



THE CHAT

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General Meeting

Gardening for the Bees (and the Birds) Presented by Dave Kollen of the Xerces Society

October 19, 2023 7:30 PM

Bumble bees are critical pollinators of wild and agricultural plants. They are more active than other bees in cooler weather and less light, so loss of bumble bees can have major ecological consequences.

Dave Kollen has been studying bumble bees for a long time and is a Xerces Society Ambassador for education. The international Society is a non-profit whose mission is to protect the natural world through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitats.

He will cover these topics:

- Brief introduction to the Xerces Society
- Introduction to pollinators and their importance in natural systems and our food system
- Native bee diversity and natural history
- Some butterfly and moth natural history
- Threats facing pollinators
- How we can play a role in pollinator conservation, both in general and in our own landscapes and communities. Also, for those interested in going above and beyond, opportunities to get involved in community science activities are covered.

Dave is also an Oregon Master Naturalist and Master Melittologist (study of bees) Apprentice. His involvement in community science includes the Pacific Northwest Bumble Bee Atlas (<https://www.pnwbumblebeeatlas.org/>), the California Bumble Bee Atlas (<https://www.cabumblebeeatlas.org/>), and the Oregon Bee Atlas (<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/bee-atlas>).



Photo by Dave Kollen, Xerces Society

The 2023-2024 Monthly Meetings will be held in person and on Zoom. Join us in the Chandler Ballroom of the [Corvallis Community Center](#) located at 2601 NW Tyler Ave. in Corvallis.

Doors open at 6:30 PM followed by a business meeting 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 week of the webinar. Programs are posted on the [ASC website](#) after the meeting. Meetings are open to the public. Email audubon.corvallis@gmail.com for more 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!

Mai and Eric, Program Committee

A Message from Our Co-President

What's in a Name? Thoughts on John James Audubon and Our Society

Since it's become widely known that John James Audubon, our Society's namesake, owned and sold slaves, many Audubon members nationwide have campaigned to remove his name from both the National Audubon Society as well as local chapters like our Audubon Society of Corvallis. Other members assert that Audubon simply did what others around him were doing and the name remains acceptable. I've been thinking about the arguments on both sides of the issue and our chapter is currently collecting member opinions (see page 4).

We should keep the Audubon name, goes one argument, because Audubon was a man of his time and merely did what was socially customary. Who are we to judge him using moral standards that have shifted vastly since Audubon's day? Will we be judged similarly harshly in the future for things we do that are socially customary now but might become unacceptable in the future? For instance, scientists have been saying since at least the 1980s that greenhouse gas emission is causing global climate change, change that is having increasingly catastrophic impacts on our world, yet we've all ridden in fossil-fueled cars in the time since then, used goods delivered by fossil fuel-powered trucks, and generally lived in a fossil-fuel-dependent world. We use solar panels, cell phones, and other electronic devices, despite the fact that the minerals necessary to make them, including cobalt and pure silicon, come from places with longstanding records of human rights abuses – including child labor and forced labor. We accept such things, in part, because it's socially customary. Was Audubon any different?

In addition, the Audubon name has transcended the person of John James Audubon. It now stands for much larger issues of conservation: when people hear "Audubon," most will think of the protection of the natural world, particularly birds – and giving up the



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name will weaken conservation efforts, including efforts to fight climate change. The name “Audubon” nowadays doesn’t normally refer to John James Audubon; it’s better understood as a program of conservation and education.

On the other hand, goes the opposite argument, Audubon held enslaved people and bought and sold them, and his writings make clear that he considered them less than human. To enforce enslavement, slave owners had to be brutal to their slaves, and there can be little doubt that Audubon did this as well. Can we really have an organization that honors in our name someone who did these things?

If you’re someone today who is descended from a slave, it’s quite an affront to honor someone who so victimized people who might be your ancestors. An organization that keeps Audubon’s name is not welcoming to slave descendants, and others too, who are aware of what we now know about him.

Today ASC is balancing these arguments in deciding whether to change our name. To me, the crucial factor in the balance is this: Yes, John James Audubon lived and acted by the social customs of his day, as do we all. But did he move in the direction of progress? Did he realize on some level that those customs were problematic? Did he write or act in ways suggesting an evolving attitude? If so, it would be easier to accept him as a namesake, however flawed he was as judged by the standards of today.

Unfortunately, the historical record is not kind to Audubon. He grew up in France, which had outlawed slavery centuries earlier, so he had extensive personal experience of a slavery-free society before emigrating to the US at about 18. He would have first experienced slavery as a young man, one fully capable of seeing its brutality and rejecting it or at the very minimum expressing some moral qualms – yet he did none of these things. Many in the antebellum era took a principled stand against slavery, making anti-slavery a socially customary practice too, but as far as we can tell Audubon never did; in fact he dismissed abolitionist movements in both the US and Europe. He said that Britain had “acted imprudently and too precipitously” in emancipating slaves throughout Britain’s West Indian colonies. He stole human skulls and sent them to a colleague who used measurements of them to claim the superiority of whites over non-whites. Most importantly, he supported slavery by owning, buying, and selling slaves. In other words, there’s no indication that John James Audubon had any qualms whatever about slavery, not even a hint of movement toward a world free of its horrors.

After thinking about the arguments on both sides of this issue, I’ve come to the conclusion that we need to find a different way forward. It’s no longer acceptable to have his name on our organization. Of course, some will disagree. Agree or disagree, you’re encouraged to see the article on page 4, which includes links to more information, and to tell us your views via the survey mentioned there.

A Call for Volunteers

The Audubon Society of Corvallis is recruiting volunteers for open positions. Board members are happy to provide training, so it is okay if you are not an expert. Consider if you may be a good fit for one of our open positions:

Conservation Chair - This leader educates and informs our group about conservation news and participates in current state and national legislation related to wildlife conservation.

Assistant Tech Coordinator - Help with running our monthly membership meeting Zoom webinar.

Facebook Coordinator - This person posts on our Facebook page daily to publicize upcoming events and educate our community.

Field trip leaders - This person facilitates planning and leads individual trips.

Volunteers for Hesthavn Nature Center and Grounds - Outdoor work including mowing, invasive species removal, and other repair/maintenance projects.

Education Team Volunteers - Activities may include leading bird walks, teaching kids about birds and nature, making presentations, and staffing a table at events.

Contact us at audubon.corvallis@gmail.com for general inquiries about how to get involved!

Nikki Cross

*Dave Mellinger
Co-President, Audubon Society of Corvallis*

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<https://auduboncorvallis.org/>



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<https://www.instagram.com/auduboncorvallis/>

Should We Change Our Name?

ASC Members,

We're reaching out to gather your thoughts about keeping or changing the name of our organization, the Audubon Society of Corvallis. As many of you know, the organization's namesake, John James Audubon, recently [has come under fire for his family's enslavement of Black Americans prior to Emancipation](#). J. Drew Lanham provides more context on the Audubon name issue in his Audubon Magazine article, "What do we do about John James Audubon" available here: <https://www.audubon.org/magazine/spring-2021/what-do-we-do-about-john-james-audubon>

In response, some local chapters have dropped the Audubon name. The National Audubon Society, on the other hand, decided in March to retain the Audubon name and identity.

What do you think? Please weigh in on this informal, preliminary survey, designed to gauge member attitudes and help the Re-naming Committee weigh the pros and cons. Once we have collected your ideas, we will present the results to the ASC Board of Directors.

Your survey responses will be strictly confidential. We plan to keep this survey open through the end of November 2023.

Take the Survey Here:

<https://questionpro.com/t/AWtVLZzuNg>

Re-naming Committee

Conservation News

For the Birds: It's what we do!

Human activities worldwide are driving many bird species into decline, and government and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are responding across many countries to reduce the drivers of those declines—from lighting and building design, extractive industry practices, farming and fishing methods, and development practices, to energy production and waste disposal. Can they respond quickly enough to meet today's habitat challenges?

So, while we advocate for best practices, can individuals also act locally to better protect birds?

Our board would like to catalog and share pictures and stories of how members of our community have acted to keep the bird populations in our care safer. Would you like to share images of protection measures you've made for your feathered visitors?

Here are just a few that we'd like to illustrate:

Dark night skies – exterior light baffles, motion detector or light timers, window, and skylight shades.

Window strike deterrents – anti-reflective surface treatments, window stickers or striping decals, string or mesh window guards, and interior or exterior visual flight path disruptors.

Safer cats for safer birds – Catio or other outdoor cat enclosures, cat-safe bird feeding, and the happy life of an indoor cat.

Open Pipe capping – covers or screens to prevent birds from entering and roosting in cavities from where they can't escape, such as building waste plumbing vents, protective seedling tubes, even mining claim pipes!

You are welcome to think outside the bird box and share your favorite bird protection accomplishments. Please send your submissions to media.audubon.corvallis@gmail.com or our general email: audubon.corvallis@gmail.com.

ASC will credit all contributors to the gallery of what we do for our birds.

Jim Fairchild, Conservation Chair

Protecting Oregon's Estuaries, Starting with Yaquina Bay

Oregon's coastline is blessed with 22 major estuaries, from the mighty Columbia River Estuary that separates Washington and Oregon to the small Winchuck River Estuary near the California border. Where Oregon's forests and rivers meet the ocean, estuaries are the engines that power salmon, waterbirds, Dungeness crab, oysters, cultural resources, and jobs for many people in coastal communities. Estuaries are also key to blunting climate change impacts in the region: protecting estuaries helps store greenhouse carbon, mitigate ocean acidification, and safeguard coastal communities from increased storms and floods.

Fifteen of Oregon's bays and estuaries are recognized as Important Bird Areas, which are focal areas of conservation importance for bird species. These sites support thousands of migratory shorebird, waterbird, and waterfowl species including species of concern like the Red Knot, Dunlin, and Black-bellied Plover. As a case in point, every year the Columbia River Estuary is a vital staging area for more than 20,000 migratory shorebirds of 15 different species. The Yaquina Bay Estuary supports a variety of birds including significant numbers of Pacific Black Brant, which are highly dependent on eelgrass beds as a food source.

For over a year, Portland Audubon has been engaged in efforts to update Oregon's estuary management plans, which were written in the early 1980s. These original plans, though forward-thinking at the time, emphasized development while minimizing ecological concerns, didn't address climate change issues, and were written before species like Coho salmon were even listed as endangered. They also didn't embrace habitat restoration as a tool or involve coastal Tribes to address legacy impacts to the estuary, including disturbance of cultural resources.

The Yaquina estuary management plan update process kicked off over a year ago. This process will serve as a template for other estuary management plan updates across Oregon and so will likely set the tone for decision-making moving forward. Portland Audubon Tenmile Creek Sanctuary Manager Paul Engelmeyer was invited to be part of the Advisory and Technical Committees formed to help advise the development of the Yaquina plan update.

This past June, the Willamette Partnership (working with relevant agencies and county governments), released the draft plan for public comment. The draft plan is a good start and includes important updates, including the incorporation of climate change vulnerability considerations, a list of restoration and mitigation sites, and the development of a map viewer tool to help guide management decisions. However, we see a lot of work ahead for this plan to be sufficiently effective and robust. In our July public comment letter we provided detailed recommendations to improve the plan, including these key requests:

- Increased opportunities for public comment: To date it has been limited and without a full range of natural resource information for the public to make informed decisions to improve the plan. For example, currently there is no bird distribution information incorporated into the map viewer tool, despite the fact that we know ODFW and USFWS have recent avian data sets that could help inform the plan.
- We are pleased to see that the plan incorporates climate vulnerabilities, and the map viewer tool includes sea level rise and corresponding landward migration map scenarios. However, the plan does not integrate these

scenarios into the plan and effectively ignores how upland coastal shorelands will be impacted by these climate challenges. Upland habitats currently bordering the estuary will definitely be impacted by these expected changes and so must be considered in the plan.

- The plan should include a fully fleshed out restoration plan for the entire estuary that includes goals, objectives, prioritized list of sites, and a timeline for implementing restoration activities.

Thanks to those of you who provided public input this summer and stay tuned for further opportunities to help protect Oregon's estuaries. Ultimately, we would like to see Oregon update all estuary plans to provide the strongest habitat protections possible to ensure a vibrant economy.

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*Joe Liebezeit, Asst. Conservation Dir.-Statewide, and
Paul Engelmeyer, Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary Mgr*

Hesthavn News

Hesthavn Manager's Report

Every so often I get a volunteer at Hesthavn who takes on a special role. Until recently Chris Matthews was keeping the bird feeders filled and he did an excellent job (FYI that position is now open). This summer Susan Nichola has stepped up and agreed to keep the bathroom functional and clean. That includes keeping the interior clean as well as making sure that the compost in the back (it is a composting toilet) is well mixed and well hydrated. She too has been doing excellent work and I am very grateful to her for that.

While I'm on the topic of exemplary volunteers, I'd like to bring up Jerry Paul. As many of you know Jerry died earlier this year. This week I was at a memorial where Jerry's many contributions to other organizations in the community were highlighted. I didn't get a chance to include Jerry's contributions to Hesthavn at that event, so I'd like to do it here. Jerry had a huge role in the development of Hesthavn. There was a time when the building was a drafty horse barn. Half-inch cracks between the exterior siding boards guaranteed that the space was cold and drafty in the winter. Dark molds on the exterior siding made the barn look like it was ancient. Jerry said, "You know we could treat those boards to make them look like new." I said "Really?" and Jerry said, "Sure and I'll do it for you. So, one day Jerry showed up with a space suit and a power washer and proceeded to treat the exterior boards. In one day, the barn suddenly looked like new. Then Jerry said, "You know you don't have to have those half-inch spaces in the wall." So, he moved the boards closer together and added a few boards to fill in the remaining missing spaces. Then he said, "You know that barn is still cold. I can install some insulation and some interior T111 siding, and then with a couple of heaters you could make that barn reasonably comfortable even in the winter." So, I said, "OK let's do it" and it was done. When it came time to install some steps down to the creek, I knew who to ask. Jerry worked with a group of OSU students to build the steps. Jerry's final contribution to Hesthavn was to turn me on to the care and upkeep of mason bees. At first, we were part of "bee buddies", which did all the work for



Jerry Paul

you. Later, Jerry turned me on to DIY mason bee care and I have since gotten a mason bee box for my own home. At the memorial for Jerry earlier this week it was noted that amazingly his entire working career was spent down in California. It seems he had a lifetime of contributions to the Corvallis community, but all of his Corvallis work happened after he retired. Many thanks, Jerry. You are missed.

Volunteering at Hesthavn

Work parties are scheduled week-to-week to avoid bad weather. In the winter that means cold rainy days; in the summer that means extremely hot days. So, on Mondays the decision is made of when the work party will be. The upshot of this is if you would like to participate in work parties (please do!), contact me (raydrapek@gmail.com) and I will put you on my volunteer email list and let you know when the work parties are. Alternatively, you could check the “Hesthavn Nature Center” Facebook page where I post work parties as events. I also let our Audubon Society of Corvallis web page coordinator know about work parties, so you probably can find them there as well.

Ray Drapek, Hesthavn Chair

Field Trips

South Oregon Coast Field Trip

The 2023 multi-day field trips ended with a visit to Bandon and other southern Oregon coastal areas. Our group of eight participants saw 92 bird species, 3 different dragonflies, 2 butterflies and 9 mammals, and included great views of Harbor Seals, Sea Lions, Elephant Seals and Gray Whales at the Simpson Reef overlook. We missed seeing the Northern Parulas but had long looks at two Wrentits in the woodland area at Tseriadun State Recreation Site. Many thanks to trip leader Tom Penpraze, drivers Tom P. and Bruce Kelpsas, Fred Ramsey for sharing his extensive knowledge and to trip coordinator Carolyn Peterson.



Surf Scoter photo by Tom Penpraze

Suzanne Ortiz, multi-day field trip committee member

Multi-Day Field Trips

2024 Field Trips

The Audubon Society of Corvallis is planning a full slate of field trips for 2024. We already have leaders from last year's trips scheduled for 2024: Rogue Valley, Malheur NWR, Summer Lake, and Bandon in the Fall. Bandon in the Spring, Klamath, Steens, and the Willows were among the trips canceled by Covid, and they were not run when trips resumed last year. Please think about leading one or more of those trips next year. You could even invent your own field trip.

I will provide overall coordination of the field trips. All others wishing to participate in the planning will be invited to a November meeting, to be announced in the October Chat.

Fred Ramsey, Field Trip Coordinator

Second Saturday Field Trip

October 14 (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

Community Notes

The Strixie Chicks Softball Team swoop in for some fun!

“Hoot hoot! Go Strixies!” a team member shouts from the dugout. Although this is by no means your average softball team and certainly didn’t have the best track record for wins this summer, they had a blast nonetheless. The team, comprised of local Corvallis community members, predominantly included local scientists. Many were US Forest Service scientists and field technicians who worked out of the Pacific Northwest Research Station performing bioacoustics surveys and research on the endangered Spotted Owl (hence the team’s name). A few of these scientists and field crew members even traveled outside of Oregon to perform additional survey work for the endangered Marbled Murrelet!



“Although we didn’t have too many wins, we had fun anyway. Most of us had no softball experience and for us, it was mainly about having fun outside of work together and being active in the community,” says Rachel Handy, ASC board member and team player. Each week players would meet for practice, working together to learn new skills and enjoy the sunshine. With many players also being birders, there was some room for distraction too, as a hawk called or a group of swifts would fly overhead during practice.

The team was organized through Corvallis Parks & Recreation and played

against other local intramural groups ranging from families to other work-based

teams. The Strixie Chicks, including spouses and fish scientists as well, was sponsored by the Audubon Society of Corvallis chapter which helped to purchase the team’s t-shirts. Donning the logo and website on the back of the uniforms, they hoped to encourage other local young people to get involved in this important conservation organization. “We had a blast playing softball this season and loved being sponsored by the Audubon Society of Corvallis! We’re a team of mostly conservationists, so it fit us as a team perfectly,” shared Cheyenne Stephens, team organizer and player.



The team had weekly games from May to August, and with both the softball season and the field research season coming to an end, many players will be saying their goodbyes as they moved on to their next adventures. “We were so grateful to have ASC help us to make this summer a memorable one. Thanks for your support!” shared the team. Hoot hoot!

Rachel Handy

Mary’s Peak Group Sierra Club, CBCPL, Spring Creek Project, CSC, OSU/SLSC

Thursday, October 12, 7-8:30 PM; “Willamette River: Ancestral Highway.” Champinefu lecture series video and panel discussion on the Canoe Culture at Grand Ronde and the Tribe’s relationship to the Willamette River. Bobby Mercier and Brian Krehbiel (Canoe skippers) in conversation with David Harrelson, Grand Ronde Cultural Resources Department Manager. Free. Sponsored by Marys Peak Group Sierra Club. Corvallis, Benton County Public Library, Spring Creek Project, Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, and OSU School of Language, Culture and Society.

For information and to register:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zRKqUypDSKuCMeSwbZFXJg#/registration

Oregon State University Alumni Association

Friday, October 13 at 7:30 PM; Randall L. Milstein, OSU Physics Department “There Goes the Sun: The Great Western Annular Eclipse 2023 Presentation.” An annular solar eclipse will take place on October 14, 2023. The eclipse transitions will be visible in parts of Oregon from 8 AM to 10:40 AM and the annularity (ring of fire) will begin about 9:15 AM and last one to four minutes depending on location. The lecture is free and open to community members. Learning Innovation Center (LINC), Rm 128; 165 SW Sackett Place, Corvallis, OR. For info:

<https://fororegonstate.org/get-involved/events/detail/2023/10/13/default-calendar/there-goes-the-sun-the-great-western-annular-eclipse-2023-presentation>

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Friday, October 13, 3:30-5 PM. Hispanic Heritage Month Craft Afternoon: Hojalata (Tin) Art; for children 5-13 and families; Corvallis-Benton Co. Public Library and Benton Co.; Main Reading Room, CBCPL, 645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis.

Saturday, October 14, 2-3 PM. Author and photographer Adam Sawyer will give a presentation entitled “Grieving and Healing in the Outdoors of Oregon,” on the redemptive and healing powers of spending time outside in nature. Corvallis-Benton Co. Public Library and Benton Co.; Main Reading Room, CBCPL, 645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis.

Oregon State University

Wednesday, October 18 from 11-3 PM. Earth, Environment and Life Sciences Fair. An opportunity for undergraduate or graduate students to network with employers in these fields. LaSells Stewart Center, 875 SW 26th St, Corvallis, OR. Information about registration:

https://events.oregonstate.edu/event/earth_environment_and_life_sciences_fair

The Arts Center

“Dualities” exhibit runs through October 28, 2023. Gabe Babcock and Roberta Monte James; 700 SW Madison Avenue, Corvallis.

Heritage Museum

October 10- November 18 at 3 PM. "A Century of Wonder: 100 Years of Oregon State Parks." The exhibition continues the celebration of the centennial of the state park system that was established in 2022. Photographer Peter Marbach was commissioned by the Oregon Historical Society to document the natural beauty and diversity of Oregon's state parks. 281 S 2nd St, Independence, OR.

Board Meeting Summary

September 14, 2023, 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Karan Fairchild at 6:50 PM. Present: Mai Kiigemagi, Ray Drapek, Karan and Jim Fairchild, Jake Keen, Nikki Cross, Mark Baldwin, Suzanne Ortiz, Rachel Handy, Phyllis Bailey

Approval of July minutes was moved by Jim and seconded by Phyllis, and approved.

President's Report: Investigating ways to promote the use of "catios" and possible future initiatives.

Program Committee: Speakers are lined up for all general meetings. Eric Preston has tech lined up for the new meeting room.

Secretary's Report: "Catio" resources emailed to leadership. Possible newsletter article addressing safe homes for birds and cats.

Legacy Committee: If you have any electronic files for the ASC, please contact media.audubon.corvallis@gmail.com

Conservation: Muddy Creek Energy Park project is filing a notice of intent. It will be the largest solar array in the region and could have an extensive impact on habitat and wildlife.

Renaming Committee: An initial survey is ready to gauge member attitudes toward renaming. Report back in December on findings. Other Chapters in the area have surveyed their membership.

Hesthavn: New volunteers have been a big help with important tasks. New planting in the Fall. Hesthavn may be part of a habitat restoration project along Oak Creek.

Sustainability Committee: Corvallis Sustainability Coalition has been asked to co-sponsor MLK Day Walk.

The October Board meeting date is October 12, 5:30 PM TBD.

Meeting adjourned. Motion by Ray and seconded by Jim.

Rachel Handy, Secretary

Open Board Meetings

ASC Board of Directors meetings are open to all ASC members; 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!

Carrie Ebner

Leigh Ann Starcevich

Thomas Gabe

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 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. Submit text and photos to: chateditors@gmail.com.

Calendar

General Meeting Speaker Schedule

- Oct. 19: Dave Kollen, Gardening for Bees and Birds
- Nov. 16: Dr. Stewart Janes, The Secret Life of Feathers
- Dec. 21: Member Slide Show
- Jan. 18: Alan Contreras, A History of Oregon Ornithology
- Feb. 15: Dana Ross, Threatened and Endangered Butterflies
- Mar. 21: Ann Eissinger, Great Blue Herons
- Apr. 18: Nikki Cross, Birding in the Digital Age
- May 16: Carina Kusaka, Tufted Puffins

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Interested in volunteering?

Please let us know:

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