

The Quail

News from Lane County Audubon Society



From Our President

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Mt. Pisgah Mushroom Festival Brings Out the Shroomers

On Sunday, October 28, thousands of attendees came to see the incredible mushroom display at the Mushroom Festival at Mt. Pisgah. Hundreds of them stopped by the LCAS booth to learn more about the birdlife in our area and get acquainted with the way our organization promotes the conservation of birds and their habitat through education and outreach.

Our booth staffers are central to spreading the word about LCAS in the community, and we thank each and every one of them for their help. Staffing the LCAS booth at the Mushroom Festival were Rachael Friese, Dolly Marshall, Sally O'Donnell, Ron Renchler, Janie Thomas, Joyce Trawle, and Susanne Twight-Alexander.

Your help is very much appreciated, volunteers!

Humans and Nature Are Interdependent

Regardless of the 2018 election results (I am writing this on November 5!), I realize my message will be the same...

As Audubon members who value nature and wildlife, we need to increase our efforts to connect, inform and educate our youth about how cool and amazing nature is. We need to share our awe and reverence for the natural world around us. Share the wonder of both the complexity and simplicity of natural ecosystems. Even after generations of study by humans, we still know and understand only a small part of how underlying natural processes work to support our life systems on the earth.

We need to share that our own survival as a species depends upon

how we care for the earth we inhabit. If we nurture, protect and preserve the earth's natural places, it will be our own species we save, as well as other species with whom we coexist.

I cannot give up hope that a future generation will be able to breathe in clean air, drink clear water, and gaze out at lovely natural wonders for inspiration. Please remember, humans need nature and nature depends on us to cherish and protect it.



Photo: Cary Kerst

Acorn Woodpecker

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Conservation

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Bad News, Good News from Here and There

In last month's column, I reported some bad news on the conservation front, but noted that there were ways that we, as individuals, could help. That's still true. Sitting at my computer, I find myself, again, mired in more bad news, and I worry about losing my sense of humor.

Bad news first:

- The Peregrine Fund has found that 52 percent of raptor species are declining around the globe.
 - According to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), we have seen an overall 60 percent decline of mammals, birds, fish, and reptiles since 1970.
 - A report on high-elevation species of birds show population declines. Their ranges have shrunk due to climate change, and they have run out of usable mountain habitat.
 - Although climate change is impacting countless species, including humans, the U.S. is no longer a part of the Paris Climate Agreement, and has removed information about climate change from several government websites including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Energy Department, and the State Department.
 - The journal *Nature* just published a study indicating that, excluding Antarctica, more than 77 percent of Earth's land and 87 percent of its oceans have been modified by human intrusion.
 - Habitat loss has increased due to conversion to agriculture, development, and extractive industries.
- Several government agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management have proposals in the works to increase logging on public lands, including close to home in Lane County and around the state.
 - Numerous proposals will open previously protected areas, such as National Parks and Wilderness areas, to mining, oil, and gas extraction under the current administration.
 - Both the executive branch and Congress are proposing weakening environmental laws that range from protection of clean air and water to protection of wildlife under the Endangered Species Act.

But wait! I'm still sitting at my computer, so I begin searching for good news from reliable sources, and I discover that:

- Pakistan aims to plant one billion new trees.
- After two centuries of heavy logging that left only a small percentage of U.S. forests intact, the trend has now reversed, with forest growth up from a century ago.
- In some areas, sustainable practices in farming are allowing for healthy soil and corridors of native plants.
- A recent report has found that more food is being grown in urban areas.
- Retailers are selling structures that allow you to grow food up rather than out, reducing food miles.
- The Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations released numbers that indicate that Europe could feed all the people who live there even if it cuts its crop yields by 30 percent on



Long-billed Dowitcher, Fern Ridge

average, reduces the production of animal products by 40 percent, and replaces pesticides and fertilizers with sustainable farming methods.

- In some countries, more people are eating plant-based foods.
- Initiatives to reduce plastic waste are popping up all over. Their efficacy has been demonstrated; for instance, when the Marine Conservation Society measured the amount of plastic bags on British beaches after plastics reduction legislation, it found a decrease of 37 percent after only the first year.
- This year, NASA confirmed that the hole in the ozone above Antarctica is recovering.
- The World Bank has a new policy eliminating funding of oil and gas exploration with a goal to invest at least 28 percent of their lending wealth in environmental causes.
- Offshore drilling was banned in Oregon by executive order.
- Countries around the world installed more solar capacity in 2017 than any other kind of energy generation.
- Technology is developing more efficient batteries to hold, during "off" hours, power that is generated by solar panels.
- One fairly new type of battery runs on CO2 released from power plants.
- Some countries and states have banned sunscreens containing ingredients that damage coral reefs (check out the labels).
- A way might exist to help recover

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Field Notes: October 2018

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Ancient Murrelet, Manx or Black-vented Shearwater

The first couple weeks of the month were sunny and warm, like the last five months. But then the weather turned more fall-like, with some rain and cloudy skies. The late, warm weather may have caused some birds to linger later than normal, or enticed more birders to go out more often, resulting in the number of late reports for breeding species. More wintering species should be arriving in the next month or so.

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



Ancient Murrelet

Photo: Andrew Redding/Flickr Creative Commons



Black-vented Shearwater

Photo: Glen Tepke/Vireo, Audubon

WATERFOWL TO HUMMINGBIRDS

Trumpeter Swan (3)	Oct 13	Veneta	BC	Same birds that were near Noti?
Trumpeter Swan (3)	Oct 30	Kirk Pond	LG	Same birds that were near Noti and Veneta?
Long-tailed Duck	Oct 6	Tokatee-Klootchman	SMA	Early sighting of this wintering species
Clark's Grebe	Oct 18	Florence Old Town	DF	Not common along the coast
Band-tailed Pigeon	Oct 18	LCC area	DA,EC	A late report
Vaux's Swift (3)	Oct 10	Skinner Butte	VT	Last report for the breeding season
Costa's Hummingbird	Oct 13	North Eugene	M	Quick look and not seen again
Costa's Hummingbird	Oct 13	Central Eugene	NC	Quick look and not seen again
Rufous Hummingbird	Oct 1	Eugene	MS	Last report for the breeding season

RAILS TO HERONS

Sora	Oct 18	Merryman Lane	BC	Last report for the breeding season
Sandhill Crane	Oct 22	Van Duyn Rd	BC	Normal time for their southward migration
Black-necked Stilt	Oct 2	FRR - Royal Ave	RR	A very late report
Semipalmated Plover	Oct 5	FRR	JS	Last report for the fall migration
Ancient Murrelet	Oct 23	NJSR	DF,et al	Never common in Lane Co
Rhinoceros Auklet	Oct 20	SJSR	AC,et al	Later than normal
Manx/Black-vented Shearwater	Oct 4	SJSR	DF	Rare sighting for Lane Co.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Oct 22	NJSR	DF	Fourth Lane Co record - photos
Common/Arctic Tern	Oct 14	FRR	MS	Found in small numbers most falls
Green Heron	Oct 20	Delta Ponds area	EC	A good area for them to winter

OWLS TO GROSBEAKS

Short-eared Owl (2)	Oct 15	NJSR	DF	Unusual location for this species
Lewis's Woodpecker	Oct 7	Cottage Grove dam	SS	They have wintered some years
Prairie Falcon	Oct 28	Washburn Ln	SH	First report for the winter season
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Oct 6	FRR - Perkins Pens	SH	Last report for the breeding season
Say's Phoebe	Oct 18	LCC area	DA,EC	Becoming more common in fall
Say's Phoebe	Oct 18	Eugene airport area	BC	Becoming more common in fall
Tropical Kingbird	Oct 15	Siltcoos River mouth	DF	A few found most fall/early winters
Northern Shrike	Oct 11	SJSR - deflation plain	MK	First coastal report for the winter season
Northern Shrike	Oct 14	FRR - Royal Ave	MS	First valley report for the winter season
Cassin's Vireo	Oct 10	Mt Pisgah area	A&TM	Last report for the breeding season
Warbling Vireo	Oct 2	Delta Ponds	MK	Last report for the breeding season
Tree Swallow	Oct 6	Eugene area	m.ob	Last report for the breeding season
Violet-green Swallow	Oct 10	Skinner Butte	VT	Last report for the breeding season
Barn Swallow	Oct 26	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	Last report for the breeding season

American Dipper	Oct 25	Stonefield Beach	AC, et al	An uncommon location
Swainson's Thrush	Oct 7	SE Eugene	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Lapland Longspur	Oct 10	SJSR	DF	First report – larger than normal numbers
Snow Bunting - photo	Oct 14	SJSR	LW	Small numbers found most fall/early winters
Grasshopper Sparrow	Oct 25	Cantrell Rd.	SH	A very late report
Swamp Sparrow - photo	Oct 20	Waite Ranch	AC, et al	First report for the winter season
White-throated Sparrow	Oct 8	River Rd area	BC	First report for the winter season
Orange-crowned Warbler	Oct 9	FRR - Royal Ave.	RM	Last report for the breeding season
Common Yellowthroat	Oct 19	Florence Old Town	DP, SH	Last report for the breeding season
Common Yellowthroat	Oct 19	LCC area	GM	Last report for the breeding season
Palm Warbler (2)	Oct 14	SJSR - deflation plain	DF	First report – more than normal for fall
Palm Warbler (4) - photos	Oct 16	SJSR - deflation plain	RR, DA	A large number for one location
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Oct 23	Hendricks Park	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Townsend's Warbler	Oct 2	River Rd area	BC	First report for the valley for the winter
Western Tanager (2) - photos	Oct 30	River Rd area	LM	Last report for the breeding season
Black-headed Grosbeak - photo	Oct 6	Springfield	SMc	Last report for the breeding season

AC Alan Contreras, A&TM Allison & Tom Mickel, BC Barbara Combs, DA Dennis Arendt, DF Daniel Farrar, DP Diane Pettey, EC Ellen Cantor, GM Gerry Meenaghan, JS John Sullivan, LG Linda Gilbert, LM Libbie Marshall, LW Lindsay Willrick, M Marcia, MK Michael Karpinko, MS Martin Stervander, NC Nancy Clogston, RM Russ Morgan, RR Roger Robb, SH Sally Hill, SMa Sylvia Maulding, SMC Scott McNeeley, SS Sue Sheppard, VT Vjera Thompson. M.Ob signifies many observers.

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coral reefs suffering from massive die-offs: Scientists have managed to breed coral from the Great Barrier Reef and transplant it back into the wild.

- Watchdog organizations have recorded population increases of pandas, dolphins, gorillas, and other species, which they attribute to environmental work and legislation like the US Endangered Species Act.
- The Center for Biological Diversity noted 23 different marine mammals showing signs of recovery under the ESA.
- Staff from the Wildlife Conservation Society and its partners released 24 plains zebras into southern Tanzania where they have not been seen for more than 50 years.
- A judge recently ruled to protect Yellowstone grizzlies from hunting.
- A Chinese billionaire has committed to donate about one third of her wealth, \$1.5 billion, to wildlife conservation.

What a relief! Organizations and people are stepping up. I can keep my sense of humor. And on that note, here's an eye-roller: Why are seabirds so lucky in love? Because one good tern deserves another!

Bird Songs for a Winter's Night

January 11, 7 p.m.

Seldom on a winter's night in Oregon can a birder rack up a checklist of more than 30 species in a single hour. But that's exactly what listeners have in store for them on January 11, when the Lane County Audubon Society presents singer-songwriter Stephan Nance at Eugene Piano Academy for the release of their latest, birdiest record, *Look at the Harlequins!*

Stephan's music has drawn comparisons to basically any singer who ever played a piano — Regina Spektor, Ben Folds, Tori Amos — but truly occupies a niche of its own. In "Overwintered," a suspenseful song inspired by visits to Klamath Falls, Stephan alludes to the wick-a call of a Northern Flicker. Another track, "Reverse Nature Shock," describes the return of "an itinerant Song Sparrow" after touring Japan, with references to hashibuto and hashiboso gasasu (Large-billed and Carrion Crows).

Attendees will be encouraged to keep track of the birds on a checklist in the program. Vegan cupcakes will be provided by Cornbread Café. This all-ages show will kick off Stephan's tour of concerts hosted by Audubon Society chapters and bird clubs across the US.

For more about Stephan, visit stephannance.com.

CD Release show location: 507 Willamette St. Eugene. A \$5 donation is requested.



Program Meeting, Tuesday, January 22, 7:30 pm

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The Enigmatic Marbled Murrelet



Kim posing with MAMU photo

Kim Nelson will share information she has gathered on the enigmatic Marbled Murrelet (MAMU).

These murrelets (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) are unique small, cryptic seabirds that nest inland in older-aged forests of the Pacific Northwest, instead of on off-shore rocks like their

relatives. Murrelet populations have declined over much of their range due primarily to current and historic loss and fragmentation of their forest breeding habitat. Changes in ocean conditions and prey availability are also impacting nesting frequency and nesting success. Come hear about the Marbled Murrelet, the last bird species in North America to have its nest found. Kim will discuss murrelet ecology, recent research in Oregon, and new developments in technology that help in studying this elusive seabird.

Kim is a Research Wildlife Biologist in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University.

Her research has been focused on the ecology and habitat associations of seabirds, specifically using modeling and habitat data to better understand and help resolve wildlife conservation and management issues. She has published more than 50 scientific papers on her research. Originally from Colorado, she moved to Oregon in the mid-1970s because of her love of the ocean, forests, and mountains. She spends her free time birdwatching, gardening, traveling, and enjoying the great outdoors.



Photo: Dan Cushing and Kim Nelson

MAMU on water

Thank You, Bike Path Cleanup Volunteers!

Seven people set out for the Bike Path Cleanup on Sunday, October 14, with clear skies and mild temperatures. Working together, the group collected several bags of trash. Two volunteers, Gerry and his daughter, Ariana, started early since they had to leave early for another activity—such a good work ethic!!

During the cleanup, people walking and riding on the bike path that morning said “thank you” to the LCAS volunteers as they passed by. Afterwards, some of the volunteers rewarded themselves with a visit to Euphoria Chocolate.

The morning bird list included Dark-eyed Junco, American Robin,

American Goldfinch, House Finch, Northern Harrier, American Kestrel, European Starling, Canada Goose, Northern Flicker, Belted Kingfisher, Great Blue Heron, California Scrub-Jay, American Crow, Song Sparrow, Bushtit, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Downy Woodpecker, and Western Meadowlark, plus numerous unidentified duck and gull species from a distance!

Thank you to the volunteers—Gerry and Ariana Meenaghan, John Polo, Hilary Dearborn, Dick Lamster, and Maeve Sowles—and especially to Phil Johnson for organizing and making sure things happened as planned! Thanks for your efforts!

Thanks to Rose Britton for Her Home Show Talk

Thank you to Rose Britton for creating a PowerPoint presentation and giving a talk at the October Home Show in Eugene, Saturday, October 13, at 4 p.m.. Her talk was titled “Birding in Autumn—Watch & Enjoy!” Thanks so much to Rose for sharing her talents and excitement for birds with the community!

2018 Eugene Christmas Bird Count Set for December 30

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This year marks the 77th Eugene Christmas Bird Count (ECBC) and the 119th National Audubon Society (NAS) Christmas Bird Count. The ECBC this year will be on Sunday, December 30. Our 15-mile diameter count circle is centered in the Danebo area of Eugene and is divided into 27 areas. Each has a Team Leader who organizes and leads the group during the count day, and then submits the results to the ECBC Steering Committee.

Count Coordinator

Count Coordinator Dick Lamster 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 Compiler

Vjera Thompson will be the Species Compiler again this year. She will accept bird checklists from Team Leaders at the end of the count, hopefully at the chili feed. After reviewing unusual bird sightings, she will submit 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 birds that visit your yard, please contact Herb Wisner at 541-344-3634 or hrwisner@comcast.net. Herb will assist you in recording the birds you

see, and he will add them to the official count. Before count day, he'll send you a form to help you record birds. Then he'll 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 contact Herb by December 26 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 her homemade vegetarian chili for this fun ending to a day full of birding. In addition, this year the Cornbread Café will provide fresh, delicious cornbread for everyone to enjoy as we tally results and swap stories of the day's sightings. The Garden Club's door will open at 3:30 p.m., so you can warm up as soon as you finish your count. Chili service starts 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. 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 foggy, but we still had 149 birders in

the field and 76 Home Counters, for a total of 225 participants. The number of birders in the field was higher than the average for the past 10 years, but the number of Home Counters was about the same. The entire group identified 130 species on count day, and 7 more species were added during Count Week. Identifying 7 more species during Count Week was unusual. The total of 130 species is about average for the past 20 years. Our record, established in 2005, is 140 plus 2 more during count week.

We recorded 71,084 individual birds. This is a very low number for the past 20 years, but close to the number count the previous year. 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 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 30!



Other 2018 Christmas Bird Counts in Lane County

Florence CBC

Saturday, December 15
Contact: Ellen Cantor
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Cottage Grove CBC

Saturday, December 29, 7 a.m.
Contact: Grace Fowler
GraceLovesBirds1@gmail.com

Oakridge CBC

Friday, December 28
Contact: Joel Geier
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Children's Book Recommendation

by Maeve Sowles

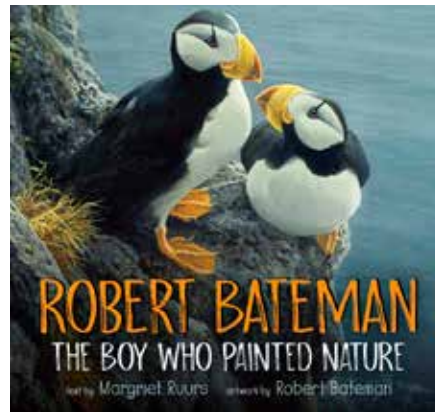
If you are looking for a children's book to help engage youth in nature, check out *Robert Bateman: The Boy Who Painted Nature*, by Margriet Ruurs, with art by Robert Bateman.

Celebrated artist Robert Bateman is renowned internationally for bringing the natural world to life on the canvas. A naturalist and painter from his youth, Robert has for decades used his fame to shed light on environmental issues and advocate for animal welfare.

The book tells the true story of how, as a young child, Robert achieved his dream of painting the world around him and became one of Canada's most famous artists. Using Robert's own personal photographs, sketches, and artwork, author Margriet Ruurs

weaves a simple story of inspiration and encouragement. This is a story to motivate all the budding artists and naturalists in your life, with proceeds benefiting The Bateman Foundation.

The author, Margriet Ruurs, and her husband, Kees, used to live in Oregon and were LCAS members! FMI: orcabook.com/Robert-Bateman-The-Boy-Who-Painted-Nature-P3952.aspx



Thanks to Matt Parker for Website Help

Lane Audubon wants to thank Matt Parker for his incredible help and support over the past few months. Our web site was hacked, and Matt ably resolved the issue. (No member data is kept on the site, so no personal information was compromised.) We needed to update our web program and also decided to move our hosting services. Matt made all that happen! He also generously gave us a non-profit rate for his services, which was terrific. Matt Parker, thank you!!

Audubon in the Schools Update

After announcing that Audubon in the Schools is ready to visit classrooms, requests have come in from 21 teachers wanting to schedule a visit. Barb Pope is setting up schedules, and the AITS team is working together well, with each team member taking on different roles. The AITS team met to look at Rose Britton's newly created PowerPoint presentations for the introductory portion of "Feathers" and "Birds in the Ecosystem" modules. LCAS purchased a set of new hand lens loupes which the kids will be able to use for the feather details. Some fall class sessions have already occurred and will continue through the school year. There is still time for new volunteers to become involved and we are lucky to have a great group working on this important educational program!

LCAS Good to Go at the 2019 Good Earth Show

Lane County Audubon will again have a booth presence this year at the Good Earth Home, Garden & Living Show at the Lane Events Center, 796 West 13th Avenue, in Eugene. The event will begin Friday evening, January 18, and continue Saturday and Sunday, January 19-20, 2019. As in years past, the booth will be located in the Good Gardening area of the show, so stop by and tell us about your bird sightings and get answers to your questions about our local birds and their habitats.

Each year at the event, hundreds of vendors with earth-friendly products gather to promote their wares and provide information on environmental and sustainability topics. The Good

Earth Show also 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.

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



January 18-20, '19

EugeneHomeShow.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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- Website: laneaudubon.org

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- I would like to volunteer for Lane County Audubon activities.
- Lane Audubon will not release your personal information to other organizations. We will use it only for Lane County Audubon Society communications.

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Community Calendar and Events

A service to Lane County Audubon Society members

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Mt Pisgah Arboretum

Saturday, December 1, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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: mountpisgaharboretum.org or 541.741.4110

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Nearby Nature

Saturday, December 1, 1-3 p.m.

Get Squirrelly: Nature Quest

During this family-friendly outdoor adventure, play acorn hide and seek, find out who's getting ready for winter, and enjoy fireside nature tales. Rain or shine! Meet at the Hendricks Park Wilkins Shelter. Members free; non-members, \$5 per family. FMI or to pre-register: nearbynature.org/events or 541.687.9699

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Mt Pisgah Arboretum

Sunday, December 9, 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

Bird Walk

Join Julia Siporin and Joni Dawning for their monthly bird walk, appropriate for people with all levels of birding experience. They'll use vocalizations, habitat, and behavior clues for identification of our winter and year-round residents. Please bring binoculars. Option to continue the walk until noon for those who are interested. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. \$5, members free.

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Southern Willamette Ornithological Club (SWOC)

Monday, December 17, 7 p.m.

Eugene Birders' Night: Holiday Treats and Bird Photo Slam

Attendees will share treats and photos. All who wish are welcome to bring savory or sweet treats. Then those who would like to share a short presentation of birding-related photos can do so via their own laptops or thumb drive. These can be photos from our local area or from trips near or far. Please let me know if you are considering contributing to

the show. 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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Willamette Valley Bird Symposium

Saturday, January 19, 7:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Kenn Kaufman is the keynote speaker of this day-long symposium bringing together professionals, students, and amateurs from the Willamette Valley to celebrate birds. CH2M Hill Alumni Center at Oregon State University, Corvallis
FMI or to register: willamettevalleybirds.org/

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Southern Willamette Ornithological Club (SWOC)

Monday, January 21, 7 p.m.

Eugene Birders' Night: Caribbean Birds and Some Lizards

After attendees share recent sightings and birding-related topics, University of Oregon Biology Professor Bitty Roy and her companion, Michael Worley, will present "Caribbean Birds and Some Lizards." Roy and Worley will show the evolutionary patterns and habitats of the birds from three of the largest islands in the Caribbean: Jamaica, Hispaniola, and Puerto Rico. Because these islands are geographically isolated, a large number of endemics there are found nowhere else in the world. All are welcome to attend this free monthly event. Location: same as December 17. FMI: ellencantor@gmail.com

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Klamath Basin Audubon Society

February 14-17

The 40th Annual Klamath Basin Winter Wings Festival

Featured speakers are Pepper Trail, George Lepp, and Julie Zickefoose. Event also includes 50+ guided birding and photography field trips, workshops, receptions, and more. FMI: WinterWingsFest.org. Online registration opens December 15 at 9 a.m. PST. Typically several activities sell out on the first day of registration.



Pollinator Primer: Your Tiny Neighbors and the Plants They Love

December 14, 7:30 p.m.

100 Willamette Hall, UO Campus

We co-sponsor a program each December with Eugene Natural History Society. This year Bruce Newhouse will share information about pollinators that will help us nurture them.

Did you ever wonder about all those flying and crawling critters on your flowers? Do you know how to tell a bee from a fly? Do you know that some flies are good pollinators? Do you know how to plant a garden that will be the best possible place for pollinators? If these kinds of questions go through your mind as you stare at your garden, this presentation is for you! We will familiarize ourselves with the most common native pollinators and learn a few simple tricks to tell them apart. We'll also learn some of the best things you can do to invite native pollinators into your own yard, including which plants "rock the world" of the little creatures that run it.

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2018 Eugene Christmas Bird Count

Sunday, December 30, 2018

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

Third Saturday Bird Walk

Saturday, January 19, 8 a.m.

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

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.

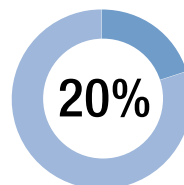


January Program Meeting

The Enigmatic Marbled Murrelet,
with Kim Nelson

Tuesday, January 22, 7:30 p.m.

Eugene Garden Club
1645 High St., Eugene



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