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News from Lane County Audubon Society

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From Our President

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Giving and Gratitude



I want to express my gratitude for many levels of support Lane County Audubon Society (LCAS) receives from our members and volunteers.

Every November we send our annual donation request to support our education, conservation, and outreach programs. Our members always respond generously to this request, and we are deeply grateful for the continued support of many

people. Lane Audubon **thanks you, members,** for your financial support!

In early November, LCAS hosted the bi-annual Oregon Audubon Council (OAC) Conservation meeting in Eugene. A total of 23 people attended, representing nine Oregon chapters, plus two more from Washington Audubon. During activities over three days, our volunteers helped and participated. Many thanks go to Connie Berglund, Dick Lamster, and Milo Meacham for the early morning room set up and registration assistance! Debbie Schlenoff and Maeve Sowles planned, organized, and participated throughout the weekend. Rob Champer delivered the group's lunch order to keep us fueled for the whole meeting day.

Rachael Friese attended the Friday evening social, the Saturday dinner, and evening program. Thanks to Rebecca Waterman, Ramiro Aragon, Sally Hill, Rachael Friese, Maeve Sowles, and Judy Franzen for hosting the Sunday morning bird walk! It was attended by OAC members from five chapters who enjoyed a lovely morning of birding at Delta Ponds, where we saw about 50 species of birds! It was a nice finish to a busy weekend, and the Oregon Audubon chapter members were happy they joined us. Thanks to all of our helpful volunteers for making this important event successful!

This fall we had two requests for bird walks from visitors outside our area. Dennis Arendt and Ellen Cantor agreed to host these visitors for special birding outings in Eugene, one at Mt. Pisgah and one at Delta Ponds. Thanks to Dennis and Ellen for sharing their time and representing our birding community!

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Conservation

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Oregon Audubon Council 2019: Take-aways

In early November, Lane County Audubon hosted the 2019 Oregon Audubon Council (OAC) in Eugene. In attendance were representatives from nine of the twelve Oregon chapters as well as representatives from Washington State Audubon. The goal of the annual OAC meetings is to bring together state chapter members in order to discuss conservation concerns, to receive progress updates on ongoing issues, and to determine how we can best help to make a difference.

By protecting habitat through multiple strategies, including those summarized below, Audubon chapters work to protect birds, other wildlife, and the environment in general. They also prioritize several species of concern. Among these are Marbled Murrelets, Greater Sage Grouse, California Condors, and Streaked Horned Larks. Although each chapter focuses on concerns as they come up throughout the year, conference participants identify priority issues that benefit from a collaborative approach. Some of these are outlined below.

Defense of Federal Lands and Laws. The goal is to join with local, state, and national groups in opposing the weakening of protective environmental laws such as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and National Environmental Policy Act. In good news, pushback

from our chapters recently resulted in the exclusion of the Cascade Siskiyou National Monument and Wilderness Areas from a Management Plan that emphasizes large-scale logging.

Klamath National Wildlife Refuges. State Audubon chapters continue to work towards adequate water supply for these wildlife refuges. Klamath Basin includes more than 350,000 acres of wetlands and provides habitat for one of the largest concentrations of waterfowl in the world. Unfortunately, most of the basin's wetlands have been drained to make way for agriculture, and two of the Klamath Refuges devote significant portions of their acreage to lease-land farming.

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Audubon representatives continue collaborative work with several stakeholders on the refuge's "Comprehensive Conservation Plan." Outreach has been successful this year as staff builds engagement and support for Malheur-related efforts through field trips, presentations, and work parties. The number of visitors at the refuge is up.

Forest Conservation at Multiple Levels: Federal, State, and Private. Chapters around the state push back on ill-advised timber proposals for federal and state public lands and, frequently, on the weakening of protections for forest habitat and waters. Members of Audubon



Photo: wiki commons

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge

are closely watching the transfer of state forest land management of the Elliott State Forest. The Oregon Forest Practices Act administered by the Oregon Department of Forestry is widely recognized as having the weakest forest protections on private lands among the west coast states. We support solutions to improve private forest practices.

Ocean Protection. Audubon members continue efforts to support the Oregon Marine Reserve system and to positively impact rocky shore habitat through the revision process of the Oregon Territorial Sea Plan. This year, one state House Bill banned offshore drilling along Oregon's coast and another protected marine life by reducing the use of disposable plastic straws and bags.

Climate Change. Chapters educate on issues related to climate change. We advocate for effective clean energy siting and against environmentally harmful fossil fuel facilities. Our forest advocacy plays a role here. In addition to providing habitat to more wildlife, structurally complex forests sequester more carbon (Christopher et al., 2019).

Much like roosting crows, we benefit from the exchange of information at our gatherings. Thanks to Maeve Sowles for making arrangements for the meeting. It's always heartening to be in a room full of people who care passionately about the environment.

Field Notes: October 2019

Tom and Allison Mickel, 541.485.7112, tamickel@riouisa.com

Snow Bunting, Clark's Nutcracker, Sabine's Gull, Lapland Longspur

The month started out wet, but ended sunny and cold. Most of the wintering species have at least made an appearance by now, and all the neotropical migrants have departed for their wintering areas to the south, as is normal for this time of year.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)



Snow Bunting

Photo: Andy Reago & Chrissy McClarren



Lapland Longspur

Photo: Becky Matsubara, wiki commons

WATERFOWL TO HAWKS

Tundra Swan	Oct 26	FRR - Perkins	SH	First report for winter season
Eurasian Wigeon	Oct 13	FRR - Perkins	SH	First report for winter season
Vaux's Swift	Oct 12	UO - Agate Hall	BC	Last report for breeding season
Rufous Hummingbird	Oct 24	River Road area	RH	Very late report — will it winter?
Sandhill Crane	Oct 26	Coburg Hills	BC	Start of its fall migration
Wandering Tattler	Oct 6	SJSR	CM	Last report for fall migration
Red Phalarope	Oct 25	Klootchman	TJ, et al.	First report for fall migration
Black-legged Kittiwake	Oct 9	NJSR	DP	First report for winter season
Sabine's Gull	Oct 13	FRR - Perkins	SH	Rare inland
Leach's Storm-Petrel	Oct 19	Heceta Beach	DP	Rarely seen from shore
Barred Owl	Oct	Eugene downtown	M.ob.	Four plus reports — getting to be regular
Merlin (2)	Oct 15	Westlake	DP	First winter season report

FLYCATCHERS TO GROSBEAKS

Western Wood-Pewee	Oct 7	FRR - Perkins	RA	Last report for breeding season
Say's Phoebe	Oct 5	FRR - Royal	TJ, JG	First fall report
Say's Phoebe	Oct 25	Big Creek bridge	TJ, et al.	Unusual coastal sighting
Northern Shrike	Oct 13	SJSR deflation area	DF	First report for winter season at the coast
Northern Shrike	Oct 17	Bond Rd	BC	First report for winter season in the valley
Clark's Nutcracker (2)	Oct 4	Spencer Butte	Fide LM	Very unusual away from high Cascades
Clark's Nutcracker	Oct 11	Creswell area	SN	Very unusual away from high Cascades
Violet-green Swallow	Oct 5	FRR - Fisher Butte	JG	Last report for breeding season
No. Rough-winged Swallow	Oct 1	FRR - Fisher Butte	JW	Last report for breeding season
Barn Swallow	Oct 17	Alvadore	BC	Last report for breeding season
House Wren	Oct 7	FRR - Perkins	RA	Last report for breeding season
Swainson's Thrush	Oct 23	River Road area	BC	Last report for breeding season
Lapland Longspur (21)	Oct 15	NJSR	DP, et al.	Large flock for Lane
Snow Bunting	Oct 26	NJSR	DP	Rare for Lane
Clay-colored Sparrow	Oct 18	Waite Ranch	AC, DF	Normal arrival time at the coast
White-throated Sparrow	Oct 6	Hillaire St	JSp	First report for the winter season
Orange-crowned Warbler (3)	Oct 26	FRR - Perkins	SH	Last report for breeding season
Nashville Warbler	Oct 4	FRR - Perkins	SH	Last report for breeding season
MacGillivray's Warbler	Oct 7	FRR - Perkins	RA	Last report for breeding season
Common Yellowthroat	Oct 19	Stewart Pond	NC	Last report for breeding season
Yellow Warbler	Oct 9	Florence area	SH, et al.	Last report for breeding season
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Oct 26	FRR - Perkins	SH	Last report for breeding season

FLYCATCHERS TO GROSBEAKS CONT.

Wilson's Warbler.....	Oct 2.....	Walterville Pond.....	EC,et al.....	Last report for breeding season
Western Tanager.....	Oct 6.....	FRR - Perkins.....	RA.....	Last report for breeding season
Black-headed Grosbeak.....	Oct 4.....	River Road area.....	JC.....	Last report for breeding season

AC Alan Contreras, BC Barbara Combs, CM Collin McElroy, DF Daniel Farrar, DP Diane Pettey, EC Ellen Cantor, JC Joe Castino, JG Joshua Galpern, JSp Josh Spice, JW Jay Withgott, LM Larry McQueen, NC Nancy Clogston, RA Ramiro Aragon, RH Rich Hoyer, SH Sally Hill, SN Sally Nelson, TJ Tye Jeske. **Fide** references a sighting reported to the listed observer. **M.ob** signifies many observers.

**Eva Schultz
Will Be Missed**

Eva Schultz, longtime Lane County Audubon Society member, died October 6, 2019. Her membership in LCAS dated back to 1974. She was continuously active and volunteered over the decades. Eva was an elementary school teacher and valued education. In earlier years, she shared her birding interest by leading bird walks and giving slide presentations in elementary schools and senior care centers. In recent years, she continued to participate with LCAS by helping to prepare *The Quail* for mailing. Eva and her birding friends attended Lane Audubon Program meetings and the Annual Volunteer Potluck. Eva always came in the door with a smile on her face! We will miss her warm and welcoming presence.



Photo by Alan Contreras

Eva Schultz at the Dry Tortugas National Park

Alan Contreras wrote:

I had the pleasure of knowing Eva since I was a teenage birder in the 1970s. She was one of the adult birders who was willing to put up with me and take me birding, as I did not get a car until I was 26. She was always willing to take off and go look for birds. Our most memorable trip was the day we went to Seaside and Astoria to look for two King Eiders and a Spotted Redshank. We both had vivid memories of walking a long way on the cobble-rocks at Seaside to see the eiders. The redshank was more cooperative. When Eva was in her 70s, I took her on a WINGS tour to Florida and the Dry Tortugas. She got to see Limpkins, lots of frigatebirds, and even an Antillean Nighthawk that stopped by. She was always one of my favorite people and we visited regularly.

Obit for Eva Schultz:

www.musgroves.com/obituary.cfm?name=EvaSchultz



**LCAS Booth at the 15th Annual
Good Earth Show, January 24-26**

Each year at the Good Earth Home, Garden & Living Show, hundreds of vendors with earth-friendly products gather to promote their wares and provide information on environmental and sustainability topics. Lane County Audubon Society's booth will be part of the action again this year.

The show features more than 50 informative seminars and workshops, with LCAS speakers contributing to the offerings. Specific topics and times for the seminars will be announced in the coming weeks. You'll be able to find our booth in the Good Gardening area of the show. Stop by to tell us about your bird sightings and get answers to your questions about our local birds and their habitats.

If you're interested in helping staff the booth for an hour or two during the show, contact Ron Renchler at christyandron2@gmail.com. Orientation and training will be provided, and you'll be paired with an experienced booth staffer if it's your first time.

The event is held at the Lane Events Center, 796 West 13th Avenue, in Eugene. It runs from 5-9 pm Friday, January 24, and continues 10 am-5 pm Saturday and Sunday.

FMI: eugenehomeshow.com/our-shows/good-earth-home-garden-living-show/

Program Meeting, Tuesday, January 28, 7:30 pm

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From Our President

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Each volunteer contributes uniquely to our work. Some do work behind the scenes, but all are critically important. Some help out regularly and keep their piece of the big wheel turning. Others may only help occasionally. Each volunteer, however, invests time, energy, and commitment to our group. We are much more powerful working together. Together we translate our goals into positive action. One of the take-away messages from attending an Oregon Audubon Council meeting is that each of the chapters, big and small, makes a difference in its community. You, who have donated your time and your money to us, help us make a difference here in the community we share. Each of you has my gratitude. Thank you!

New Volunteers Welcome

If you would like to become involved with Lane Audubon, please contact Maeve Sowles at 541.343.8664 or audubon@laneaudubon.org.

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Birding Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and Harney County with Harry Fuller



Photo: Harry Fuller

Shadow and Harry Fuller

Before retirement he managed TV and Internet newsrooms in San Francisco and London. His natural history books include *Freeway Birding*, *Great Gray Owls in California, Oregon and Washington*, and *San Francisco's Natural History*. Early this year the Oregon State University Press published an anthology of essays about Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, entitled *Edge of Awe*. Fuller contributed the chapter on Common Nighthawks, seen at the Malheur refuge in abundance.

FMI check out his website and blog: towhee.net and atowhee.blog

Harry Fuller will give us a look at the rich and diverse bird populations of Harney County—the Great Basin species we never get on this side of the Cascades. This includes the birds that pass through during migration, and those that are year-round residents. His presentation will also touch on the varied habitats, the widely fluctuating water in the basin, and how it's all affected by the seasons.

Harry is a devoted birder who enthusiastically shares his passion. He has lived in Oregon since 2007, but has been leading bird trips and teaching birding classes since the 1990s. He leads trips for the Malheur Field Station and the Klamath Bird Observatory, Road Scholar, and Golden Gate Audubon. He also is available for private guiding services.



Photo: Harry Fuller

Ferruginous Hawks



Photo: Harry Fuller

Greater Sage Grouse

2019 Eugene Christmas Bird Count Set for December 29

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This year marks the 78th Eugene Christmas Bird Count (ECBC) and the 120th National Audubon Society (NAS) Christmas Bird Count. The ECBC this year will be on Sunday, December 29, 2019. Our 15-mile-diameter count circle is centered in the Danebo area of Eugene and is divided into 27 areas, each with a Team Leader. The Team Leaders organize the teams, lead the groups through the area during the count day, and then submit the results to the ECBC Steering Committee.

Count Coordinator

Dick Lamster is the Count Coordinator again. He will work with NAS on the administrative tasks of the count. He will also coordinate with the Team Leaders, handle publicity, co-write the post-count narrative, and assign new participants to teams. If you want to participate this year or change teams, call or email Dick. Otherwise, call your Team Leader from last year, if he or she hasn't already called you.

Birds

Vjera Thompson will serve as Species Compiler again this year. She will accept the bird checklists from the Team Leaders at the end of the count, hopefully at the chili feed. She will review rare and unusual bird sightings, then submit all the results to NAS. Vjera will also work with Dick to prepare the post-count narrative.

Home Counters

If you cannot participate on a count team but would like to count the birds that visit your yard, please contact Herb Wisner at 541.344.3634

or hrwisner@comcast.net. Herb will assist Home Counters in recording the birds they see and fold them into the official count. He will send you a form to help you record birds, coordinate your sightings with the leader of the count area you live in so that birds are not reported twice, and submit your sightings to Vjera for inclusion in the official results. Please contact Herb by December 24th if you would like to be a Home Counter.

Chili Feed

All Team Leaders and field count participants are invited to gather after the count at the Eugene Garden Club at 1645 High Street for the traditional free chili feed. Allison Mickel, assisted by Sandy Poinsett and Kathy Wilson, will once again provide homemade vegetarian chili for this fun ending to a day full of birding. Here we will tally results and swap stories of the day's sightings. The door to the Garden Club will open at 3:30 pm so you can stop by and warm up as soon as you finish your count. Chili will be served at 5:00 pm. Lane County Audubon Society will furnish the chili along with salad, dinner rolls, chips, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Please bring your own table service, including plate, bowl, cup, and silverware. Everyone attending should also bring a dessert to share with others. If you would like to drink something other than what we provide, bring that too. I really encourage you to join us for this delicious ending to a long day.

Last Year's Results

Last year the weather was frequently overcast, but the 155 field observers



Purple Finch

rejoiced in having it mild with some sun compared to the past several ECBCs. Adding in the 76 Home Counters brought the participant total to 231. The number of birders in the field was higher than the average number for the past 10 years and tied with the 2008 ECBC for second most. Our record is 157 in 2012. The total number of Home Counters was down some from past years. We have consistently been in the top 10 in number of participants of all of the more than 2,500 Christmas Bird Counts. In 2017 we were ninth largest. The 2018 results were not available when this was written.

The entire group identified 131 species on count day, and 3 more species were added during Count Week. This total is about average for the past 20 years. Our record, established in 2005, is 140 plus two more during count week.

We recorded 77,329 individual birds. This is a low number for the past 20 years but slightly above the number seen the previous year. Our record for most individual birds is 129,874 seen in 2000. By now you can view results of last year's ECBC, as well as all the other Christmas Bird Counts in North America, at www.christmasbirdcount.org. Our count code is OREU.

We hope you can join us for this year's ECBC. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, December 29th!

2019 Christmas Bird Counts in Lane County

You can do all four if you want!



Florence CBC, Saturday, December 14
Contact: Ellen Cantor; ellencantor@gmail.com

Cottage Grove CBC, Saturday, December 28
Contact: Grace Fowler; GraceLovesBirds1@gmail.com

Eugene CBC, Sunday, December 29
Contact: Dick Lamster; maeveanddick@q.com

Oakridge CBC, Saturday, January 4
Contact: Joel Geier; joel.geier@peak.org

Audubon in the Schools Continues to Thrive and Expand

We have three new prospective volunteers for the Audubon in the Schools (AITS) educational program! They have signed on to shadow our instructors in classrooms to see what the program entails. We will continue with training as they rotate through with our instructors and into different class settings. We are thrilled to have new volunteers for this exciting work!

Rose Britton has updated and improved two of the PowerPoint training modules to use in classrooms along with the bird specimen collection. She has included new photographs of birds, their habitats, and drawing techniques to make it easy for all the students to see the materials before they begin to draw. Additionally, we purchased copies of *Birds of the Willamette Valley Region* to give to each classroom during the AITS visit as part of our outreach efforts with this program. These small books are great entry-level field guides that cover our most common local birds. AITS instructors leave copies of the books as a reminder for students to look for and enjoy birds!

Thanks to our growing group of Audubon in the Schools volunteers! If you think you'd like to be a part of this, give us a call.

Binoculars Needed

The AITS team has also lead beginning birding sessions for kids at Outdoor School forest field day. They loan them binoculars and use bird silhouettes in trees to practice focusing, then they do a brief walk to look for birds in the forest. The AITS team would like to have more binoculars for the kids, so they can each practice using them.

To donate used, but working, binoculars, please call Maeve at 541.343.8664 or bring them to an LCAS Program Meeting.

Two Booth Volunteers Needed— (1) Setup and (2) Staffing Scheduler

If you'd like to help Lane Audubon in a big way but don't have a lot of time available, here are a couple of ways to get involved. We need a person to take over the Lane Audubon booth setup and takedown, as well as someone to coordinate the scheduling of booth staffers.

Booth setup/takedown involves delivering and erecting our portable booth, tables, and display materials at event and festival sites, then dismantling them after the event is over. Setup and takedown require only an hour or two of your time, usually on a Saturday morning and early Sunday evening, a few times a year. If you enjoy being outdoors in the morning and doing a little light physical activity (nothing too strenuous), this could be the spot for you. Access to a larger vehicle (a van or pickup) is useful but not required.

If you're more indoorsy and have some basic computer and organizational skills, such as sending e-mail messages and putting together staffing schedules, you could help Lane Audubon by sending out announcements alerting our volunteers to booth staffing opportunities. After volunteers respond, you put together staffing schedules and distribute them by e-mail to volunteers. This work usually takes an hour or two and can be done in your own home a couple of weeks before booth events are scheduled.

Orientation and training for these volunteer positions will be provided. It can be rewarding to work behind the scenes to help Lane Audubon spread the word about the importance of birds and their habitats. If you'd like to learn more about either of these positions, please call Ron Renchler at 541.345.0834 or e-mail christyandron2@gmail.com.

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Lane County Audubon Society Welcomes You—Join or Renew Today!

We ask you to become a local member of Lane County Audubon Society and support our grassroots efforts in the local community. Your membership dues for National Audubon Society no longer fully cover the costs of a membership in your local chapter. 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! We appreciate your support. — *Maeve Sowles, President*

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Community Calendar and Events

A service to Lane County Audubon Society members

12/7

Mt Pisgah Arboretum

Saturday, December 7, 10 am-noon
Mushroom Walk

It might still be mushroom season! Take a walk through the Arboretum's forested trails with experienced mycologists Chris Melotti and Molly Widmer of the Cascade Mycological Society, and hunt for these fascinating fungi. Discuss identification, habitat, characteristics, natural history, and the role of fungi within an ecosystem. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. Don't forget your parking pass. \$5, members free.

FMI: mountpisgaharboretum.com or 541.747.3817

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Sunday, December 8, 8 am-11 am
Bird Walk

Julia Siporin and Joni Dawning will lead another monthly bird walk intended for people with all levels of birding experience. They'll demonstrate how to use vocalizations, habitat, and behavior clues for identification. Come discover the Arboretum's avian diversity. Please bring binoculars. Option to continue the walk until noon for those who are interested. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. Don't forget your parking pass. \$5, members free.

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Nearby Nature

Tuesday, December 10,
10:00 am - 11:30 am

Green Start Play Day: Cozy Critters

Enjoy outdoor nature play in Learnscape plus toddler and pre-school activities and stories. This month we look at about how critters stay warm in winter. Rain or shine! Kids 5 and under only, with an adult. Alton Baker Park. Members free, non-members \$5/family. Pre-register nearbynature.org or call 541-687-9699, ext 101.

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Eugene Natural History Society

Friday, December 13, 7:30 pm
"Tufted Puffins in a Dynamic Landscape"

Scott Pearson will give an overview of tufted puffin natural history, conservation status, population threats, potential conservation

actions, ongoing research, and research needs. He is a senior research scientist with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, where his research focuses primarily on shorebirds and seabirds of conservation concern. This talk is cosponsored by the Lane County Audubon Society.

Location: 100 Willamette Hall on the UO campus.

FMI: pages/uoregon.edu/enhs

12/16

Southern Willamette Ornithological Club (SWOC)

Monday, December 16, 7 pm

Eugene Birders' Night: "Birding Northcentral India's National Parks"

UO Biology Professor Emeritus Bitty Roy and Michael Wherley will take participants on a tour of four national parks and a few places between, such as the lovely park around the Taj Mahal. All are welcome to attend this free monthly event.

Location: Historic McNail-Riley house, 601 W 13th Ave, Eugene, at the NW corner of W. 13th and Jefferson St., by the former Lincoln School. Park in the five spaces closest to the M-R house, or across 13th in the fairgrounds parking lot.

FMI: ellencantor@gmail.com

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Mt Pisgah Arboretum

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Eugene Natural History Society

Friday, January 17, 7:30 pm

"Heartening Encouragement for Earth's Weary Lovers"

These are hard times for naturalists, birders, hikers, children, and all of us who love the Earth and its wild creatures. With drawings and essays from her new collaboration with Canadian humorist and artist Bob Haverluck, Kathleen Dean Moore will remind us of why we work so hard for the sake of the planet and why we must continue. Moore is a philosopher, climate activist, and writer from Oregon State University. She travels widely to speak about the moral urgency of climate action and perform with the music/spoken word collaboration, "The Extinction Variations (Meadowlarks)."

Location: 100 Willamette Hall on the UO campus.

FMI: pages/uoregon.edu/enhs

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Southern Willamette Ornithological Club (SWOC)

Monday, January 21, 7 pm

Eugene Birders' Night

Attendees will share recent bird sightings and discuss birding-related topics. All are welcome to attend this free monthly event.

Location: Historic McNail-Riley house, 601 W 13th Ave, Eugene, at the NW corner of W. 13th and Jefferson St., by the former Lincoln School. Park in the five spaces closest to the M-R house, or across 13th in the fairgrounds parking lot.

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LCAS Bird Walks & Events

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Sunday, December 29, Eugene Christmas Bird Count

In December, the Eugene CBC takes the place of the Third Saturday Bird Walk. Full details are on page 6 of *The Quail*.

Third Saturday Bird Walks

Saturday, January 18, 8 am

Site and leader will be determined by interesting bird sightings posted to OBOL and other pertinent information available before the day of the walk. Details will be posted on the LCAS Facebook page: facebook.com/pages/Lane-County-Audubon-Society/330177413824, and on the website: laneaudubon.org.

All ages and skill levels are welcome. Bring binoculars, if you have them. To carpool, meet at 8 am at the South Eugene High School parking lot, corner of 19th and Patterson. We plan to return by noon. Remember that it's not a good idea to leave valuables or your vehicle registration in your car if you leave it at the lot. A \$3 donation is appreciated to help support Lane County Audubon's activities.

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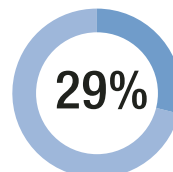


January Program Meeting

Birding Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
and Harney County with Harry Fuller

Tuesday, January 28, 7:30 pm

Eugene Garden Club
1645 High St., Eugene



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