share with the group at the Dec. 15 meeting. Any interesting, beautiful, or fun photo(s) of birds, other animals, plants, nature scenes, etc. are welcome. Plan your presentation to be 5 minutes or less. Email JPGs and captions for your entries to Eric Preston ([ericpreston130@gmail.com](mailto:ericpreston130@gmail.com)) by Dec. 8. Please limit your entries to 20 photos per person.

All skill levels are appreciated - don't be shy. We all started by picking up a camera (or phone) and figuring out how to capture nature.

You can find a recording of the November Zoom Meeting on Band-tailed Pigeons by Worth Matheson here, or [use this link](#).

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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## Book & Raffle Table

### International Birding Guides Featured at Dec. Book & Raffle Table



Birding guide books from around the world will be featured at the December ASC meeting Book & Raffle Table. Birding in obscure habitats without Internet access often results in people wishing they had stowed a real book in their day pack. If you're thinking about traveling internationally in the next few years, take a look at the books we'll have available. We think these books will complement the photography ASC members will be showing at the ASC meeting on Thursday, Dec. 15. If you have any old guides you'd like to donate, just bring them along that evening and perhaps someone will delight in finding exactly what they need for their next trip.

As always, if you cannot attend the Dec 15 meeting but would like one of these featured books, just write or text me and I'll be glad to hold it for you.

([shaws@peak.org](mailto:shaws@peak.org), 541-757-2749)

Thank you for your continuing support.

*Sally Shaw, Book & Raffle Table*

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## Field Trips

### Second Saturday Field Trip

#### December 10, 2022 (8 AM - Noon)

We will 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](mailto:CorvallisAudubonSecondSaturday@gmail.com) to sign up. Led by Duncan Evered and Caryn Stoess. Weather may alter plans.

*Duncan Evered and Caryn Stoess*

### Multi-Day Field Trips!

#### Yay!! ASC Field Trips are Back!!

A small army of folks have stepped forward to take a crack at carrying on the awesome field trips organized and led by Fred Ramsey for the past 50 years. These trips will reflect Fred's vision and tread the paths forged

by Fred with guidance and bird lists developed over the past half century.

ASC weekend field trips are led by experienced birders in rented vans. We stay in comfortable motels/dorms and enjoy meals at local restaurants. Tentative dates are now available for these multi-day Field Trips. Sign-up sheets will be offered at upcoming general membership meetings. To hold your place on a trip, your deposit of \$75 needs to be received within a week of your signing up, otherwise, your spot may go to another. You may also contact the leader listed for the trip for further information.

### **Here are the tentative dates:**

**Rogue Valley:** 3 days: April 28-30; Leaders: Ray Drapek and Suzanne Ortiz

Email address: [audubon.corvallis@gmail.com](mailto:audubon.corvallis@gmail.com)

#### Trip description:

The 2023 spring trip to the Rogue Valley will include a hike on Upper Table Rock that usually nets three species - Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, California Towhee, and Oak Titmouse - at the northern reach of the California chaparral country. Lazuli Bunting and Ash-throated Flycatcher highlight an accompanying group of arriving passerines. Road conditions permitting, we will look for Great Gray Owl in the Cascades. The trip costs include tickets to the play *Rent*, at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Sunday morning features a leisurely stroll, possibly at Bear Creek, where we will listen to the tunes of Bullock's Oriole, Black-headed Grosbeak, Warbling Vireo, and more spring songbirds.

We will be staying in an Ashland motel; dinners will be in local restaurants; participants will share the cost of rented vans for transportation, 2 vans max.

**Malheur Wildlife Refuge:** 4 days: May 18-21; Leaders: Bruce Kelpsas, Mark Baldwin and Carla Olson

Email address: [malheur2023@gmail.com](mailto:malheur2023@gmail.com)

#### Trip Description:

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge was created in 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt to protect "breeding ground for native birds." The refuge and surrounding areas are among the most important stopover spots for migratory birds on the western

flyway. The timing of this trip should coincide with the arrival of many songbirds including warblers and a multitude of other species. There are also many well-known "migrant traps" that attract a wide variety of vagrant species. We should also see many waterfowl and shorebirds, though it will be at the latter part of that migration so the large flocks may have moved on.

We expect to retain the basic outline of previous Malheur trips. I believe this will be the 51st since the 2020 and 2021 trips were cancelled! On Thursday we will make several stops as we make our way to the Malheur Field Station where we will stay in one of their dorms. The itinerary for the next two days will depend on where birds are being seen. We will spend one day exploring the northern part of the refuge. We will look for Burrowing Owls, Golden Eagles and an assortment of passerines, shore birds and waterfowl. The second day will take us south to P Ranch to look for Bobolink, Page Springs for orioles and Ash-throated Flycatcher as well as Frenchglen and the Diamond area. An early morning visit to the HQ is likely both mornings. The last day we will check out the area near Burns for remaining Snow Geese, Long-billed Curlews and more Sandhill Cranes. Lunch will be at Sage Hen Hill and will include a short hike that will bring us Mountain Bluebirds and possibly Gray Flycatcher. We should be home between 7 and 8 PM. 4 vans max.

**Summer Lake:** 3 days: June 12-14; Leader: Bev Clark.

Email address: [clark.bev9@gmail.com](mailto:clark.bev9@gmail.com)

#### Trip Description:

Here is a possibility for a rare Oregon swift trifecta: Black (Salt Creek Falls), White-throated (Fort Rock), and Vaux's Swifts. Add Snowy Plover, Common Poorwill, American Bittern, Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, and Yellow Rail and you understand that this is a special tour. This mid-week trip offers a good chance of having Crater Lake National Park open on our return. 2 vans max.

**Bandon:** 3 days: August 28-30; Leader: Carolyn Peterson

Email address:

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#### Trip Description:

The Bandon field trip features sea ducks (with a chance at Long-tailed Duck), alcids (including Marbled Murrelet), raptors, such as Red-shouldered Hawk and White-tailed Kite, many other birds, and some hefty mammals - Steller's and California Sea Lion and Elephant Seal. Here is a look at the route: Day 1: Yaquina Head, Newport south jetty, Sea Lion Caves (?), Jesse Honeyman State Park, Winchester Bay, Coos Bay north sandspit, Coquille, Myrtle Point, and Bandon. Day 2: Bandon Rocks, Bandon Marsh NWR, Bullards Beach State Park, New River, Port Orford, Cape Blanco, and back to Bandon. Day 3: Bandon Marsh NWR, Cape Arago and Simpson Reef, Charleston, Fossil Point, Siuslaw River south jetty, and Corvallis at about 7 PM. 2 vans max.

*Marge Popp, for the Field Trip Team*

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## 60th Annual Corvallis Christmas Bird Count

The Corvallis Christmas Bird Count (CBC) will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. Everybody is invited to join and participation is free.



*Cedar Waxwings are one of the many birds you may encounter during the CBC. Photo by Matt T. Lee*



*Western Bluebirds belly up to the bar at a feeder station. Photo by Bev Clark*

The Corvallis CBC is part of an organized, continent-wide survey that documents every bird seen or heard on a given day from sunrise to sunset. It has been held yearly since 1900, making the count a major contributor to the knowledge base of wintering birds in North America. The count is coordinated by the National Audubon Society, and results can be found at (<https://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>).

This all-day event is an excellent opportunity for novice bird watchers to join with seasoned veterans and learn more about identifying and finding local birds. Half-day participants and home-feeder watchers are also welcome. If you live within the count circle (see below), have home feeders, and can watch them for at least one hour on the count day, we especially encourage you to participate. Some counts, particularly in Canada, are mostly made up of home-feeder watchers.

The Corvallis count circle has a 7.5-mile radius centered near the Corvallis airport and is divided into 13 sections. A link to a map of the count circle is posted on the ASC website on the [Bird Surveys page](#). A team of 3-6 individuals will be assigned to each section. Leaders for each section will make arrangements with the rest of their team for a meeting place and time (usually 7:00–7:30 AM) on the day of the count. Participants should bring cold and wet-weather gear, binoculars, a spotting scope (if you have one), and snacks. Notepads, a clipboard, and

recording devices are necessary to document the count.

At 5:00 PM on the count day, we will meet for the “countdown” at Woodstock’s Pizza Parlor, located at 1045 NW Kings Boulevard in Corvallis. You can order food and cold beverages there, but you’ll need to bring your own hot drinks if you want them.

Counters may hand in their checklists at the countdown meeting or send them by email to Matt Lee ([sueandmatt@comcast.net](mailto:sueandmatt@comcast.net)). Matt will compile all the information, which will be sent to the National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count and posted on the ASC website. Bev Clark will work with anyone who finds rare or unusual birds to have them properly documented.

If you are interested in participating or would like further information, contact Bev ([clark.bev9@gmail.com](mailto:clark.bev9@gmail.com)).

*Bev Clark and Matt Lee*

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## ASC Website/Social Media

### ASC Website

Information about ASC is always at your tarsis on the website, whether you are “anisodactyl” or not! Find out What’s Up on the homepage calendar ([auduboncorvallis.org](http://auduboncorvallis.org)) which lists upcoming meetings, field trips, work parties, and more.

Current issues, action items, and contact info are detailed in *Audubon in the News* page on the Conservation tab. Education activities reach many groups, from schoolchildren to oldies but goodies.

Western Bluebird monitoring has continued every spring and summer since Elsie Elzroth created the program in 1976 to address the declining population. Check out the amazing success of Bluebird Trail on the Conservation tab.

Want to contact any ASC Leader, including Board members and Chairpersons? Click on the About Us tab, then Leadership. Volunteer or Join ASC details on the same tab.

To report injured, rare, banded, or dead birds, check the Birding tab, then the Injured or Rare Birds subtab for email and/or phone numbers.

*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 backyard. Let’s stay connected. Join us on Facebook at [CorvallisAudubon](https://www.facebook.com/CorvallisAudubon).

*Nancy Demasi, ASC Facebook*

## Audubon Corvallis Instagram



*Photos by Tom Munger*

Thanks to Tom Munger for submitting his photos of an Evening Grosbeak and Band-tailed Pigeon. Follow Tom on Instagram [@b.i.r.d\\_n.e.r.d](#)

Follow our [Instagram](#) and submit your photos by tagging [@auduboncorvallis](#) in your post. Follow our Instagram to get reminders on upcoming events, learn about the conservation of birds and other native wildlife, and find out how you can get involved.

*Nikki Cross, Instagram Coordinator*

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## Conservation News

The Oregon Board of Forestry extended until Wednesday November 27th its public comment period concerning moving forward on submitting a proposed Western Oregon State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (SFHCP) to NOAA Fisheries and the USFWS until Wednesday, November 27th. This will cover the Tillamook and Clatsop, and Santiam State Forests, and state forest lands northward from Lane County, of almost 1 million acres.

A coalition of conservation groups have worked to support the strongest protective alternative developed through a draft environmental impact statement and urge everyone to contact the Board of Forestry as soon as possible. Here is the Oregon League of Conservation Voters direct comment form, followed by guidance supplied by Bob Van Dyk of the Wild Salmon Center. [Click here](#)

Adapted from Bob Van Dyk, Wild Salmon Center  
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## Background and Key Points on Western Oregon State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan

### What is this all about?

State forests are managed for a broad goal of “greatest permanent value” to the state. Historically, timber harvest has dominated management of state forests, as the timber industry (they get logs) and county officials (they get county revenue and campaign

donations) press for timber production as the dominant goal. Further, ODF pays their whole state forest staff budget from harvest revenues, so ODF has an interest in putting logging revenues first. However, Oregon continues to grow and change politically, the state forests see more recreation every year, and forest conservation is increasingly recognized as a key piece of solving the climate crisis. In addition, there are endangered species on the state forests that ODF is required to protect under federal law. Currently ODF spends \$2.5 million per year surveying for endangered species to avoid harming them. The Board of Forestry is now considering a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) that prioritizes high-quality habitat areas for conservation management while allowing timber harvest to continue to be the top goal outside of these areas.

### Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP)

HCPs are deals between landowners (including states) and the federal government. A landowner develops a plan to conserve habitat for rare species, and in return they get an “Incidental Take Permit” which is essentially some legal protection against lawsuits if the landowner does harm rare species in the course of following the plan. Constant surveys for rare species cease with an HCP. The landowner gets security to manage and the conservation commitments are made more durable. The specific terms of each HCP vary as to the habitat protections required and the plan’s duration. HCPs are used across the nation and come from plans for a single parcel for one species to massive landscape plans with multiple species (like this one).

### This HCP

The proposed State Forest HCP (SFHCP) commits approximately 50% of the state forest land to long-term conservation, composed of 43% in Habitat Conservation Areas (HCAs) (including riparian areas within HCAs) and another 7% for riparian protection areas outside the HCAs. Areas inside the HCAs will be managed with a primary purpose of habitat conservation, not timber harvest. Areas outside the HCAs will be subject to the kind of harvest practices ODF now employs, including clearcutting on approximately a 60-80 year rotation (more details

forthcoming from ODF). The commitments in the SFHCP are for 70 years.

### **How is this HCP different from the current plan?**

1. The HCAs are a long-term commitment for 70 years. Under the current plan, conservation commitments can be changed and moved around the state forest with a simple signature from the State Forester and no public process or scientific analysis. In contrast, the more durable HCAs are 70-year commitments that are made with a public process and that will not migrate around the landscape to meet harvest goals.
2. HCAs will be managed for conservation. Today, ODF often harvests aggressively in conservation areas, with little analysis and for the goal of timber production. The SFHCP would make the conservation of the HCA the overriding goal, and timber harvest for revenue would not drive actions. Much is to be fleshed out on harvest strategies in the HCAs in the SFHCP.

### **Are there any conservation negatives from the plan?**

The plan is clearly a compromise. Half of the acres of the Western Oregon State Forests will be open to industrial-style clearcutting, including pesticide spraying from helicopters when re-establishing new stands. There will be patches of older forest (70+ years) that will be clearcut (we need to learn how many acres). But older forest clearcuts and pesticide spray are already common under the current plan. The SFHCP is a compromise between long-term conservation and pressure for timber and revenue for local taxing districts.

### **Strong Opposition**

Lining up strongly against the plan are mill owners like Hampton and Stimson, who are top log purchasers from state forests, as well rural county commissioners, especially from Tillamook County. The Oregon Forestry Industries Council, Association of Oregon Loggers, and Timber Unity are likely to be on record against the plan at the Board of Forestry meeting.

### **Key Take Home Thoughts**

- Wild Salmon Center strongly support moving ahead with the State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (SFHCP)
- The SFHCP is a compromise that balances timber harvest with fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, and clean water.
- Approximately 50% of the Tillamook and Clatsop forests will be designated for conservation. The designations support endangered species recovery, including coho salmon and marbled murrelet (with goal of eventual delisting).
- The SFHCP is fairly similar to the current plan, but provides more long term certainty by designating conservation and timber harvest areas that the state would be obligated to follow for the next 70 years.
- The SFHCP provides significant conservation in important salmon and steelhead strongholds: the Wilson, Salmonberry, Nehalem, Miami, Trask, and Kilchis Rivers. Lands adjacent to the 17-mile Nehalem State Scenic Waterway corridor will get increased protections under this plan.
- There has been an extensive public process to this point and will be more going forward — the earliest the SFHCP would go into effect would be 24 months, with more votes and process by the Board of Forestry ahead.
- The plan frees up resources for the state, conservationists, and timber operators to focus on management instead of conflict. The state currently spends \$2.5 million to survey and avoid endangered species habitat.
- The proposed plan protects 50% of one of Oregon's most important forests for carbon absorption and climate change mitigation.

Please send comments addressed to the Board of Forestry at: [boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov)

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503-945-7210

*Jim Fairchild, Conservation Chair*

# 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).

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 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 Park and follow the brown signs for 'Nature Center.' Hesthavn will be on your left shortly before the end of Oak Creek Dr.

## Community Notes

### 6th Annual Champinefu Series

The third webinar in the 6th Annual Champinefu Series will take place on December 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM. Indigenous Placekeeping in Corvallis and at the Confluence will be a conversation with invited artists and David Harrelson, the Cultural Resources Department manager for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Further information on the participating artists can be found at these sites:

Travis Stewart:

<https://www.pica.org/artists/Travis-Stewart>

Shirod Younker:

<https://www.shirodyounker.com>

Matthew Williams

[https://www.instagram.com/m\\_earl\\_williams/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/m_earl_williams/?hl=en)

Stephanie Fogel:

<https://www.orartswatch.org/steph-littlebird-am-i-honoring-those-who-have-come-before-me/>

Anthony Hudson/Carla Rossi:

<http://www.thecarlarossi.com/bio>

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://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0BmNlc1YRjKX6OPOXeeGcw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0BmNlc1YRjKX6OPOXeeGcw)

*Suzanne Ortiz*

## Always Here

The Arts Center, Main Gallery, 700 SW Madison Ave, Corvallis Exhibition: "Always Here" focuses on the work of artists who create Native American Indigenous art. The artists explore the contemporary Native experience and how their work is influenced by the past, present, and future of Native identities.

### December 9-January 21, 2023

Artist Talk: Friday, December 9, 5:30 PM

Participating Artists: Amber Ball, Anthony Hudson, Carla Rossi, Steph Littlebird, and Matthew Earl Williams

<https://theartscenter.net/always-here/>

## Living with Fire in the Luckiamute

The Luckiamute Watershed Council will host a presentation by Aaron Groth on Wednesday, December 14 from 6:30 to 8 PM at the Sippery located at 169 Main St W, Monmouth. The topic will be "Living With Fire in the Luckiamute: Wildfire History and Futures."

Aaron Groth is the Regional Wildland Fire Specialist on the faculty at Oregon State University. He will cover wildfire history in the Luckiamute and the

importance of fire in the restoration of ecosystems. He will also talk about steps to protect homes, properties and communities.

*Suzanne Ortiz*



## Winter Wings Festival

**Dates: Friday February 17, 2023 through Monday, February 20, 2023**

Host site: Oregon Institute of Technology (Oregon Tech), 3201 Campus Drive, Klamath Falls, Oregon, 97601

Website: [www.WinterWingsFest.org](http://www.WinterWingsFest.org)

Registration opens mid-December 2022; check website for details.

For information call 877-541-BIRD (2473) or email to [info@winterwingsfest.org](mailto:info@winterwingsfest.org)

Winter Wings brings together birders and photographers to learn and explore with top notch professionals and enthusiastic local guides. The Klamath Basin is renowned for its massive wintering population of Bald Eagles, but is prime habitat for many other raptors including owls, as well as a diversity of waterfowl. The 2023 Festival will feature singer/songwriter and raptor specialist Jen Hajj and award-winning photographer Ray Hennessy. Join us for an extensive array of field trips, workshops, presentations, and receptions that highlight the wonders of the Klamath Basin in winter.

*#winterwingsfestival*

## Garden Pests

Gardeners interested in finding low-risk solutions for PNW pests and weeds can visit a new website that is hosted by the Oregon State University Extension

Service, with input from the OSU Master Gardeners and various OSU departments. The information service provides comprehensive and easy-to-find information about how to control garden pests, weeds and diseases without using pesticides as well as information on herbicides and organic pesticides. It also provides information on how to use less pesticides (with safety guidance for pesticide usage). It provides information on selecting the right location for a plant in terms of water requirements, size, exposure and soil. The website creators hope that the compilation of information from various sources will make the site a one-stop resource for gardeners.

<https://solvepestproblems.oregonstate.edu>

*Suzanne Ortiz*

## Insights Into Gardening

The Benton County Master Gardener Association is resuming our one-day educational conference, Insights Into Gardening. The date for 2023 is Saturday, February 11 at LaSells Stewart Center on the OSU campus (across from Reser Stadium). The program will run from 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM.

*Jana Tindall*

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## Board Meeting Summary

### November 10th, 2022, 7:00 PM

Members present: Bev Clark, Nikki Cross, Ray Drapek, Karan and Jim Fairchild, Rachel Handy, Jake Keen, Mai Kiigemagi, Matt Lee, Dave Mellinger, Suzanne Ortiz, and Sue Powell

The meeting was called to order by Jim Fairchild at 7:00 PM. October Board Meeting minutes approved.

**President** – Karan Fairchild  
See announcements below.

**VP/Program** - Mai Kiigemagi

In December, Eric Preston will help w/ member slide show along with Matt and Nikki

**Treasurer** – Carolyn Peterson (not present)

Karan has checkbook if needed; Mai will deposit checks for this month. Ray has some reimbursements to submit that can wait.

## Committees:

### Membership

- Paul is moving in a year; will need replacement. Will continue to facilitate CBC. ~ 10 hours/year
- Need to check PayPal access
- Annual appeal going on now.
- General meeting we can announce position opening. Currently about ~ 350 members locally

### Education – Dodie Wilson

- Contacted by OSU about upcoming nonprofit service fair; booths are \$50 and require registration, space is limited. March 1st 12 – 3.
- BirdNerds (student club) – Contact Doug Robinson
- Lebanon Public Library – program for adults, meet w/ librarian to plan. Glass case exhibit?

Discussions about once a month mid-week bird walk at different locations (discuss birds/habitats); start advertising and start in March or April. Link up w/ MLK event? Example – peace tree w/ Hiroshima tree. Flyers to advertise; fixed time recommended or make very clear of event.

### Chat editor -

Kelly announced she will be leaving position soon; Jake Keen, new editor (Nikki's husband).

### Conservation – Jim Fairchild

McDonald Dunn Forest and Corvallis watershed - forest plan revision next week. Recent community session w/ MacDunn – 60 ppl in attendance, most dead set about current forest policies, ok w/ recreation. 1% of \$ is used to fund research. Education vs. recreation vs. harvest vs. other: ongoing discussions. Siuslaw NF collaborative efforts stakeholders mtgs; long-term effort.

Oregon Audubon Council mtg: Portland Audubon commented on their page about national Audubon/renaming; we're not sure yet but likely will change (no strong direction yet). Perhaps do a local

survey? Conservation will keep working to include DEI initiatives.

## Publicity

### Instagram - Nikki Cross

- Thanks to Karan and Kai for helping reach Christina Linkem, our previous Instagram coordinator. Gained access to the Instagram account and the [media.audubon.corvallis@gmail.com](mailto:media.audubon.corvallis@gmail.com) email account. I have been posting our upcoming events, info from our website and Chat newsletter, and a few photos shared from our fans.
- Last 30 days: 16 new followers, total 511 followers; reached 1,400 people with posts. Most are from Corvallis, Portland, Albany, Eugene, Philomath, 50% ages 25 to 44 yrs; very different from in person members. Interests: hiking, birds, nature. 61% female.

### Facebook – Nancy Demasi, still active

### Website – Sue Powell

Hacking issues; has been happening for months, spoke with PEAK.

### Hesthavn - Ray Drapek

- Activity has been down; 2 work parties so far. Weather has been rough recently (last work party howling rain/wind; just Ray and his wife). Next week accessibility grant is due; Tim Marcella – Ray will need detailed budget (today or tomorrow); haven't heard from him yet. May need assistance w/ concrete/construction cost information – rough estimate so far.
- Grants – Natl Audubon and Oregon Dept of Parks and Rec – each have different deadlines

### Field trips

Marge has a sheet that will be shared w/ the Chat. Ray and Suzanne will lead first trip in April in Rogue Valley: can't order theater tickets until mid-November; can't reserve motels until January. Vans will be rented when Carolyn returns. Will need co-organizer for Bandon trip. Gmail account for multi day field trips – Carolyn has

current access, might need additional one that is checked more often. Summer Lake Lodge reserved until we know more (June trip 12- 14). Prices vary.

### **Sustainability – Suzanne Ortiz**

January thinking about Corvallis To-Go Boxes purchase – could give away as raffles in January; keep ideas coming for future raffles. Need people to join the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition (CSC) Check homepage – but over 9 action teams each w/ their own pages. See CSC volunteer calendar on ASC website homepage.

### **Diversity – Suzanne Ortiz**

Main points covered during previous committee discussions

### **CBC - Bev Clark**

Email went out, heard from regulars. Dec 20th, Sue will email Paul as well for Albany (January); share via FB/IG. Wrap up dinner/countdown this year? – need someone to organize it – article in The Chat? Location – CCC, Old World Deli,.....other options/ideas?

### **Other announcements:**

WVBS (Karan): January 21st. \$500 donation from us to help them - \$500 fund for young birders/scholarships – young birders club here in Corvallis? *Plan to reach out to Doug but will wait until next month to determine if motion is required.*

Sue Powell – CSC; Oak Creek at Hesthavn: Dave Eckart is willing to give us a free interpretive sign – logos removed, printed locally, we would just have to mount it. Should we do it? Also do in Spanish? Suggestions for edits...would have to be small. (Kalapyua Land\*\* on future signage)

“What is the Oak Creek Watershed?”

Next board meeting location- Dec 8th – will be held at Dodie Wilson’s house

Meeting adjourned by Dave Mellinger (seconded by Ray) at 9:00 pm.

*Rachel Handy, 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!**

Kris Kaul

Michael, Nancy, & Matthew Robinson

Nancy Thorne

### **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](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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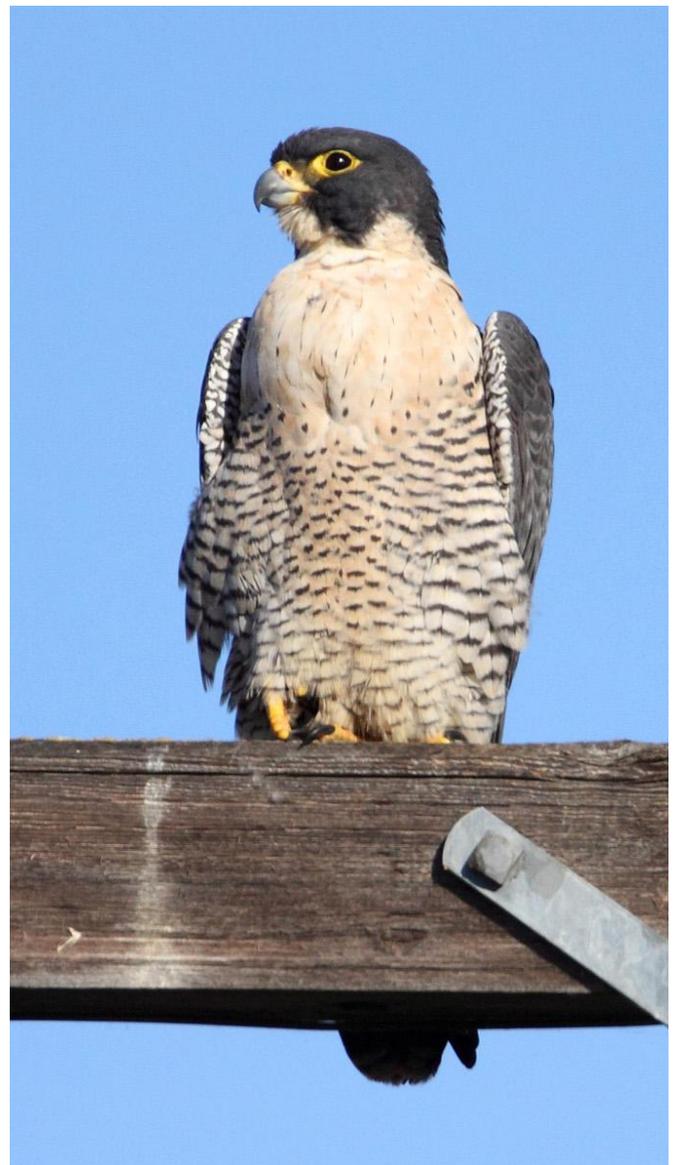
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## Calendar

- 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)
- Dec. 22: CHAT deadline
- 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)

Board and Member meetings may have to be canceled or changed, so please check our for the latest scheduling info.



*Peregrine Falcon photo by Matt Lee*

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