



THE CHAT

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ASC General Meeting: A Yard Full of Native Plants, Birds, Bugs, and More April 20, 2023, 7:30 PM



Don Boucher and Lisa Millbank went house-hunting in early 2014. One of their top priorities was a yard suitable for gardening. They converted the lawn on their quarter-acre suburban lot to a garden for both edible and native plants. In April's presentation, Don and Lisa will feature some of the surprisingly abundant wildlife and 100 native plant species on their property. They'll talk about the process of making the yard inviting to nesting birds, pollinating insects and more, and discuss easy ways to add more species richness to any yard. They'll also cover some of the problems and mistakes they encountered. Throughout the presentation, you'll also enjoy many photos and videos of the surprising diversity of flora, fauna, and fungi that now call their yard home.

Don and Lisa have managed the Neighborhood Naturalist program for about 20 years, which publishes a newsletter featuring local native species, and provides field trips and classes. Don and Lisa are longtime volunteers for the Audubon Society of Corvallis and primarily help with publishing the Chat.



photos by Don Boucher & Lisa Millbank

The 2022-2023 Monthly Meetings will be held in person and on Zoom. Join us 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.

ASC members who provided their email address with their membership dues will receive an invitation and instructions the day before the webinar. Programs are posted on the [ASC website](#) after the meeting. Meetings are open to the public, although space is limited. Email audubon.corvallis@gmail.com for information about accessing the program.

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 March speaker presentation featuring author Marina Richie:

[View the Zoom Recording here](#)

Mai and Eric, Program Committee

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ASC Website/Social Media



Cedar Waxwing photo by Nikki Cross

Website Has Answers for Questions You Haven't Asked

Check out upcoming speakers, ASC-associated events, cancelations, new birding (and other) resources, and more to keep you up to date. Want to identify a bird call, and learn more about local dragonflies? Check out our [birding resources page](#)

[here](#). Become a member and donate to conserve wildlife habitat by clicking here.

Small changes are added almost every day to the website. For instance, there are three new banner photos taken by ASC Instagram Chairperson Nikki Cross can you spot them? High-quality images from ASC members are welcome. Please email them to Website.AudubonCorvallis@gmail.com.

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

Nancy Demasi, ASC Facebook

Audubon Corvallis Instagram

Follow the [ASC Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/asc_corvallis) account and submit your photos to us by tagging @auduboncorvallis in your post.

Nikki Cross, Instagram Coordinator

Education News



photo by Suzanne Ortiz

Citizen Scientists Participate at Winter Wildlife Field Days

Winter Wildlife Field Days 2023 provided a mix of family-friendly nature adventures staged throughout the

Mid-Willamette Valley and designed for fun and exploration.. The bilingual, month-long schedule of events was sponsored by the USFWS Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex, along with 26 partner organizations and volunteers, including eight youth volunteers.

ASC volunteers from the Education Team led bird walks at Starker Arts Park, Village Green Park, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park where the sunny weather brought out more than one hundred visitors. A headcount on March 22 showed that over 900 visitors came out to the events up to that date, the most visitors since the WWFD was kicked off in 2015.

Among the activities at the pop-up in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, OSU students collected stream water from Lamprey Creek for a field station display that featured live Newts and Salamanders.



photo by Suzanne Ortiz

Citizen Scientists participated in an eDNA (environmental DNA) study using roller brushes to collect animal DNA samples from trees in the park. They also helped process samples to be sent to the lab where scientists will determine what animals are using the trees. [Click here](#) to learn more about eDNA.

Chintimini staff and volunteers brought a live American Kestrel for viewing, and owl pellets were dissected. Many thanks to the ASC volunteers participating in Winter Wildlife Field Days including Phyllis Bailey, Tricia Bowlby, Ann Brodie, Julia Corbett, Katya Erringer, Suzanne Ortiz & Dodie Wilson.

Suzanne Ortiz

Lebanon Library to Host Adult Education Program

The ASC Education Team will be at the Lebanon Library the evening of April 25th from 5:30 PM -7:30 PM, giving a presentation on bird watching with an optional bird walk through the surrounding area afterward. Binoculars and guides will be provided to those who join us for the bird walk. Come and see us at the Lebanon Library!

Dodie Wilson, Education

Spring Migration Is Happening Now



*A Wilson's Warbler taken at Marys Peak, summer 2022
by Nikki Cross*

Did you know that during peak migration in April, an estimated 90,000 birds will fly over Benton County, Oregon each night? Last year on April 17, 2022, over 390,000 birds were estimated to have flown over Benton County in a single night. Migrants expected within the next few weeks include Wilson's Warblers, Fox Sparrows, Cassin's Vireos, Black-throated Gray Warblers, House Wrens, MacGillivray's Warblers, Hammond's Flycatchers, and Pacific-slope Flycatchers.

You can find out the nightly bird migration forecast and more using the [BirdCast Migration Dashboard](#). Powered by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and partners, BirdCast provides bird migration forecast maps predicting nocturnal migration by US State and US County. BirdCast uses 23 years of bird movement data detected by the US NEXRAD weather surveillance radar network, and machine learning tools to forecast bird migration across the US. Global forecasting models predict suitable weather conditions for migration occurring three hours after local sunset time. You can check this tool throughout the migration season until June 2023. Learn more at [birdcast.info](#)

How can you help birds during migration season? Building owners, developers, and homeowners can help protect migrating birds by turning out non-essential nighttime lighting on structures from 11 PM to 6 AM each night. Essential security lights should be pointed downward to avoid shining light into the sky or trees. Lighting shields can reduce the amount of light that shines upward. Use motion-detecting sensors so that lights turn out when you don't need them. For buildings taller than 3 stories avoid floodlights and extinguish or dim decorative lighting such as lobby/atrium lighting, spotlights on building facades, and antenna lighting.

During spring migration, you can also help migrating birds by turning your yard into a bird-friendly rest stop. Planting native plants in your yard provides both cover and natural food sources for birds. Along with safe cover and food, you can also provide clean drinking water. Research shows that as temperatures increase due to climate change, spring is arriving earlier and migrating birds are shortening their migration times to move north faster ([Learn more by clicking here](#)). This means that birds may have shorter rest periods during migration and may arrive exhausted and hungry. "Chicks' insatiable demand for bugs is cited as a major reason why migration evolved in the first place: If you can wing your way to higher latitudes with their long summer days, you get an insect buffet," says Scott Widensaul of Audubon Magazine. Planting native plants and flowers in your yard encourages beneficial insects, which provide food sources for those hungry nesting birds.

Nikki Cross

Conservation News

State Legislators Attempt to Circumvent Oregon Supreme Court

Senate Bill 795, sponsored by Senators Fred Girod and David Brock Smith, would allow counties to take back most of the 750,000 acres managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry. In 1939 the Forest Acquisition Act encouraged counties to deed burned, logged, and tax-foreclosed county property to the State. After the transfer, the Oregon Department of Forestry bore the costs of management, investing in recovering those lands while agreeing to share a percentage of any revenue generated while producing the greatest permanent value to citizens of the state. In 2016, several counties, including Benton and Linn, unsuccessfully sued the State for breach of contract, arguing the State was not maximizing timber revenue. Benton County leadership curiously forgot that only a couple of decades prior it had a significant hand in crafting, defining, and codifying that language into law.

After the State Supreme Court declined to hear the case this year, SB 795 was drafted as an end-run around the counties' loss of the "timber lawsuit." As proposed, counties would pay the state for title transfer and various fees, plus the value of the forest land at the time of transfer to the state. Counties would not reimburse the state for the accumulated costs of any road construction, management, or maintenance by the state, or pay the current appraised value of land, timber, or other resources thereon. This could likely approach a one-billion-dollar loss to the state of Oregon.

Both the earlier timber lawsuit and SB 795 are attempts to fleece Oregon citizens to line county pockets! When asked, Benton County Commissioner Xan Augerot would not opine a county position on this pending legislation.

Jim Fairchild, Conservation Chair

50 Years of Statewide Planning in Oregon



Downtown Corvallis viewed from Chip Ross Park, winter 2023 by Nikki Cross

Oregon's Department of Land Conservation and Development has a survey asking for your thoughts on the successes and challenges of 50 years of statewide planning in Oregon [here](#).

What are the statewide planning goals? In response to rapid population growth and sprawling development during the 1960s and 1970s, Oregon adopted its first statewide planning goals in 1973 to plan for growth while conserving land for natural resources, agricultural, and timber industries. In 50 years, these statewide planning goals have shaped every Oregon county and city, by guiding the writing of long-range plans and impacting land-use decisions at the local level.

Which statewide planning goals are related to birds? Protected natural resources and hazard areas provide habitat for native birds and other wildlife. Goal 5 outlines the process by which local jurisdictions inventory and designate land for the conservation of significant tree groves, wildlife areas, and other natural features. Stream corridors, wetlands, areas with steep slopes, and floodplain areas where development is prohibited all provide habitat for native Oregon wildlife

(Goal 7). Protecting air, water, and land resources from pollution and degradation is essential for human health as well as wildlife health (Goal 6). Public parks and open spaces provide urban habitats for birds as well as serve the recreational needs of humans (Goal 8).

The statewide planning system in Oregon provides the opportunity to balance the need for economic prosperity in the agriculture and timber industries with the need for the development of affordable housing while also providing vital habitats to birds and wildlife. Goal 1 is citizen involvement, meaning it is required that the public be involved in land use planning in Oregon. Give the State of Oregon your opinion on the next 50 years of planning in our state!

To learn about all of the statewide planning goals visit the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development's [website here](#).

Diversity & Inclusion

National Audubon Society Will Retain Current Name

The National Audubon Society released a letter from CEO Dr. Elizabeth Gray on March 15, 2023, that announced its intention to retain the name of its organization. Find the full text of the [letter from the NAS here](#). In addition, NAS is committing \$25 million to expand diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging over the next five years. Following the decision of NAS's Board of Directors, the Audubon Society of Corvallis, other PNW Audubon chapters, and other chapters throughout the country will be visiting questions regarding renaming. This undertaking is independent of NAS's decision and ASC welcomes comments from our members as we reflect and engage on these issues.

We know the Board's decision prompts many questions and strong feelings. To learn more about how the Audubon Society received its name, [click here](#). Read the NAS press release about their commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging [here](#).

*ASC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee,
Ray Drapek, Dave Mellinger & Suzanne Ortiz*

Empower the Next Generation of Birders and Celebrate Nature

The American Bird Conservancy (ABC) released a new book, "Dawn Songs: A Birdwatcher's Field Guide to the Poetics of Migration." The anthology is edited by Jamie K. Reaser, a co-founder of International (World) Migratory Bird Day in 1993, and J. Drew Lanham, Alumni Distinguished Professor at Clemson University, a writer and ornithologist. The editors have agreed that all proceeds from book sales will be donated to the American Bird Conservancy's recently launched Conservation and Justice Fellowship Program to empower the next generation of bird conservationists. Find out more [about the book here](#).

The ABC is currently soliciting applications for the Fellowship Program from individuals who seek a voice in ongoing environmental justice and conservation dialogues. They welcome applications from people with diverse backgrounds and experience in either conservation or social justice. Find out more by [following this link](#).

If you are thinking of adding a book to your collection, remember that "April is Poetry Month." To order this book, or to seek other poetry or nature-related books, shop at a local Corvallis bookstore or visit their websites.

<https://www.grassrootsbookstore.com>
<https://bookbin.com/about-us/find-stores/corvallis-book-bin/>

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee

2023 Corvallis Sustainability Town Hall

The 2023 Town Hall attracted 300 people who attended the event live or via zoom. The event was sponsored by the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition and featured brief remarks by Corvallis Mayor Charles Maughan and Benton Co. Commission Chair Pat Malone who talked about sustainability initiatives in the city and county. Guest speakers at the event included Bill Ripple (OSU distinguished professor of ecology), Kathleen Dean

Moore (writer and OSU distinguished professor of philosophy), Chris Quaka (Benton Community Foundation's President and CEO, former federal disaster coordinator), and Julie Williams (President and co-founder, Seeds for the Sol). The four presenters all stressed the importance of individual and collective actions and preparedness as we face climate change and to ensure secure energy for our future. Watch *The Scientist's Warning*, Bill Ripple's journey to support efforts to address the challenges of [climate change here](#).

Annette Mills, a co-founder of the CSC, introduced a five-year community-wide initiative that was developed by the CSC's Energy Action Team. The "Shift Together: Energy Efficiency for Everyone" plan will address the climate crisis by guiding community members, homeowners, renters, landlords, and businesses towards actions that will help them to shift to energy efficiency and renewable energy.

<https://sustainablecorvallis.org/what-we-do/action-team/energy/shift-together/>

In late 2023, funds from the Inflation Reduction Act will be available and will include household electrification incentives. Residents can go to the Rewiring America site to learn when these funds will be available and calculate the value or estimates for electrification rebates and tax credits.

<https://www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator>

ASC is an engaged partner of the CSC and was a sponsor of the 2023 Town Hall. A link to view the 2023 Community Scrapbook shown at the Town Hall will be available in a future issue of The Chat.

Suzanne Ortiz, liaison to the CSC

Field Trips

Second Saturday Field Trip

April 8, 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 toward 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. Sign up at:

CorvallisAudubonSecondSaturday@gmail.com.

Led by Duncan Evered and Caryn Stoess. The weather may alter plans.

Duncan Evered and Caryn Stoess

Multi-Day Field Trips

ASC Field Trips Update

The field trip to Rogue Valley has one space available. 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 field trips are led by experienced birders with rented vans. We stay in comfortable motels/dorms and enjoy meals at local restaurants. Sign-up sheets are available 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.



Oak Titmouse by Matt Lee

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 has one spot available. 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.



Bobolink by Matt Lee

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.

Since the 2020 and 2021 trips were canceled, I believe this will be the 51st! We expect to retain the

basic outline of previous Malheur trips. On Thursday we will make several stops as we make our way to 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, shorebirds, 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. On 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 Hawks and White-tailed Kites, 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

Community Notes

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.](#)

Academy for Life-Long Learning

Tuesday, April 4, 9:30-11:30 AM; “It’s Time to Stop Wasting Our Waste,” presentation by Philipp Schmidt-Pathman, Ph.D. Learn about how other countries have moved forward toward a truly circular economy. Non-members can attend as a guest by contacting the program coordinator:

admin@academyforlifelonglearning.org

Science Pub, Oregon State University

Wednesday, April 5, 6-7:30 PM; “The Oceans’ Single-Celled Gas Guzzlers,” presentation by Kimberly Halsy, Ph.D. In-person, Old World Deli, 341 SW 2nd St, Corvallis. Online reservation for virtual viewing:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/science-pub-corvallis-virtual-tickets-571085701707>

Corvallis-Benton Co. Public Library and Benton Co. Master Gardeners Program

Thursday, April 6, 6-7 PM; Seed Library – Growing Lecture; Starting seeds inside, direct seeding, and

transplanting with Benton County Master Gardener Brenda Bye.

Wednesday, April 12, 6-7 PM; Seed Library – Growing Lecture; Row covers, vertical gardening, and irrigation with Benton County Master Gardener Emily Herb. Main Reading Room, Corvallis-Benton Co. Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis.

Native Plant Society of Corvallis

Monday, April 10, 7:30 PM; “Wildflowers of Central Oregon,” presentation by Phil Hays.

In-person, Cordley Hall, Rm 2062, OSU Campus, 2701 SW Campus Way, Corvallis

Advance Zoom registration:

daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu

Benton County Historical Society, Corvallis Museum

Wednesday, April 12, 10:30 AM; *Upriver: A Film*, from Freshwaters Illustrated; a 1-hr film about conservation on the Willamette River; a Q&A with filmmakers follows the screening

<https://www.freshwatersillustrated.org/upriver>

The Arts Center

Saturday, April 15, 4 PM; Poetry Reading for the 24th annual Youth Poetry Celebration; all poems submitted will be on exhibit in the Corinne Woodman Gallery from **3/21 to 4/15/2023.**

The Art Center Stage, 700 SW Madison Ave, Corvallis

Electrify Corvallis

April 15, 11 AM-3 PM; Green Living: Home and EV Expo; homeowners and renters can learn about energy-efficient equipment, green building materials, and techniques; Benton Co. Events Center and Fairgrounds, Auditorium, 110 SW 53rd St, Corvallis

Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club and Corvallis-Benton Co Public Library

Wednesday, April 19, 7-8:30 PM; Liz & Bob Frenkel Spring Environmental and Hiking Series; Webinar presentation by Jude Geist, Parks and Natural Resources Manager, Tom Kaye, Exec. Dir., Institute for Applied Ecology and Sarah Alaica, Restoration Ecologist, IAE. Speakers will discuss Herbert Farm Natural Area. Registration link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7-DiDd4mTDCd194Uv5Qpdg

Oregon State University Department of Microbiology

Thursday, April 27, 5 PM; Inaugural Berg Lectureship, "A World Without Soil: Science and stewardship of our endangered natural resource." Dr. Jo Handelsman, HHMI Professor, Dept. of Plant Pathology, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison, Dir. Of WI Inst. For Discovery and a Vilas Research Prof. LaSells Stewart Center, C&E Hall, 875 SW 26th St, Corvallis

Oregon State University

Through April 28, M-F from 8 AM -5 PM; "It's the Water: An Exhibition of Painting and Photography by Seven Artists, including April Waters, Rich Bergeman, Rebecca Kiser, Duncan Berry, Jeremy Burke, Gary Buhler & Katia Kyte. Guistina Gallery, The LaSells Stewart Center, 875 SW 26th St, Corvallis

Heritage Museum

Through April 29, "Nesting with Osprey," a hands-on exhibit that explores ospreys' fishing skills, unique adaptations, and nest building. Heritage Museum, 281 S 2nd St, Independence, OR.

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 pesticide 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

March 9, 2023, 7:00 PM

Presidents' Reports – Karan Fairchild and Dave Mellinger

ASC is making a donation for the internship at Finley Wildlife Refuge. Dave talked to Rich Schram about the possibility of a Motus Tower at Finley. This is used to track the movements of wildlife. More research is needed.

VP/Program – Mai Kiigemagi

Alan Contreras is scheduled for the Nov. 16 meeting to talk about his book, A History of Oregon Ornithology.

Treasurer – Carolyn Peterson

Carolyn has obtained a corporate credit card and rented vans for the multi-day field trips.

Committees:

Education – Dodie Wilson

The Education Team is preparing for a presentation at the Lebanon Library in April.

Chat editor – Jake Keen

Shared ideas for upcoming issues

Conservation – Jim Fairchild

The Corvallis Watershed Advisory Board report will be released to the public and the county commissioners on April 3rd.

Publicity

Instagram - Nikki Cross

Instagram followers continue to grow. Followers are submitting their photos to be featured on Instagram and in the newsletter. Instagram and Facebook are now linked to cross-promote events and info.

Website – Sue Powell

The website had over 1,000 visits last month.

Hesthavn

Sue and Mark met with Dave Eckert about the Oak Creek Watershed sign. We have the sign now but are holding off on the installation. There is support for the removal of the tree leaning over the bridge. Dodie is working on the renewal of the bird specimen permits.

Field trips

Registration for multi-day field trips has slowed down. Summer Lake, South Coast, and Malheur still have room for more guests.

Sustainability

Nothing to report.

Diversity

Some Audubon groups are discussing changing their names to remove the name of John Audubon, but no one has come up with a good substitute.

Legacy

The Legacy Committee will meet sometime after March 19. Nikki set up a shared Google drive for things like passwords and log-ins. Anyone who has stuff of common interest on their computers can put it on the drive.

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 the ASC website for the location and time.

Membership Corner

Welcome New Members!

Barbara Carr

Judeth Della Rosa and Emma Marliave
Peter and Susan Sanford

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, field trip locations, volunteer work parties, as well as ZOOM links. Send an email to the administrator Karan Fairchild at 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

April 20: General Meeting, Don Boucher and Lisa Millbank, A Yard Full of Native Plants, Birds, Bugs, and More (7 PM, CCC Oak Room)

April 20: Chat newsletter submissions are due.

May 18: General Meeting, Bob Beschta, Tropic Cascades (7 PM, CCC Oak Room)

June 3: Get Outdoors Day: Returning to the Forest, Peavy Arboretum 10 AM -3 PM



Yellow-headed Blackbird photo by Sue Powell

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