



THE CHAT

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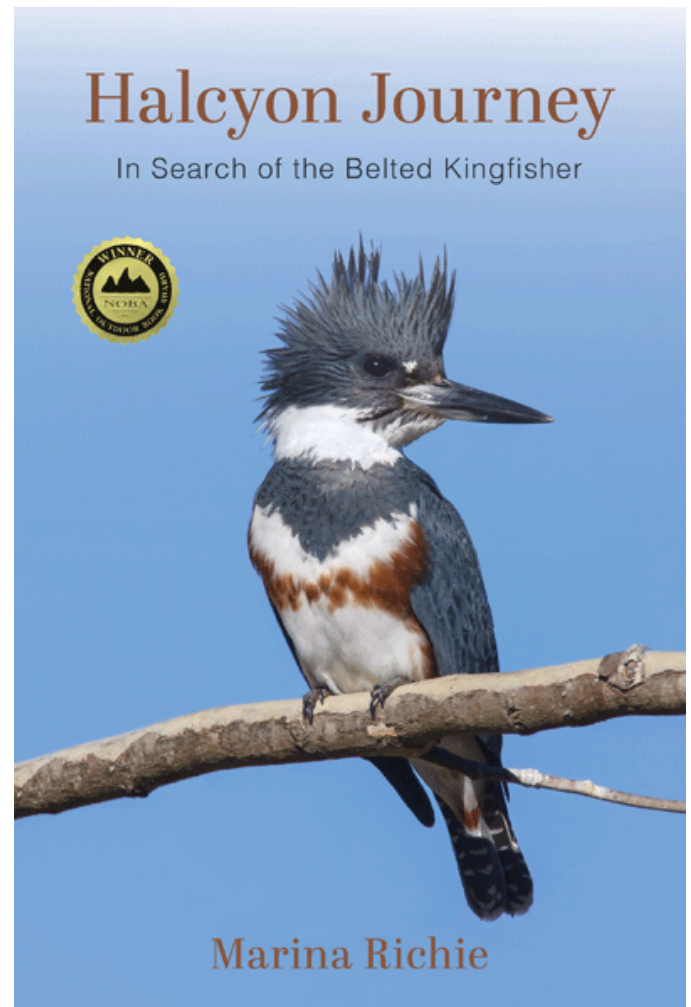
The 2022 2023 Monthly Meetings will be held in-person and on Zoom. In-person meetings will be held in the Oak Room of the [Corvallis Community Center](#) located at 2601 NW Tyler Ave. in Corvallis.

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 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





Photos provided by Marina Richie

Belted Kingfisher, Messenger of Wild Waterways

March 16, 2023 7:30 PM

Join Marina Richie for a deep dive into the world of North America's secretive, jay-sized angler, the Belted Kingfisher. Richie's photo-filled presentation will feature the Belted Kingfisher as a messenger for communities of life dependent on fish-filled vibrant waterways. She'll delve into mysteries, like why the female is more colorful than the male, and read excerpts from her book the first to focus on a bird known for a rattling cry and a habit of vanishing around the next bend of a stream. The American Birding Association chose the Belted Kingfisher as the 2023 Bird of the Year.

Marina Richie is a nature writer living in Bend. She has a master's degree in Journalism from University of Montana and an undergraduate degree in Biology from University of Oregon. She serves as the board president for the Greater Hells Canyon Council. In addition to *Halcyon Journey, In Search of the Belted Kingfisher* (winner of a 2022 National Outdoor Book Award), with illustrations created by our January speaker, Newport artist and birder Ram Papish. Richie is also the author of the children's books *Bird Feats of Montana* and *Bug Feats of Montana*. Her articles and essays have appeared in *Birdwatching Magazine*, *A. T. Journeys*, *Post Road Magazine*, books, blogs (*National Wildlife* and *Audubon*), and other publications. She pens a bi-monthly nature blog on her website: marinarichie.com.

Books will be available for purchase. Credit and debit cards accepted.

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 February speaker presentation featuring local artist Fred Ramsey:

[View the Zoom Recording here](#)

Mai and Eric, Program Committee

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ASC Website/Social Media



photo by Sue Powell

The Audubon Society, Rock Solid on Conservation

ASC's parent organization states that "No other conservation organization matches the size, reach, scale, influence, diversity, and creative energy of our chapters...." ([Audubon Network](#))

ASC is dedicated to conserving critical habitats and threatened species and to educating the public about our goals to enjoy nature but also to save it. We work with many partners to achieve positive results.

Check out the ASC website [Conserve/Protect](#) page to see some of our completed projects and how four local people became Conservation Heroes. Then browse the [Audubon in the News](#) subpage and prepare to be amazed at the many critical issues we are involved with. Move on to [Conservation Accomplishments](#) and read about eight species that we want Not Dead but Alive.

The story of the [Bluebird Trail](#) is the subject of another Conserve/Protect subpage. This amazing project, which began in 1976, has resulted in a huge rebound in the Western Bluebird population in the Willamette Valley.

Hooray for ASC – we rock!

Sue Powell, ASC Website

Corvallis Audubon Facebook

Keep up-to-date and be inspired by joining our ASC Facebook page. Just "like" us for the latest news and pictures of wildlife that affect our local area. Feel free to post about what is happening in your neighborhood, street, and back yard. Let's stay connected. Join us on Facebook at [CorvallisAudubon](#).

Nancy Demasi, ASC Facebook

Audubon Corvallis Instagram

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

Nikki Cross, Instagram Coordinator

Education News

ASC Volunteers Leading Bird Walks during Winter Wildlife Field Days

The Willamette Valley Refuges will be hosting their annual Winter Wildlife Field Days (WWFD) throughout the month of March at several venues throughout the Willamette Valley. This is a free, bilingual nature adventure. As part of WWFD, ASC Education will be having Bird Walks leaving from Field Stations set up at 3 of our Corvallis parks. The dates, times, and locations of those 3 Bird Walks are:

Saturday March 11-Starker Arts Park, 2-5 PM;
Saturday March 18-MLK Jr Park, 2-5 PM; and
Saturday March 25 at Village Green Park, 11 AM-2 PM. We will start the walk from the WWFD station.

Come join us!

[Click here](#) for the full schedule of events.

Dodie Wilson, Education

Conservation News

Conservation news from the Oregon Legislature

Having moved on after 30 years of extraordinary efforts for Audubon Society of Portland, former Conservation Director Bob Sallinger is assisting Oregon Wild during this current legislative session. Courtesy of the Portland Chapter, here's a brief look at two efforts already underway. Please consider introducing yourself to your House and Senate representatives. Don't know who they are? [Click here](#) to find your representative.

The [Natural Climate Solutions bill](#) (SB 530) is a critical piece of climate legislation being considered in Salem this session. Natural climate solutions are critical for fighting climate change and protecting our forests, farms, grasslands, and wetlands.

Natural Climate Solutions include:

- Planting more trees in urban areas;
- Protecting and recovering watersheds and wetlands;

- Planting cover crops on agricultural lands;
- Lengthening logging rotations on private lands;
- Protecting mature and old-growth forests on public lands; and
- Protecting coastal communities from storm surge and flooding.

These practices offer proven solutions for reducing climate change impacts by keeping carbon stored in our living ecosystems instead of the atmosphere. As we contend with increasing drought, heatwaves, flooding, and fires these solutions will be critical in offsetting climate impacts. Important co-benefits include protecting fish and wildlife habitat as well as clean and abundant water for communities.

HB 3159 ([Recovering Oregon's Wildlife](#))

This Bill would provide a steady source of permanent funding to support Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW's) implementation of the Statewide Conservation Strategy and Nearshore Strategy by increasing Oregon's Transient Lodging Taxes by 1.5%. Oregon currently has one of the lowest Transient Lodging Taxes in the United States and even after this increase it would continue to have one of the lowest in the United States. It makes sense to focus on the Transient Lodging Tax because there is a direct nexus between tourism and wildlife related activities (wildlife watching, hunting, etc.) in Oregon. This legislation was jointly developed by conservation groups such as Oregon Wild and the Wildlands Network, Oregon Hunters Association, and Backcountry Hunters and Anglers.

ODFW estimates it would cost \$25 million per year to implement just 50% of the identified conservation actions in the Oregon Conservation and Nearshore Strategy. To fund this work, we recognize that the gravity of the situation warrants a bold solution, which is why we are asking the state legislature to create the Recovering Oregon's Wildlife Fund (HB 3159). This legislation would utilize a 1.5% increase in the state transient lodging tax, generating approximately \$30 million a year.

According to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), there are at least 294 species of greatest conservation need and 11 native habitats requiring proactive restoration actions. Investing in their

recovery isn't just good for conservation, it's also important to the robust outdoor recreation and tourism economy that depends on healthy wildlife and fish.

Jim Fairchild, Conservation Chair

Field Trips

Second Saturday Field Trip

March 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. To sign up, email: CorvallisAudubonSecondSaturday@gmail.com. Led by Duncan Evered and Caryn Stoess. Weather may alter plans.

Duncan Evered and Caryn Stoess

Multi-Day Field Trips

ASC Field Trips Update

The field trip to Rogue Valley is full. The trips to Malheur in May, Summer Lake in June, and Bandon in September still have room. Contact trip leaders if you are interested in going or want to know more.

ASC weekend field trips are led by experienced birders in rented vans. We stay in comfortable motels/dorms and enjoy meals at local restaurants. Sign-up sheets are offered at general membership meetings. To hold your place on a trip, your deposit of \$75 needs to be received within a week of signing up, otherwise, the spot may go to another.

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 is now full. Birders will hike Upper Table Rock to look for Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, California Towhee, and Oak Titmouse in the northern reach of 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. Since the 2020 and 2021 trips were canceled, I believe this will be the 51st! 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 of 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

Atop the Nest Box

Spring is almost here! Are your nest boxes ready?

In the Willamette Valley, the weather is usually mild enough that you may see Western Bluebirds year-round. Most of the adult Bluebirds finish nesting

by the end of August, and throughout the fall and winter they and their offspring may visit bird baths and use nest boxes and natural cavities in trees as overnight roosting sites. Having a sheltered spot to roost is especially important when the weather is exceptionally cold (Figure 1).



Figure 1. A nest box in good condition provides a protected roosting site for Western Bluebirds and other small songbirds, even outside the nesting season.

By late March-early April, some bluebirds will begin building new nests. Last year on the Bluebird Trail, there were 15 nests that had at least one bluebird egg by the end of the second week in April. Therefore, if you have nest boxes on your property, or if you monitor nest boxes for the Bluebird Trail, now is the time to make sure your boxes are ready for the 2023 nesting season.

If you forgot to clean out your boxes last fall, do that now. Remove any old nests, and scrape away droppings that may be stuck to the inside walls of the box. Dispose of the discards far from the box to lessen the chance of predators finding it. And remember that wasps often use nest boxes as roosting sites, so look before you reach inside!

Also check that all of your boxes are in good condition (Figure 2). Is the roof still waterproof? Does the door close securely? Is the entrance hole the right size? A hole that was enlarged by rodents or woodpeckers will allow bigger birds, such as European Starlings, to occupy the box. If the box was mounted on a post, is it still at the top of the post?

If you need help with nest box repairs or replacement, contact me:

BluebirdTrail.corvallisaudubon@gmail.com.

Matt Lee



Figure 2. These nest boxes could use some TLC. Photos by 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

OSU College of Forestry

Saturday, March 4 from 1-3 PM, The William Ferrell Forest Discovery Program, First Saturday Nature Walks at Peavy Arboretum

[Register for the event here.](#)

Benton County Master Gardeners Association

Growing a Vegetable Garden Lectures

Wednesday, March 8, 6-7 PM: Garden planning, crop families, succession gardening & resources presented by Brenda Bye, a Benton Co. Master Gardener.

Wednesday, March 16, 6-7 PM: Choosing a good garden spot, soil & fertilizer, use of compost, mulch and soil thermometer presented by Emily Herb, BCMG. The event is sponsored by the OSU Extension Service Benton County Master Gardener Association, the Corvallis Benton-County Public Library, and the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition. A schedule of events can be [found here](#). The lectures are free & open to the public located at the Benton County Public Library, Main Meeting Room, 645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330

Oregon State University

Through March 10, “Abundant Oregon: Artists Capture the Beauty & Ecology of Oregon.” Giustina Gallery, LaSells Stewart Center, 875 SW 26th St, Corvallis, OR 97331

More information can be [found here](#).

Native Plant Society of Corvallis

Monday, March 13, 7:30 PM; “Lichens: A Symbiotic Symphony.” Presentation by Eleonore Jacobson & Claire Morris (Bruce McCune Lab), OSU In-person, Cordley Hall, Rm 2062, OSU Campus, 2701 SW Campus Way, Corvallis OR 97331
Advance Zoom registration:
daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu

Marys Peak Chapter of the Sierra Club

Wednesday, March 22, 7 PM; 2023 Liz & Bob Frenkel Environment & Hiking Spring Webinar Series – Regenerating and Hiking Willamette Valley Wetlands; Jarod Jebousek, USFWS; WL Finley National Wildlife Refuge. Register for the [webinar here](#).

Oregon State University, Center for the Humanities

Thursday, March 2 at 5:30 PM. “One Hundred Years of Timber Culture in Oregon: Celebrating the Legacy and the Land of Maxville.” Gwendolyn Trice, Executive Director of the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center, will talk about the legacy of the multi-ethnic logging company town of Maxville, Oregon in 1923. Memorial Union Building, Horizon Room, 2501 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR 97333

Oregon State University

Wednesday, March 15 at 3:30 PM; Starker Lecture Series, “Precision Forestry: Remote Sensing, Geospatial Analysis and More” Presented by Dr. Monika Moska. Register for [webinar here](#). George W. Peavy Forest Science Center, Rm 117, 3100 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis OR 97333

Oregon Museum of Science & Industry

“**Kelp Me Please,**” a six-minute documentary film was created by students at the OMSI Documentary Explorers Camp in Newport, OR.
[Click here](#) for more information.

Oregon Whale Watch Week: Oregon State Parks

Tuesday, March 28 through Sunday, April 2. Volunteers will be stationed at multiple sites to provide information about migrating whales.
[Click here](#) for more information.

Corvallis Sustainability Coalition 2023 Sustainability Fair and Town Hall

The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition returns to a live format for the 2023 Sustainability Fair and Town Hall on **Thursday, March 9**. The Sustainability Fair will be from 5-7 PM. The Audubon Society of Corvallis is an Engaged Partner of the Coalition & our volunteers will have a display at the Fair. Over 40 exhibitors will be featured, along with a light buffet dinner and music by the Rivard/Woodman Guitar Duo. Registration is not required for the Fair.

The Town Hall will take place from 7-9 PM and registration is required due to limited seating. Town Hall presentations will include a climate action “dream team” of Bill Ripple, Kathleen Dean Moore, Chris Quaka and Julie Williams. There will be interactive discussions during the evening. Register for the [Town Hall here](#). The **deadline for registering is March 1**.

The Town Hall will be a hybrid event & information for registration for virtual attendees will be available at a future date on the ASC Web site. Both the Fair & Town Hall are free & open to the community & both events will be held at the Oregon State University CH2MHill Alumni Center, 725 SW 26th St, Corvallis OR 97331.

Suzanne Ortiz

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>

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 reduce pesticides use (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

Board Meeting Summary

February 9, 2023, 7:00 PM

Co-President – Karan Fairchild

Questions:

Approval from Board to update the Bylaws (Article III, Section 2) raising the term limits to eight years/terms. Carolyn moves to vote; seconded by Dave. The motion passes.

Audubon Society of Corvallis will continue to support the monitoring of the Streaked Horned Lark in the Willamette Valley refuges.

VP/Program – Mai Kiigemagi

Marina Richie will speak about Belted Kingfishers at the next General Meeting.

Treasurer – Carolyn Peterson

Corporate credit card application is submitted. Vans for the field trip will be reserved soon after the approval.

Secretary – Rachel Handy

Nothing to report

Committees:

Education – Dodie Wilson

Winter Wildlife Field Day is happening during the month of March. The Audubon Society of Corvallis will host bird walks in some of the parks around town. Look for Winter Wildlife Field Day stations. Plan to share more information on the website and share on social media.

Audubon Society of Corvallis will have a booth at the Sustainability Fair on March 9th.

Chat editor - (Jake Keen)

Making updates to the field trip section with current information. Contacting trip leaders to get more information soon.

Conservation – Jim Fairchild

Questions:

Approval from Board to write a letter to President Biden requesting a ban on beaver trapping on public lands nationally. Jim moves to vote; seconded by Sue. The motion passes.

McDonald-Dunn Forest planning efforts have been mostly recreational. Part of the College of Forestry budget comes from forest's revenue. Current planning for the forest is not involving local tribes. Oregon State University students addressed the board of trustees on the matter. How can we advocate for tribal involvement?

Corvallis Watershed meetings are being held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The group's principal statement is being revised and change is happening quickly. Community members are an important voice. Contact the Mayor, City Council, etc.

Publicity

Instagram - Nikki Cross

Instagram followers continue to grow. Followers are submitting their photos to be featured on Instagram and in the newsletter. ASC can consider linking social media accounts to promote events.

Website – Sue Powell

The website had over 12,000 visits last month. The field trip contacts link sends users to outlook, looking for a solution.

Hesthavn - Ray Drapek

The Oregon Parks and Rec grant has been submitted. Results are expected in April. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife was given a tour of the property. Hesthavn Facebook page has activity. Will work with Nikki to share posts.

A work party was planned for February 26th. A student club may be available to help in March.

Sue Powell

The interpretive sign donated from the Sustainability Coalition is ready! Plans are made to install the sign near the creek.

Field trips

Summer Lake, South Coast, and Malheur still have room for more guests. Bruce Kelpas suggested talking to refuge folks and other local groups to present an evening program.

Sustainability – Suzanne Ortiz

Questions:

Approval from Board to sponsor the 2023 Sustainability Fair and Town Hall. Bev moves to vote; seconded by Ray. The motion passes.

Questions:

Approval from Board to renew support for the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition at the Engaged Partner level. Bev moves to vote; seconded by Ray. The motion passes.

A table is reserved for ASC at the Sustainability Fair. Volunteers to man the table can email Suzanne.

Diversity

Working to organize a visit to the Eena Haws Long House at some point in the future.

Other announcements:

The Legacy Committee will be meeting soon to discuss digital storage

Next month's location TBD

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!

Rachel Handy

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

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.

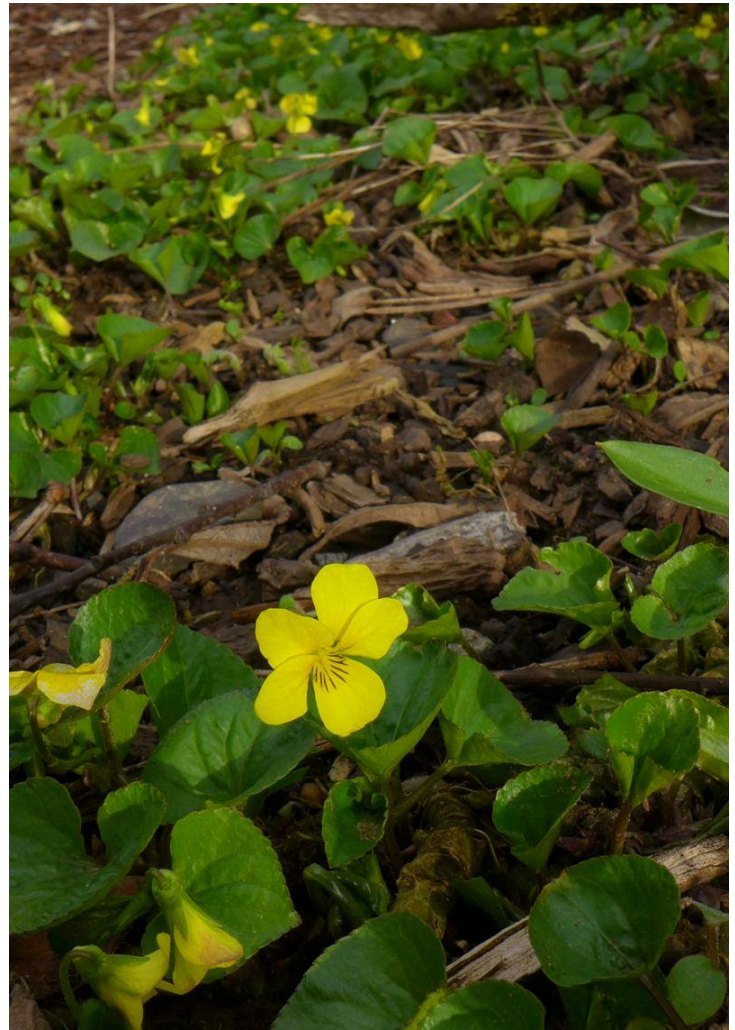
Calendar

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.



Yellow Stream Violet (Viola glabella). Photo by Don Boucher

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Please let us know:

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