

## **Birding and Citizen Science**

### Web Site References:

Lane County Audubon Society: <http://www.laneaudubon.org/>

Great Backyard Bird Count: <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/> February 13 -16, 2015

Vaux's Swift Count at Chimneys in town: [http://www.vauxhappening.org/Vauxs\\_Swift\\_Study.html](http://www.vauxhappening.org/Vauxs_Swift_Study.html)  
Migration occurs April- May and September - October

National Audubon Society: <http://www.audubon.org/>

eBird: <http://ebird.org/content/ebird/>

Cornell Lab of Ornithology: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/page.aspx?pid=1478>  
Look at Yard Map, Nest Watch, Project Feeder Watch

American Birding Association: <http://www.aba.org/>

Audubon's Christmas Bird Count: <http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count>  
Eugene 2015 count will be 1/3/16

### Activities to improve your observational and birding skills :

Monthly "Big Day" bird list of birds at your property or at a park nearby; to observe changes over the course of the year

Keep track of birds "Dates of First Arrival" in the spring migration

Keep track of birds "Dates of Departure" in the fall migration

Keep track of new Yard Bird species for your yard list

Observe seasonal weather effects on yard bird activities: snow or ice affecting feeding in winter; using a bird bath in the hot summer; birds feeding off natural foods such as grass seeds, berries, cones, and insects

Keep photo documentation of new birds or bird activities seen

Track your sightings with eBird

Participate in local bird walks

When traveling, take along binoculars and keep an ongoing list of birds seen

Have fun and enjoy this great way to look at the world around you!

**Birding is fun!**