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One of the highlights of my summer was participating in a bird walk in New York City’s Central Park. After temporarily losing my way in the maze of lanes and paths that make up the park, I finally found the Boathouse, where Robert DeCandido, or “Birder Bob” as he is known



locally, always begins his Sunday morning walks. Predictably, it was an international group, including birders from South Africa, Greenland, Turkey, China, and Oregon (me), all eager to see East Coast birds in the sanctuary that Central Park provides in the midst of the great metropolis.

We were treated to sightings of Tufted Titmouse, Eastern Kingbird, Black-and-white Warbler, Baltimore Oriole, and Northern Cardinal, along with some species more familiar to us here in the Northwest: Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, and Black-capped Chickadee.

It is heartening to know that even in the most populated areas of the country, avid birders and conservationists passionately observe our feathered friends and work hard to protect them from the forces that threaten their safety and well-being. As a “home, sweet home” type of person, I like to compare the places I visit with the place I live, and I always come away realizing how fortunate I am to have settled

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Under the Umbrella

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With the arrival of fall, I'm thinking about raincoats and umbrellas and walking in the rain under the canopy of the verdant Northwest forests. Conservationists too are often thinking about umbrellas. They are understandably concerned about getting the most coverage for their efforts. One way to do this is to identify ecosystems in need of protection and then target large regions, so that all the inhabitants of a region are sheltered under the umbrella of the conservation plan. Another strategy is to identify an umbrella species and put in place protections that would benefit not just that threatened species, but also other species that co-occur with it. Given the common but unfortunate short-term approach to economic gain, the political landscape, and the competing uses for land, this umbrella approach can be an efficient strategy for protecting the most species possible with limited resources.

Caution should be taken with the umbrella species approach. Providing for the needs of one species may not necessarily provide protection to other species of concern. For instance, a research report found that protection of the California Gnatcatcher did not function to protect many lepidopteran (butterfly and moth) species in the area of coastal sage scrubs in California. However, a recent review analysis (Branton and Richardson 2011) found several positive outcomes and confirmed that umbrella species really can work to protect co-occurring species. Overall, the abundance and numbers of species were greater in areas that had designated umbrella species than in areas that did not. For bird enthusiasts, it is fortunate that avian species were shown to have the most potential as umbrella species. Here's a few examples from recent studies:

- Northern Bobwhites can act as an umbrella species for grassland and shrubland birds.
- Efforts to protect the White-backed Woodpecker resulted in greater protection for saproxylic beetles (they depend on decaying wood) and other species that are associated with the broadleaved trees used by the woodpecker.



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- The American Woodcock was shown to be an effective umbrella species, especially for early-successional forest birds.
- The Red-cockaded Woodpecker acts as an umbrella species in the restoration of the Longleaf Pine ecosystem of the southeastern United States.

The Greater Sage-Grouse has been in the news lately as various agencies scrambled to provide some conservation measures for the species so that it would not need to be listed under the Endangered Species Act. Most people hope that the sage-grouse will act as an umbrella species so that safeguards put in place for the bird will help to protect all of the denizens of the fragile and disappearing habitat known as the sagebrush sea.

Many critics of protection for the Northern Spotted Owl point out that the owl population is doomed due to competition from the Barred Owl. They use this argument to claim that there is no point in protecting Spotted Owl habitat and to rationalize logging old-growth forests. (Of course, if the Spotted Owl was not dealing with severe habitat loss from the destruction of old-growth forest, the species would be better positioned to deal with the Barred Owl.) Although many of us may feel that this iconic species has inherent

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Field Notes: September 2015



- Eared Grebe
- Upland Sandpiper
- Ruff
- Pygmy Nuthatch
- Red-throated Pipit
- Lapland Longspur

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September was a little wetter and cooler than the previous few months, but still warmer and drier than normal. As you can see from the reports below, fall migration was in full swing with many interesting sightings. The news from the Agate Hall chimney is distressing—in September, thousands of Vaux's Swifts should be roosting there during the fall migration, but the numbers dropped to almost ZERO during the peak period!

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

WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose	Sept 21	Lane Co.	m.ob.	Many large flocks headed south!
Cackling Goose (20)	Sept 21	Siltcoos River mouth	AC	The first report for the winter season
Eared Grebe	Sept 23	Gold Lake	LG	Occasionally found in the high Cascades
Pink-footed Shearwater	Sept 18	Siltcoos River mouth	JL, JS	Not commonly seen from shore
Great Egret (136)	Sept 6	FRR - Royal Ave	RR	A very high number for the county
White-faced Ibis	Sept 26	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	Rarely found in the fall

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Merlin	Sept 23	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	The first report for the winter season
Prairie Falcon	Sept 13	Middle Sister	LN	Migrating along the crest?
Sora	Sept 9	FRR - Royal Ave	RS	Last report for the breeding season
Pacific Golden-Plover	Sept 12	FRR - Royal Ave	SH, VB	Found in small numbers during migration
Black-necked Stilt	Sept 19	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	Rare during the fall
Solitary Sandpiper	Sept 12	FRR - Royal Ave	CS	Very small numbers reported during the fall
Solitary Sandpiper	Sept 28	Delta Ponds	JC	Later than normal for fall migration
Upland Sandpiper	Sept 4	FRR - Royal Ave	PC, LW	The second record for Lane Co
Ruddy Turnstone (12)	Sept 4	NJSR	SMc	Later and larger numbers than normal
Dunlin (20)	Sept 3	FRR - Royal Ave	GB	Earlier than normal
Ruff	Sept 1	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	A rare annual migrant
Sanderling	Sept 12	FRR - Royal Ave	CS	A rare inland report
Wilson's Snipe (7)	Sept 11	SJSR	AC	An unusual sighting of a flock flying south!
Herring Gull (small flock)	Sept 21	Siltcoos River mouth	AC	Earlier than normal
Caspian Tern (48)	Sept 11	FRR - Perkins	AC	A higher number than usual
Elegant Tern (19)	Sept 15	NJSR	JH	They're still being seen
Common Tern (17)	Sept 8	FRR - dam	SH	Normally found during fall migration
Common Murre (2)	Sept 27	SJSR	AC, SNa	Not common this late in the year

NIGHTHAWKS to BLACKBIRDS

Common Nighthawk (2)	Sept 14	Maurie Jacobs Park	BN	A late report for this species
Vaux's Swift (1820)	Aug 28	Agate Hall, UO	BC	Swift numbers are very low compared to a normal fall migration!
Vaux's Swift (774)	Sept 6	Agate Hall, UO	BC	

NIGHTHAWKS to BLACKBIRDS cont.

Vaux's Swift (1)	Sept 12	Agate Hall, UO	BC	Are they using a different roost this fall?
Lewis's Woodpecker	Sept 11	Lorane Highway	EC	Earlier than normal for the valley
Lewis's Woodpecker (2)	Sept 11	Waldo Lake	A&TM	Normal fall migration in high Cascades
Williamson's Sapsucker	Sept 2	Scott Lake	PC, LW	Small numbers are found in high Cascades
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker	Sept 23	Marilyn Lake trail	LG	Always a good area for this species
Say's Phoebe (2)	Sept 19	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	Uncommon during the fall
Western Kingbird	Sept 7	SJSR	AC	Much later than normal
Warbling Vireo	Sept 20	Delta Ponds	BG	Getting late for this species
Purple Martin	Sept 13	FRR - Royal Ave	m.ob.	Late report for the breeding season
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (2)	Sept 4	Alton Baker Park	ET	Earlier than normal
Steller's Jay (lots!)	Sept 9	west Eugene	AC	Is there some kind of movement?
Horned Lark	Sept 12	FRR - Royal Ave	LJ, JS	A migrant or a wandering local breeder?
Horned Lark	Sept 21	Siltcoos River mouth	AC	Rarely seen along the coast
Pygmy Nuthatch (possible)	Sept 7	deflation plain	AC	A very rare bird in the county
Mountain Bluebird	Sept 13	Middle Sister	LN	Lots seen above timberline
Varied Thrush	Sept 23	Cottage Grove	TMo	The first report in the valley for the winter
Red-throated Pipit	Sept 11	FRR - Royal Ave	JL, JS	First documented record for Lane Co
Lapland Longspur	Sept 7	Rock Ck - coast	MP	Found in very small numbers during migration
MacGillivray's Warbler	Sept 17	Heceta Beach area	DP	Getting late for this species
Townsend's Warbler	Sept 9	LCC	LM, et al.	Earlier than normal for the valley
Vesper Sparrow	Sept 20	Creswell	SNe	Migrant or local breeding bird?
Fox Sparrow	Sept 9	LCC	SMa	The first report for the winter season
Lincoln's Sparrow	Sept 12	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	The first report in the valley for the winter
Harris's Sparrow	Sept 10	Heceta Beach area	DP	Much earlier than normal for this rare visitor
White-throated Sparrow	Sept 24	SJSR Crab pier/dock	AC, SNa	The first report for the winter season
Golden-crowned Sparrow	Sept 9	LCC	SMa	The first report for the winter season
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Sept 13	FRR - dam	SH	The last report for the breeding season

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From our Treasurer (continued from page 1)

in Lane County, where so many people value the outdoor lifestyle and believe in the responsible stewardship of our natural surroundings.

I'm proud, too, to be a part of Lane County Audubon Society. Each November, we encourage all our members to show their support for our education and conservation efforts. Whether you appreciate our monthly bird walks and program meetings, our educational programs in local classrooms, our involvement in local and statewide conservation efforts, or

just enjoy the pleasures of casual bird-watching, your annual financial support for LCAS is vital.

Every dollar you give goes directly to support our programs and outreach efforts. You can make a tax-deductible contribution by using the envelope included in this issue of *The Quail* or by going online to laneaudubon/support/donate.org. You can also renew or extend your membership at this time to help keep Lane County Audubon Society going strong.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Vaux's Swift Migration Is Unusual This Year

photo credit: Kat Sam



LCAS hosted two Swift Events this fall, as usual. What was unusual about the events was that we saw virtually NO Vaux's Swifts. During the first evening, September 11, we saw three swifts fly over the Agate Hall chimney. No swifts have been seen at the chimney since.

Typically the peak of migration is mid-September to early October. This year, there were reports of 1,820 swifts entering the chimney on August 28 and 774 the following week. The firefighters at the

adjacent fire station told us that on September 4 they observed thousands filling the sky.

Those numbers are good news, but questions remain: Why did the swifts migrate so early this year? Why are the numbers nowhere near the numbers we are used to seeing? There were also eBird reports of Vaux's Swifts in Arizona early in September, causing some to speculate that the migration route ran east of the Cascades this year.

We have many questions and no answers about the changes in the swift migration observed this year. We can only hope that the population is healthy and is just following a different pattern this year. It will be interesting to see what the spring Swift Events bring.

Conservation Column *(continued from page 2)*

value in and of itself, the fact is that protections put in place for the Spotted Owl are about more than just this one species. The Spotted Owl acts as an umbrella species. These birds are representative of old-growth forests and all the species that make up and thrive in this important ecosystem: towering trees, salmon, invertebrates, bats and other small mammals, lichens, fungi, salamanders, Marbled Murrelets, and Red-cockaded Woodpeckers.

It's true that the owls' specific habitat requirements do not precisely match all old-growth species of concern. For example, several of the threatened co-occurring species are aquatic. Solutions under the umbrella: Provide more comprehensive protection such that multiple species will benefit, or use an array of umbrella species to better cover different aspects of a given habitat. Either way, if somebody asks you why we should bother to care about the extinction of just one kind of bird, explain to them (patiently) that protecting that one species may help protect many other species, including ourselves, that are reliant on a healthy ecosystem.

Branton, M., and J. S. Richardson. 2011. "Assessing the Value of the Umbrella-Species Concept for Conservation Planning with Meta-Analysis." *Conservation Biology* 25: 9-20.

Thank you to Joyce Trawle, Audubon Adventures Coordinator!

Since May 2011, Joyce Trawle has served as Audubon Adventures Coordinator. She worked hard to grow the program, which now offers environmental education materials to over 40 classrooms in Lane County.

Joyce created a well-running program and matches up LCAS member sponsors with classrooms throughout the community. She has this year's program in place, but needs time away for other activities. We all give Joyce a big THANK YOU for her time, commitment, and a JOB WELL DONE!



How Did That Bird Get THAT Name? with Dan Gleason

How did the Killdeer get its name? Certainly this small bird doesn't kill deer! Does a nuthatch hatch nuts? And what does Willet mean?

Dan will explain how and why many birds got their sometimes odd and interesting names. Along the way, you'll inevitably learn about some fascinating behaviors and interesting tidbits about the lives of many North American birds.

Dan Gleason, author of *Birds! From The Inside Out* and *Looking for Yellowheads*, is a retired faculty member of the Biology Department at the University of Oregon, where he taught ornithology for many years. Dan has served on the Board of Directors of Lane County Audubon Society for many years, holding numerous positions. He is past president of Oregon Field Ornithologists (now Oregon Birding Association), and he volunteers at Cascades Raptor Center in Eugene, providing instruction about birds to their staff, volunteers, and the public. Dan has been actively involved in environmental education throughout the Eugene area by leading field trips, presenting workshops, and providing volunteer guide training. He enjoys sharing his knowledge and interest in birds and the natural world by speaking to schools, clubs, and organizations throughout the Pacific Northwest. Each month, Dan writes the "Backyard Habitats" column for Eugene's major newspaper, the *Register-Guard*.

Dan and his wife Barbara own the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Eugene, where they sell a wide variety of birding products and act as valuable resources for anyone interested in learning more about birds.

November Program Meeting
How Did That Bird Get THAT Name? with Dan Gleason



Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 p.m.

Eugene Garden Club
1645 High St., Eugene

Thank you to Sara Lee Higgins, LCAS Webmaster!



Sara Lee Higgins has served as LCAS webmaster since April 2013. She brought our new webpage from a basic shell into a fully functional web presence, made online donations and membership payments possible, built in new features to provide easier access

to information, and created visual improvements. Just a few adjectives to describe Sara include creative, helpful, communicative, talented, skilled troubleshooter and problem solver, attentive to detail, and self-directed. In short, she is a most excellent webmaster!

Sara plans to move out of the area and we wish her all the best. Sara, THANK YOU for all your webmaster help over the past two and a half years!

Get Involved—Volunteer!

Lane County Audubon Society is an all-volunteer organization, and our members are very proud of the energy and diverse talents that volunteers bring to our cause—we couldn't do it without them. Volunteering with LCAS is a great way to meet new people, give back to the community, and—best of all—have fun! For more information, visit our Volunteer page online at www.laneaudubon.org/support/volunteer or contact Maeve Sowles at 541.343.8664 or president@laneaudubon.org.

Program Committee Chair

We're seeking a volunteer to serve as Chair of the Program Committee. This committee works as a team to develop ideas and recruit speakers for the chapter Program Meetings. Programs are scheduled eight times per year. The Program Committee is responsible for engaging speakers and organizing publicity and other logistics well in advance of each meeting. The Board will assist with ideas for Program speakers.

Audubon Adventures Coordinator

Audubon Adventures is National Audubon Society's (NAS) award-winning environmental education program. Audubon Adventures was designed by the environmental experts at NAS and boasts top-quality educational materials. Through our Adopt-a-Classroom Program, Lane County Audubon offers teachers in grades 3–5 an opportunity to participate at no cost to their schools.

LCAS is looking for someone who can link the participating teachers with the generous sponsors of this program. If you have a computer and a little time, this might be the volunteer opportunity you've been looking for! It takes flexibility, organization, and a sense of timing to make things work well for the teachers and sponsors.

Outreach to schools and sponsors begins in September. Orders for the kits are placed with NAS in October so that teachers receive their kits as soon as they are available for shipping. Maintaining contact with the teachers throughout the school year is crucial. You'll want to make sure they've received their kits, see if they need any additional help, and check in with them at the end of the school year.

Potential sponsors find out about teachers who would like to participate through *The Quail*, at program meetings, and through an annual mailing. Please contact Maeve Sowles

(maeveanddick@q.com) if this rewarding position sounds interesting to you. We'll be happy to provide you with all the information and training you need to manage the program.

Audubon in the Schools Instructors

Are you interested in teaching young children about birds? Do you have a few hours a month to spare? Then Audubon in the Schools (AITS) is the volunteer opportunity you've been waiting for!

The AITS curriculum, developed by Kris Kirkeby, our former Education Chair, comprises five lessons that combine bird biology and basic art techniques. It is designed to provide elementary students with a solid introduction to core aspects of bird biology, including feather anatomy and function, bird identification techniques, bird field marks, and habitat. You don't need to be an artist to learn the drawing techniques well enough to teach the children, and you don't need to be a scientist or expert birder to learn the science for these lessons. New volunteers will be trained soon. Contact Caryn Stoess, AITS Coordinator, at 541.357.8739 or AITSEugene@gmail.com for more information.



Bewick's Wren in Bertelsen Park. Photo credit: Cary Kerst



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for National Audubon Society no longer support 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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- The Quail—9 issues/yr.
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- Conservation issue representation
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Community Calendar, Events, and Opportunities

A service to Lane Audubon members

Joan Bray Art Exhibit

November 1-30

Willamette Oaks, 455 Alexander Loop, Eugene

Joan Bray (1920–2012) was a long-time member of LCAS and helped with the monthly mailing of *The Quail*. Her art and calligraphy will be displayed at the art gallery at Willamette Oaks, which is open to the public.

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Willamette Resources and Educational Network (WREN)

Tuesday, November 10, 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Wetland Wander at Meadowlark Prairie

Meet at the Meadowlark Prairie Overlook, 88525 Greenhill Rd.

All WREN events are free. FMI: 541.338.7047, info@wewetlands.org

Mt. Pisgah Arboretum

Saturday, November 14, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Play in the Rain Day

Looking for something fun to do with your family on a rainy Saturday? Visit Mount Pisgah Arboretum for our community's 6th annual *Play in the Rain Day*. Discover how fun, easy, and rewarding it is to spend time outdoors in nature—in ALL kinds of weather. More than 2,000 people attended last year. Play in the Rain Day will happen rain or shine, so dress for the weather.

Free. FMI: 541.747.1504, www.MountPisgahArboretum.org

Sunday, November 15, 8:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Fall Bird Walk

Join Nature Guides Chris Roth and Julia Siporin for a bird walk for people with all levels of birding experience, beginner to

advanced. Please bring binoculars. Option to continue the walk until noon for those who are interested. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center.

\$5, members free. FMI: 541.747.1504,

www.MountPisgahArboretum.org

Southern Willamette Ornithological Club

Eugene Birders Night

Monday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.

Birding Gabon with Jim Regali

Everyone is welcome to attend these free monthly meetings. After initial introductions, attendees share recent sightings and discuss birding-connected topics. Then Jim Regali will recount his recent trip to Gabon in West Africa with his photos of the birds and mammals in their natural habitats.

Meet at the McNail-Riley house, 601 West 13th Avenue, Eugene (NW corner of 13th and Jefferson). The parking area, located immediately west of the house, can be accessed from Jefferson via the driveway located just north of the house.

Free. FMI: ellencantor@gmail.com

Central Valley Birding Symposium

November 19–22, Stockton, CA

The 19th annual CVBS will feature multiple field trips for all levels of birders. Keynote speakers are Ed Harper and Ed Pandolfino.

FMI: www.cvbsreg.org/

Fern Ridge Bike Path Cleanup Set for Saturday, Nov. 14, 9:00 a.m.

Almost 45 years ago, city of Eugene staffers and a few dedicated citizens formed the first Eugene Bicycle Committee. By 1972, they had established the city's first budget for bikeways—a whopping \$30,000, used mostly to match state and federal transportation grants. By the end of the decade, the city had built miles of trails and bike lanes and worked with partners to construct four of the five pedestrian/bike bridges that now cross the Willamette River, providing critical connections to paths on both sides of the river.

Today, the city's bike network includes 41 miles of bike paths, 81 miles of on-street paths, 35 miles of dedicated bikeways, and a fifth pedestrian/bike bridge across the Willamette.

In 1998, Lane Audubon adopted a section of the Fern Ridge bike path between Stewart Pond (and Euphoria Chocolate!) and Terry Drive and committed to cleaning it every six

months or so. Please join us in this volunteer effort to uphold Eugene's vision of a citizen-supported bike path, help beautify the Fern Ridge path, and have some fun!

When: Saturday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Where: Meet at the Stewart Pond Overlook, the gravel parking area east of the intersection with Bertelsen Road on Stewart Road in Eugene. We'll look for waterfowl before we head out.

What to bring: Gloves, water, and snacks, and wear weather-appropriate clothing.

What's provided: Trash pickers and bags

For more information and to confirm that you will be helping, please contact Kat Beal at 541.517.0284 or jkbeal@comcast.net.

**November
Program Meeting**
**How Did That Bird Get
THAT Name?**
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**Tuesday, Nov. 24,
7:30 p.m.**
**Eugene Garden Club
1645 High St., Eugene**



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Bird Walks and Events



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**Saturday,
November 21**

THIRD SATURDAY BIRD WALK
Site and leader to be determined

The Third Saturday Bird Walk on November 21 will be determined by interesting bird sightings posted to OBOL and other pertinent information available before the day of the walk. We will post the location on the LCAS Facebook page (www.facebook.com/pages/Lane-County-Audubon-Society/330177413824?ref=hl) and on the website (www.laneaudubon.org).

All ages and skill levels are welcome. To carpool, meet at 8:00 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.

For more information, contact Jim Maloney at 541.968.9249 or jimgmal@comcast.net.

**Sunday,
January 3**

Save the Date: Christmas Bird Count Set for Sunday, January 3

Mark your calendars! Sunday, January 3, 2016, is the date for the 2015 Eugene Christmas Bird Count (ECBC). This will be the 74th ECBC and the 116th National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. Dick Lamster is the Coordinator again this year, supported by the Steering Committee of Allison Mickel, Herb Wisner, Dan Gleason, and Barbara Gleason. We will divide our 15-mile diameter Count Circle into 27 Areas, and each Area will have an expert birdwatcher serving as the Team Leader. Watch for more information in the December-January issue of *The Quail*, or contact Dick Lamster at 541.343.8664 or maeveanddick@q.com.

The ECBC is a fun and exciting event open to anyone interested in birds. If you are a beginning birdwatcher and want to learn more, this is a good opportunity to learn by birding with experienced birders. If you have participated in the past, we hope you will join us again this year. We have space for everyone!