



# The Quail

News from Lane County Audubon Society

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## An Abundance of Gratitude



The ending of this year and beginning of a new year make me think of gratitude.

I find it important for my sanity to remember the many ways I need to be thankful for my existence, and to appreciate the many people for whom I am grateful. Obviously family and friends top my list, but many others whom I've met through Lane Audubon also enrich my life. 2018 will be the

18<sup>th</sup> year I've served as president of this group. It has become an identity, as well as a passion that fills me with purpose. I am also grateful for the many members who have either become friends or with whom we share a sense of familiarity and common ground. This interconnectedness gives us a shared space within which we can communicate and feel accepted.

Gratitude deepens and energizes relationships. Sharing good feelings boosts healing and makes us more resilient to stress. We become more able to solve problems proactively. And even if not always successful, the act of working toward our goals together gives us a sense of accomplishment. We all know that conservation and environmental efforts rarely get solved entirely to our satisfaction, so we need

to remember the value of networking together. This issue of the *Quail* includes many "Thank You" items for people who have helped our organization. Many more, though not listed, are not forgotten. I truly appreciate the members of Lane Audubon and other organizations we network with. It restores my sense of human goodness, and I am indeed grateful for that!

My feeling of gratitude extends to the many wonders of the natural world that I experience each day. Sometimes the very small beauties of a frosty morning with sun glistening on crystals of ice, or the evening winter sky filled with stars of the Milky Way, envelops me with awe. The natural world we value rolls along with or without our notice; I get far more out of the natural beauty around me than I can ever give back. Similarly, I cannot adequately express how much I appreciate the Audubon family. To each of you who have contributed with donations, local membership dues, volunteer time and your talents...you have my deepest gratitude.

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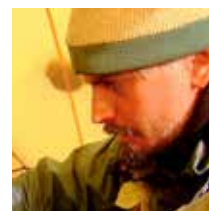
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## Conservation

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# Be Alert to Drongo Tactics in Congress



**D**rongos are short-legged birds who literally speak with forked tongues, as do many passerines. They are good mimics. Birds mimic for many reasons, but the drongo can use this ability for tactical deceit. When they see a meerkat carrying food, the drongos loudly mimic a meerkat alarm call. This causes the duped individual to drop their food and run for cover. Guess who gets the food?

Similarly, some people in Congress are giving an alarm call about forest practices and wildfire danger. Proponents of HR 2936 and SB 1731 claim that these new laws would make our forests healthier. What seems more likely is that they will provide benefits to timber companies without protecting the forests. The ironically named “Resilient Forest Act” just passed in the House. The Senate version, “The Forest Management Improvement Act”, has been introduced and may soon be up for a vote. Some troubling aspects of the bills are that they exempt forest projects from review and from the protection of environmental laws, such as the Endangered Species Act and NEPA, the National Environmental Protection Act. For example, the Forest Service would no longer need to consult with U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service experts to determine if a project would harm a protected species, and they would no longer need to do an environmental review to determine what the impacts of their project would be.

Other problems with the bills:

- Expansion of the amount of national forest lands that can be logged without public input.
- Elimination of environmental protections, including increased logging of old-growth forest.
- Elimination of environmental review, allowing large areas to be clear-cut without analysis of how that might affect habitat, wildlife populations, water quality, erosion, or flooding.
- No analysis of cumulative effects for adjacent projects, thus allowing large swaths of forests to be excluded from review.
- Allowance for more road development, a leading cause of sediment in fish habitat and drinking water sources. Other resulting problems include fragmented habitat and increased introduction of invasive organisms.
- Allowance for an increase in salvage projects after fires and other disasters. It’s disheartening to imagine animals just starting to move back in after their environment is devastated, only to face heavy machinery and more habitat destruction.
- The bills purport to decrease wildfire problems, but the proposed post-fire logging operations would actually increase damage. Forests with a lot of snags burn less intensely, since snags lack small twigs and needles which ignite easily. According to scientists,

forests with the most logging in our region burn the hottest. By targeting old-growth forest, the most fire-resistant type of forest will be removed. In addition, catastrophes do more damage when plantation trees are of the same age, size, and vulnerability.

- “Litigation relief”: This part of the bill means that citizens and the environmental organizations representing their interests can no longer use the judicial system to question harmful projects.

People disagree on how to manage our forests, and problems, especially with wildfires, need to be addressed. We can be both more environmentally and fiscally responsible by dealing separately with logging proposals and fire-funding legislation. Unfortunately these Congressional bills will further damage our forests. We need our forests to protect habitat for the birds and other organisms that we value. National forests boost the economy with the associated increase in outdoor recreational activities. They provide services such as clean water, air filtration, carbon sequestration, and landslide prevention.



Urge your senators to oppose SB 1731. Link to petition: [abcbirds.org/action/petition-northern-spotted-owl](http://abcbirds.org/action/petition-northern-spotted-owl)

- [wyden.senate.gov/contact](http://wyden.senate.gov/contact)
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## Field Notes: October 2017

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# Bonaparte's Gull, Lewis's Woodpecker, Mountain Chickadee, Northern Mockingbird

It turned out to be a pretty nice month, given what we had last year! Along with some rain, we also had a number of warm, sunny days. As is normal, the last of the neotropical migrants that come north to breed headed south for the winter, and a few of the northern breeders returned for the winter. Small numbers of the hardier neotropical migrants occasionally winter here, i.e. Orange-Crowned warbler, Common Yellowthroat, etc.

**Abbreviations:** Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), Lane Community College (LCC), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)



Photo: Andy Reago & Chrissy McClaren

*Bonaparte's Gull*



Photo: Callbas, Wikki Commons

*Northern Mockingbird*

## WATERBIRDS

Snow Goose	Oct 4	FRR - Royal Ave	LM,et.al	An early sighting
Tundra Swan	Oct 28	FRR	RW	First report for the winter
Cinnamon Teal	Oct 4	FRR - Royal Ave	SM,CA	Last report for the breeding season
Eurasian Wigeon	Oct 17	FRR - Perkins Pen	SH	First report for the winter
Green Heron	Oct 11	River Road area	BC	Last report for the breeding season
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Oct 9	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	Last report for the season

## VULTURES TO GULLS

Turkey Vulture (50)	Oct 4	near downtown Eug	J&SF	Headed south
Turkey Vulture (45)	Oct 6	River Road area	BC	Slowly circling south
White-tailed Kite	Oct 4	FRR - Royal Ave	LM,et.al	Back for the winter
American Golden-Plover	Oct 2	FRR - Royal Ave	m.ob	Found in small numbers most falls
American Avocet	Oct 16	FRR - Royal Ave	RS	Last report
Red Phalarope (3)	Oct 20	SJSR	AC	Large numbers on coast during fall storms
Bonaparte's Gull (17)	Oct 29	Waldo Lake	A&TM	Rarely seen in the high Cascades

## PIGEONS TO FINCHES

Band-tailed Pigeon	Oct 23	Creswell area	TMo	Last report for the breeding season
Barred Owl	Oct 8	River Road area	BC	Appears to have become resident
Vaux's Swift (195)	Oct 7	Agate Hall, U of O	BC	But none seen on the 14th
Rufous Hummingbird (photo)	Oct 18	East Eugene	MP	Last report for the breeding season
Lewis's Woodpecker	Oct 9	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	Another fall record for the area
Tropical Kingbird	Oct 20	Florence	LW	One found most falls along the coast
Prairie Falcon	Oct 7	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	First report for this fall
Northern Shrike	Oct 13	SJSR deflation plain	AC	First report for this fall
Violet-green Swallow (300)	Oct 13	SJSR deflation plain	AC	A large flock for so late in the year
Violet-green Swallow (150-200)	Oct 14	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	A large flock for so late in the year
Barn Swallow (50)	Oct 8	FRR - Perkins Pen	SH	Last report for the breeding season
Mountain Chickadee	Oct 25	Prairie Peak	HH	Very rare in the Coast Range
Swainson's Thrush	Oct 10	River Road area	BC	Last report for the breeding season
Northern Mockingbird	Oct 8	SJSR deflation plain	AC,TJ	Seen sporadically the last year plus
Orange-crowned Warbler (2)	Oct 23	Valley River area	SH	Last report for the breeding season
MacGillivray's Warbler	Oct 6	Box Canyon area	CW	Last report for the breeding season

Common Yellowthroat (2).....	Oct 15 .....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	AC,VT .....	Last report for the breeding season
Black-throated Gray Warbler .....	Oct 15 .....	Row River trail .....	TMo.....	Last report for the breeding season
Chipping Sparrow .....	Oct 7 .....	River Road area .....	MRu.....	First fall record for yard
Western Tanager.....	Oct 4.....	East Bank bike path .....	RF .....	Last report for the breeding season
Pine Siskin .....	Oct.....	Eugene/Springfield.....	m.ob. ....	Numbers have been increasing

AC Alan Contreras, A&TM Allison & Tom Mickel, BC Barbara Combs, CA Cindy Armstrong, CW Cynthia Worthington, HH Hendrick Herlyn, J&SF Judy & Steven Franzen, LM Larry McQueen, LW Lisa Wallace, m.ob. many observers, MP Magnus Persmark, MRu Mark Rudolph, RF Rachael Friese, RS Randy Sinnott, RW Ron Wallace, SH Sally Hill, SM Sylvia Maulding, TJ Tye Jeske, TMo Tori Morgan, VT Vjera Thompson. M&SS Max & Sarah Smith, NS Noah Strycker, RF Rachael Friese, RR Roger Robb, SD Steve Dignam, SH Sally Hill, SMc Steve McDonald, TMo Tori Morgan, WW Will Wright.

## Thank you



To **Bryan Ribelin** for providing his artwork for our “Thank You” post cards. His line drawing of a Killdeer provides a lovely artistic image that we will use as an acknowledgement for our member donations.

To **Dick Lamster**, who presented a bird box talk at the BOGS (Birds of Oregon and General Science) group on November 2. Sixty-three people attended! Dick also presented a backyard bird talk to the Junction City Garden Club on November 7.

To the **Darkhorse Band** from Salem Oregon ([facebook.com/Darkhorsesalem/?ref=mentions](https://www.facebook.com/Darkhorsesalem/?ref=mentions)), who organized a fundraiser with profits targeted to wildfire relief

for animals affected during the summer fire season. Darkhorse, along with Viking Braggot Company ([drinkviking.com](http://drinkviking.com)), raised \$308 dollars during a Eugene concert on October 21st. Lane Audubon is matching the donation and dividing the gift between Chintimini Wildlife Center in Corvallis and Cascades Raptor Center, both of whom receive injured animals from our Lane County area. We also want to thank our volunteers who attended the event, Hilary Dearborn and Rachael Friese.

To **Jim and Charlotte Maloney**, who have been organizing the Third Saturday bird walks since summer of 2013. We want to thank Jim and Charlotte for their time and effort planning and organizing the bird walks, welcoming people in attendance, teaching and helping attendees, and creating a fun, enjoyable experience for all. While they still plan to participate, they are ready to pass on the organizational responsibilities. They recently

recruited a new volunteer to head this event, Rebecca Waterman, who has been enjoying the walks for several years. We are happy to welcome and also thank Rebecca for taking on the fun challenge of the Third Saturday bird walks. We look forward to working with you!

To our **Members**, who support us by returning the donation envelopes and either renewing their local Lane Audubon membership and/or sending in a donation! Our annual fundraiser keeps us functional through the year. We have the best members and truly appreciate your ongoing financial support!

To our **Booth Volunteers** at the Mt. Pisgah Mushroom Festival, who ably handled the steady stream of interested individuals at the LCAS booth. Thanks to Connie Berglund, Teresa Burnett, Janie Thomas, Kris Kirkeby, and Joyce Trawle for staffing the booth and helping get the word out about LCAS.

**Thank you all!!!**

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## It's Not Too Late to Donate!

The November issue of *The Quail* contained LCAS's annual fundraising request and donation envelope. If you neglected to respond right away, it's not too late to do so. You can always contribute online at [laneaudubon.org/support/donate](http://laneaudubon.org/support/donate), or mail your tax-deductible donation to Lane County Audubon Society, PO Box 5086, Eugene OR 97405. Thanks for your ongoing support!

## Program Meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 7:30 pm

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# Fernhill Wetlands Restoration Project



Photo: Vitek, Jimnec, WCS

*Joe Liebezeit bands a Semipalmated Sandpiper*

In 2014-15 Clean Water Services (CWS) implemented a massive habitat restoration project within the Fernhill Wetlands in the Portland Metro region. Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager for Portland Audubon, will detail the restoration that transformed 90 acres of unused sewage ponds into a complex

native wetlands habitat designed to treat wastewater. Fernhill Wetlands has historically been an important Portland-area birding location. Designated as an Important Bird Area, it provides ecological connectivity for local wildlife. The Audubon Society of Portland (ASOP) has been working with CWS since spring 2015 to assess bird response to the habitat restoration effort. This community science effort has involved local birders, using formal bird surveys designed and conducted by ASOP, and analysis of historical birder surveys conducted at the site for decades. General predictions were that use of the restored area by bird species dependent on open water would diminish, while use by uncommon/vulnerable marsh species (e.g. rails, bitterns) and other species dependent on native wetland habitats would increase. Joe will tell us how that is working out.

Joe joined Portland Audubon in July 2013. He has over 20 years of experience as a wildlife biologist and conservationist, studying birds and other wildlife in diverse habitats throughout the U.S. and internationally. Prior to his position with Portland Audubon, Joe worked for the Wildlife Conservation Society for 12 years, leveraging on-the-ground science efforts to protect wildlife from oil development and climate change impacts in Arctic Alaska. After growing up in suburban New Jersey, Joe received his Bachelor's degree in Zoology from the University of New Hampshire and a Master's Degree in Wildlife Management from Humboldt State University. Joe has lived in the northwest for nearly 20 years and in Portland since 2005. When he's not working, Joe enjoys spending time with his wife, two daughters, and pets. Other interests include playing and listening to music, exploring natural areas, and of course, bird watching!

The meeting will be held at the Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St., Eugene.

## Thank You, Bike Path Cleanup Volunteers!

Cold air and fog accompanied the fourteen people who set out for the Bike Path Cleanup on Saturday, October 14th. By the end of the cleanup, it was still chilly, but skies were a clear blue. The group split up and headed in two directions. Together they collected several bags of trash, which filled the back of Phil's pick up.

During the cleanup, people walking and riding on the bike path said "thank you" to the volunteers as they passed by. Two volunteers stopped into the Hampton Inn along West 11<sup>th</sup> to ask for a restroom. When they explained that they were doing a bike path cleanup, the woman at the desk offered six bottles of water and apples for the group. What a nice gesture of appreciation!

Afterwards, some of the volunteers rewarded themselves with a visit to Euphoria Chocolate. And, of course, they also enjoyed the birds along the way. The bird list included: Dark-eyed Junco, American Robin, Yellow-rumped Warbler, American Goldfinch, Pine Siskin, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Spotted Towhee, American Crow, European Starling, various geese, Belted Kingfisher, California Scrub Jay, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Mourning Dove, and Downy Woodpecker!

Thanks to all the volunteers for their time and efforts, and to Phil Johnson for organizing and making sure things happened as planned! Thanks for your great work.

# 2017 Eugene Christmas Bird Count Approaches

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Photo: Jim Maloney

This year marks the 76th Eugene Christmas Bird Count (ECBC) and the 118th National Audubon Society (NAS) Christmas Bird Count. The ECBC this year will be on Sunday, December 31, 2017. 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 and 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 (although he or she might be calling you soon).

## Birds

Dan Gleason is retiring as the Species Coordinator, and Vjera Thompson will be taking over those tasks. 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 and 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 call Herb Wisner at 541-344-3634. Herb is in charge of the Home Counters and will assist you in recording the birds you see and including them in 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 to be included in the official results. Please call Herb by December 27th if you would like to be a Home Counter.

## Chili Feed

All Team Leaders and 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 her homemade vegetarian chili for this fun ending to a day full of birding. We will tally results and swap stories of the day's sightings. The door to the Garden Club will open at 3:30 p.m., so you can stop by as soon as you finish your count. Chili will be served at 5:00 p.m. 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 cold and wet with some freezing conditions, but we still had 130 birders in the field and 111 Home Counters, for a total of 241 participants. The number of birders in the field was about the average number for the past ten years but the Home Counters were the most we have ever had. The entire group identified 131 species on count day and ten more species were added during Count Week. Identifying ten more species during Count Week is quite unusual. The total of 131 species is about average for the past 20 years. Our record, established in 2005, is 140 plus two more during Count Week.

We recorded 76,390 individual birds. This is a very low number for the past twenty years. Our record for most individual birds is 129,874 seen in 2000. You can view results of last year's ECBC, as well as all the other Christmas Bird Counts in North America, at [christmasbirdcount.org](http://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 31st!

## A New LCAS Audubon Adventures Record!

Sixty Audubon Adventures kits have been requested by Lane County teachers so far this year! Thanks to our amazing sponsors for making this possible. If you are interested in sponsoring a classroom, there's still plenty of time! Contact Rachael Friese via [audadventures@gmail.com](mailto:audadventures@gmail.com).

## Other Lane County CBCs

### Three this year! Feel free to join any or all of them.



Photo: Jim Maloney

### Florence CBC

**Saturday, December 16**

The Florence Christmas Bird Count has had a long history as a significant count area. The count circle includes both inland and coastal areas, covering very diverse habitats which attract and support a correspondingly wide-ranging species of birds. Since each area is covered by teams, participants at every level of birding experience can all be valuable contributors. Many eyes see more birds!

**Morning Meeting:** None. Packets will be sent out a couple weeks before the count, so people can head straight to their areas on count day.

**Countdown:** Abby's Pizza, 1374 US-101, Florence, for countdown, food, and fellowship.

If you are interested (a firm commitment at this point is not necessary), or for more information, please contact Ellen Cantor at [ellencantor@gmail.com](mailto:ellencantor@gmail.com) and Vjera Thompson at [nemesisquail@gmail.com](mailto:nemesisquail@gmail.com). Please address your emails to both, in case one of them is unavailable. Or call Vjera, 541.953.8019.

### Oakridge CBC

**December 28**

This count is your chance to experience winter birding in the western Cascades, while starting

and ending in civilized conditions. The morning meeting place, Lion Mountain Bakery, will offer both breakfast and box lunches, available for purchase. The end of day countdown is in a warm and cozy English-style town pub, where locals often drop in to share their own bird stories. In between, you'll be exploring habitats at the easternmost fringe of the Willamette Valley ecosystem that range from montane conifer forests and meadows, to oak woodlands and high prairie. The species number may not be high, but where else do you have the chance to see California Scrub-Jays, Mountain Quail, and Great Gray Owls all on the same route? **Morning meeting:** Lion Mountain Bakery, 48273 E 1st St., Oakridge, now back in business after a fire. Please contact the Compiler for start time and other details. **Countdown:** Brewers' Union Local 180, 48329 E 1st St, Oakridge, a family-friendly pub, around 4:30 p.m.

If you'd like to make this an overnight trip, for welcoming and comfortable lodging we suggest the Oakridge Lodge & Guest House, [oakridge-lodge.com](http://oakridge-lodge.com). Its owners have supported this traditional count ever since it re-started in December of 2009.

FMI or to get involved, please contact the Compiler, Joel Geier, [joel.geier@peak.org](mailto:joel.geier@peak.org), or 541.745.5821.

### Cottage Grove CBC

**December 30, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. or later**

Take part in something great: citizen science in Cottage Grove! The Cottage Grove (Oregon) Christmas Bird Count has returned. Thanks to

Grace Fowler-Gore and the Coast Fork Birders, with help from area birders Alan Contreras, Mike Patterson and Dick Lamster, Joel Geier and others, we discovered that a Cottage Grove Christmas Bird Count ran from 1971-1984! We hope to reactivate the same count circle, centered on Taylor Butte, so as to enable comparisons of data. All levels of birders are encouraged to take part. We are seeking both Field Counters, who travel out and about in groups, and Feeder Counters, who can stay warm and off your feet. The more eyes the better. For those who team up with other Field Counters, this is an awesome opportunity to learn the names of more local birds from experienced birders.

**Morning meeting:** Koffee Kup, 1241 N Pacific Hwy (Hwy 99), Cottage Grove. Phone 541.942.7710. If you're coming into town off I-5, take exit #174 and head west. The restaurant is on your right as you come down the train track overpass. It opens at 6 a.m. Be there at 7 a.m., or earlier if you want to order breakfast. We intend to get most teams assembled and ready to head out by 7:30 a.m..

**Countdown:** El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, 725 E Gibbs Ave, Cottage Grove, begins at 4 p.m. Grace will have directions for you at the breakfast meeting.

Count Circle zones/locations are still under development, as the number of people who sign up to participate will dictate the number of zones.

FMI, or to express interest in participating, contact Grace Fowler-Gore as soon as possible, so she can include you in her plans. Phone 817.975.4936, email [GraceLovesBirds1@gmail.com](mailto:GraceLovesBirds1@gmail.com), or check out the Cottage Grove Christmas Bird Count on Facebook.

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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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- Program meetings
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- Website: [laneaudubon.org](http://laneaudubon.org)

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- Family \$25.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
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## Community Calendar and Events

A service to Lane County Audubon Society members

12/9

### Mt Pisgah Arboretum

Saturday, December 9, 10 a.m.-noon  
*Mushroom Walk*

It's still 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. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. Rain or shine. \$5, members free.

FMI for all Mt Pisgah events:  
mountpisgaharboretum.org or 541.741.4110

12/16

### Nearby Nature

December 16, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.  
*Tree & Tea Party*

Join Nearby Nature for a family-paced winter wander through Hendricks Park's tall trees. Post walk, enjoy tea and a warm fire in the Wilkins Shelter. Meet outside the Hendricks Park Shelter. Members free, non-members \$5/family. Pre-register by calling 541.687.9699 or online at [nearbynature.org](http://nearbynature.org) events.

12/17

### Mt Pisgah Arboretum

Sunday, December 17, 8 a.m.-11 a.m.  
*Bird Walk*

Julia Siporin and Joni Dawning will lead this monthly bird walk intended for people with all levels of birding experience. They will point out vocalization, habitat, and behavior clues for identification of fall migrants and year-round residents. Please bring binoculars. Option to continue the walk until noon for those who wish to. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. \$5, members free.

1/15

### Southern Willamette Ornithological Club (SWOC)

Monday, January 15, 7 p.m.

#### *Eugene Birder's Night*

Attendees share recent sightings and discuss birding-connected topics, followed by a program TBA. For specifics, check out the Oregon Birders Online (OBOL) website the week before the meeting.

Location: The historic McNail-Riley house, 601 W 13th Ave, Eugene, is at the NW corner

of W. 13th Ave. and Jefferson by the former Lincoln School. Park in the five spaces closest to the M-R house, or across 13th Ave. in the Fairgrounds parking lot. All are welcome to attend this free monthly event.  
FMI [ellencantor@gmail.com](mailto:ellencantor@gmail.com)

1/21

### Mt Pisgah Arboretum

Sunday, January 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*Life Among the Mosses Walk*

This is our annual celebration of the little folks of the plant world. Botanist David Wagner will tell moss stories and weave lichen yarns to help us understand the elfin world of mosses, liverworts, and lichens. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum's Visitor Center. Don't forget your parking pass. \$5, members free.

1/27

### Willamette Valley Bird Symposium

Saturday, January 27, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

A day-long symposium bringing together professionals, students, and amateurs from the Willamette Valley to celebrate birds. WVBS provides an opportunity for valuable conversations among bird enthusiasts of all ages and backgrounds. Highlights include plenary speaker, student research presentations, demonstrations of avian research techniques, networking opportunities, and a live raptor exhibit. Learn all about the event at [willamettevalleybirds.org](http://willamettevalleybirds.org). CH2M HILL Alumni Center, 725 Southwest 26th Street, Corvallis, OR.

## Upcoming Festivals



2/15-18

February 15-18, 2018  
*Winter Wings Festival*

A bird-focused weekend produced by the Klamath Basin Audubon Society in Klamath Falls, OR. The Festival will feature a wealth of activities plus three dynamic keynoters: author and woodpecker specialist Stephen Shunk, Nikon Ambassador and wildlife photographer Moose Peterson; and author and instructor with the Cornell Lab, Kevin McGowan.

Registration opens Dec. 16 at 9 a.m. PST.

FMI: [WinterWingsFest.org](http://WinterWingsFest.org),  
[info@winterwingsfest.org](mailto:info@winterwingsfest.org), or 877.541.2473



4/13-15

April 13-15  
*Olympic Peninsula Bird Fest*

FMI: [olympicbirdfest.org](http://olympicbirdfest.org), [info@olympicbirdfest.org](mailto:info@olympicbirdfest.org), or 360.681.4076

## Visit the LCAS Booth at the Good Earth Show

Make your plans now to visit Lane Audubon's booth at the 13th annual Good Earth Home, Garden & Living Show, which runs January 19-21, 2018, at the Lane Events Center, 796 West 13th Avenue, in Eugene. Hundreds of vendors with earth-friendly products, a non-stop array of informative seminars and workshops on environmental and sustainability topics, and fascinating displays from many local businesses and organizations will all be part of the scene at the Good Earth Show this year. LCAS will have its booth there, as we have in years past. Stop by to say hello, and get to know our local birds a little bit better.



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## Lane County Audubon Society Bird Walks & Events

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### Sunday, December 31, 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 Walk

Saturday, January 21, 8 a.m.

Thomas Meinzen will lead this walk. The walk site 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 a.m. 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.

FMI: Rebecca Waterman at 541.653.3354 or Rebecca.waterman@gmail.com.

### Hummingbird Highways

Friday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.

**Hummingbird Highways: Why Landscape Connections Matter to Pollination in the Tropics**

Matthew Betts, an OSU Professor in the Department of Forest Ecosystems & Society, will tell us why.

His research interests have included: the influences of landscape structure on demography of animal populations, animal dispersals, and ecological thresholds.

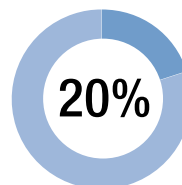
This talk, cosponsored by LCAS and the Eugene Natural History Society, will be held in Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO Campus.



#### January Program Meeting

Fernhill Wetlands Restoration Project  
with Joe Liebezeit

Tuesday, January 23, 7:30 p.m.  
Eugene Garden Club  
1645 High St., Eugene



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