



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.

ASC General Meeting



Photo by Dave Stamboulis

Birds of Mongolia presented by Fred Ramsey

February 16, 2023 7:30 PM

Do you love traveling through Oregon's open country where the touch of humanity is rare? Or nature tours that pass through an abundance of varied landscapes and habitats? If so, you will love Mongolia.

For most of the 20th century Mongolia struggled under the thumb of Russia. It is now, however, a free, democratic country with a growing economy based on mining, agriculture, and tourism. Its rugged mountains, expansive forests, vast steppe, clear lakes and rivers,

and arid desert provide homes for an amazing wealth of wildlife... birds included.

February's program will feature Mongolia trips made by ASC members Fred Ramsey and Jim Faulkner. Ostensibly these were flyfishing trips for the world's largest salmonid, but you will not be surprised to find a heavy emphasis on Mongolia's birds. There will be pictures and stories to share.

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!!

[View a recording of the January speaker](#) presentation featuring local artist Ram Papish.

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

Jonathan G. [@foodie.jonathan](https://www.instagram.com/foodie.jonathan) submitted a photo this month of a male Bufflehead displaying iridescent colors.



Photo by Jonathan G. @foodie.jonathan

Follow the ASC [Instagram](#) account and submit your photos to us by tagging @auduboncorvallis in your post.

Nikki Cross, Instagram Coordinator

Conservation News

Benton County Talks Trash Final Report Expected Next Month

Many moons ago the Benton County Board of Commissioners suspended the activities of two legally state-authorized Advisory Councils that address solid waste management. Supplanting the work of the Disposal Site Advisory Council and the Solid Waste Advisory Council, the Board appointed an informal community and stakeholder discussion group called “Benton County Talks Trash” at considerable expense. Many of these volunteers have spent hundreds of hours researching and reviewing the history, development, circumstances, and projection of the solid waste stream. That waste comes now from much of northwestern Oregon, through Republic Services, the second largest solid waste disposal corporation in the United States. That waste is overwhelming the capacity of the Coffin Butte Landfill. Republic Services is likely to re-apply for permission to double their space requirements the day after County Commissioners review the Talks Trash final report, which is due March 15th.

The Board has now dismissed two well-informed community members from their chosen group, while largely derailing its mission of planning solid waste management in the future. Please let Commissioners know your concerns! Mine revolve around accommodating for a pre-determined outcome not informed by community involvement or deliberative planning. Benton County may never be able to remove this waste, nor develop a solid waste management plan under such pressure to maintain the status quo.

Liquid and Gaseous Waste as well!

Landfill decomposition releases tremendous quantities of climate-warming methane gas, ranking Coffin Butte

as a top ten Oregon point emitter—please zoom in on the Climate Trace website map at <https://climatetrace.org/map/north-america-ch4> Additionally, millions of gallons of leachate annually flow into the Willamette River. The Corvallis wastewater treatment facility doesn’t have the capability to remove the toxic compounds already exuding from this mountain of waste. Please view Mark Yaeger’s public testimony to Corvallis City Council featured on the Coffin Butte Facts website <https://coffinbuttefacts.org/latest-news/stop-putting-leachate-in-corvallis-water-treatment-willamette-river/>

Great Blue Herons—Expanding Homelessness?

Congregate nesting provides more eyes to raise the alarm when predators or unrecognized potential threats appear. Studies show that predictable and repeated activities near nest sites, such as commercial river traffic along the Columbia River, did not disrupt bald eagle nesting activity as often as unpredictable recreational boating did. Eagles there co-located nesting with heron rookeries with seeming mutual benefit. During nesting season disruptions can trigger mass nest failures, and even colony abandonment, as has happened with coastal common murre nesting colonies where murre were not used to bald eagle predation.

A great blue heron rookery (heronry) adjacent to Coffin Butte was apparently abandoned last spring, most likely due to a new or unanticipated disturbance. Heronries can relocate in subsequent years, but few other active heronries are known locally. Oregon laws afford protection to known heron nesting sites, but ODFW doesn’t have the capacity to track nesting. For those interested in participating, we would encourage Willamette Valley birders and Audubon members to explore and report nesting behaviors and locations in February and March, when nesting behavior is more visible. Of particular concern are the two known heronries adjacent to Coffin Butte. Please contact me for details and how you can help.

Jim Fairchild, Conservation Chair

Field Trips

Second Saturday Field Trip

February 11, 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: September 18-20; Leader: Tom

Penpraze

Email address:

md.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

MLK Day Nature Walk



Photos by Dodie Wilson

In celebration of MLK Day, ASC and the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition hosted a nature walk at MLK Park in Corvallis on Monday, January 16th. About a dozen nature enthusiasts were guided around the park by Suzanne Ortiz who explained the history of the park and the ongoing riparian restoration of Lamprey Creek while pointing out birds, plants and the different species of lichen. Some of the birds seen were Sharp-shinned or Cooper's Hawk, Anna's Hummingbird, California

Scrub-Jay, Spotted Towhee, Black-capped Chickadee, Song Sparrow, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Northern Flicker, Townsend's Warbler, Hermit Thrush, American Crow, American Robin, and European Starling. To learn more and/or contribute to this ongoing restoration, please visit: <https://www.mlkparkcorvallis.org>.

Dodie Wilson and Suzanne Ortiz

ASC Education at Franklin's Science Night

On January 19th the ASC Education committee participated in Science Night at Franklin School.

This was the first time ASC Education has been back in the schools since before COVID and it felt great! It was a full house...there were participants from Crescent Valley Robotics, OSU Department of Fisheries, OSU Women Engineers, and more. There were lots of children enthusiastic to learn things from the different fields of science. ASC Education brought three (3) activities for the kids to try, the Food Web game, Wingspan, and a bird scavenger hunt. We also brought several of our bird specimens which are always a hit. The children enjoyed getting the cute ASC Anna's Hummingbird stickers made by Casey Cruze for their participation. Thanks to our volunteers, Liz Hogan, Tricia Bowlby, and Dodie Wilson. If you would like to volunteer for events like this, please contact Dodie Wilson at asc.educationteam@gmail.com.

Friends of Ladd Marsh Hosting Bird Festival

May 19, 2023, the Friends of Ladd Marsh are hosting their annual Bird Festival. Located near La Grande in the Grande Ronde Valley, Ladd Marsh Bird Festival celebrates World Migratory Bird Day with an uncrowded, non-competitive birding opportunity for the whole family. Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area has one of the most diverse bird populations in Union County, over 200 species of birds either visit or live permanently here. To learn more about the festival, please visit the [Friends of Ladd Marsh website](#).

Dodie Wilson, Education

2022 Christmas Bird Count Results



*Northern Mockingbird in Corvallis.
Photo by Duncan Evered.*

The 60th annual Corvallis Christmas Bird Count (CBC) took place on December 20, 2022. The weather was fairly mild for this time of year, with a temperature of 39–46 degrees Fahrenheit during the daylight hours, winds out of the south at 12–20 miles per hour, and light rain for much of the day. The 46 field observers and feeder watchers counted 83,976 birds of 121 species. For comparison, the corresponding numbers for the 2021 CBC were 56,401 birds and 115 species.

Just over half the birds counted in the 2022 CBC (50.3%) were Cackling Geese. The next-most abundant species were European Starling (12.4%), American Robin (4.9%), Green-winged Teal (3.5%), Mallard (2.7%), and Canada Goose (2.5%). New records were set for the number of birds seen in several species, including Snow Goose (47 vs. a previous high of 42) and Trumpeter Swan (21 vs. 16, seen in 2021).

Probably the biggest surprise in the 2022 CBC was a Blackburnian Warbler, which was spotted in northwest Corvallis on December 14 and hung around the area at least through early January. This species, which typically winters in the mountains of northern South America, had never before been recorded in Benton County at any time of the year. Other unusual finds were a Northern Mockingbird in southeast

Corvallis, a species that had been observed in only four previous CBCs; four Tricolored Blackbirds, seen in only three previous CBCs; and two Ross's Geese, seen in only five previous CBCs.

To download a PDF of the 2022 Corvallis CBC results, visit the ASC website (<https://auduboncorvallis.org/bird-count-opportunities/>). You can also view the results of this or any other CBC on the National Audubon Society CBC website: (<https://netapp.audubon.org/CBCObservation/CurrentYear/ResultsByCount.aspx>).

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

Community Notes

Benton County Museum, Corvallis

Wednesday February 8, 2023 at 10:30 AM. Benton County Museum in Corvallis. Catherine Mater, president of Mater Engineering, will discuss "Research on the Tongass National Forest," and the changes in its timber harvesting practices. BCHSM is located at 411 SW 2nd St, Corvallis.

<https://bentoncountymuseums.org/events/research-on-the-tongass-national-forest/>

"Fire, Fury, & Resilience: Totem Witnesses and Turtle Wisdom," the exhibit by artist Betty LaDuke, has been

extended to March 19, 2023. BCHSM is located at 411 SW 2nd St, Corvallis.

Benton County Master Gardeners Association

Tuesdays from 12-1PM. Benton County Library, Main Meeting Room, Corvallis.

February 7. Joyce Eberhart: Native Plants in Your Garden Through the Seasons.

February 14. Joleen Schilling: Seed Starting

February 21. Bernadine Strik: Growing Raspberries

February 28. Darren Morgan. Root Veggies.

The Gearing Up for Gardening lecture program is sponsored by the OSU Extension Service Benton County Master Gardener Association & the Corvallis Benton-County Public Library. Free & open to the public. BCPL is at 645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis. <https://corvallisbenton.librarycalendar.com/event/gearin-g-gardening-2>

Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

Thursday February 16, 2023, from 4-8 PM. The third Thursday of the month celebrates our creative community and features local artists, local food and local businesses. Click to download the print map for the location of artists & businesses featured each month.

<https://www.corvallisartswalk.com/map>

The annual meeting for the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition was held on January 19, 2023. The meeting highlighted accomplishments of the CSC Action Teams. ASC is an Engaged Partner of the Coalition. The link to the YouTube video of the 2023 annual meeting can be found at:

<https://sustainablecorvallis.org/annual-meeting-thursday-january-19/>

Thursday March 9, 2023, the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition will host a LIVE Sustainability Fair (5-7 PM) and Town Hall (7-9 PM). This is a great opportunity to learn about sustainability in Corvallis, enjoy a delicious meal, and connect with engaged & creative members of our community. Audubon Society of Corvallis, an

Engaged Partner of the CSC, will have a table. Information will be on the CSC website soon. <https://sustainablecorvallis.org>

Linn-Benton NAACP Branch

Sunday February 5, 2023, from 2-4:30 PM the Linn-Benton NAACP Branch presents a showing of Disney's "The Princess and the Frog" at the Whiteside Theatre in Corvallis. This is a free event and children friendly.

<https://www.whitesidetheatre.org/#calendar-5d97f094-c9f1-4f4e-978b-f6354303c339-event-lcgppsap>

Salem Audubon Society

Saturday February 11,, 2023, from 9:30 AM-12 PM. The Salem Audubon Society is hosting a webinar on Raptor ID: "Exploring Raptors: Birds of Prey". There is a \$10 registration fee per person which includes handouts for future reference. Membership in SAS not required to participate. Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eVCFel dyQUmnD5IAeYRLGA

OSU Piano International

Saturday February 11th at 3 PM. Corvallis-OSU Piano International presents Rachelle McCabe, piano and Kathleen Dean Moore, spoken word. "Music for a Silent Spring," a concert that is both a celebration and elegy. The Corvallis Public Library will host the event located at 645 NW Monroe, Corvallis. Free.

Sponsored by the OSU Arts and Education Complex; College of Liberal Arts; School of Visual, Performing, and Design Arts; and the Spring Creek Project.

https://corvallispliano.org/copi_events/music-for-a-silent-spring/

Native Plant Society, Corvallis Chapter (NPSO)

Monday February 13, 2023, at 7:30 PM. Barbara Wilson of the Carex Working Group will present a talk on SW Oregon native stonecrop plants, "Sedum Section Gormaniana – A Taxonomic Nightmare But

Pretty." The event is open to the public and free. Room 2062 Cordley Hall, Oregon State University Campus, 2701 SW Campus Way, Corvallis.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/845945776852950/?ref=newsfeed>

Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge Preschool Nature Program

On February 25, 2023 Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge is offering a bilingual nature program for 3-5 year old children. The sessions last 45 minutes and start at 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM or 2 PM. There is no need to register in advance and the event is free to the public. Ankeny Hills Nature Center, 130 Ankeny Hill Rd, SE, Jefferson, OR.

https://www.instagram.com/p/Cnzvf27u3lf/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

Linn County Master Gardeners Association/OSU Extension Master Gardener Program

The 9th Annual BEEvent Pollinator Conference will take place on March 4, 2023. The conference is for gardeners, small farmers, community scientists & pollinator enthusiasts. Presented by Linn County Master Gardener Association and OSU Extension Master Gardener Program. Registration opens in February.

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/linn-benton/events/beeevent-2023>

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, PSWCD, LWC

"Traditional Ecological Knowledge," is a two-part video series. Part 1 defines TEK and its importance to landscape restoration & describes the cultural significance of many native plant species. Part 2 explains how landowners can incorporate TEK principles into their land management planning; includes an interview of one landowner's story; and features some native plants available for purchase directly from the Grand Ronde Native Plant Nursery. The videos were produced in a partnership with the

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Polk Soil & Water Conservation District, Luckiamute Watershed Council, with additional funding support from the Willamette Habitat Restoration Fund and Benton County Soil & Water Conservation District.

<https://www.luckiamutelwc.org/traditional-ecological-knowledge-video-series.html>

Luckiamute Watershed Council

Thursday February 23, 2023, at 6:30 PM. Sips 'n' Science: Beaver Ecology & Restoration. Place TBD

<https://www.luckiamutelwc.org/events.html>



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 opens around mid-December 2022; 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.

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

January 12, 2023, 7:00 PM

Co-President – Karan Fairchild

A group letter regarding Climate Change Education Bill (LC 1463) to be written on behalf of the Audubon Society of Corvallis.

VP/Program - Mai Kiigemagi

Some members feel the current meeting room is too small. It is currently the best option for Zoom, however there is the potential to move to larger room in September 2023.

Treasurer – Carolyn Peterson

Enterprise requires a corporate credit card for vehicle rentals, which we use for our long field trips. The Board approved a motion to get a corporate credit card.

Committees:

Education – Dodie Wilson

In January there were several bird related events held at local schools.

In March bird walks will be held at Finley with dates to be determined.

Conservation – Jim Fairchild

Submitted ASC comment for Elliot Research Forest.

Instagram – Nikki Cross

ASC Instagram continues to increase followers by promoting upcoming events.

Field trips - Committee

Rough cost estimate of trips = \$150/person/day

Sustainability – Suzanne Ortiz

Some members are interested in designating Corvallis as a “Bee City” and participating in “No Mow May”.

Diversity – Suzanne Ortiz

No news from National Audubon Society regarding a possible name change.

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

In Memoriam

Longtime ASC member Betty McCauley passed away on January 4. She was 95. Betty was very active in the community, through the Grace Center for Adult Services, the Corvallis Library Foundation, Hoolyeh Folkdancers, and the Arts Center, as well as Audubon. For many years she participated in Audubon's Malheur trips, which was the highlight of her year. Donations in

Betty's memory can be made to Audubon, the Grace Center, or the Corvallis Library Foundation. A memorial will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on March 11, 2023, at 1 PM.

Welcome New Members!

Chris Culver

Susan Furnas

Bill Hays & Rose Rosseau

John Keogh

Ryan Michalesko

Rich Schramm & Mariann Demordaunt

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

Contributors to this Chat

Paul Adamus, Don Boucher, Bev Clark, Nikki Cross, Ray Drapek, Duncan Evered, Jim Fairchild, Rachel Handy, Mai Kiigemagi, Matt Lee, Marge Popp,

Suzanne Ortiz, Sue Powell, Jamie Simmons, Caryn Stoess, Jana Tindall, Meika Vingelen, and Dodie Wilson

Chat Articles

The Chat editors (Jake Keen 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

- Feb. 10: Second Saturday Field Trip at 8 AM, meet at Willamette Park shelter (at SE Goodnight Ave.)
- 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 canceled or changed to Zoom due to pandemic challenges, so please check [our website](#) for the latest scheduling info.



ASC and the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition at MLK Park. *Photo by Dodie Wilson*

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