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NEWS FROM LANE COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Volunteers make all the difference

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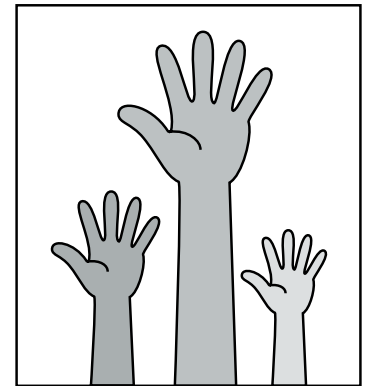
As a volunteer organization, Lane County Audubon Society brings together like-minded folks to work on common goals. We have several committee chairs who follow up on their individual projects and keep their part of the overall effort afloat. Each person does a piece of the work that makes the whole effort run smoothly. We would not have a viable Audubon chapter if it were not for volunteer efforts.

The LCAS Board consists of several committed folks who keep their individual projects moving forward and also come together once a month to make sure

everyone's efforts are coordinated. At times we feel overwhelmed, and at times we feel quite pleased with the progress being made.

There is always more that can be done in our volunteer efforts. The board strives to keep our standards of quality high in all our public communications and programs, including our written work, phone conversations, lobbying efforts, conservation initiatives, bird walks, and educational programs. We work closely to review our commitments, and to help each other when needed.

One result of this work is the empowerment of individuals to do something for the greater good. Each person rises to the needs of their tasks through focus and concentration to make the work a priority.



We brainstorm ideas and we come up with a strategy to bring projects to fruition. We meet deadlines and look for new ways to do things, or make the systems work better with the tools we have. The people who volunteer with LCAS make the organization a reality. It is not magic, and it is not generated from outside our group. The fulfillment accompanying a job well done belongs to the individuals who work hard to create the product. Each one of our committee chairs and board members plays an important role, and together we make the chapter a functional organization.

I am always struck by how warm and accommodating the group is to work with. Even though we do not necessarily socialize

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AUDUBON ADVENTURES

Looking forward to a new school year

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Audubon 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. The curriculum helps grade-school students form positive attitudes about nature. *Audubon Adventures* supplies everything needed to deliver an enriched environmental science and language arts curriculum using nature-based learning.

Designed for students in grades 3-6, *Audubon Adventures* materials are easy to use in any classroom. The content and activities allow teachers to successfully adapt the materials to students' different skills and learning styles.



Lane Audubon's Adopt-a-Classroom Program allows LCAS members to generously make this material available to local teachers at no cost to the school system. Classroom sponsors are acknowledged in the *Quail*.

If you would like to sponsor a classroom, please mail a tax-deductible donation of \$45, payable to LCAS, to Audubon

Adventures, PO Box 5086, Eugene OR 97405. You may request sponsorship of any of the schools and classes listed below, or contact Debra Eichner at aceichner@msn.com or 607-6123 if you have another school or classroom you'd like to nominate for sponsorship.

Thank you so much for your support!



This year's curriculum is entitled *Action for Planet Earth*. This standards-based supplement to the classroom curriculum focuses on conservation action, with content rooted in the core elementary science, language arts, and social studies (civics) curricula. *Action for Planet Earth* contains four study units: Water, Energy, Habitats, and Earth's Species—Pennies for the Planet.

Teachers receiving *Audubon Adventures* materials receive several supplemental resources, including student handouts, posters, brochures, a full-color teacher's manual with articles and worksheets to share with students, and a year's membership to National Audubon Society and Lane County Audubon Society.

Classrooms and Sponsorships

Below are several classrooms whose teachers have already expressed an interest in participating in *Audubon Adventures* during the 2009-2010 school year. An informational e-mail offering Audubon Adventures materials will soon be sent to teachers at all elementary schools in the county as they return to teaching this fall. We expect additional classes to be available for sponsorship after teachers express interest.

Sponsored Classrooms for 2009-2010

Grade	School	Sponsor
4	Awbrey Park Elementary	Charles and Reida Kimmel
4	Awbrey Park Elementary	George and Brenda Clarke

Classes Awaiting Sponsors for 2009-2010

Grade	School
2	Edison Elementary
4	Awbrey Park Elementary (2 classes)
5	Thurston Elementary
3	Camas Ridge Elementary
4	Riverbend Elementary
4	McCornack Elementary
3	Fairfield Elementary

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!



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• **Educational Publications**



• **Conservation Issue Representation**



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www.laneaudubon.org

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.

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- Lane Audubon's Living Legacy program
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Cats indoors: Good for cats and good for birds

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Lane County Audubon Society is asking for your assistance in our Keep Cats Indoors campaign. There are more than 90 million pet cats in the United States, and about 65% of them roam outside at least part time. Outdoor cats are significant contributors to the destruction of wildlife. Cats are an introduced, domesticated species. Due to their association with people, they have been able to establish themselves at densities that are devastating to native wildlife.

Outdoor cats are themselves prone to injury, disease, and other risks. Pet advocacy groups such as the Humane Society, the American Veterinary Association, and the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon all recommend keeping cats indoors. Regrettably, the debate over outdoor cats has often been contentious. We sincerely hope that those people who love cats, those people who love birds, and those people who love both (who we believe to be the majority) can work together for the protection of both cats and birds.

Here are some points to consider when thinking about this issue:

- Outdoor cats suffer significant injury from automobiles and encounters with other cats, dogs, and predators. Parasites and diseases, often fatal, are much more prevalent in outdoor cats.
- Free-roaming cats live an average of 3-5 years, while exclusively indoor cats may live for 15-18 years.
- Scientists estimate that free-roaming cats kill *hundreds of millions of birds*, small mammals, reptiles, and amphibians each year.
- Injuries caused by cats are responsible for 40% of the intake at the Wildlife Care Center in Portland, which ranks cats as the number one source of injuries.
- Cats add stress to wildlife populations already struggling to survive habitat loss, pollution, and pesticides.

Unfortunately, well-fed cats *will* hunt. We understand it is hard to accept this fact. Bells are not effective at protecting birds from cat predation, nor are Elizabethan-type collars.

Even when cats let their victims go, they usually die from wounds and infections. Please remove bird feeders and nest boxes from areas in which cats roam outdoors.

Cats and Rodents

Cats often kill native small rodents that are an important source of food for owls, hawks, and other resident animals. Due to their large numbers, cats outcompete native predators for these resources. Many people erroneously believe that outdoor cats can help control rodent pest populations. However, this is generally not the case. House mice, an introduced pest species, usually avoid capture by outdoor cats as a result of hiding in inaccessible places such as walls and attic spaces. Studies have shown that rats comprise a very small portion of a cat's diet and that cats will not hunt rats that weigh more than six ounces. In one study, rats and cats were found feeding next to each other at the same garbage dumps. Exacerbating the problem is the fact that food that is left out for cats often attracts rodents.


Indoor Cats

With patience, it is possible to transition an outdoor cat to an indoor

cat. Start gradually extending indoor play time. Provide a window seat or an outdoor enclosure such as a screened porch. Consider leash training. Offer simple toys, plant kitty grass, and play with your cat each day. Kittens and young cats that are kept indoors rarely show a desire to venture out of doors. For more information, see the publication "How to Make Your Outdoor Cat a Happy Indoor Cat" from the American Bird Conservancy, available online at <http://www.abcbirds.org/abcprograms/policy/cats/materials/outin.pdf>.

Other resources on this topic:

- http://www.hsus.org/pets/pet_care/our_pets_for_life_program/cat_behavior_tip_sheets/your_cat_indoors_or_out.html (Humane Society of the United States)
- <http://www.njaudubon.org/conservation/catsindoors/FAQ.html> (New Jersey Audubon Society)

Note: LCAS would like to thank our summer intern, Eric Swenson, from the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Oregon, for his assistance with research and outreach efforts to reduce avian mortality. 

LCAS BOARD ELECTIONS: SEPTEMBER PROGRAM MEETING

Lane County Audubon Society board elections will be held at the LCAS Program Meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd. The following candidates are nominated for reelection: Kris Kirkeby, Ron Renchler, Debbie Schlenoff, Maeve Sowles, and Herb Wisner.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer at the Lane Audubon Booth

Each year, Lane Audubon receives numerous invitations to have its booth at community events. We appear at as many of these events as possible and would like to increase our visibility in the community through our booth presence.

For some events, the requirements are simple; we need only staff a table and offer handouts and field questions about LCAS. Other events require more elaborate planning; the booth must be set up and display materials arranged.

In either case, we can always use your help in planning and staffing for booth events. If you have lots of time on your hands or only an hour or two every once in a while, you're welcome to help LCAS spread the word about its education and conservation activities at our booth.

Contact Ron Renchler (345-0834, christyandron@qwest.net) for more information on how you can help.



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October issue: September 12

November issue: October 10

Submit material to:
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FIELD NOTES: JUNE-JULY 2009

• Sandhill Crane near Fern Ridge • White-winged Dove in Florence • Lark Sparrow at Willow Creek

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This reporting period had about normal weather except for the last week of record-breaking high temperatures. There were a number of lingering species that normally breed much farther north and a couple of surprises for the breeding season (Shrike species and Lark Sparrows). Were they attempting to breed here or were they moving around after a failed attempt somewhere else?

WATERBIRDS & RAPTORS

Greater White-fronted Goose	June 5	NJSR	VD	Normally breeding in the arctic at this time
Brant (2)	June 11	NJSR	VD	Normally breeding in the arctic at this time
American White Pelican	June 3	Eugene (S. Hills)	B&DG	Not normally seen away from FRR
Brown Pelican (100s)	June 1	Heceta Head	B&ZS	Seen one day and gone shortly thereafter
Brandt's Cormorant	June	Heceta Head area	B&ZS	They don't appear to be nesting this year
Great Egret (2)	July 2	FRR	JS	A normal time for this species to show up
Black-crowned Night-Heron	June 16	Florence	HH	A species rarely found on the coast of Lane County
Black-crowned Night-Heron (3)	July 1	FRR	JS	A normal time for this species to show up
Golden Eagle	June 13	FRR	J&SB	Normally only found in small numbers in the valley during the winter
Peregrine Falcon	June 19	Glenwood	AC	Not normally found in "town" during the breeding season
Peregrine Falcon	July 18	Alton Baker park	AJ	

CRANES, SHOREBIRDS, GULLS & TERNS

Sandhill Crane	July 5	FRR area	ER	A rare breeding season report
Semipalmated Plover (2)	July 10	Meadowlark Prairie	JS	The first southbound migrants
Black-necked Stilt (w/young)	June 29	FRR	NS	Successfully nesting again this year
Greater Yellowlegs (40)	July 10	FRR	JS	The first southbound migrants
Lesser Yellowlegs (6)	July 10	FRR	JS	The first southbound migrants
Solitary Sandpiper	July 10	FRR	JS	Uncommon during the fall migration
Wandering Tattler (3)	July 22	SJSR	B&ZS	The first southbound migrants
Surfbird	July 25	NJSR	PS	The first southbound migrants
Semipalmated Sandpiper	July 4	Siltcoos River mouth	HH	A normal time for this rare species to arrive
Semiplamated Sandpiper	July 8	Siltcoos River mouth	DF	
Western Sandpiper (60)	July 4	Sitlcoos River mouth	HH	The first southbound migrants
Least Sandpiper (40)	July 4	Siltcoos River mouth	HH	The first southbound migrants
Short-billed Dowitcher	July 4	Siltcoos River mouth	HH	The first southbound migrants
Long-billed Dowitcher (380)	July 10	FRR	JS	The first southbound migrants
Wilson's Phalarope	July 18	Siltcoos River mouth	HH	The first southbound migrants
Bonaparte's Gull	June/July	NJSR & FRR	m.ob.	Numerous reports during the period. A species that normally breeds in the arctic at this time of year
Caspian Tern (10)	July 2	FRR	JS	The highest number reported this year
Forster's Tern (4)	July 5	FRR	A&TM	A species not known to breed at FRR
Black Tern	July 5	FRR	A&TM	Fledged young

FIELD NOTES: JUNE-JULY 2009, *continued*

DOVES, GOATSUCKERS & SWIFTS

Eurasian Collared-Dove (2)	June 10	Creswell	NS	The first reports for both of these locations, but surely not the last!
Eurasian Collared-Dove	June 10	Springfield	TE	
White-winged Dove	June 7	Florence	WH	The third record for Lane County
Common Nighthawk	June 9	River Road area	BCs	Just a few days later than normal arrival
Common Nighthawk	June 18	Buck Lake (N. Florence)	HH	More reports than normal for this declining species
Common Nighthawk	June 26	Eugene	DS	
Black Swift	June 6	Salt Creek falls	JW, et al.	A normal time and place for this species

PASSERINES

Black Phoebe (juv.)	June 12	LCC	AMc	Areas where this species has bred in the past few years
Black Phoebe (4 juvs.)	June 21	Coyote Ck – Cantrell	AMc	
Western Kingbird	June 4	Eugene (W. 11th area)	MP	There seems to be “lots” this year
Shrike spp.	July 5	Crow Road area	JT	An unusual breeding season report for either species
Red-eyed Vireo	June 11	Elijah Bristow SP	NS	Their normal nesting location
Horned Lark	June 29	FRR (E. Coyote unit)	NS	Not a known breeding area
Vesper Sparrow	July 16	Goshen area	A&DH	An area where they’ve bred in the past
Lark Sparrow	June 7	Willow Creek	TM	A singing male that was found twice more in a week’s time for a rare breeding season record
Lark Sparrow	June 10	Siltcoos River mouth	DF	Another rare breeding season record
Golden-crowned Sparrow	June 17	Lorane	DI	Normally breeding in Alaska
Dark-eyed Junco	July 24	River Road area	B&KA	An early record for their yard where they don’t breed
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	June 10	Mapleton area	RB	A male was mist-netted and banded
Indigo Bunting	July 23	SW of Cougar Reservoir	GG,CP,KL	A singing male! An eastern species that has been found around the Eugene/Springfield area a number of times
Yellow-headed Blackbird	June 22	Junction City area	BCI	Not normally found away from FRR
Great-tailed Grackle	June	FRR	m.ob.	Seen throughout the period
White-winged Crossbill	July 25	Waldo Lake	RM	A species found in this area every few years in varying numbers
Common Redpoll	June 24	Eugene (S. Hills)	JB	An extremely unusual midsummer report

ABBREVIATIONS

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

A service to Lane Audubon members

WETLAND WANDER AT WILLOW CREEK PRESERVE

WREN (WILLAMETTE RESOURCES EDUCATION NETWORK)

Wetland Wanders are casual walks through various West Eugene wetlands sites.

Tuesday, September 8, 9-10 a.m.

Parking turnouts along West 18th are available for this wander through the Nature Conservancy preserve. WREN will provide binoculars. FMI: 683-6494



MT. PISGAH NATURE GUIDE TRAINING

MT. PISGAH ARBORETUM

Enjoy working with kids and being out in nature? Train to be a nature guide at Mount Pisgah Arboretum! Volunteer guides lead K-5 students on tours, teaching them about fall ecology and the plants and animals of the southern Willamette Valley. Free training covers natural history, teaching techniques, and group management on the trails.

Wednesday, September 9

FMI: 747-1504, mtpisgfr@efn.org

NEARBY NATURE VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

NEARBY NATURE

Learn all about leading school nature walks in Alton Baker Park this fall as well as other Nearby Nature volunteer opportunities. Free training, no experience needed.

Thursday, September 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tykeson Room, Eugene Public Library. FMI: 687-9699, info@nearbynature.org, www.nearbynature.org



FAMILY EXPLORATION DAY AT STEWART POND

WREN (WILLAMETTE RESOURCES EDUCATION NETWORK)

Discover Stewart Pond with your family! WREN staff and volunteers will supply bug nets, field guides, and binoculars to promote exploration. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy independent discovery. Free!

Saturday, September 12, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Stewart Pond is a 150-acre natural area located east of the intersection of Bertelsen Road and Stewart Road, north of West 11th Avenue. FMI: 683-6483, carrie@wewetlands.org

30TH BIRTHDAY BASH

EMERALD CHAPTER, NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Founding Member Charlene Simpson will present a slide show about Emerald Chapter activities, past and present, in celebration of the chapter's 30th anniversary. Old timers can reminisce; newcomers can get acquainted.

Monday, September 14, 7:30 p.m.

EWEB Training Room, 500 East 4th Avenue, Eugene. FMI: 541-746-9478

NATIVE AMERICAN WETLAND CULTURAL DAY

WREN (WILLAMETTE RESOURCES EDUCATION NETWORK)

Kalapuya Elder Esther Stutzman is organizing a day of activities that includes story-telling, basket-making demonstrations, drumming, dancing, camas oven demonstration, children's activities, display and discussion of traditional Kalapuya canoes, and more. Bring a picnic lunch, a blanket to sit on, and stay for the day.

Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

For all ages. 751 S. Danebo Avenue. Park on Isabelle Street to the north of the site. \$5/WREN members, \$7/nonmembers. FMI: 683-6494

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY, STEWART POND NATURAL AREA

WREN (WILLAMETTE RESOURCES EDUCATION NETWORK)

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance public lands. In celebration of National Public Lands Day in the West Eugene wetlands, volunteers will focus on the Stewart Pond Natural Area. Receive a free poster, t-shirt, coupon for admission to a national park, lunch, and the satisfaction of working to improve our public lands alongside fellow community members.

Sunday, October 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Stewart Pond Natural Area. From West 11th Avenue, turn north onto Bertelsen Road. Turn east onto Stewart Road. FMI: 683-6494



FRIENDS OF THE RIDGELINE MEETING

EUGENE PARKS FOUNDATION

A key aspect of the open-space vision for Eugene-Springfield is a Ridgeline corridor of walking trails and natural areas along the South Hills of Eugene. The corridor extends from Hendricks Park and Mt. Pisgah in the east, to the West Eugene wetlands and Fern Ridge Reservoir in the west. Providing habitat for wildlife and educational opportunities for our youth, this urban reserve is an important part of the Eugene-Springfield area. The meeting will inform people about recent developments along the Ridgeline corridor and begin a process of forming the Friends of the Ridgeline to support the community's vision.

Wednesday, 14 October, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Hilyard Center, 2580 Hilyard Street, Eugene

PROGRAM MEETING: SEPTEMBER 22

On the Wing: A Documentary Film

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Everyone is invited to join Lane Audubon for this special showing of *On the Wing* by Dan Viens. *On The Wing* is a documentary that tells the story of the Vaux's Swifts that frequent the chimney at Chapman Elementary School in Portland. Each fall these birds roost in the chimney and put on an amazing nightly aerial display to the delight of hundreds and sometimes thousands of observers. The event has become a cult phenomenon over the past 15 years and is a shining example of people choosing to coexist with nature rather than smoking it out. *On The Wing* captures the community spirit, energy, and excitement of this phenomenon. For more information on the film, visit <http://www.swiftsmovie.com/film.html>.

After attending the Program Meeting on Tuesday, be sure to come to the Bon Voyage event for the Vaux's Swifts in Eugene on Friday, September 25 (see page 10). **L**

**PROGRAM
MEETING**

On the Wing

*A Documentary Film by
Dan Viens*

ON the WING

**Tuesday, September 22
7:30 P.M.**

**Eugene Garden Club
1645 High Street, Eugene**

Community Calendar, Events & Opportunities,
continued

FALL HIKES IN OREGON



OREGON WILD

Join Oregon Wild on a fall hike. Explore some of Oregon's most beautiful public lands with the conservation group that has been working to protect these places for 35 years. Fall outings will include a hike into the Waldo Lake Wilderness, to the headwaters of the McKenzie River, and to the Wild and Scenic Rogue River.

Dates Vary

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http://www.oregonwild.org/about/hikes_events.

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as a group, the shared work and commitment make us feel part of a team. We do care about each other and the organization as a whole. The people bring it to life!

This year, Debra Eichner is leaving the board to deal with demands of a new job and to have more time with her growing children. She will continue to run the Audubon Adventures program, which has blossomed under her care. Debra will be missed at board meetings, but we are ever thankful for her work on Audubon Adventures and happy that she will continue with us for that! Debra began volunteering with LCAS in July 2004 and has been very successful advocating for classroom participation in this program. *Thank you, Debra!*

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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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Third Saturday Bird Walk

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19**

A WALK IN THE WEST EUGENE WETLANDS

Located in the watershed of the Long Tom River, a major tributary of the Willamette River, the West Eugene Wetlands comprises 3,000 acres of rare habitat, protected and restored by the West Eugene Wetlands Partnership. Our host, Willamette Resources and Education Network (WREN), works to promote land stewardship. Join us along with a WREN walk leader to explore the birds and habitat in the wetlands.

All levels of birders are welcome, from first timers to experts. We will meet at South Eugene High at 19th and Patterson, rain or shine, at 8:00 a.m. and return by noon. A \$3 donation is suggested. Please note: As a precaution, do not leave valuables in your parked car. Questions? Contact Leila at leilas@ori.org or 968-5533.

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 25**

BON VOYAGE TO VAUX'S SWIFTS AT AGATE HALL

Lane County Audubon Society will hold its annual fall swift event outside Agate Hall at 17th and Agate Street at sunset. Vaux's Swifts use the Agate Hall chimney to roost for the night as they gather prior to migration. More than 10,000 birds use this location each fall as a gathering place. This is a wonderful chance to observe and learn about the birds that will migrate to Central and South America at the end of the month. Lane Audubon will have handouts with information about the birds. Stop by and enjoy this annual natural phenomenon. It is free! Look for the LCAS banner near 17th and Agate. FMI: 343-8664.

Be sure to attend the LCAS Program Meeting on Tuesday, September 22, to watch On the Wing, the story of Vaux's Swifts in Portland (see page 9). Then witness Eugene's own version of the story on September 25 at our special fall event.

PROGRAM MEETING

On the Wing

*A Documentary
Film by Dan Viens*



**Tuesday, September 22
7:30 P.M.
Eugene Garden Club
1645 High Street, Eugene**




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