



THE CHAT

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The 2022 2023 Monthly Meetings will be held in-person and on Zoom! In-person meetings will be held in the Oak Room of the [Corvallis Community Center](#) located at 2601 NW Tyler Ave. in Corvallis.

Doors open at 6:30 PM followed by a business meeting and raffle at 7:00 PM. The program begins at 7:30 PM and lasts about an hour.

COVID-19: The Audubon Society of Corvallis is always concerned about the health and wellbeing of members. We encourage you to attend virtually if you are showing symptoms consistent with the COVID-19 virus or have a known exposure to someone with COVID-19. We encourage everyone to wear a mask at the general meeting, and masks will be available if you need one. Remember, mask wearing is not just for you, but helps protect your friends and neighbors.

The in-person meeting recordings 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 for information about accessing the program.



Drawing on Nature: Connecting People and Wildlife Through Art with Ram Papish

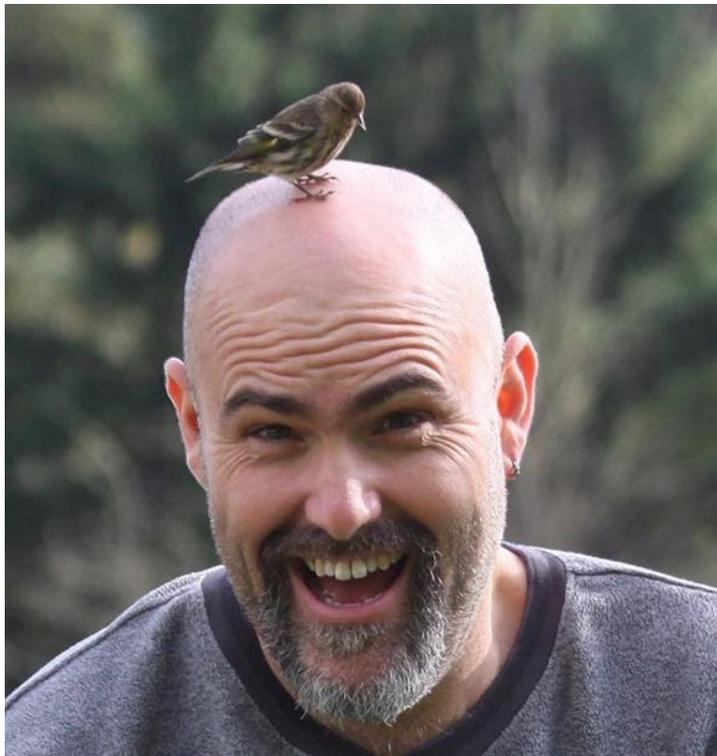
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Ram Papish is a professional wildlife enthusiast whose varied career includes biologist, educator, photographer, and wildlife artist. He specializes in design and illustration of interpretive panels.



For over 20 field seasons, Ram worked as a wildlife biologist studying birds and other wildlife. He also authored and illustrated two children's books: *The Little Fox* and *The Little Seal*, published by University of Alaska Press. His illustrations appear in many books and publications, including *As the Condor Soars: Conserving Oregon's Birds*, *History of Oregon Ornithology*, *Handbook of Oregon Birds*, *Northwest Birds in Winter*, *Oregon Birds*, and *Seabirds of Alaska*.



Ram regularly presents on science and nature topics at bird festivals, local bird clubs and public schools. He combines his background in art, science, and public speaking to engage and educate on environmental topics.

For fun, Ram appears regularly onstage as an active member of the local theater community. An avid traveler, Ram has a passion for observing and photographing wildlife worldwide.

Ram lives in Toledo, Oregon with his fabulous wife on a stream-side property that features eight bird feeders, eight parrots, 28 nest boxes, 18 chickens, 800 rhododendrons and one Chia pet. His major achievements include winning second runner-up in the 2009 Aleutian Beard and Mustache Contest.

You can find a recording of the December Zoom Meeting featuring the Member Slideshow with [this link](#).

Thanks to Eric Preston for guiding our Zoom meetings and Program Committee member Mai Kiigemagi for booking guest 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!!

Mai and Eric, Program Committee

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ASC Website/Social Media

The ASC Website is a Handy Research Assistant

Think of the ASC website as the Swiss Army Knife of information. The homepage is clean and simple, but it folds out into 29 pages, although there is no screwdriver or wine opener! Two main areas of focus are Conservation and Education. Both are covered in detail on the website, from issues to projects.

Want to learn how to introduce kids to nature? Hesthavn is a major resource with Oak Creek, trails, interpretive signs, microhabitats, animal feeding stations, sustainable practices, and the Nature Center. The center has an amazing collection of taxidermied birds, games, books, and more. It also serves as a meeting place or classroom.

How about helping with a conservation project like the Bluebird Trail? Or getting involved with the Christmas Bird Count, a one-day, annual survey of birds nationwide. View our Partners page and see what other organizations are doing. They love volunteers too!

Read the latest issue of The Chat, our monthly newsletter, or delve back into history in our archive of all the newsletters. Do you have questions? Find out who to contact, how to join ASC, donate, or volunteer.

Use the ASC website as your trusty tool – it's got something for everybody! 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](https://www.facebook.com/CorvallisAudubon).

Nancy Demasi, ASC Facebook

Audubon Corvallis Instagram

Follow our [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/auduboncorvallis) and submit your photos by tagging [@auduboncorvallis](https://www.instagram.com/auduboncorvallis) in your post. 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

Conservation News

Benton County Leaders Need to Hear from You!

West of the Willamette, county commissioners are weighing very expensive future options for office and facility spaces, accommodating our houseless community members, and coping with an endless stream of regional solid waste. When the primary concern becomes stretching very limited dollars, financial considerations often override the environmental footprint of their choices. As we look into our uncertain future, the greater costs to the planet's biodiversity, human food production, and Earth's habitability must take precedence.

Bird strike mortality at the proposed new **Community Safety and Justice Campus** can be significantly reduced by applying bird-friendly siting and design criteria, and by making informed lighting and materials choices. Existing structures can also be modified to reduce bird strikes by obscuring transparency or reflections. These mitigations will increase building costs. Can we afford to continue to ignore the real costs of expanding our urban footprint, particularly along major bird migration corridors like the Willamette River? Can we afford to take valuable farmland out of production as well? "Vacant" property always has environmental asset value. Contact your Benton County Board of Commissioners and Justice System Improvement Manager directly by e-mail here:

nancy.wyse@co.benton.or.us

pat.malone@co.benton.or.us

xanthippe.augerot@co.benton.or.us

nick.kurth@co.benton.or.us

Or by postal mail to: P.O. Box 3020, Corvallis, OR 97339-3020

Coffin Butte

The Coffin Butte landfill issue has rapidly become very difficult for Benton County leadership and staff. It has a long-festering history of expansion from an informal dump

site, resulting from regularly kicking hard decisions down the road. It continues to grow without an established endpoint. With the silencing of regular state- and county-established advisory groups that address solid waste issues, the informal Benton County Talks Trash group might well address future outcomes, but that won't happen while removing committed community volunteers or stakeholders willing to tackle issues head-on. Issues already sidelined are the landfill leachate passed into the Willamette River through the Corvallis wastewater treatment plant not designed to treat such waste products, methane and carbon dioxide emissions that rank Coffin Butte in Oregon's top ten sources (see climatetrace.org/map), un-monitored disposal of potentially hazardous waste arriving from all of northwest Oregon, or the ecological footprint of expanding the landfill into our seasonally wet climate where herons have fewer nest area choices, and eagles and gulls alike scavenge through our unsafe refuse.

We can begin to address safe disposal of industrial and medical waste, sort and reclaim a greater portion of residential and commercial waste, and even begin reducing our waste stream through product choices. But such local efforts won't address the tremendous volume of unsorted trash and solid waste coming from the most densely populated portions of Oregon into our landscape. Landfill expansion might only end when trash haulers decide to leave Benton County.

Our County Commissioners must hear from us all, including concerned neighboring county members. These are big issues that demand outside professional expertise, along with committed community members valued for their diverse experience, given authority to make informed decisions for our future. Please address the Benton Board of Commissioners, and members of the Solid Waste Advisory Council, and the Disposal Site Advisory Council through linda.ray@co.benton.or.us Comments can also be sent directly to bentoncountytalkstrash@co.benton.or.us

Jim Fairchild, Conservation Chair

Field Trips

Second Saturday Field Trip

January 14, 2023 (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! Free and open to the public, but registration is required;.

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 continuing 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

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 a 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

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 one of 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 canceled! 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

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 18-20; Leader: Tom Penpraze
Email address: d.fieldtrips.corvallisaudubon@gmail.com

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

Education News

Nature Walk, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The ASC Education Team and the Diversity and Inclusion Team are sponsoring a nature walk on Monday, January 16, 2023, from 12-2 PM at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. We will honor Dr. King's legacy of

environmental and social justice, individual and community activism and non-violent protest as we explore the meadows, riparian forest, and the network of streams, including the restoration work to restore natural habitat along Lamprey Creek. We will visit the drought-resistant landscaping near the Walnut Barn to see the ginkgo tree that symbolizes Dr. King's strong advocacy for peace. The tree was planted in March 2021 and was grown from seeds that survived the 1945 atomic bombing in Hiroshima, Japan.

The City of Corvallis Parks and Recreation has undertaken a fundraising drive to help fund the cost of expanding and enhancing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park through the installation of interpretive elements, artwork, and habitat restoration projects that will protect the watershed. To donate:

<https://www.mlkparkcorvallis.org>

Meet at the parking lot at 12 noon; 4905 NW Walnut Blvd (just north of Elmwood).

Free and open to the public. Masks optional.

Contact: audubon.corvallis@gmail.com

Dodie Wilson and Suzanne Ortiz

60th Annual Corvallis Christmas Bird Count Look for 2022 Corvallis Christmas Bird Count Results in Mid-January

The National Audubon Society has held the Christmas Bird Count (CBC) for 123 years. The 2022 Corvallis CBC was held on December 20, and the results are still being compiled. A big highlight this year was the sighting of a Blackburnian Warbler in northwest Corvallis—the first ever for the Corvallis CBC! This species is much more common in eastern North America and spends the winter in the mountains of northern South America.



Blackburnian Warbler photos by Mark Baldwin

A more detailed account of the 2022 Corvallis CBC in the next issue of The Chat. If you can't wait that long, check the ASC website (<https://auduboncorvallis.org/bird-count-opportunities/>), where the complete results should be posted by mid-January. You can also view the results of this or any other CBC on the National Audubon Society CBC website (<https://netapp.audubon.org/CBCObservation/CurrentYear/ResultsByCount.aspx>).

Bev Clark and Matt Lee

Hesthavn News

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.

Book and Raffle Table

New Raffle Table Manager Needed

After fifteen years of co-managing the Book and Raffle Table with the ASC, board members Bev Clark and Sally Shaw want to turn it over to a new person or team. It's an enjoyable job that involves showing up at each ASC general meeting with 3 or 4 raffle items and the banker's box of supplies. Very often the prizes are donated; other times they're found 'here and there' by Bev or Sally.

Are you interested? Both Bev and Sally will be at the table in January where you can join them and learn. There's no reason why you can't pick up a few of the details and then run with your own ideas. The funds generated go into the ASC general fund where they're drawn from to meet the meeting room rental expense. Please let Sally know if you might enjoy this uncomplicated volunteer position. Thank you!

Offering used books at the Book and Raffle Table has been discontinued as everyone's shelves are already overflowing. We encourage you to donate your used books to the Friends of the Library where they'll be sorted and stored for sales to benefit our fine library programs. If you were disappointed not to find a table of used international birding books at the December general meeting, write or text Sally if there's a particular country you plan to visit and she'll try to find a guide for you. Sally Shaw (shaws@peak.org, 541-757-2749)

Thank you for your continuing support.

Sally Shaw, Book and Raffle Table

Community Notes

Warm Springs 29th Annual Tribal Member Adult and Youth Exhibit

Tuesday, Nov 15, 2022 – Saturday, Feb 11, 2023

The Museum at Warm Springs will combine the Tribal Member Adult and Youth Art into one exhibition of Traditional and Contemporary Art that will showcase many generations of artists who will display their paintings, drawings, mixed-media, beadwork, weavings, video, photography and more.

Location: 2189 Hwy 26, Warm Springs, OR

<https://museum.warmsprings-nsn.gov/exhibitions-event/s/>

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

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

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

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

Registration open, check website for details.

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

The 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

Suzanne Ortiz

Garden Pests

Gardeners interested in finding low-risk solutions for PNW pests and weeds can visit a new website 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 hopes 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 in the morning until 3:30 in the afternoon.

Jana Tindall

Board Meeting Summary

December 8th, 2022, 7:00 PM

Dodie Wilson's house, 4021 NW Princess St, Corvallis

Members present: Phyllis Bailey, Bev Clark, Nikki Cross, Karan and Jim Fairchild, Rachel Handy, Jake Keen, Mai Kiigemagi, Dave Mellinger, Carolyn Peterson, Sally Shaw, and Dodie Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. November Board Meeting minutes approved; seconded by Bev Clark.

Co-President – Karan Fairchild

See announcements

VP/Program - Mai Kiigemagi

- Eric Preston will help w/ member slide show along with Matt and Nikki

Treasurer – Carolyn Peterson

- Current balance ~ \$57,000; savings/checking.
- IRS refund came through – over a year in the making!

Secretary – Rachel Handy

- Nothing to report

Membership (vacant)

- New membership chair recruitment

Education – Dodie Wilson

- OSU Nonprofit and Service Fair March 1st
- Lebanon Public Library Adult Education program
- MLK Day Nature Walk January 16th at MLK Park – Suzanne working on it

Chat editor - Jake Keen

- Planning on interviews to get to know people
- Deadline 22nd

Conservation – Jim Fairchild

- Landfill expansion – have not had public input at meetings
- Saline wetlands protection passed in Senate

Publicity:

Instagram - Nikki Cross

- Chintimini Wildlife Center – big loss in donations recently (down by 90%) resulting in

service cuts, furloughing employees; plan to share/promote them on our social media page

- Last 30 days gained >30 new followers
- Have shared info about Chat, field trips, slideshow, some submitted their own photos!

Hesthavn - Ray Drapek (not present)

- We have been contacted by search and rescue to use parking lot (Dec 26th 8 AM to 1 PM; permits in car windows)

Field trips – Carolyn and Bev

- Bev: Summer Lake 2nd week in June,
- Suzanne and others: Rogue Valley,
- Mark, Bruce and others: Malheur
- South Coast Bandon (now in Sept)
- Possibly need more drivers.
- Multi day; ppl can use email to sign up if they can't make the meeting; in the Chat too.
- Send checks to PO box. Money back if cancels within a reasonable amount of time.

Diversity – (not present)

- Audubon naming project
- The Arts Center new exhibit starting Dec 9 - Jan 21 featuring Indigenous artists "Always Here"

Old Business:

CBC - Bev Clark (and Matt)

- People are showing interest but don't have experience so are being turned away
- Would be worth discussing further in the future – need new people to get interested (and get experience) for membership/participation to grow
- Email Bev if interested
- Woodstock's Pizza at 5 pm
- IG – we will share to encourage backyard bird feeder counts
- All feeder counts can be sent directly to Matt

Willamette Valley Bird Symposium - Karan

- WVBS 1/21/2023 support – usually \$500 donation and \$500 for scholarships for young people, have a table?
 - reimburse up to \$500 for students
 - Rachel will share contact info w/ WVBS sponsor chair

New Business:

- Book & Raffle Table – Sally/Bev
- Discussion to discontinue offering books for sale at the table
 - Discontinue raffle table for now. Proceeds in 2019 compared to now have decreased significantly. Have last one in December? Could resume in the future again if we have large groups again or if someone new volunteers
 - Get in touch with Sally if interested
 - Brainstorm new ideas for 'social' activities to encourage mingling at meetings
- Legacy item storage (both physical and electronic)
 - form a committee?
 - Marsha – historian w/ items
 - Rachel and Sue for electronic items/passwords, etc.
 - Physical items
 - grocery bags w/ logo can be given to:
 - raffle items
 - field trip participants
 - new members in Dec/Jan
 - board members
 - non-profit fair @ OSU
 - likely need to inventory everything we have, then pare down what is not needed - donate or shred rest
 - At next meeting can ask for volunteers to help with physical items (Sally can assist w/ books)
 - Open house in Spring at Hesthavn w/ book sale – Saturday in March?
- Sue Haig book launch
 - Sat 12/10 at Library at 2 pm; reintroducing birds back to OR

Next board meeting location – Jan 12, 2023, location TBD (Dave's house?)

Meeting adjourned by Carolyn (2nd by Phyllis) at 8:15 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.

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members!

Nancy Lynn Bremner
Jenna Dornblaser
Kris Graves
Thomas Phillips
Karen Smith
Jim Tomasek and Carol Haaksma
Patricia White

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 alderspr@peak.org and request to be added.

Have You Changed Your Contact Info?

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

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Paul Adamus, Membership Chair

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Chat Articles

The Chat editors (Jake Keen, 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.



Burrowing Owl photo by Tom Heath

Calendar

- Jan. 1: Airlie/Albany Christmas Bird Count
- Jan 14: Second Saturday Field Trip (8 AM, Willamette Park shelter)
- Jan. 19: General Meeting, Ram Papish, Wildlife Art on Interpretive Signs (7 PM, CCC Oak Room)
- Jan. 21: Willamette Valley Bird Symposium (9 AM – 4 PM, CH2M Alumni Center)
- 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 and 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 cancelled or changed to ZOOM due to pandemic challenges, so please check our [website](#) for the latest scheduling info.



Varied Thrush photo by Steve Reed

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