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# The Quail

News from Lane County Audubon Society



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### Asking for your support

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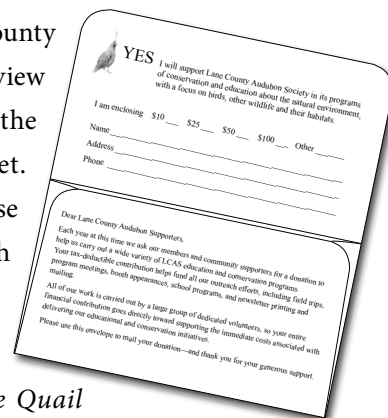
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At the beginning of each year, the Lane County Audubon Board of Directors meets to review the previous year's activities, plan for the coming year, and develop an operating budget. This meeting is always a satisfying process because it reminds us of how much we accomplish with relatively few financial resources.

None of Lane County Audubon's long list of activities—bird walks, program meetings, *The Quail* newsletter, public outreach at local events and festivals, conservation initiatives, classroom education programs (*Audubon in the Schools* and *Audubon Adventures*), 541.485.BIRD (the Audubon bird questions phone line), bike path cleanups, and much, much more—would take place without the tireless effort of several dozen cheerful and devoted volunteers. The positive effect of these programs reaches thousands of Lane County residents and others beyond our county borders.

Even if you're a member who simply enjoys the pleasures of birding and may not be directly involved in planning and carrying out our activities, you're still an essential part of the organization. Why? Because in addition to sustaining your membership in National Audubon or in our local chapter (or both), many of you respond generously each November when we ask for a small, tax deductible gift to help with the material expenses it takes to sustain our successful education and conservation programs.



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### An eco-conscious approach to holiday shopping

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**A**s the season of consumer spending climaxes during the holiday season, shoppers need to put their wallets behind their eco-values. Look at the packaging and consider how far it traveled to get to you from where it originated.

There is a domino effect created when we analyze our purchases. A smaller amount of packaging can save thousands of trees and barrels of oil by reducing the trucking costs. Using recycled plastics can provide an equally effective package at a much lower environmental cost. Using less toxic and more concentrated laundry detergents can reduce the amount of packaging and save on water for production; plus, it costs less to ship a more concentrated product.

Even though many of us want to “buy green” the actual number of dollars spent on those products is a tiny fraction of the overall market. Organic food sales have grown \$24 billion in the last 10 years, but that accounts for less than 4% of all US food sales. General Electric’s energy-efficient line of products and Clorox’s less-toxic products are earning profits higher than expected, but the revenue for those “green” products is only 10% of GE’s total revenue and an even smaller portion of Clorox’s.

Making informed decisions when shopping is a priority for those of us who care about our health and the health of the planet, and smart customers want information about the entire life cycle of a product. There are websites and even phone apps to help you find environmental ratings, label debunkers, and toxic detectors to give you tools to make informed choices when shopping.

The average family throws out more than 20% of the food it buys, wasting edibles, money, and creating greenhouse gas emissions from landfills (landfills are the nation’s largest emitter of methane). Turn your food waste into healthy garden soil by composting. For more information go to [deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/compost/](http://deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/compost/).

Each person that purchases greener more efficient products and services makes a strong statement to businesses and policy makers. When you buy environmentally preferable products, you tell the business world that you want “efficient and healthy” to be the rule, not the exception. This helps us all move toward a more efficient and sustainable future. If you must shop, please do it wisely.



*Photo supplied by Bob Fleming. The Donacobius is an enigmatic bird that haunts bushes along waterways in Amazonia. Even with DNA testing, the lineage of this bird is controversial. It was first thought to be a mockingbird, then a type of wren, and then it was possibly related to an Old World babbler family. It could be that this one incredible species may end up placed in its own family, the Donacobidae.*

**A recent Oregon Environmental Council publication compiled the following list of websites to help you make shopping decisions:**

- ♣ [Goodguide.com](http://Goodguide.com) for environmental ratings
- ♣ [Eco-labels.org](http://Eco-labels.org) to make sure the product labels are true
- ♣ [Healthystuff.org](http://Healthystuff.org) and [safecosmetics.org](http://safecosmetics.org) to find out toxicity of products

### A few things you can do to amplify your voice through your purchases:

- ✦ Choose recycled goods and packaging. “Post-consumer” content means the material has been used before in products, and your re-use completes the recycling circle.
- ✦ Look for ingredients on cleaning supplies. Most don’t list them, which can mean they’re hiding toxic chemicals that pose a health risk. Buy those that tell what they are made of (and aren’t toxic).
- ✦ Buy products that use less packaging and avoid single-use items. Durable, one-time materials make up more than half of the typical household’s garbage.
- ✦ Purchase shade-grown “bird-friendly” coffee. It supports tropical residents, retains natural habitat for neotropical migrants, and requires less chemical pesticides and fertilizers.
- ✦ Buy sustainable seafood to support fisheries and the ocean environment and stay healthier too. A Seafood Watch Guide can be found at [www.montereybayaquarium.org/cr/cr\\_seafoodwatch/content/media/MBA\\_SeafoodWatch\\_WestCoastGuide.pdf](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/cr/cr_seafoodwatch/content/media/MBA_SeafoodWatch_WestCoastGuide.pdf).
- ✦ Eat lower on the food chain. Raising large numbers of livestock degrades habitat and waterways, is resource and water intensive, and contributes to global warming through methane emissions.
- ✦ Acquire a reusable water bottle to decrease the plastic waste management burden and save energy by using a local water source.
- ✦ When in the market for appliances, look for the Energy-Star label. Replace conventional light bulbs with energy efficient ones.
- ✦ Many paper goods are the products of clearcut logging throughout Canada’s boreal forest. Buy recycled paper and tissue products with a high recycled content. A shopper’s guide to home tissue products from NRDC can be found at [www.nrdc.org/land/forests/gtissue.asp](http://www.nrdc.org/land/forests/gtissue.asp).
- ✦ Look for Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified products. These products come from forests that have been harvested using good environmental practices.

### New observation deck at Kirk Pond



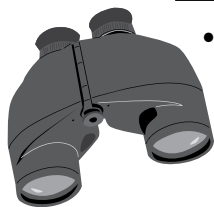
Cody Watson of Troop 54 in Veneta spent his August and September working on an Eagle Scout Project. He built an observation deck by Kirk Pond near Fern Ridge Lake. The deck is 12 x 14 feet, includes a picnic table, is handicap accessible, and has a safety rail around it. He chose this project because of the benefit it will have to our community

by enabling people to enjoy the variety of birds and wildlife in that area.

Cody worked with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the Army Corps of Engineers to design the deck and find an appropriate location to build it. He solicited donations to fund the construction of the approved project. The total cost of materials was approximately \$2,000. Local companies such as Pacific Corrugated, Parr Lumber, Coyote Steel, Eugene Fasteners, and Knife River donated approximately \$1,650 worth of materials. ODFW provided a load of gravel, advice, and expertise. Lane Audubon donated \$344 cash for supplies to help finish this project.

Good job, Cody! We are sure that many people will use this new observation platform for bird and wildlife watching!

## Field Notes: September 2010



- Parasitic Jaegers at Fern Ridge
- Greater White-fronted Geese migrate through Eugene
- Red-necked Grebes makes rare inland appearance
- Baird's and Semipalmated Sandpipers still hanging around

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September is normally the month when most of the neotropical migrants return to Central and South America, and the arctic breeding birds begin to return to Lane County for the winter. As the reports below indicate, this year was no different. Fern Ridge Reservoir hosted a number of unusual species this month, which is normal during migration. Fall migration observations were better than normal at Skinner Butte, and an increased number of bird watchers may have contributed to that.

### WATERBIRDS

|                               |          |               |           |                                                                            |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Greater White-fronted Goose   | Sept. 26 | Eugene area   | m.ob.     | Numerous flocks were seen and heard migrating south over the area all day! |
| Cackling Goose                | Sept. 29 | FRR           | LM,et.al. | First report for the winter season                                         |
| Harlequin Duck                | Sept. 1  | Siuslaw River | DHn       | Uncommon away from the rocky shore                                         |
| Horned Grebe (2)              | Sept. 18 | FRR           | JS        | Rare on the reservoir                                                      |
| Red-necked Grebe (2)          | Sept. 18 | FRR           | DI        | Not common inland                                                          |
| Red-necked Grebe              | Sept. 25 | Siuslaw River | B&ZS      | First report for the winter season                                         |
| Black-crowned Night Heron (6) | Sept. 26 | FRR           | JS        | Increasing numbers at this roost                                           |

### RAPTORS to TERNS

|                             |          |                  |       |                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Merlin                      | Sept. 9  | SJSR—Crab Dock   | B&ZS  | First report for the winter season                                                                      |
| Peregrine Falcon            | Sept. 1  | NJSR             | B&ZS  | Good numbers seen throughout the month                                                                  |
| Sandhill Crane              | Aug 27   | Waldo Lake       | DL&KC | They nest in small numbers in the Cascades.                                                             |
| Black-bellied Plover        | Sept. 26 | FRR              | JS    | First report for the winter season                                                                      |
| Pacific Golden Plover       | Sept. 2  | FRR—south end    | TM    | Not common inland                                                                                       |
| Snowy Plover (19)           | Sept. 29 | Siltcoos River   | B&ZS  | Using area of dumped oyster shells                                                                      |
| Whimbrel (4)                | Sept. 4  | FRR—Royal Ave    | JS,LJ | Uncommon inland                                                                                         |
| Marbled Godwit              | Sept. 6  | SJSR—Crab Dock   | B&ZS  | Their normal migration time                                                                             |
| Red Knot                    | Sept. 3  | SJSR—Dog Pond    | RN    | Never common in Lane County                                                                             |
| Sanderling                  | Sept. 2  | FRR—south end    | TM    | Not common inland                                                                                       |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper      | Sept. 2  | FRR—south end    | TM    | Getting late for this species                                                                           |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper      | Sept. 5  | Deflation Plain  | A&CH  | Getting late for this species                                                                           |
| Baird's Sandpiper           | Sept. 5  | Deflation Plain  | A&CH  | Getting late for this species                                                                           |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper     | Sept. 12 | Deflation Plain  | A&DH  | The only report this fall                                                                               |
| Short-billed Dowitcher (5)  | Sept. 12 | FRR              | JS    | Only found in small numbers inland                                                                      |
| Red Phalarope               | Sept. 1  | Siuslaw River    | DHn   | An early report for this species                                                                        |
| Parasitic Jaeger (immature) | Sept. 20 | FRR—Shore Lane   | JS    | Always rare inland, but to see two different                                                            |
| Parasitic Jaeger (adult)    | Sept. 21 | FRR—south end    | JS    | birds in two days is really rare!                                                                       |
| Sabine's Gull               | Sept. 22 | FRR—Perkins Pen. | BB,JM | Found in very small numbers inland this time of year<br>The number increased to three on Sept. 27 (SM). |
| Sabine's Gull (adult)       | Sept. 25 | Siltcoos River   | DF    | Not commonly found on the beach                                                                         |
| Common Tern (19)            | Sept. 3  | FRR              | DI    | Normal occurrence each fall in small numbers                                                            |
| Common Tern (2)             | Sept. 22 | Siuslaw River    | DF&LC | Not common along the river                                                                              |
| Arctic Tern                 | Sept. 27 | FRR              | JD    | Maybe the first inland record for Lane Co.                                                              |
| Black Tern (immature)       | Sept. 17 | FRR              | DI,JS | About a month after the breeding birds had left the reservoir                                           |

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# A Message from Lane Audubon Board of Directors

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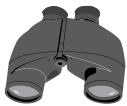
We ask you to become a local member of Lane County Audubon Society and support our grassroots efforts in the local community. All of your local dues stay here to help us work on local education projects and conservation issues related to birds and their habitats. With your support, we will continue to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



## Lane Audubon Membership Benefits



**The Quail**—  
9 issues/year



**Field trips and bird walks**



**Program meetings**



**Educational publications**



**Conservation issue representation**



**Answers to questions—  
541.485.BIRD**

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[www.laneaudubon.org](http://www.laneaudubon.org)

## Lane Audubon welcomes you—join or renew today!

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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- Individual \$20 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Students and seniors (65 and over) \$15 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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  - Lifetime membership \$400 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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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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## Asking for your support, *continued*

Even though we have no paid staff, we must still cover the rising costs of paper and printing, venue rental fees, phone bills, and many other incidental costs. All your local membership dues and a very small portion of the dues from your National Audubon membership help cover the majority of our expenses, but we depend on your gifts during our once-a-year fundraiser to help us get “over the hump” and keep our budget balanced.

We hope you are able to support us again this year. We recognize that these are hard economic times, so we welcome whatever level of giving you can afford. Be assured that

we keep our expenses low and spend our resources locally whenever possible.

A reply envelope is included in this issue of *The Quail* for your convenience. Thank you in advance for supporting Lane County Audubon. And . . . the birds will thank you as well!



*Female Wood Duck  
Photo by Cary Kerst*



## *The Quail*

### Deadlines

Dec./Jan issue: **November 13**

February issue: **January 8**

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## Field Notes: September 2010, *continued*

### OWLS to GROSBEAKS

|                                  |          |                    |           |                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Northern Pygmy Owl               | Sept. 12 | Lowell Butte       | LJ        | With an alligator lizard in its bill!                                                                              |
| Vaux's Swift (3,000)             | Aug 29   | SHMC—University    | RA        | Chimney roost not commonly known about                                                                             |
| Vaux's Swift (12,000)            | Sept. 5  | U of O—Agate Hall  | NN-P      | The normal chimney roost                                                                                           |
| Vaux's Swift (3,500)             | Sept. 29 | N. Willamette St.  | DHy       | Using the chimney at the back of the Smith Family Book Store building                                              |
| Rufous Hummingbird               | Sept. 27 | N. Eugene          | DHy       | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Lewis's Woodpecker               | Sept. 13 | Creswell area      | DHy       | They normally migrate through in small numbers.                                                                    |
| Acorn Woodpecker                 | Sept. 30 | Morse Ranch Park   | CQ        | An area where they're not normally found                                                                           |
| American Three-toed Woodpecker   | Sept. 4  | Summit Lake area   | NS        | Always present in small numbers in the High Cascades                                                               |
| Pileated Woodpecker              | Sept. 1  | NJSR               | B&ZS      | Not an area where they're normally found                                                                           |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher           | Sept. 23 | Skinner Butte      | TM.       | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Western Wood-Pewee               | Sept. 27 | N. Eugene          | DHy       | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Willow Flycatcher                | Sept. 18 | Long Tom River     | DI,et.al. | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Hammond's Flycatcher             | Sept. 10 | Skinner Butte      | TM        | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Dusky Flycatcher                 | Sept. 10 | Skinner Butte      | TM        | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Pacific-slope Flycatcher         | Sept. 22 | Alton Baker Park   | LM,et.al. | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Cassin's Vireo                   | Sept. 3  | SE Eugene          | TM        | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Warbling Vireo                   | Sept. 22 | Kirk Park          | LG        | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Bank Swallow (2)                 | Sept. 7  | FRR—dam            | DI        | Normally seen in very small number in the fall                                                                     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet             | Sept. 15 | Skinner Butte      | LM,et.al. | First report for the winter season                                                                                 |
| Hermit Thrush                    | Sept. 29 | Siltcoos Lagoon    | B&ZS      | First coastal report for the winter season                                                                         |
| Varied Thrush                    | Sept. 20 | SE Eugene          | TM        | First report for the winter season                                                                                 |
| Nashville Warbler                | Sept. 10 | Skinner Butte      | TM        | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Yellow Warbler                   | Sept. 24 | FRR—Royal Ave      | TM        | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler (20) | Sept. 27 | N. Eugene          | DHy       | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Hermit Warbler                   | Sept. 25 | Skinner Butte      | DS        | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| MacGillivray's Warbler           | Sept. 3  | Skinner Butte      | TM        | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Wilson's Warbler                 | Sept. 23 | Skinner Butte      | TM        | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Yellow-breasted Chat             | Sept. 18 | Long Tom River     | DI,et.al. | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Western Tanager                  | Sept. 25 | Skinner Butte      | DS        | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Fox Sparrow                      | Sept. 12 | Florence area      | DP        | First report for the winter season                                                                                 |
| Golden-crowned Sparrow           | Sept. 6  | Long Tom River     | DI&SF     | First report for the winter season                                                                                 |
| Black-headed Grosbeak            | Sept. 17 | Skinner Butte      | TM        | Last report for the breeding season                                                                                |
| Evening Grosbeak                 | Sept.    | Eugene/Springfield | m.ob.     | Flocks have been seen throughout the area all month in larger numbers than are normally seen at this time of year. |

### Abbreviations

**Deflation Plain:** Deflation Plain at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, **FRR:** Fern Ridge Reservoir, **NJSR:** North Jetty of the Siuslaw River, **SHMC:** Sacred Heart Medical Center, **Siltcoos River:** Siltcoos River mouth, **Siuslaw River:** Siuslaw River mouth, **SJSR:** South Jetty of the Siuslaw

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# Community Calendar, Events, and Opportunities

*A service to Lane Audubon members*

## **Back to Basics: Enhancing your Nature Sketchbook**

**Mount Pisgah Arboretum**

**Saturday, November 6, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

Join natural science illustrators Kris Kirkeby and Katura Reynolds for a workshop on basic drawing techniques and field sketching. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum Visitors Center. Registration required.

Fee: \$25 members, \$30 non-members. FMI: 541.747.1504

## **Fall Fruits and Foliage**

**Mount Pisgah Arboretum**

**Saturday, November 6, 10 a.m.–noon**

Join botanist Rhoda Love and enjoy the fall colors while learning about the adaptive strategies of plants for dealing with the coming of winter. Meet at the Arboretum Visitors Center rain or shine.

Registration required. Fee: \$5 (donation for MPA members).

FMI: 541.747.1504

## **A Beaver's Tale**

**Willamette Resources & Educational Network(WREN)**

**Saturday, November 6, 4:30–6:00 p.m.**

Explore the West Eugene Wetlands at dusk to learn about these awesome animal architects and their habitat.

Meet at the WREN education yurt, 751 S. Danebo Ave.,

north of West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Fee: \$5 members, \$7 non-members.

FMI: 541.683.6494 or [info@wewetlands.org](mailto:info@wewetlands.org)

## **Color Vision and Color Blindness in Admirals, Coppers, and Metalmarks**

**North American Butterfly Association**

**Monday, November 6, 7:30 p.m. (refreshments at 7:00 p.m.)**

University of Washington professor Gary Bernard will present a program based on the complex eyes of butterflies.

FREE! Meet in the EWEB Training Center, 500 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.

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## **Wetland Wander at Meadowlark Prairie**

**WREN**

**Tuesday, November 9, 9:00–10:00 a.m.**

Wetland Wanders are casual walks through various areas in the West Eugene Wetlands each 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

Free! WREN will provide binoculars.

FMI: 541.683.6494 or [info@wewetlands.org](mailto:info@wewetlands.org)

## **No School Day Program: Forbs in the Forest**

**Nearby Nature**

**Friday, November 12, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

How do animals build their homes? Make deer beds, a bird nest, and your own fort from the forest during this building adventure.

Ages 6–9, maximum 12 children. Registration required.

Fee: \$30 members, \$35 non-members. FMI: 541.687.9699

## **Nearby Nature Quest: Get Squirrely**

**Nearby Nature**

**Saturday, November 13, 10:00 a.m.–noon**

Find out who's getting ready for winter on this late fall wander through park meadows and woodlands. Also enjoy a craft and snacks.

Registration required. Fee: \$30 members, \$35 non-members.

FMI or to register: 541.687.9699 or [www.nearbynature.org/learnscape/lessons-in-the-learnscape-workshop](http://www.nearbynature.org/learnscape/lessons-in-the-learnscape-workshop)

## **Mushrooming on the Mountain**

**Mount Pisgah Arboretum**

**Saturday & Sunday, November 13, 14, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. each day**

Marcia Peters instructs this two-class for beginners on mushroom identification, ecology, picking, cooking, and more.

Meet at the EPUD Building. Registration required.

Fee: \$75 (\$70 for MPA members). FMI: 541.747.1504

## **Lessons in the Learnscape Workshop:**

### **Backyard Habitats**

**Nearby Nature**

**Sunday, November 14, 1:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

Join instructor Bruce Newhouse in this fall workshop if you're interested in creating habitat for backyard birds, bees, and butterflies.

Meet at Alton Baker Park host residence. Registration required.

Fee: free for members (non-members: \$2/person, \$5/family).

FMI: 541.687.9699 or [info@nearbynature.org](mailto:info@nearbynature.org)

### **Strange Days on Planet Earth**

**Eugene Natural History Society**

**Friday, November 19, 7:30 p.m.**

Bill Ripple, OSU professor of forest science, will talk about the relationship between aspens and wolves in Yellowstone.

Meet in 100 Willamette Hall at the University of Oregon. Free.

FMI: [jmclarkson@Q.com](mailto:jmclarkson@Q.com)

### **Play in the Rain Day**

**WREN**

**Saturday, November 20, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

Join the Youth in Nature Partnership for a free day of outdoor fun in the sun—or rain! Variety of outdoor activities hosted by WREN, Nearby Nature, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, and many others.

Meet at the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum. FMI: [www.youthinnature.org](http://www.youthinnature.org)

### **Mushroom Walk**

**Mount Pisgah Arboretum**

**Saturday, November 27, noon–2:00 p.m.**

Take a walk through the Arboretum's forested trails with experienced mycologists Molly Widmer and Chris Meloitt of the Cascade Mycological Society.

Meet at the Arboretum Visitors Center rain or shine.

Fee: \$5 (donation for MPA members). FMI: 541.747.1504

### **Visit us on Facebook**

Visit Lane Audubon on Facebook for a link to a heartwarming article printed in a recent edition of the Register-Guard about Kris Kirkeby and *Audubon in the Schools*. The article highlights how Kris uses her love of both art and science to create an enriching curriculum for local elementary students.

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## Program Meeting: Tuesday, November 23



### Birding beyond borders

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by Victor Emanuel

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Victor Emanuel has traveled the world for over 35 years, ranging over every continent multiple times. At November's program meeting, Victor will share some of his favorite birding regions and discuss why he likes those areas. He will also discuss why birds have attracted the interest of more people than any other animal category, and how watching birds changes people's lives.

Victor started birding in Texas 61 years ago at the age of eight. He is the founder and chief compiler of the record breaking Freeport Christmas Bird Count—now in its 50<sup>th</sup> year. Victor is among the people who started the birding and eco-tourism travel company, VENT, 33 years ago, and he derives great pleasure from seeing and hearing birds and sharing these avian sights and sounds with others.

Victor holds a B.A. in zoology and botany from the University of Texas, and an M.A. in government from Harvard. In 2004 he received the Roger Tory Peterson Award from the American Birding Association, and later, the Arthur A. Allen award from the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. Victor is on the board of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and the American Bird Conservancy. Join us on Tuesday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. for Victor's remarkable presentation.

### PROGRAM MEETING

*Birding beyond borders  
by Victor Emanuel*



Tuesday, November 23  
7:30 p.m.  
Eugene Garden Club  
1645 High Street, Eugene

### Upcoming Program Meetings

*December: Doug Robinson with the  
Eugene Natural History Society will  
discuss bird ecology in Panama*

*TBD: Ornithologist Dan Gleason*

*TBD: Jeff Kruger will discuss the  
Willamette River open space vision*

### 2010 Christmas bird count

Please mark on your calendar for Sunday, January 2, 2011 as the date for the 2010 Eugene Christmas Bird Count (ECBC). This will be the 69<sup>th</sup> ECBC and the 111<sup>th</sup> National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count. Dick Lamster will act as Coordinator again this year, supported by a Steering Committee of Herb Wisner, Dan and Barbara Gleason, and Becky Uhler—plus 26 great bird watchers as Team Leaders. Watch for more information in the December *Quail*.





## Bird Walks and Events

Leila Snow

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**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. Questions? Call Leila. We will meet, rain or shine, at 8:00 a.m. at the South Eugene High School parking lot (19th and Patterson Street) and will generally return by noon unless otherwise stated. Please note: As a precaution, do not leave valuables in your parked car.

**Saturday,  
November 20**

### Third Saturday Bird Walk—Royal Avenue Oak Woodlands

The 60-acre oak woodlands site off Royal Avenue was studied by a summer class taught by Dave Bontrager, who has visited the site over 60 times. On this trip, he will share what the class learned about the 90 bird species observed, including 30 breeding species and the 95 nests found. This is a great opportunity to learn in-depth information about a specific birding area.

*All levels of birders are welcome, from first timer to expert. We will meet at South Eugene High at 19th and Patterson, rain or shine, at 8:00 a.m. and return by 12 noon. A \$3 donation is suggested, as well as a share of gas costs for carpooling. Please note: As a precaution, do not leave valuables in your parked car.*

*Questions? Contact Leila at leilas@ori.org or 541.968.5533.*

### PROGRAM MEETING

*Birding beyond borders  
by Victor Emanuel*



**Tuesday, November 23,  
7:30 p.m.  
Eugene Garden Club, 1645  
High Street, Eugene**




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