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From Our President



April Brings Vaux's Swifts Back to Agate Hall

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As most of you know, the chimney of Agate Hall on the University of Oregon campus is an ecologically significant migratory stopover for tens of thousands of Vaux's Swifts during the spring and fall months. During last year's fall migration, over 45,000 birds were counted



entering the chimney. The number is not a total of the birds that might have used it, because counts were done only weekly and sporadically. (If we had volunteers to do daily counts, the numbers would be far higher.) Agate Hall is included on the Vaux's Happening website as one of the most active Vaux's Swift roost sites. (See www.vauxhappening.org/Vauxs_Happening_Home.html for more information.)

Agate Hall was built in the 1920s and is a designated historic structure that is likely eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. We would like to encourage the university to assign the Agate Hall chimney an official status to preserve it as important habitat for the migrating Vaux's Swifts. The decommissioned chimney is a valuable structure that offers many potential educational opportunities as well as positive public recognition that the university community could find beneficial. I envision an educational plaque that informs and educates people about the ecological value of this structure. Students could use the site to study animal behavior and learn data analysis techniques using counts of the birds at the chimney. The university can gain public acclaim through these actions and, if needed, could leverage donations for maintaining the chimney.

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The Birds and the Bees (and the Flowers and the Trees)

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Spring is in the air—time to talk about the birds and the bees. Perhaps not “the talk” that first springs to mind, but rather the one about pollinators and how important they are to life on earth (not to mention their financial impact worth over \$15 billion in crop value each year). It’s also time to consider why so many populations of bees and birds are in serious decline. A devastating event occurred last summer in the Portland vicinity, when about 50,000 bumblebees were found dead—the world’s largest record for bee deaths. The massive die-off was attributed to dinotefuran (trade name Safari), a neonicotinoid pesticide that was sprayed on ornamental trees in the area.

Neonicotinoids, which are neurotoxins, are now the most widely used class of pesticides. The chemicals have been shown to persist and accumulate in soil. They are water soluble and have been found in the pollen and nectar of treated crops. Several research studies published in scientific journals report the adverse effects of these pesticides on bees, even at sublethal doses. A significant overall colony growth decline can be observed at about two weeks after exposure to neonicotinoids. The chemicals damage the central nervous system, impair learning, and slow brood development. Worker bees exposed to neonicotinoids are smaller and bring back less pollen than unexposed worker bees, and they are also less successful at returning to their hives. Immune suppression has been documented; a recent study found that infected bees exposed to neonicotinoids suffer an increase in viral replication. Exposed bees appear to be more susceptible to colony collapse disorder, and this occurs even when the bees have been foraging on plants that have not been directly sprayed but contain low levels of mixed pesticides due to pesticide drift.

Vertebrates are less susceptible than insects to these neurotoxins, but many researchers believe that the effects on birds have been underestimated. The danger to grain-eating



birds was documented when they died after eating very small amounts of pesticide-coated seed. Many people worry about long-term sublethal effects and the synergistic effects of exposure to multiple agents. In addition, there are only one or two typical laboratory test species and nobody knows whether the test findings can be extrapolated to the many different species of birds that might be exposed in nature.

The evidence substantiating the alarming negative effects of these pesticides has caused the European Union to ban the use of neonicotinoids for at least two years while further investigation proceeds. Conversely, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has not banned the pesticides. Here in Oregon, related pesticides were temporarily restricted immediately after the bumblebee deaths last summer. In February, however, a bill that would have restricted their use permanently did not pass the Oregon Legislature. Nevertheless, there were two positive outcomes from the legislative session: The state now requires that licensed pesticide applicators complete a course and pass a test about safe use of pesticides, and a task force panel will investigate bee health. The panel may propose additional bee protection measures for next year’s legislative session. Closer

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Audubon Adventures: A Call for Sponsors

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Have you been meaning to sponsor a Lane County Classroom in receiving Audubon Adventures materials, but just haven't had the time? Well, now is the perfect opportunity to adopt one of our local classrooms that still need support for the 2013–2014 school year.

This year our chapter has 50 classrooms in Lane County through the Adopt-a-Classroom Program. All but seven have found generous LCAS sponsors for National Audubon Society's environmental education program. For more information about the program, go to <http://education.audubon.org/audubon-adventures-grades-3-5>.

If you would like to sponsor a classroom, please mail a tax-deductible donation of \$45, payable to LCAS, to Audubon Adventures, PO Box 5086, Eugene, OR 97405.

Classrooms Awaiting Sponsors for 2013–2014

School	Grade
Bohemia Elementary	3
Prairie Mountain School.....	4
Willagillespie Community School.....	3 (3 classrooms)
Guy Lee Elementary Green Team.....	4, 5 (1 classroom)
Fern Ridge Middle School	6, 7, 8 (1 classroom)

Recently Sponsored Classrooms for 2013–2014

School	Grade	Sponsor
Bohemia Elementary School.....	3Michael Tanner
Bohemia Elementary School.....	3Anne Bonine
Dorena Elementary School.....	2, 3Marty Beyer
Gilham Elementary School	3Herb & Ruth Wisner
Laurel Elementary School.....	3Michael Tanner
Meadow View School.....	3Edrey Anker
Oakridge Elementary School.....	5, 6Robert Wilson
Prairie Mountain School.....	4Herb & Ruth Wisner

Thank you to all the classroom sponsors for your generous support!

Conservation Column (continued from page 2)

to home, the Eugene City Council voted on February 26 to ban the use of neonicotinoid pesticides on city property. This resolution is the first one of its kind in the nation. Kudos to Eugene for its frank discussion on the birds and the bees.

What you can do: Avoid the use of pesticides in your gardens. Use compost and healthy soil amendments to prevent pest problems. Native plants tend to reduce pest problems and attract pollinators that keep pest bugs in check. Use alternatives to chemicals such as certain kinds of soaps, oils, and herbal repellants. If you must apply anything, go for the least toxic methods and never apply during bloom (wait until flower petals have fallen). For the pollinators, plant a variety of flowers that bloom at different times and include different shapes for different pollinators (hummers like tube shaped flowers, for example). You can find ideas for pollinator-friendly gardening and related information at www.beyondtoxics.org/work/safe-public-places/healthy-bees-healthy-gardens/cultivating-bee-friendly-gardens/.

Hummingbirds at Home

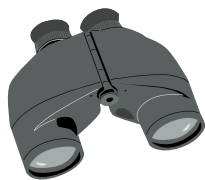
Would you like to help hummingbirds? Would you like to be a citizen scientist and contribute to a national database? Then the National Audubon Society's Hummingbirds at



Anna's Hummingbird by Steve Gordon

Home program is for you. This project was launched in April 2013 to help uncover how hummingbirds are affected by climate change. Using a mobile-optimized web portal and smartphone apps, people from across the US can report their sightings and observations of hummingbird feeding behavior. The data will guide Audubon researchers in devising actions to help hummingbirds thrive despite climate change and other threats. Go to <http://birds.audubon.org/hummingbirds-home> and www.hummingbirdsathome.org/ for more information.

Field Notes: February 2014



- Eurasian Wigeon
- Pine Siskin
- Sandhill Crane

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Snow and then freezing rain during the first week of the month broke the dry spell! After the cold, the rest of the month was a little more normal with rain, some sun, and warmer temperatures. The winter's cold temperatures and lack of rain seemed to have moved a lot of the waterfowl out of the valley, but they're returning now. The snow and cold may be the reason for the lack of kites in the area—the weather makes it difficult for them to hunt. It will be interesting to see if their numbers return to typical levels after the breeding season. As is normal, the earlier migrants are starting to return.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR)

WATERBIRDS

Tundra Swan (320)	Feb 2	Alvadore area	JS	A normal location and number
Eurasian Wigeon (2)	Feb 1	Kirk Pond	TMe	Increased numbers reported this month
Eurasian Wigeon (3)	Feb 2	Kirk Pond	JS	Increased numbers reported this month
Green-winged Teal (Eurasian)	Feb 20	Stewart Pond	BC	Occasionally seen in G-w Teal flocks
Greater Scaup	Feb 2	Danebo/Roosevelt	VT	A very small pond for this species
Greater Scaup (8)	Feb 2	Kirk Pond	JS	A normal location for this species
Common Goldeneye	Feb 2	Beltline/Barger Pond	VT	A very small pond for this species

VULTURES to SANDPIPERS

Turkey Vulture	mid-Feb	Eugene/Springfield	m.ob.	Increasing numbers being reported
Turkey Vulture	Feb 12	Siltcoos River mouth	DP	Increasing along the coast also
Osprey	Feb 19	FRR	DS, et al.	First report from their nesting area
White-tailed Kite	Jan/Feb	Eugene area	JS	No reports of this species
Rough-legged Hawk	Feb 2	Eugene Airport area	JS	One of the better areas for this species
Sandhill Crane	Feb 25	FRR	JH	Normal migration time, but unusual place
Sandhill Crane (38)	Feb 26	North Eugene HS	TMe	Normal migration time, but unusual place
Spotted Sandpiper	Feb 4	Willamette River	KS	Found in small numbers during the winter

PIGEONS to FINCHES

Band-tailed Pigeon	Feb 16	Lorane Highway	ECo	A little earlier than normal
Band-tailed Pigeon	Feb 23	McKenzie View Dr	JSo	About the same time as last year at this yard
Rufous Hummingbird	Feb 12	Siltcoos Lake	fide DP	A normal time for their return on the coast
Rufous Hummingbird	Feb 24	SW of Eugene	MS, DL	Right on time!
Violet-green Swallow (3)	Feb 23	Row River Nature Park	A&TM	A few days earlier than normal
White-throated Sparrow	Feb	Eugene/Springfield	m.ob.	An increased number of reports this month
Pine Siskin (2)	Feb 9	Oakridge	MLS	First report for the area this winter
Evening Grosbeak	Feb 16	East Springfield	JF	Very few have been reported this winter

A&TM Allison & Tom Mickel, BC Barbara Combs, DL Dick Lamster, DP Diane Pettey, DS Don Schrouder, ECo Elizabeth Cookson, JF Joan Flint, JH Jim Hardman, JS John Sullivan, JSo Jim Salerno, KS Kate Shapiro, m.ob. many observers, MLS Mary Lee Sayre, MS Maeve Sowles, TMe Thomas Meinzen, VT Vjera Thompson. **Fide** indicates a sighting that was reported to the listed observer.

Bird World: Insights for Humans from the Amazing Lives of Birds

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Birds aren't people, but just how different from us are they? They have the same basic requirements we do: food, shelter, reproduction. And they can do some amazing things! Approaching bird behavior from new and surprising angles, Noah Strycker explores the astonishing homing abilities of pigeons, the extraordinary memories of nutcrackers, self-image in magpies, the life-long loves of albatrosses, particle physics of starling flocks, and other mysteries—and reveals why birds do what they do and how we can relate. With humor and wit and drawing deep from cutting-edge science and anecdotes from the field, Strycker's presentation will leave you with renewed inspiration about our close connections with birds.

Noah Strycker, 28, is associate editor of *Birding* magazine and is a well-known writer and "bird man." His photography and articles have appeared in all major bird magazines as well as in books and other media, and he writes regularly for the American Birding Association's blog. Strycker has studied birds on six continents with field seasons in Panama, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Australia, Antarctica, the Galapagos Islands, and the Farallon Islands, and his life list is approaching 2,500 species. He also works as a naturalist guide on expedition cruises to Antarctica and Norway's Svalbard archipelago, literally spreading the inspiration of birds from pole to pole. His first book, *Among Penguins*, was published in 2011 (Oregon State University Press). Strycker's latest project, *Bird World*, a book about the fascinating behaviors of birds, was released in March 2014 (Riverhead Books). Strycker is also a competitive tennis player, has run five marathons, and has hiked the entire 2,650-mile Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada. He is based in Oregon, where his backyard has hosted more than 100 species of birds.

**April Program Meeting
Bird World: Insights for
Humans from the Amazing
Lives of Birds
with Noah Strycker**



**Tuesday, April 22, 2014
7:30 p.m.**

**Eugene Garden Club
1645 High St., Eugene**



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Welcome Back Vaux's Swifts at Agate Hall

Lane County Audubon Society will hold its Annual spring Swift Event outside Agate Hall on two consecutive Fridays, **April 25 and May 2**, at sunset. We hope to see early arrivals by mid-April and the numbers will increase over the next three to four weeks.



The Vaux's Swifts use the chimney to roost for the night as they gather during spring migration.

The LCAS Swift Event is a wonderful chance to observe and learn about the birds returning from Central and South America for the breeding season.

Lane Audubon will offer handouts with information about the birds. Look for the LCAS banner at 17th Avenue and Agate Street. Stop by and enjoy this annual natural phenomenon. It's free and open to the public!

Call 541-343-8664 for more information about the event. The Vaux's Happening website has more information about the birds: www.vauxhappening.org/Vauxs_Happening_Home.html.



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The chimney does require maintenance. The university cleaned it last November to remove 20 years of bird droppings—the residue was leaching through a metal door. An outside contractor found nearly 18 feet of bird guano, bagged it, and took it to the dump. They also needed to make sure that the structural integrity of the building and chimney had not been affected by the bird droppings. The bricks and structure appeared intact in interior photos of the chimney taken after the cleaning. The university accomplished another big maintenance chore in the early 1990s when they installed earthquake supports for the chimney. We thank the university for these important improvements.

During evenings in the spring and fall, hundreds of people watch the natural spectacle of the Vaux's Swifts entering the chimney at dusk. Birding tourists arrive by the vanful, teachers bring their young students, locals bring out-of-town visitors, and families with children of all ages come to watch the swifts.

Lane Audubon would like to encourage the university to label the Agate Hall chimney with information placards declaring it an ecologically important structure for migrating Vaux's

Swifts. We would like a commitment from the university to maintain the chimney so it can continue to be a dependable migration stopover for the Vaux's Swifts and an enhancement to our human community. We will be working on this proposal and will keep you posted. If anyone wants to help, that would be great!

To see a video of the birds using the chimney, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TT071AdNaM.

Mountain Bird Festival

Citizens and Science Elevating Bird Conservation

May 30th—June 1st, 2014 Ashland, Oregon



Photos © Jim Livrodakis

The Mountain Bird Festival is hosted by **Klamath Bird Observatory**, a scientific non-profit organization that achieves bird conservation in the Pacific Northwest and throughout the migratory ranges of the birds of our region.

www.KlamathBird.org/Education/MountainBird

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.

Booth Coordinator

Lane County Audubon is looking for one or two volunteers to help with our booth appearances at local events and festivals. This opportunity involves setting up and taking down the booth four or five times a year and scheduling other volunteers to staff the booth at events. One or two people could share or split these duties. We will provide orientation and training. If you enjoy coordinating activities and working with people, this could be the opportunity for you. For more information, call Ron Renchler at 541.345.0834, or email christyandron@qwest.net.

Membership Renewal

Prepare mailings to Lane County Audubon members whose local memberships have expired. You can do this from home; no technology needed! This opportunity requires a couple of hours four or five times per year. Contact Maeve Sowles at 541.343.8664 or president@laneaudubon.org.

Audubon in the Schools Program Coordinator

The Audubon in the Schools (AITS) curriculum, developed by Kris Kirkeby, our former Education Chair, comprises five fun-filled 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 bird feather anatomy and function, bird identification techniques, bird field marks, and habitat. The lessons are excellent examples of participatory education. The coordinator keeps all facets of the program going, including classroom scheduling and volunteer training, and also teaches lessons to students along with the other volunteers. We hope to find a new coordinator who can take this wonderful education program to new heights!

Program Chair

No one can remember the last time we wrote a Program Chair description, because no one can remember the last time the position was vacant! (See “Thanks to Our Volunteers” below for the reason.)

The Program Chair recruits speakers for the chapter Program Meetings that are scheduled eight times a year. This person seeks new programs that will enhance our members' awareness of birding, habitats, natural history, conservation, and other issues, and he or she must be able to engage speakers and organize publicity and other logistics well in advance of each meeting.

Thanks to Our Volunteers

Herb Wisner has spent many hours every year for many, many years doing volunteer work for LCAS. He has served on the Board, and he has been Program Chair for decades—so long that we can't pin down just *how* long. He has kept an ear and eye out for prospective speakers and has magically filled the program calendar eight times each year. He has engaged artists, authors, photographers, conservationists, bird acoustics experts, scientists, professors, and world travelers to entertain and inform our members. Herb himself has presented programs, sharing his broad knowledge of birds and natural history with us. He delighted us with his humor, the occasional song, and his unending curiosity about the world. We will not actually say goodbye to Herb, but just give him a reprieve from his monthly program duties with a hearty “thank you” from all of us!

For the past year and a half, Barclay Brown has managed the Audubon in the Schools program. Unfortunately, she needs to step down to focus on work. We appreciate her efforts and time spent on this very important educational resource. Thanks and good luck, Barclay!

Lane Audubon 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 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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- Program meetings
- Educational publications
- Conservation issue representation
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Community Calendar, Events, and Opportunities

A service to Lane Audubon members

Olympic Peninsula BirdFest

April 4–6

Participate in guided field trips, a boat cruise in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, a silent auction, and a gala banquet.

FMI: www.olympicbirdfest.org, opas.birdfest.info@gmail.com

Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah

Sunday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Tour: The Nature Conservancy's Willamette Confluence Preserve—Lower Middle Fork Complex

John Helmer, one of FBP's favorite tour leaders, has received permission from TNC to tour a different section of the Willamette Confluence Preserve—the Lower Middle Fork Complex. On this tour you'll see more of the extensive gravel ponds and hear John talk about TNC's plans to restore their eventual connection to the Middle Fork of the Willamette.

Saturday, April 19, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Wildflowers of Meadowlark Prairie

Meadowlark Prairie is ablaze in the spring with wildflowers, and John Koenig, long time volunteer with FBP and amateur botanist extraordinaire, can't wait to show you his favorites! John will wander the trails that wind through the prairie and identify the hidden wildflowers, as well as the showy ones, and talk about the work of the Friends to preserve and protect this fragile prairie habitat.

Free, registration required. FMI: 541.344.8350, www.bufordpark.org/tours

Willamette Resources and Educational Network (WREN)

Tuesday, April 8, 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Wetland Wander at Wild Iris Ridge

WREN staff and volunteers guide will guide this casual walk through the wetlands.

Saturday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Family Exploration Day at Tsanchiifin Trail

This family program provides unstructured observation, education, and inspiration in our surrounding natural spaces. WREN staff and volunteers will be on hand to check out nature exploration equipment and provide guidance for independent exploration of the wonders in the West Eugene wetlands.

Free. FMI: 541.338.7047, info@wewetlands.org

John Scharff Migratory Bird Festival

April 11–13

Harney County, Oregon

Witness the spectacular spring migration in the Harney Basin of southeast Oregon. View thousands of migratory birds as they rest and feed in the open spaces of Oregon's high desert, including Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Many tours, guided walks, and events are available.

FMI: www.migratorybirdfestival.com

North American Butterfly Association, Eugene–Springfield Chapter

Monday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.

Flying Circus: The How and Why of Butterfly Wing Patterns

Dr. Kathleen Prudic, a research scientist at OSU, will discuss how climate influences the development of butterfly behavior and coloration. She will draw from her own research on wing eyespots to illustrate the complexity of mate signaling and predator avoidance across seasonal forms. Small changes in temperature during larval and pupal development can have large impacts on adult butterfly coloration and behavior.

Free. Eugene Garden Club at 1645 High Street. FMI: 541.344.7630

Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival

April 16–22, Arcata, California

Celebrate the Marbled Godwit and explore the lush Redwood Coast. Observe many bird species and wildlife through field trips, lectures, workshops, and boat excursions led by experienced local guides. Tour the expansive mudflats, the wild river valleys and the rocky ocean coast of the Klamath bioregion in northwest California.

FMI: www.godwitdays.org


The Mountain Bird Festival

May 30–June 1, Ashland, Oregon


The first annual Mountain Bird Festival will combine a celebration of the Ashland region's mountain birds with the stewardship ethic needed to ensure thriving landscapes for humans and wildlife. This community conservation event is hosted by Klamath Bird Observatory in partnership with several Ashland-area organizations. Participate in guided bird walks, attend keynote presentations, a fine-art auction, cocktail parties, and enjoy live music, local foods, and a feel-good community atmosphere. Registration required.

FMI: www.KlamathBird.org/Education/MountainBird

April Program Meeting
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**Saturday,
 April 19**

THIRD SATURDAY BIRD WALK
Skinner Butte, led by John Sullivan

World traveler and superb birder John Sullivan will lead April's Third Saturday Bird Walk to Skinner Butte near downtown Eugene. The butte should provide good spring migration birding.

Folks can meet for carpooling at the east parking lot of South Eugene High School. We will try to leave the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and drive to the top of Skinner Butte. (You can meet the group at the top if you wish.) We plan to return by noon. Remember that it's not a good idea to leave valuables in your vehicle if you leave it at the high school lot. All levels of birders are welcome; we have a couple of pairs of binoculars to loan if necessary. 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.

**Friday,
 April 25
 and May 2**

Welcome Back Vaux's Swifts at Agate Hall

The swifts return, and we hope you'll join LCAS to welcome and celebrate them. See page 6 for more information.