



# The Quail

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NEWS FROM LANE COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT



### Doing anything this summer?

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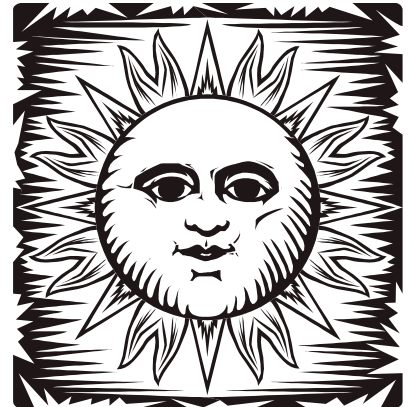
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#### What will you be doing this July and August?

Will you be traveling to a new destination or a favorite annual spot? Camping or hiking? Visiting National Parks, coast or the mountains? Museums, city, shopping? Family reunion? Road trip or airline travel, maybe a cruise? Exploring the beach, picnics, canoe trips, rafting adventures, boating, water skiing, fishing, sailing, swimming, sunburn, sunscreen?



Dry grass, golden hillsides, lizards, wildflowers in the mountains, sunsets, meteor showers by the campfire, s'mores?

Garden party, sun hats, barbecue with friends, yellow jackets, homemade ice cream, blackberry jam, cherry pie, fresh plums, figs, corn on the cob, and zucchini in everything you eat?

Painting the house, home repairs, mowing the lawn, watering the vegetables, taking a break to read a book?

Saturday Market, Country Fair, County Fair, State Fair, outdoor concerts, Bach Festival, summer theater?

Visitors from out of town, sports, baseball, horseshoes, lemonade stands, Frisbee in the park?

Birdwatching, birds still nesting, juvenile birds exploring their surroundings, crazy antics, trying to ID the juvenile warblers?

Late summer, days shortening, fall migration begins.

Where does the time go?



### Audubon Adventures 2008-09 comes to a close

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**A**udubon Adventures is Audubon's flagship environmental education classroom program that engages the next generation of Americans who will be the stewards of America's natural treasures: our streams and wetlands, forests and prairies, rivers and oceans. Audubon Adventures helps grade school students form positive attitudes about nature.

Twenty-five local classrooms participated in the Audubon Adventures curriculum for the 2008-09 school year. The teachers who received the kits evaluated the curriculum and shared how the curriculum was used. This is what they had to say:

*"As always... thank you so much for providing this curriculum. It is an authentic and engaging option for kids. The format is diversified and has "small bites" of reading material that make it visually appealing to struggling readers." (grade 3)*

*"In the spring we always do big animal research projects; the Audubon Adventures newsletters tie in perfectly with this unit of study. I can integrate the theme into reading and science." (grade 4)*

*"Sometimes I read sections aloud during the day, and sometimes students read them in class during their free time. I also send copies home with children in their homework folders, and families are reading them at home. I have received great feedback in this area and requests from home for more. The ideas also connect well to what we are studying. I have learned from the materials, as well, and this strengthens my teaching." (grade 2)*

*"The magazines were the best ever this year. They were very readable and multiple sections made it easy to break up into sections." (grade 4)*

*"The magazine has great appeal because it's colorful and has well written information." (grade 4)*

Next year's curriculum is entitled "Action for Planet Earth." "Action for Planet Earth" is a standards-based classroom curriculum supplement that focuses on conservation action. Content will be rooted in the core elementary science, language arts, and social studies (civics) curricula. "Action for Planet Earth" will contain four study units: "Water," "Energy," "Habitats," and "Earth's Species—Pennies for the Planet."

Ten local teachers have already indicated that they would like to receive the kit again next year. All Lane County teachers will receive the information as they return from their summer break and will be sent the curriculum as they express interest.

Teachers are very appreciative of the support Lane Audubon members have offered through the "Adopt-A-Classroom" program. We have been able to offer this wonderful curriculum to our local teachers at no cost to their school system, thanks to the generous support of our members.

If you would like to sponsor a class or recommend a particular classroom, please contact Debra Eichner at 607-6123 or [aceichner@msn.com](mailto:aceichner@msn.com) for more information. **L**



### Oregon Shorebird Festival: August 28-30

Experience the wonder of shorebird migration along the scenic Oregon coast at the 23rd annual Oregon Shorebird Festival. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Cape Arago Audubon Society, Oregon Field Ornithologists, South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve and many other sponsors will have a full weekend of activities planned for birders of all skill levels.

The festival is headquartered at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston, Oregon. Activities include expertly guided land based field trips to Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, New River and the Coos Estuary. The Bird Guide, Inc. will offer two pelagic trips: a long eight hour trip on Saturday and a short five hour trip on Sunday. Expected seabirds include albatross, jaeger, shearwater, phalarope, auklets, and more. Evening programs will feature Geoff Keller "My Most Memorable Field Recording Experiences" and Jim Danzenbaker "A Workshop on the Nuances of Shorebird Identification."

To register for the festival or for more information please visit our website at [www.fws.gov/oregoncoast/shorebirdfestival.htm](http://www.fws.gov/oregoncoast/shorebirdfestival.htm) or contact Dawn Grafe at 541-867-4550.

Forests in all directions need protection: What you can do

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When my kids were little, we would often explore what we called the “enchanted” forests of western Washington. We marveled at the cathedrals of soaring trees and the sculptures formed by cascading waters. We envisioned the complex understory as home for all kinds of creatures, both real and imaginary; “elf carpeting” was our name for the ubiquitous moss and lichen. Such a magical place exists a short distance from Eugene in the Central Oregon Coast Range. The Devil’s Staircase Wilderness is one of the largest remaining mature and old-growth forests left in the state, with countless groves of huge trees, tumbling waterfalls and miles of wild streams. It is home to the foot-long Pacific giant salamander, elk, black bear, water ouzel, beaver, crayfish and river otter and provides habitat for the critically listed spotted owl, marbled murrelet, and coho salmon.



Representative Peter DeFazio (D-OR) is one of the few people who has trekked through the rugged terrain to remote Devil’s Staircase waterfall. He plans to introduce a Congressional bill to designate the Siuslaw National Forest and BLM-owned Devil’s Staircase and its surroundings as federal wilderness, which would protect the area from logging and other impacts. **The state of Oregon has only four percent of its land base set aside as wilderness today as compared to 15% in California and 12% in Washington.** Designated wilderness areas support recreation and tourism, provide clean drinking water, protect from erosion, store carbon and secure vital habitat. Momentum is gathering to protect this enchanted forest, and many believe that the time to act is now, when we have a rare opportunity with a friendly Congress to get this legislation passed.

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Please contact our legislators to express your support for this action. Thank Congressman DeFazio for his efforts and urge Senators Merkley and Wyden to bring it to the Senate. For more information, see <http://www.devilsstaircasewilderness.org> and <http://www.cascwild.org>.



Fall Creek old growth at risk

Closer to home, Fall Creek is one of the most accessible and beloved mature forests in the western Cascades. Yet, the Eugene BLM is in the early stages of a proposal to clear-cut a 400-acre region close to some of the most utilized waterways. The value of this old growth forest is not in timber but in clean air and water, habitat for fish, birds, and wildlife and exceptional opportunities for recreation. The decision to move ahead with this proposal will be made at the local level, and local voices will make a difference, especially in these early planning stages.

Contact District manager Ginnie Grilley at the BLM (683-6600). Let them know that you oppose logging at Fall Creek and hope that the BLM does not waste resources by pursuing such a controversial proposal.



Help protect “our” birds’ summer and winter habitat

One of the remarkable features of birds is the long distances they often travel. What happens in distant forests shapes local bird populations. The loss of rainforests in Central and South America and boreal forests in Canada is having a dire consequence on bird populations.

Protect Neotropical migrants: Drink shade-grown coffee.



Shade-grown coffee provides critical wintering habitat for Neotropical migrants such as the Cerulean warbler, hummingbirds, orioles, tanagers, barn swallows and others.



The boreal forest provides nesting territory for billions of birds that winter in the U.S. including grebes, golden eagles, grouse, yellow-rumped warblers, white-crowned sparrows, and ruby-crowned kinglets. Vast tracts of ancient boreal forest in Canada are being logged to make paper products such as tissues.

Protect northern boreal birds: Recycle. Buy recycled paper products, reduce your paper usage, and recycle what you do use.



## Fabulous birding and weather luck contribute to wildly successful 2009 Wings and Wine Festival

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The 2009 Wings and Wine Festival was the best we have had. One big factor was the weather, since it turned out to be a beautiful, warm spring day! Over 400 people signed in at the festival grounds at Secret House Vineyards, and over 200 people visited the Royal Avenue site where Army Corps of Engineers biologists spent the day hosting birdwatchers. We tallied 119 bird species during the day's activities, a Festival record!

Some of the birding highlights included a white-tailed kite twice chasing a red shouldered hawk at Secret House! Also at Secret House, evening grosbeaks were all over the feeders, giving visitors good looks at these stunning birds. A great-tailed grackle was first seen the morning of the Festival and is still being seen at Fern Ridge Reservoir. During a Wings and Wine bird walk at Fisher Butte, visitors saw American avocets and white-faced ibis.

Almost all of the scheduled events were filled to capacity. Families came out to enjoy the children's activities, including a kid-friendly walk led by Kris Kirkeby and Leila Snow. They had all ages of people following along, with strollers and binoculars and children in backpacks!

The van winery tour filled three vans; a hearty good time was had by these folks! The canoe trip was full, and the Oregon Country Fair walk had 40 people along. Fortunately our field trip leaders were up to the challenge!

The Army Corps of Engineers and ODFW hosted bird walks and activities at several Fern Ridge Wildlife area sites, including a wildflower walk and a bat talk!

The day ended with a sunset reception for volunteers in the Secret House gardens. We reviewed highlights of the day and toasted the success of this year's event.

### Special thanks to all who made the Festival a success

#### Lane Audubon field trip leaders and presenters:

Tom and Allison Mickel, Dave Bontrager, Bruce Newhouse, Dennis Arendt, Jim Maloney, Noah Stryker, Dan Gleason, Dick Lamster, Kris Kirkeby and Leila Snow

#### Lane Audubon organizers

Phil Shepard, Ron Renchler and Maeve Sowles

#### Lane Audubon Booth volunteers

See article below.

#### Army Corps of Engineers staff and volunteers

Roberta Swift (and family), Christie Johnson, Dan Farrar, Cameron Bishop, Wes Messinger, and Kat Beal

#### Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Wayne Morrow and Kevin Roth

#### Festival Steering Committee

The steering committee was happy to welcome Veneta's Chamber of Commerce into the planning and registration activities. Other members of the Steering committee are the Corps of Engineers, City of Veneta, Travel Lane County, and Lane Audubon. As always, Secret House Vineyard's Patti Chappel was a marvelous host for the day. L

## Many thanks to Lane Audubon booth volunteers!

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Outdoor community events are a hallmark of spring in our area, and this past spring was no exception. As usual, Lane Audubon had a booth presence at several festivals and celebrations.

Without the help of Lane Audubon booth volunteers, we would not be able to reach so many community members with information about our events, activities, and educational and conservation programs. Thanks to all those who staff the booth to help us educate the public about the importance of birds and their habitat. Your volunteer spirit is very much appreciated.

**Cascades Raptor Center Earth Day Celebration, April 28**  
Flo Alvergue, Dolly Marshall, Phil Smyser, and Janie Thomas

#### Fern Ridge Wings and Wine Festival, May 9

Flo Alvergue, Connie Berglund, Anne Bonine, Margot Fetz, Diane McInnes, Dolly Marshall, Charlotte Maloney, Jim Maloney, Nancy Radius, Debbie Schlenoff, and Sally O'Donnell.

A special thank you goes to **Kris Kirkeby**, Lane Audubon Education Chair, who prepared and ran a great kids' education and activity booth next to the Lane Audubon booth at the festival.

#### Walkin' and Rollin' Through the Wetlands, May 30

Tasker Houston, Hugh Larkin, and Phil Smyser

If you have an interest in staffing the booth, contact Ron Renchler, Outreach Booth Coordinator, 345-0834, [christyandron@qwest.net](mailto:christyandron@qwest.net). L

# A MESSAGE FROM LANE AUDUBON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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We ask you to become a local member of **Lane County Audubon Society** and support our grassroots efforts in the local community. All of your local dues stay here to help us work on local education projects and conservation issues related to birds and their habitats. With your support, we will continue to do the things you expect from us. We welcome your suggestions ... this is your Audubon!



## LANE AUDUBON

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## JOIN OR RENEW TODAY:

### Lane Audubon welcomes you!

Lane County Audubon Society needs your local membership dues to keep our various programs alive! This means that your membership dues for National Audubon Society no longer support a membership in your local chapter. Become a member of Lane Audubon today to help us continue our educational programs and our work in protecting birds, other wildlife, and their habitats in Lane County. We appreciate your support.

### LANE AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Individual \$20.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Student and Seniors (65 and over) \$15.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
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- Gift memberships
- Volunteering for Lane Audubon activities
- Lane Audubon's Living Legacy program
- I'd like to receive e-mail alerts about conservation issues.

### Mail this form and your payment to:

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

### Quail Layout

**Description:** We are looking for a volunteer to do layout & graphics for *The Quail*. We provide the template (formatted with InDesign) and the text. Then, you add the graphics and do the layout.

**Qualifications:** Ability to manipulate graphics files; experience using InDesign

**Time commitment:** 5-8 hours per issue; 9 issues per year

**Contact:** Cynthia Stockwell, 345-9358 or [quail@clearwire.net](mailto:quail@clearwire.net)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



### Help Lane Audubon with Bookkeeping

If you know how to use the software program Quicken and have about an hour a month of volunteer time available, Lane Audubon could use you.

We're looking for a dependable person to help keep our books. This involves entering financial data into Quicken and generating reports two or three times a year.

No experience is necessary—just a familiarity with Quicken. Our bookkeeping system is in place, so setting up a new system is not required.

If you're interested in this opportunity, please contact Ron Rencher at 345-0834 or [christyandron@qwest.net](mailto:christyandron@qwest.net).



*The Quail*

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### THE QUAIL

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Local members of national Audubon receive a free subscription to *The Quail*, but are encouraged to voluntarily join Lane Audubon (see pg. 5).

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## FIELD NOTES: APRIL–MAY 2009

### • Evening Grosbeaks abound • Great-tailed Grackle lands near Fern Ridge • Long-billed Curlew at the Coast

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April and the first part of May were wetter and cooler than is usual, but summer arrived during the third week in May, with sunshine and temperatures soaring into the 80's! This spring will be remembered for the massive flocks of Evening Grosbeaks in the valley and the large numbers of Red Knots seen along the coast.



#### WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose	Apr. 17	Skinner Butte	Ma	Normal time for their northward migration
Brant	Apr. 19	Fern Ridge Reservoir	A&CH	Still present in flocks of Cackling Geese
Brant (45)	May 27	N Jetty, Suislaw R.	DF	A late date for this arctic breeder
Eurasian Wigeon	May 11	Fern Ridge Reservoir	NS	A late date for this species
Blue-winged Teal	Apr. 12	Meadowlark Prairie	KK	A couple weeks early for their return
Cinnamon Teal	Apr. 6	Fern Ridge Reservoir	NS	Right on schedule for their return
Green-winged "Common" Teal	Apr. 1	Fern Ridge Reservoir	RR et al.	Occasionally found in flocks of this species
Tufted Duck	Apr. 11	Fern Ridge Reservoir	AH, DN	Fourth consecutive year found at this location
Greater Scaup	May 5	Ada	B&ZS	A late date for this wintering species
Harlequin Duck (6)	May 22	Bob Creek	DF	Some non-breeding birds summer here.
Common Goldeneye	May 18	Fern Ridge Reservoir	NS	A late date for this uncommon wintering bird
Horned Grebe	Apr. 18	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS	Not commonly found here
Red-necked Grebe	May 23	Bray Point	DF&LC	A late date for this species
Eared Grebe	Apr. 22	Fern Ridge Reservoir	MP	A few recent spring reports from FRR
Clark's Grebe	May 16	Siltcoos River mouth	HH	A late date for the coast
Manx Shearwater	Apr. 26	South Jetty, Siuslaw R.	DI et al.	First report from Lane County?
Brown Pelican	Apr. 10	Siuslaw River mouth	B&ZS	Moving north early this year
Great Egret	May 17	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	Seen a number of times during the month; is it breeding in the area?
White-faced Ibis (13)	May 9	Fern Ridge Reservoir	AC et al.	Becoming an annual spring visitor. Will they nest in the marshes?
White-faced Ibis (40)	May 24	Fern Ridge Reservoir	m.ob.	

#### GALLINACEOUS BIRDS & RAPTORS

Ruffed Grouse	Apr. 26	FRR area	RR	Not commonly reported from the valley floor
White-tailed Kite	May 6	Veneta area	LM et al.	An area where they've nested in the past
White-tailed Kite	May 9	Avadore	DBr	Another nesting location?
White-tailed Kite	May 30	Fern Ridge Reservoir	VT	Not known to breed here
Bald Eagle	Apr. 8	Skinner Butte	LM et al.	Nesting with two young birds in the nest
Northern Goshawk	Apr. 27	Skinner Butte	RR	A rare spring sighting from the valley floor

## FIELD NOTES: APRIL–MAY 2009, *continued*

### CRANES, SHOREBIRDS, GULLS, TERNS, & ALCIDS

Sora	Apr. 18	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DS	About ten days later than usual
Sandhill Crane (1)	May 3	Eugene	JH	A late date for this migrant
Semipalmated Plover	Apr. 20	Heceta Beach	B&ZS	A normal time for them to pass through
Semipalmated Plover (2)	Apr. 26	Fern Ridge Reservoir	RR	A normal time for them to pass through
Black Oystercatcher	May 25	Sea Lion Caves area	B&ZS	A nest with 3 eggs. They've nested in the area in the past, but not always successfully.
Black-necked Stilt	Apr. 10	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JM	A normal time for their return to the marshes
American Avocet (2)	May 9	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DBO	The second year for sightings at this location
Greater Yellowlegs (125)	Apr. 15	Willamette River	TB	Seen while floating the river; large number
Solitary Sandpiper	Apr. 22	LCC	LM et al.	Normal northward migration window; a higher than average five birds were reported during the period.
Whimbrel	Apr. 23	NE Eugene	DI	Never common in the valley
Whimbrel (12)	May 12	Bob Creek	B&ZS	Normal migration time
Long-billed Curlew	Apr. 23	N Jetty, Siuslaw R.	DF	Not common in Lane County
Long-billed Curlew	May 20	Siltcoos River mouth	DF&HH	Second report for this unusual migrant
Marbled Godwit (7)	Apr. 27	Florence area	VD	A good-sized flock for Lane County
Red Knot (44)	May 9	SJSR beach	Ma	A very large flock for Oregon; larger numbers than usual were reported on the coast this spring.
Wilson's Phalarope	Apr. 26	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DF,LC	A normal time for their return to the marshes
Red-necked Phalarope	May 15	Creswell	BF	Not always found in the valley during migration
Bonaparte's Gull	May 1	LCC	HR	Their normal migration period
Glaucous Gull	Apr. 14	Old Town, Florence	HH	Getting to be late for this wintering species
Sabine's Gull	Apr. 15	Siuslaw River mouth	DPy	Not commonly seen from land
Caspian Tern	Apr. 3	Bob Creek	DH	A little early for this species to be headed north
Caspian Tern	Apr. 6	Fern Ridge Reservoir	NS	The first report from inland this spring
Forster's Tern	May 17	Fern Ridge Reservoir	SM	Uncommon, not known to breed here
Black Tern (15)	May 9	Fern Ridge Reservoir	NS	About a week later than normal
Cassin's Auklet (8-10)	Apr. 26	South Jetty, Siuslaw R.	DI et al.	More commonly reported from shore during spring migration
Tufted Puffin	May 15	Heceta Head	B&ZS	They may be breeding on Conical Rock to the north of the head.

### OWLS, GOATSUCKERS, & SWIFTS

Short-eared Owl (2)	Apr. 4	Fern Ridge Reservoir	MP,DPS	Getting late for this species at this location
Common Nighthawk	May 23	Ada	VD	About a week earlier than we find them in the valley, but they may arrive sooner near the coast
Black Swift	May 26	Salt Creek Falls	A&ES	A normal time for their arrival
Vaux's Swift	Apr. 15	Agate Hall, UO	MP	A few days later than usual
Vaux's Swift (1165)	May 2	Agate Hall, UO	NNP	A normal number to use the chimney during spring migration



**FIELD NOTES: APRIL–MAY 2009, *continued*****PASSERINES**

Eurasian Collared-Dove	Apr. 11	Santa Clara	MRu	A first report for the metro area
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Apr. 22,27		SE Eugene	WJ First report for Eugene
Black-chinned Hummingbird	May 26	SE Eugene	PW	A rare visitor to the area
Calliope Hummingbird	Apr. 9	Skinner Butte	SH	A normal time for them to pass through
Calliope Hummingbird	Apr. 25	Santa Clara	MRu	
Calliope Hummingbird	May 9	Skinner Butte	SV	At the end of their normal spring occurrence
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Apr. 27	Skinner Butte	RR	Right on schedule for their return
Western Wood-Pewee	May 6	Churchill H.S. area	E&VT	A few days later than normal
Willow Flycatcher	May 19	N Eugene	DS	A few days earlier than normal
Willow Flycatcher	May 19	Alton Baker Park	AM	A few days earlier than normal
Hammond's Flycatcher	Apr. 17	SE Eugene	TM	Right on schedule for their return
Dusky Flycatcher	Apr. 25	S Eugene	JB,DI	A normal time for them to pass through
Dusky Flycatcher	Apr. 25	SE Eugene	A&TM	A normal time for them to pass through
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Apr. 22	LCC	LM et al.	Right on schedule for their return
Black Phoebe	Apr. 12	Springfield	MH	Nesting
Ash-throated Flycatcher	May 9	Fern Ridge Reservoir	AC et al.	Seen the last few years during spring migration
Ash-throated Flycatcher	May 31	Creswell	SN	It would be nice to know if they breed here.
Western Kingbird	Apr. 22	Highway 99 N	JS	Right on schedule for their return
Western Kingbird	May 5	Ada area	B&ZS	A breeding location?
Western Kingbird	May 25	Siltcoos River mouth	HH	Rare along the Lane County Coast
Cassin's Vireo	Apr. 6	SE Eugene	TM	Right on schedule for their return
Hutton's Vireo	May 18	Alton Baker Park	AM	Adult feeding fledged young
Warbling Vireo	Apr. 22	LCC	LM et al.	Right on schedule for their return
Red-eyed Vireo	May 31	FRR area	TE	About a week earlier than normal
Horned Lark	Apr. 22	Highway 99 N	JS	Known to winter here; do they breed here?
Horned Lark (2)	May 18	Fern Ridge Reservoir	NS	Not normally found at this location
Purple Martin	Apr. 13	Fern Ridge Reservoir	NS	Right on schedule for their return
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Apr. 4	LCC	BMc	A few days later than normal
Bank Swallow	May 9	Fern Ridge Reservoir	AC et al.	Typically reported in fall, rarely in spring
Rock Wren	May 19	Siltcoos River mouth	DF&HH	Rarely found along the Lane County coast
House Wren	Apr. 18	Churchill H.S. area	E&VT	Right on schedule for their return
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Apr. 29	Armitage Park	LM et al.	Last report for the winter season
Swainson's Thrush	May 8	Skinner Butte	RR	About a week later than normal
Swainson's Thrush	May 8	FRR area	TM	About a week later than normal
Nashville Warbler	Apr. 7	Skinner Butte	RS	About a week earlier than normal
Yellow Warbler	May 6	Veneta area	LM et al.	About a week later than normal
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Apr. 6	Skinner Butte	BMc	Right on schedule for their return

## FIELD NOTES: APRIL–MAY 2009, *continued*

Hermit Warbler	Apr. 25	Skinner Butte	JS,LJ	A few days later than normal
MacGillivray's Warbler	Apr. 22	LCC	LM et al.	Right on schedule for their return
Wilson's Warbler	Apr. 10	Skinner Butte	E&VT	Right on schedule for their return
Yellow-breasted Chat	May 9	Alvadore	DBr	A few days later than normal
Western Tanager	Apr. 23	Perkins Peninsula, FRR	JS	Right on schedule for their return
Lapland Longspur	Apr. 24	Siltcoos River mouth	DF,HH	A rare spring migrant
Grasshopper Sparrow	Apr. 25	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DS	About a week earlier than normal
Grasshopper Sparrow (possible)	May 28	Alton Baker Park	VT	If confirmed, it would be a new location.
Fox Sparrow	May 28	Florence	DPy	A late date for this wintering species
Lincoln's Sparrow	May 11	Fern Ridge Reservoir	NS	Rather late for valley sightings
White-throated Sparrow	Apr. 27	Skinner Butte	NS	Last report for the winter
White-crowned Sparrow	Apr. 10	SE Eugene	AC	Migrating through in good numbers
Black-headed Grosbeak	Apr. 20	FRR area	NC	About a week earlier than normal
Lazuli Bunting	Apr. 22	FRR area	NC	About a week earlier than normal
Yellow-headed Blackbird	May 16	Siltcoos River mouth	DF	Rarely found at the coast
Great-tailed Grackle	May 9	Fern Ridge Reservoir	AC et al.	About the seventh record for Lane County
Bullock's Oriole	Apr. 30	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS,LJ	A few days later than usual
Red Crossbill	Apr. 11	S Eugene	DI	First sighting of this species at his feeder; they were around in good numbers throughout April and May.
Evening Grosbeak	May 13	UO	MP	They "seem to be everywhere."

### Late report

Common Redpoll	Mar. 3rd Wk. Eugene	JSt	Fifth record for Lane County and later than previous sightings; at feeder with Pine Siskins.
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### Abbreviations

FRR Fern Ridge Reservoir; **m. ob.** many observers; **LCC** Lane Community College; **NJSR** North Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **SJSR** South Jetty of the Siuslaw River

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

*A service to Lane Audubon members*

## SPECIAL EVENT: BRIGGS RESTORATION SITE PICNIC

### NORTH AMERICAN BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION

The Nature Conservancy has invited us to view the flowering meadow at the Briggs Farm.

**Wednesday, July 8, 11–1:30 p.m.**

Bring your picnic lunch. Pre-register with Ellie at 684-8973 or [woodnymph3000@gmail.com](mailto:woodnymph3000@gmail.com).

## FAIRVIEW PEAK

### NORTH AMERICAN BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION

NABA officers will lead a trip to this stunning location, one of Oregon's hot spots for butterflies.

**Saturday, July 11**

Meet at the Campell Senior Center (155 High St., Eugene) at 9:00 a.m. Space is limited to 18 people. Pre-registration required: Contact Ellie Ryan at 541-684-8973 or [woodnymph3000@gmail.com](mailto:woodnymph3000@gmail.com)

## TREES, FORESTS AND ECOSYSTEMS

### MT. PISGAH ARBORETUM

Take a guided walk and visit the plant communities at the Arboretum with forester Rich Kelly.

**Saturday, July 18, 8–10 a.m.**

Meet at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum Visitors Center; Limit 10; To RSVP or FMI: 747-1504

## OREGON WILD HIKES

### OREGON WILD

Oregon Wild will be hosting over 20 hikes and events in new and proposed Wilderness areas such as Mirror Lake on Mount Hood, the Wild Rogue and the Metolius River. Some Eugene-area hikes include:

**July 11: Three Pyramids**

**July 25: Rogue River Trail**

**Aug. 1: Bullpup Lake**

**Aug. 16: Mt. June**

Most hikes are free of charge and led by expert conservationists. FMI: <http://www.oregonwild.org/about/hikes> or call Chandra at 344-0675.

## WETLAND WANDER AT THE WEST END OF ROYAL AVE.

### WREN (WILLAMETTE RESOURCES EDUCATION NETWORK)

Easy-paced guided nature walk.

**Tuesday, July 14, 9–10 a.m.**

WREN will provide binoculars. FMI: Holly McRae at 683-6494.

## FOURTH OF JULY BUTTERFLY COUNT AT BROWDER RIDGE

### NORTH AMERICAN BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION

We find hundreds of butterflies representing nearly 40 species on our annual counts in the meadows of the central Cascades. Trails range from easy to moderately difficult. All welcome.

**Saturday, July 18**

Meet at the Campbell Senior Center parking lot at 8:00 a.m.; \$3; To pre-register, contact Ellie at 684-8973 or [woodnymph3000@gmail.com](mailto:woodnymph3000@gmail.com)

## NATURE QUEST: WINGING IT

### NEARBY NATURE

Family-paced hike, craft, and a visit from one of our costumed Kinder Critters! Catch butterflies and other bugs in the Walama Butterfly Meadow. Do the Butterfly Glide with Bella Butterfly and make your own miniature butterfly.

**Saturday, July 25, 10 a.m.–noon**

Meet outside the Alton Baker Park Host Residence, rain or shine. Cost: \$2/person, \$5/family. Pre-registration is suggested: 687-9699

## WET FEET & COOL TREATS

### MT. PISGAH ARBORETUM

For kids and families; Explore the amazing aquatic world of the Arboretum with nature guide Tom Bettman. Hike the river and water garden trails and catch live critters in the river and pond. Cool off after the hike with homemade ICE CREAM!!

**Saturday, August 1, 1–3 p.m.**

Meet at the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Visitors Center; FMI or RSVP: 747-1504.



## WETLAND WANDER AT STEWART POND NATURAL AREA

### WREN

August is a great time to see dragonflies and damselflies! Meet at the Stewart Pond overlook off of Stewart Rd. for this wander.

**Tuesday, August 11, 9-10 a.m.**

WREN will provide binoculars. FMI: Holly McRae at 683-6494

## FAMILY EXPLORATION DAY AT GOLDEN GARDENS PARK

### WREN

Explore Golden Gardens Park with your family! WREN staff and volunteers will supply bug nets, field guides and binoculars. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch. Golden Gardens is a 146-acre natural area park located in Eugene's Bethel neighborhood, at the intersection of Golden Gardens St. and Jessen Dr., north of Barger Dr.

**Saturday, August 15, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.**

FMI: Holly McRae at 683-6494 or [hmcrae@wewetlands.org](mailto:hmcrae@wewetlands.org)

## NATURE QUEST: SANDBOX SCIENCE

### NEARBY NATURE

Family-paced hike, craft, and a visit from one of our costumed Kinder Critters! Discover the wonder of watersheds in this fun medley of experiments with water, sand, and soil. Check out our Waterwise Garden!

**Saturday, August 22, 10 a.m.–noon**

Meet outside the Alton Baker Park Host Residence, rain or shine. \$2/person, \$5/family; Pre-registration suggested: 687-9699



## BIRD WALKS AND EVENTS

**Monthly Bird Walk:** Our monthly bird walks are usually held on the third Saturday of the month, but we often have additional walks or special trips. With knowledgeable leaders and many pairs of eyes to help spot birds, our trips are a great way to increase your birding skills while learning about Lane County birds and their habitats. All birders are welcome, from novice to expert. A \$3 donation is suggested.

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**SATURDAY  
JULY 18**

### BIRDWATCHING BY CANOE: FERN RIDGE LAKE

Dick Lamster and Maeve Sowles will lead a birdwatching-by-canoe trip to Fern Ridge Lake.

You will need to furnish your own canoe or kayak, lifejackets (required), snacks, drinking water, binoculars, mosquito repellent, hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Call in advance at 343-8664 to reserve a spot. We will give you the meeting time and location when you call. Sometimes people have extra space in their canoe, so if you want to participate and do not have a canoe, call anyway and perhaps there will be space for you.

**SATURDAY  
JULY 25**

### THIRD SATURDAY BIRD WALK

#### CAPE PERPETUA AND HECETA HEAD WITH OUR OCEAN

Our Ocean is sponsoring a trip to the Oregon coast to visit the potential Cape Perpetua-Heceta Head marine reserve site. We will have transportation available leaving from Eugene in the morning, and then other supporters will join us at the coast. Come and visit the beach and lighthouse at Heceta Head, meet scientists at the Strawberry Hill State Park, tour Cape Perpetua overlook and hike in old-growth forest. The day will include activities and guest speakers, and lunch will be provided.

*For more information and to RSVP, please contact:*

*Derek Campbell at (541)350-6620 or [derek@ouregonocean.org](mailto:derek@ouregonocean.org) or*

*Lane Audubon contact Leila Snow at (541) 968-5533 or [leilas@ori.org](mailto:leilas@ori.org)*

*For more information on the historic Oregon process of establishing a marine reserve, go to [www.ouregonocean.org](http://www.ouregonocean.org) or [www.oregonmarinereserves.net](http://www.oregonmarinereserves.net).*




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