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News from Lane County Audubon Society

From Our President



Fall's colors mark the arrival of many passing migrants and winter residents

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uch of the U.S. has been either dried by drought and burned by wild fires or deluged with river flooding due to last winter's high snow levels or tropical storms. This situation leaves me content to stay home this fall. The Pacific Northwest, on the other hand, has enjoyed a superb summer. The arrival of fall gives us a chance to head to the higher elevations to see the progression of fall colors in the leaves. Fall colors in Oregon are not as famous as those of the Northeast, but the stately backdrop of fir trees creates a contrast for the yellows and oranges of our deciduous canopy of ash, alder, oak, willow, and bigleaf maple. The understory of vine maple and poison oak gives splashes of reds.

Fall's transition into winter begins in the higher elevations, where the dropping temperatures not only change leaf color, but push mountain birds to the lower elevations. Obviously, some birds migrate south, but others move into lower altitudes like ours. This is true of Belted Kingfishers, Varied Thrushes, Northern Flickers, Pacific (Winter) Wrens, the two kinglet species, and Harlequin ducks (who return to coastal waters). We will also see the return of some of the northern breeding birds, such as Golden-crowned Sparrows, Fox Sparrows, many Ducks, shorebirds, and Bald Eagles who will remain in the Willamette Valley until next spring.

We can also look to the skies to watch for the southward migrating Sandhill Cranes and Canada Geese. Hearing the honking approach of a big flock of geese defines fall for me. If I am lucky enough to also hear Sandhill Cranes high overhead, I always stop to watch and listen to these majestic birds that are so big, yet so graceful and beautiful as well. Pausing to appreciate such passing moments of a flock overhead or of a hillside of colorful leaves gives me both pleasure and peace of mind—a rare experience.

Conservation Column: October 2011



Aerial herbicide application: we all need to consider our neighbors

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n a warm, late summer morning in September, the sound of a helicopter was heard in the rural Fox Hollow neighborhood. Giustina Land & Timber Company had hired the helicopter to spray herbicides on a recently cleared plot of 136 acres. As the private owners of the land, the timber company is within its right to log the land; they are in the business of cutting trees down for profit. Less clear is their right to use management practices that risk contaminating the land, air, and water around them. Chemical trespass is illegal.

There is a plethora of scientific documentation on the adverse effects of pesticides on fish, wildlife, and people. Fish, birds, and frogs exposed to these chemicals may succumb to the poison or become prone to disease and organ malfunction, feminization of males, and behavioral changes that reduce their abilities to survive and reproduce. New evidence links commonly used herbicides to a host of illnesses in people. Children, the elderly, people with compromised immune systems, and chemically-sensitive folks are most vulnerable. Aerial spraying of chemicals increases the risk of non-targeted exposure. Studies have shown that pesticides drift beyond the targeted areas and that drift from aerial applications increases in terrain that is hilly like the rural Fox Hollow neighborhood. Through drift and runoff, pesticides are often found miles away from the targeted area and end up in people's bodies as well as in their water, their soil, and their gardens.

Neighbors learned only that the company planned to spray at some point with a mix of potent herbicides. They joined together to send a letter to the timber company and asked them to take their neighbors into consideration and to open communication so they could discuss other methods of managing the land, including ways to reduce pesticide volume and utilize backpack spray application to reduce drift and risk of inadvertent exposure. Giustina did not respond



to this or to requests to notify neighbors of the time of spray so that they could choose to take their children, the elderly, and susceptible family members to an area where there was less risk of exposure. Many members of these 50 families tend organic gardens; some even provide organic produce to area restaurants. They are understandably concerned about their families, pets, livestock, and livelihoods.

It is unfortunately common that industries of various kinds are allowed to operate in a manner that may harm the environment and its inhabitants. It is important that human rights and the protection of the birds and animals who cannot speak for themselves be given due consideration. We share the watersheds and airsheds. Industry must be responsible for the consequences of their actions on people and the environment. They need to consider their neighbors.

Taken by surprise this morning by the sound of that helicopter, I immediately took stock of where members of my own family were located. My elderly mother-in-law, my children, and our pets were all indoors. I want my own kids to be as free as possible from chemical contaminants no matter what their age. Still, I catch myself thinking that I don't need to be as concerned, that my kids are older now and less vulnerable, but I stop this line of thought immediately as the rotor sounds fade into the distance. I have neighbors with little kids whose bodies are still growing and developing at a faster pace. It's not okay for them to be exposed to these toxins. We all need to consider our neighbors.

South Lane County Bird Walk on Saturday, October 1st

ow River Nature Park's ponds and riparian habitat are the destination for the South Lane Bird Walk on October 1st. By invitation, the trip leader is Tom Mickel. Meet at 8:00 a.m. on Row River Road in Cottage Grove by the BMX tracks (south edge of the park). This is just beyond the Village Green Resort on the left side of the road. Call Barbara Butzer at 541.942.2401 for additional information.



Black-capped Chickadee—Cary Kerst

You too can help with The Quail!

Lane Audubon is looking for a few volunteers to help with *The Quail*, the monthly newsletter of Lane County Audubon Society. Help us in a big way! Would either of these roles be a good fit for you?

Quail Layout and Graphics – Do you have document publishing experience and do you enjoy the creativity of layout and document design? Lane Audubon is looking for a skilled volunteer to produce the layout for *The Quail*. This volunteer receives edited Word documents and photos from the editor and arranges them in Adobe InDesign, adds graphics, and makes sure each issue looks fantastic. There are nine yearly issues of 10-14 pages each,

requiring approximately 6-12 hours per issue. Contact Rob Hoshaw at 541.731.9090 or rhoshaw@gmail.com.

Distribute & deliver *Quail* in the community – Our newsletter reaches a broad audience. Help us get printed newsletters out to the community by delivering them to the post office for delivery to our members. We are also looking for someone to distribute *The Quail* to high-visibility locations around the community in an effort to reach new members. Each of these tasks only require a few hours nine times per year, and it is a huge help! Contact Ron Renchler at 541.345.0834 or christyandron@qwest. net to find out more.



Red Crossbill female—Cary Kerst

Watch for *The Big Year* on the big screen this October. The film, starring Steve Martin and Owen Wilson, is based on the book *The Big Year: A Tale of Man, Nature and Fowl Obsession* by Mark Obmascik. The comedy is about three people with an obsession for bird watching.



AUDUBON ADVENTURES

Discover what teachers in so many classrooms already know: *Audubon Adventures*

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Audubon Adventures is an award-winning environmental education program about the natural world and how to protect it. This science-based program helps our students form positive attitudes about nature and supports teachers with instructional content aligned with national standards for social studies, civics, science, and language arts.

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 County's children will be inspired by this year's new edition of "Feathers, Furs, Fins and You." Their adventure will include the following themes:

- "Pollinators," featuring hummingbirds and bees
- "Wild Alaska"
- · "Rivers of Life"
- "Caring For Our Planet," a special "Action for Planet Earth" edition focusing on ways that young people can actively participate in Audubon

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

Through the generous donations of LCAS members, the Lane Audubon's Adopt-a-Classroom Program makes this material available to local teachers at no cost to the school system. *Audubon Adventures* covers topics and themes that are important to Lane County Audubon Society's mission, and does so in a way that supports education and teachers.

If you would like to sponsor a classroom, please mail a tax-deductible donation of \$45, payable to: LCAS, *Audubon Adventures*, P.O. Box 5086, Eugene, OR 97405. You may request sponsorship of any of the schools and classes listed below or contact Joyce Trawle at jtrawle@comcast.net or 541.515.6244 if you have another school or classroom you'd like to nominate for sponsorship.

Thank you so much for your support!

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6Applegate Elementary	Betsy Parry
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3Veneta Elementary	Marty Beyer & John Bugley

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3Veneta Elementary
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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!

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

Subscriptions: Contact Tim Godsil at 541.915.8852 or tgodsil@gmail.com.

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LCAS Booth celebrates the Eugene Celebration

he weather was wonderful, the visitors were plentiful, and the Lane Audubon booth boasted a new educational display of bird nests that attracted much attention at the Eugene Celebration August 27-28. A special thank you goes to Kris Kirkeby, LCAS Education Chair, who generously gave her time in getting our new educational display cases completed in time for the event.

Six helpful booth staffers fielded questions and spread the word about LCAS at the event: Connie Berglund, Margot Fetz, Sally O'Donnell, Nancy Radius, Dave Stone, and Joyce Trawle. Thanks to all of them.

If you'd like to get involved in LCAS's booth outreach activities, we can always use additional volunteers. It's fun, and you can learn a lot about local birding and conservation activities in our area by participating. We'll have our booth at several events this fall and winter. Just phone Ron Renchler at 541.345.0834 or e-mail him at christyandron@qwest.net, and we'll get you started.



Become a Lane Audubon volunteer!



Bulllock's Oriole—Cary Kerst

Booth Operations Coordinator: If you enjoy coordinating events and working with people, Lane Audubon is looking for one or two people to adopt the booth operations, which occur about five times per year. This includes setting up and taking down the booth as well as coordinating the schedule of booth staffers. We will provide orientation and training for these volunteer opportunities. We're also always looking for people to staff booth events. Contact Ron Renchler at 541.345.0834 or christyandron@qwest.net.

Publicity Volunteer: Help us get public notices to various media services and spread the word about upcoming Program Meetings, bird walks, and other activities. We also need to make sure we are ahead of publication deadlines. Other goals include developing new contacts with media and keeping contacts and deadlines organized. Contact Maeve Sowles at 541.343.8664 or president@laneaudubon.org.

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Field Notes: August 2011



- Solitary Sandpipers at FRR
- White-throated Swifts drop in on LCAS bird walk
- Golden Eagle visits Crow area

FRR

Rare Bank Swallow at Fisher Butte

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ugust was warm and dry again this year, as is normal. The shorebird migration was phenomenal during August in the Royal Avenue and Fisher Butte units at Fern Ridge Reservoir—much like the fall of 2007! A special thanks goes to Wayne Morrow and his crew at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for keeping water levels adjusted during the migration period. The other big news for the month was the flock of White-throated Swifts flying overhead during a Lane Audubon field trip.

LM,et.al. First report for the fall migration

WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose (3) Aug. 31

Northern Pintail	Aug. 24	FRR	LM,et.al.	First report of birds returning for the winter
Black-crowned Night-Heron (2)	Aug. 17	FRR – RA	JS	Normally found in small numbers in the fall
EAGLES TO AUKLETS				
Golden Eagle	Aug. 14	Crow area	DI	Rarely found in Lane Co., especially the Coast Range foothills
Black-bellied Plover	Aug. 4	FRR	DH	Normally found in small numbers during migration and the winter
American Avocet	Aug. 21	FRR	RR	Almost annual in Lane Co. during spring and fall
Solitary Sandpiper	Aug. 17	FRR – FB	LM,et.al.	Not normally found during fall migration
Solitary Sandpiper	Aug. 26	FRR	BMc	We're not sure why so many were
Solitary Sandpiper (2)	Aug. 28	FRR	RL	reported this fall!
Lesser Yellowlegs (28)	Aug. 30	FRR	JW	Very large numbers for Lane Co.
Long-billed Curlew	Aug. 6	FRR	LM,DA	Rarely found in Lane Co.
Marbled Godwit (12)	Aug. 17	FRR – RA	JS	A very large number for inland Lane Co.
Ruddy Turnstone (4)	Aug. 25	SJSR	JS	Found in small numbers during fall migration
Baird's Sandpiper (2)	Aug. 23	FRR – RA	RR	A few additional birds were reported later in
				the month.
Pectoral Sandpiper	Aug. 17	FRR – FB	LM,et.al.	A normal fall migrant in small numbers
Stilt Sandpiper	Aug. 26	FRR	BMc	About the tenth record for Lane Co.
Stilt Sandpiper (6)	Aug. 28	FRR – RA	A&TM	A flock is unheard of in Oregon
Ruff	Aug. 23	FRR	RR	A rare, irregular migrant in Lane Co.
Ruff (2)	Aug. 28	FRR – RA	A&CH	but the second time in 5 years that more than one has
				been found at this location
Short-billed Dowitcher	Aug.	FRR	m.ob.	Large numbers for inland Lane Co. were found during
				the month

Wilson's Phalarope	Aug. 24	FRR – RA	LM,et.al.	Late report for the breeding season
Red-necked Phalarope (12)	Aug. 18	FRR	ВМс	A normal time for their fall migration
Boneparte's Gull	Aug. 6	FRR	LM,DA	A spring and fall migrant
Black Tern (6)	Aug. 18	FRR	ВМс	Last report for the season
Common Tern (8)	Aug. 25	SJSR	JS	Found in small numbers during migration
Cassin's Auklet	Aug. 6	Siuslaw River	SB	Found onboard the USACE dredge Yaquina at night
				and released the next morning near the mouth of
				the river

NIGHTHAWKS TO BLACKBIRDS

Common Nighthawk	Aug. 25	West Eugene	JS	An area where they're normal with some regularity
White-throated Swift (30)	Aug. 20	Stewart Pond	MS,DL	3 rd record for Lane Co. – seen & heard flying overhead on a LCAS field trip
Williamson's Sapsucker	Aug. 23	Horseshoe Lake	NS	Found in small numbers in the high Cascades
Western Wood-Pewee	Aug. 9	ABP	VT	Numbers of singing/calling birds increased for a
				couple weeks at this time before decreasing at the end of the month
Black Phoebe	Aug. 25	Deadwood	JS	First report from the Lane Co. Coast Range.
Black Phoebe (2)	Aug. 26	Siltcoos River	DF	Not a breeding location.
Common Raven (108)	Aug. 14	FRR area	MN	Moving south in small groups all afternoon
Bank Swallow	Aug. 11	FRR – RA	A&TM	Rare, but found in small numbers during fall
				migration
Cliff Swallow	Aug. 15	ABP	VT	Last report from the area.
Barn Swallow	Aug. 31	Churchill HS	JN	Last brood fledged from nest.
American Dipper (2)	Aug. 29	Lake Cr "slide"	JS	Not a known nesting location.
Wrentit	Aug. 27	Eugene – CH	DG	An unusual location for this species, but they tend to
				show up in strange places during the fall dispersal
Yellow Warbler	Aug. 25	ABP	VT	A singing bird – last report for the breeding season
Grasshopper Sparrow	Aug. 17	FRR – FB	LM,et.al.	About as late as normally found
Lazuli Bunting	Aug. 10	ABP	VT	Last report for the breeding season
Tricolored Blackbird	Aug. 4	FRR	DJ,RR	About the 6th record for Lane Co.
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Aug. 24	FRR	LM,et.al.	Last report for the breeding season

Abbreviations

Alton Baker Park (**ABP**), Eugene - College Hill (**Eugene - CH**), Fern Ridge Reservoir (**FRR**), Fern Ridge Reservoir - Royal Ave (**FRR-RA**), Fern Ridge Reservoir - Fisher Butte (**FRR - FB**), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (**SJSR**).

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Community Calendar, Events and Opportunities

A service to Lane Audubon members

Moths of the Ecuadorian Cloud Forest

North American Butterfly Association

Dr. Bitty Roy, University of Oregon Professor of Ecology, Evolution, and Systemic Botany, will speak about the incredible diversity of cloud forest moths and the ecosystem of which they are a part. The moths are astonishing, with several species reaching wingspans exceeding five inches. There will be tiger moths and silk moths that clearly exhibit mimicry or crypsis.

Monday, October 3, Refreshments at 7:00 p.m., Presentation at 7:30 p.m.

Free. Location: EWEB Training Center at 500 4th Ave. FMI: david.hagen@clearwire.net.

Save the Date! Highway 126: Fern Ridge Corridor Plan

Oregon Dept. of Transportation

ODOT invites you to participate in developing the Highway 126: Fern Ridge Corridor Plan, which will evaluate and identify improvements to the safety and function of Highway 126 between Veneta and Eugene. At the meeting, ODOT will share what we have learned so far, and the project team will ask for your help to get all the options on the table.

Thursday, October 6, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Refreshments provided. Please RSVP to info@highway126.org. FMI: 345.5091. Full project description available at http://highway126.org/.

Family Exploration Day at Meadowlark Prairie

Willamette Resources & Education Network (WREN)
Join WREN for a day of unstructured play in the West Eugene
Wetlands. WREN will provide backpacks, bug nets, field guides,
magnifiers, and binoculars. Please bring water and a snack and
wear sturdy shoes and long pants.

Saturday, October 8, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Free. Meet at Meadowlark Prairie Overlook located on Greenhill Road just south of Royal Ave. FMI: 541.338.7047 or info@wewetlands.org

WREN Wander

Willamette Resources & Education Network (WREN)

Take a casual walk through the dynamic site of the West Eugene Wetlands. Please bring water, wear sturdy shoes and long pants. WREN will provide binoculars.

Tuesday, October 11, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Free. Meet at the Stewart Pond Parking Area located on Steward Road, east of the intersection with Bertelsen. FMI: 541.338.7047 or info@wewetlands.org

For the Love of Mushrooms, a Weekend Foray

Oakridge Hostel

Activities include lectures on mushroom ecology and sustainable harvesting practices, expert guided forays in the forests surrounding Oakridge, and a demonstration by a local chef on the culinary uses and preparation of mushrooms.

October 14, 15, and 16

Oakridge Hostel, 48175 East First St, Oakridge. FMI: 541.782.4000, info@oakridgehostel.com, or www.oakridgehostel.com/events/mushroom-foray.

Mushroom Mimicry in Orchids

Eugene Natural History Society

Get ready for youthful enthusiasm involved in some pretty fascinating research, both in Ecuador and on the UO campus, when Tobias Policha describes how the Dracula orchid, and perhaps other orchids, have adapted to their environment by mimicking small native mushrooms in order to attract some pollinators.

Friday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.

Free. Location: Willamette Hall Room 100, University of Oregon Campus.

15th Annual Nearby Nature Haunted Hike!

Nearby Nature

Join us for an evening of night creature fun and discovery. Go on a pumpkin-lit hike through Alton Baker Park and meet our costumed night critters—Bat, Owl, Raccoon, Frog, Moth, Beaver, and Spider! Back a the picnic shelter, enjoy creepy crafts, munch on tricky treats, and check out a great raffle.

Saturday, October 22, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Fee: free for members, \$5/non-members. Pre-registration required. Rain or shine. FMI: 541.687.9699.



Cardinal Meadowhawk—Cary Kerst

Program Meeting: Tuesday, October 25

"Birding in Colombia"

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ast year, world traveler and avid birder Jim Regali took us to the "luxurious hothouse" of the lush rainforest of Borneo. On October 25, Jim returns to show slides of his latest adventure. In March 2011, Jim, along with Dennis Arendt, Kit Larsen, and Roger Robb, enjoyed a birding adventure to northern Colombia. The variety of habitat, including the Caribbean Coast, the Guajira Desert scrub, and especially the Santa Marta massif, enabled the group to record many of the bird endemics known from this area. Join in experiencing this beautiful, bird-rich area of Colombia.



Santa Marta mountains

October Program Meeting "Birding in Colombia"

by Jim Regali

Tuesday, October 25, 7:30 p.m.



Eugene Garden Club 1645 High St., Eugene

Upcoming Program Meetings

November: "Birds, Bats, and Wind Energy—An Unnatural History" by Jim Maloney

Dragonflies and Damselflies of Oregon: book available at November 22 Program Meeting!

The August Dragonfly walk, led by Cary Kerst, had 18 attendees which was described by Cary as the most enthusiastic group he ever led! They visited Grimes/Sandpiper Pond. They met at 10:00 a.m., and since they were enjoying themselves so much they didn't end the walk until 1:30 p.m. People were enjoying Cary's expert touch and vivid descriptions of the many species

they found that day. In case you are thinking of getting a copy of the new book, *Dragonflies and Damselflies of Oregon* Cary Kerst and Steve Gordon will be selling and signing copies before the Lane Audubon Program on November 22nd. Plan to come early to get your copy. They are donating \$5 to Lane Audubon for each book they sell then!

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Bird Walks and Events

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Bird Walk Coordinator needed

Lane Audubon is looking for a volunteer to plan the monthly third Saturday Bird Walks. This is a fun opportunity to meet and learn from birding experts; best of all, you get to pick the location and be out birding! Lane Audubon has all the dates set, a network of willing field trip leaders, and a list of past birding locations to choose from. Your responsibility would include deciding on a location, contacting field trip leaders, emailing the field trip publicity, and meeting the birding group on the day of the walk to get things started. Contact Maeve Sowles at 541.343.8664 or president@laneaudubon.org.

SATURDAY October 15

Third Saturday Bird Walks

Eugene's "birdiest" cemeteries

In the spirit of Halloween, we will visit some of Eugene's "birdiest" cemeteries. We will look for wintering passerines and perhaps some lingering migrants.

Bird Walk leader TBA (check the Lane Audubon website for announcements, www.laneaudubon.org). We will meet at the South Eugene High School parking lot (corner of 19th and Patterson) for carpooling at 8:00 a.m. and plan to return by noon. All birders are welcome. A \$3 donation is suggested. Please remember not to leave valuables in your car as a precaution.

Follow the Vaux's Swifts!

Want to follow the Vaux's swift reports from throughout the West? Go to the web site, West Coast Swifts at www.westcoastswifts.org.

Program Meeting
"Birding in Colombia"

by Jim Regali

Tuesday, October 25 7:30 p.m.



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