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From Our President



We Are "Counting" on You

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The Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is a great example of citizen science, using volunteer bird watchers to systematically collect data from observations of many people. The contribution to this body of knowledge has been growing for over a century and is used to assess the health of bird populations and their habitats, as well as to educate everyone through the discovery of changes in bird populations and their movements. The National Audubon Society (NAS) generates an annual State of the Birds report using results from the CBC (<http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count>). NAS has also used the long-term results to show dramatic changes in bird populations in published reports such as *Birds and Climate Change*, *Common Birds in Decline*, *Audubon WatchList*, and *Habitats and Birds*. These can all be found at <http://birds.audubon.org/state-birds>.



Locally, we enjoy participating as a group contributing to this larger body of knowledge and gathering at the end of the day to share information. CBC is an annual community effort that builds relationships and serves as an educational opportunity for all involved.

Another opportunity for participating in citizen science locally is counting numbers of Vaux's Swifts using local chimneys during migration in spring and fall. The data is beginning to build, and the published results can be seen at The Vaux's Happening, a Vaux's Swift research web page at http://www.vauxhappening.org/Vauxs_Happening_Home.html.

On this site, there is a Data tab where you can look at the numbers of Vaux's Swifts counted throughout the migration corridor during 2012 migration months (spring

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2012 Eugene Christmas Bird Count Approaches

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This year will be the 71st Eugene Christmas Bird Count (ECBC) and the 113th National Audubon Society (NAS) Christmas Bird Count. Our count this year will be on Sunday, December 30, 2012. Our 15-mile diameter Count Circle is centered in the Danebo part of town and is divided into 27 areas, each with a team leader, who organizes the team, leads the group through a count area, and then submits the results to the ECBC Committee.

No Fees

This year NAS has decided to eliminate the \$5 fee for each person going on a CBC. In the past, NAS used the fee to compile, publish, and mail participants the results of the CBC in a publication called *American Birds*, which will no longer be printed. Instead, the results will be available online.

Count Coordinator

Dick Lamster is the count coordinator (officially called the count compiler). He will work with NAS on the administrative tasks of the count. He will also coordinate with the team leaders, handle publicity, co-author the post-count narrative, and serve as volunteer coordinator. Barbara Gleason has been the volunteer coordinator for several years but is not available this year.

Observations

Dan Gleason (541.345.0450) will accept the bird checklists from the team leaders at the end of the count day. He will also review rare and unusual bird sightings, submit the results to NAS, and co-author the post-count narrative.

Feeder Watchers

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 feeder watchers and will assist you in recording birds you see at your feeders and including them in the official count. He will send you a form for recording the birds you see. He coordinates your sightings with the leader of the count area in which you live in so that birds are not reported twice. Herb then submits your sightings to Dan to be included in the official results. Please call Herb by December 20 if you would like to be a feeder watcher.

Chili Feed

All team leaders and count participants are invited to gather at the Eugene Garden Club at 1645 High Street after the count



for the traditional chili feed. Allison Mickel will once again be making homemade vegetarian chili for this fun ending to a day full of birding. We will tally results at the Garden Club and swap stories of the day's sightings. The door to the Garden Club will open around 3:30 p.m. so you can stop by as soon as you finish your count. The free chili feed will start around 5:00 p.m. Lane County Audubon Society will furnish the chili, along with a salad, dinner rolls, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Please bring a dessert to share with others plus your own table service including plate, bowl, cup, and silverware. If you would like to drink something other than what we furnish, then bring that also. I really encourage you to join us for this delicious ending to a long day.

Last Year's Results

Last year the ECBC ranked 6th largest in the number of participants out of 2,248 official CBCs in the United States, Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Pacific Islands. We had 140 birders in the field and 99 feeder watchers for a total of 239 participants. We identified 132 species on count day plus two more species during count week, an above-average number for our count. Our record for count day is 140, plus two more during count week. We recorded 66,760 individual birds, a low number for us. Results of last year's count as well as for all the other Christmas Bird Counts in North America are at www.christmasbirdcount.org. Our count code is OREU.

We hope you can join us for this year's ECBC. If you have questions please call Dick at 541.343.8664 or any of the other committee members listed above. We are looking forward to seeing you on December 30!



Diversify

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A team of scientists has mapped out and analyzed the evolutionary tree of all 9,993 living species of birds. The 2012 study and accompanying graphic (see link) reminds us of the great diversity in this class of animals, arguably one of the main reasons that nature lovers are continuously enthralled with observing and learning about birds. Although many kinds of organisms radiate into new species as they fill up available niches, the rate of diversification generally slows over time for any given group. Apparently, birds are exceptions; they continue to diversify, and at an even faster rate than in the past. Flight is one of the factors that likely contributes to continued diversification as birds can make their way to new areas and often adapt to the local ecology found in different regions. The ability to evolve new physical and behavioral traits that allow success in these new niches contributes to the diversification of birds as well as our appreciation of them.

While it is gratifying to know that bird species occur in great numbers and variety, it is also important that we use our knowledge to monitor bird species in terms of the health of their populations. The American Bird Conservancy has recently published a study of the conservation status of birds in the United States and its dependent territories. The list of birds covered is comprehensive, and the report is quite informative. It is even more useful in its analysis of birds both at the species and subspecies levels, as well as in its analysis of selected distinct ecological types or “habitypes.” Marbled Murrelets are an example of the latter: populations in the Pacific Northwest nest high in old-growth forests whereas populations in Alaska nest on scree slopes. This detailed level of analysis is important for identifying problems at the population level, where on-the-ground conservation strategies can actually be applied.

Unfortunately, the study found that over one-third of our birds should be receiving conservation management. There were 1,826 birds assessed and grouped into categories depending

on several factors including population size and threats to their populations. The breakdown is as follows: A “Secure” status was achieved for 273 (15%) species or subspecies. A total of 850 species (46%) were rated as of “Potential Concern.” An additional 547 birds (30%) fell into the worrisome “Vulnerable” category, and 156 birds (9%) were considered “At Risk.” Detailed lists can be found at the second link below.

These data give us the opportunity to identify those birds that are in danger of disappearing and where our conservation efforts are most needed. They also remind us that actions could and should be taken for the largest category of birds—those of potential concern. We might take many of our “common” birds for granted, especially because they are not elsewhere identified as “species of concern,” for example, under such listings as the Endangered Species Act. However, conservation of these birds should be a priority, not just because we have come to appreciate them but also because the health of their populations acts as an indicator for the health of entire ecosystems.

<http://news.yale.edu/2012/10/31/exhaustive-family-tree-birds-shows-recent-rapid-diversification>

<http://www.abcbirds.org/abcprograms/science/conservationchecklist/index.html>

Volunteer Webmaster Needed

Lane Audubon needs someone with web and design skills to help us keep our web pages updated with current information and refresh the look of our web pages.

Call or email Maeve at 541.343.8664 or president@laneaudubon.org.

Field Notes: October 2012



- Mountain Chickadee
- Curlew Sandpiper

- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Rough-legged Hawk

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After more than three months of nearly zero rainfall, it finally arrived in the middle of the month and continued through the month! The last of the neotropical migrants appear to have headed south for the winter, and most of the wintering species are showing up. It will be interesting to see if Mountain Chickadees continue to be found in the western lowlands during the winter.

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

WATERBIRDS

Snow Goose	Oct 3	FRR – W Coyote	NS	Normally seen in the winter with large flocks of geese.
Eurasian Wigeon (5)	Oct 23	Delta Ponds	EM	The first report for the winter.
Blue-winged Teal	Oct 3	Delta Ponds	LM, et al.	Getting late for this summering species.
Common Loon	Oct 7	Willamette River	DG	Not normally seen on the river in Eugene.
Black-crowned Night-Heron (7)	Oct 12	FRR – Royal Ave	EC	An unusually large flock.

VULTURES to OWLS

Turkey Vulture (19)	Oct 5	South Eugene	SG	Headed directly south.
Rough-legged Hawk	Oct 28	Meadowlark Prairie	LM, DA	First report for the winter season.
American Golden-Plover	Oct 6	FRR – Fisher unit	LF	Last report of this bird.
Lesser Yellowlegs (8)	Oct 2	FRR – Fisher unit	BMc	A good number for this late in the fall.
Marbled Godwit	Oct 20	SJSR – crab dock	AC, TMe, DF	Getting late for this species.
Pectoral Sandpiper (21)	Oct 3	FRR – W Coyote	NS	Good numbers for this late migrant.
Barn Owl	Oct 16	SJSR deflation plain	DP	Not normally found during the day.
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Oct 17	South Eugene	SG	100th species on his yard list in 37 years!

PIGEONS to FINCHES

Band-tailed Pigeon (3)	Oct 16	Siuslaw River S Slough	DP	Getting late for this species.
Belted Kingfisher (10)	Oct 3	Delta Ponds	LM, et al.	A large number for any location.
Three-toed Woodpecker	Sept 30	Waldo Lake	MPk, RH	Always a good area for them.
Three-toed Woodpecker	Oct 18	Tumblebug Creek	CF	In an old burn area – always a good place.
Black Phoebe (6)	Oct 3	Delta Ponds	LM, et al.	Higher than normal numbers.
Tropical Kingbird	Oct 20	SJSR deflation plain	AC, TMe, DF	A rare, but somewhat regular fall species along the coast.
Northern Shrike	Oct 20	SJSR deflation plain	AC, TMe, DF	A normal time for their arrival.
Northern Shrike	Oct 28	FRR – Fisher unit	NS	An area where they're normally found.
Horned Lark	Oct 28	FRR – E Coyote	NS	An area where they've been reported in the past.
Mountain Chickadee	Oct 4	Oakridge	MS	They seem to be making their way to the west side of the Cascades this fall.
Mountain Chickadee (2)	Oct 10	Florence	DP	
Swainson's Thrush	Oct 15	Creswell	NS	A couple weeks later than normal.
Northern Mockingbird	Oct 25	Alvadore	AP, BH	Returned for the winter? One wintered last year.

Northern Mockingbird	Oct 28	FRR – Fisher unit	NS	A good fall for them!
Cedar Waxwing (430+)	Oct 17	River Road area	TMe	A large flock feeding on fruit in his yard.
Orange-crowned Warbler	Oct 17	River Road area	TMe	A species that occasionally winters – one did last year in his yard.
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Oct 18	SE Eugene	A&TM	Last report for the breeding season.
Palm Warbler (2)	Oct 7	SJSR deflation plain	NS	A normal time for their migration.
Common Yellowthroat	Oct 28	FRR – Fisher unit	NS	Always one of the last migrants to leave.
Chipping Sparrow	Oct 24	Delta Ponds	DS, et al.	Getting late for this species.
Western Tanager	Oct 6	North Eugene	BG	Last report for the breeding season.
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Oct 28	FRR – E Coyote	NS	Normally gone by now.
Pine Siskin	Oct	Western Lane Co.	m. ob.	Large flocks were reported for most of the month.
Evening Grosbeak	Oct	Eugene/Springfield	m. ob.	Good numbers around most of the month.
Correction				
Curlew Sandpiper	14 Aug	Heceta Beach	A&TM	This bird was reported as a Red Knot, but photos clearly show it to be a Curlew Sandpiper – 3rd/4th Lane Co. record.

DA Dennis Arendt, EC Ellen Cantor, AC Alan Contreras, DF Daniel Farrar, CF Cheron Ferland, LF Lukas Ferrenburg, DG Dan Gleason, SG Steve Gordon, BG Brandon Green, RH Rosie Hammond, BH Bill Hunter, MS Marylee Sayre, EM Elliot McIntire, BMc Barry McKenzie, LM Larry McQueen, TMe Thomas Meinzen, A&TM Allison & Tom Mickel, MPk Magnus Persmark, DP Diane Pettey, AP Al Prigge, DS Don Schrouder, NS Noah Strycker.

Don't Forget to Support LCAS!

Last month's *Quail* included our annual solicitation for support of Lane Audubon's education and conservation efforts. If you haven't yet made a tax-deductible gift to LCAS, please do so now by mailing your donation to Lane County Audubon Society, PO Box 5086, Eugene OR 97405. If you have already responded with a gift, we thank you for your support.

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From Our President (continued from page 1)

and fall). For the Agate Hall chimney in Eugene, swifts were counted nine times this fall, with 35,100 birds being reported. This is a significant haven for these small migrating birds, which eat thousands of insects each day! Some of the other chimneys along the migration route are larger and host larger numbers of birds. Also, some of the chimneys have people counting each day over the month of the migration. It would be interesting to see how many birds we could count if we had more people counting and submitting their results! There are other chimneys in the area that host Vaux's Swifts, such as the one at Smith Family Bookstore downtown, but we did not get counts from these other locations this year.

Looking ahead into the migration season of 2013, I hope to spark some interest in having more folks involved in this project. If you have never been to Agate Hall to watch the swifts enter the chimney, make a point of attending. If you have an interest in counting, please let us know that you might be available to help count swifts at the chimney around sunset from mid-April to early May. Having multiple counters can generate more reliable data. It is fun and educational and provides another chance for you to use your birdwatching skills to participate in one of nature's amazing cyclic events.

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

Lane County Audubon Society Membership Benefits

- The Quail—9 issues/yr.
- Field trips and bird walks
- Program meetings
- Educational publications
- Conservation issue representation
- Answers to questions: 541.485.BIRD

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Deadlines:

February Issue: Jan. 5
March Issue: Feb. 9

Submit material to Cheron Ferland
cheron.ferland@mac.com

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Local members of National Audubon Society receive a free subscription to *The Quail* but are encouraged to voluntarily join Lane County Audubon Society.

Subscriptions: Contact Tim Godsil at 541.915.8852 or tgodsil@gmail.com.

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- ☐ Individual \$20.....\$ _____
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Please contact me regarding

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- ☐ Lane Audubon's Living Legacy program
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New Hikes in the Central Oregon Cascades

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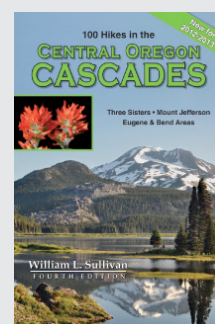
Author and hiking guru William L. Sullivan takes us down a dozen new trails he discovered in the area between Salem and Bend while researching the newly released fourth edition of his guidebook, *100 Hikes in the Central Oregon Cascades*. Included are paths to a warm springs near Oakridge, a lake with a reflection of South Sister, and a wildflower meadow at Mt. Jefferson. Along the way, expect anecdotes about local history, wildflowers, and outdoor lore.

Sullivan is the author of three novels and a dozen books about Oregon, including the popular “100 Hikes” series, *Oregon Trips & Trails*, *Hiking Oregon’s History*, and *Oregon Favorites*. His journal of a 1,000-mile hike he took across Oregon, *Listening for Coyote*, was chosen by the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission as one of Oregon’s “100 Books,” the 100 most significant books in the state’s history.

Plan to join us for this presentation on Tuesday, January 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High Street, Eugene, Oregon.

Note: The Garden Club now has a sloped front-door ramp for ease of entry. Thank you, Garden Club!

January Program Meeting New Hikes in the Central Oregon Cascades with William L. Sullivan



**Tuesday, January 22, 2013
7:30 p.m.**

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



Thank You, Mt. Pisgah Mushroom Show Booth Volunteers!

The rain held off all day and raised the spirits of the hundreds of visitors at the Mt. Pisgah Mushroom Show on October 28. Among the crowd was a dedicated group of booth staffers for Lane County Audubon Society. They greeted visitors, answered questions, and informed everyone about LCAS events, helping raise awareness in the community about our many bird- and conservation-related activities and programs.

Flo Alvergue, Connie Berglund, Barclay Browne, Cheron Ferland, Phil Smyser, Dave Stone, and Susanne Twight-Alexander were all on hand to help out. Thanks to all of them!

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One of Lane County Audubon Society's most popular initiatives is Audubon Adventures, National Audubon Society's award-winning environmental education program that offers top-quality material from the environmental experts at NAS. Although designed for teachers and students in grades 3-5, the program can be implemented at any classroom level. With captivating hands-on activities, students learn that we all have a personal stake in the health of the environment and play an important role in its preservation and improvement.

With generous donations from LCAS members through our Adopt-a-Classroom plan, we are pleased to provide a full set of free Audubon Adventures materials to each student in sponsored classrooms. Our goal is to infuse a new generation of Oregonians with a greater appreciation and concern for their environment.

This year's Audubon Adventures theme, Sharing Our Earth, covers four different topics:

- Sharing Our Shores
- Caring for Our Planet: Be a Friend to Birds
- World of the Forest
- Grasslands: A Prairie's Tale

Teachers in Audubon Adventures classrooms receive several supplemental resources, including handouts, posters, brochures, a full-color teacher's manual with articles and worksheets to share

with students, and a year's membership to NAS and LCAS.

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

any of the schools and classes awaiting sponsorship listed on page 9, or contact Joyce Trawle at jtrawle@comcast.net or 541.515.6244 if you have another school or classroom you'd like to sponsor.

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

Sponsored Classrooms for 2012-2013

Grades	School	Sponsor
1, 3.....	Adams Elementary	Susie and Steve Gordon
4.....	Bertha Holt Elementary	Edrey Anker
3.....	Bohemia Elementary	Peter and Jo von Hippel
4.....	Bohemia Elementary	Marty Beyer and John Bugley
5.....	Buena Vista Spanish Immersion	Charles and Reida Kimmel
4.....	Camas Ridge Community	Doris Wimber
5.....	Centennial Elementary	Charlotte and Dave Bontrager
3.....	Centennial Elementary	Rob Castleberry and Joyce Thomas
3.....	Corridor Alternative Elementary	Peter and Jo von Hippel
2, 3.....	Dorena Elementary	Betty Dewald
1, 2, 3	Family School	Susan Mincks & Wendell Anderson
3.....	Gilham Elementary	Charles and Reida Kimmel
3.....	Gilham Elementary.....	Herb and Ruth Wisner
3.....	Gilham Elementary.....	Michael Johns
5.....	Gilham Elementary.....	Betsy Parry
4, 5.....	Good Samaritan School.....	Anonymous
3.....	Howard Elementary	Michael Johns
3.....	Laurel Elementary.....	Beth Bridges
3, 4, 5, 6.....	Lundy Elementary.....	Robin Gage
3.....	McCornack Elementary.....	Russell and Christine Sampley
3.....	McCornack Elementary.....	Anne Bonine
5.....	McCornack Elementary.....	Gaylene Carpenter
3, 4, 5	Mapleton Elementary.....	Sara Brownmiller and Milo Mecham
6.....	Mapleton Elementary.....	Julie Sasewich and David Sanchez
4.....	Pleasant Hill Elementary	Cheron Ferland
1, 2, 3	Ridgeline Montessori.....	Anonymous

Grades	School	Sponsor	Classrooms Awaiting Sponsors for 2012-2013
3.....	Ridgeview Elementary	Julie Sasewich and David Sanchez	4..... Adams Elementary
3.....	Ridgeview Elementary	Charlotte and Dave Bontrager	4, 5..... Buena Vista Spanish Immersion
4.....	Riverbend Elementary	Valerie and Dan Close	3..... Camas Ridge Elementary
5.....	Riverbend Elementary	Margot Fetz	3..... Ridgeview Elementary
3.....	Siuslaw Elementary	Herb and Ruth Wisner	4..... Thurston Elementary
3.....	Siuslaw Elementary	Quail Mailing Crew c/o Eva Schultz	3, 5..... Willagillespie Elementary
3.....	Veneta Elementary	Mika Singer	4, 5..... Walterville Elementary
3.....	Veneta Elementary	Mary Beth Crawford	3..... Yujin Gakuen
3, 4.....	Walterville Elementary	Camilla Pratt	Japanese Immersion Elementary

Visit LCAS at the Good Earth Show, Jan. 18-20, 2013

Plans are underway to have the Lane County Audubon booth at the Good Earth Home, Garden, and Living Show January 18-20, 2013, at the Convention Center at the Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene.

The show, which was established in 2006, is one of the most popular annual events promoting sustainability in Lane County. It features more than 250 exhibits and 50 seminars covering the amazing variety of earth-friendly products and services in our area.

Several thousand visitors attend annually, and Lane Audubon will be on hand to let community members know about our education and conservation programs designed to raise awareness about the importance of birds and the protection of their habitats. Our booth will feature lots of information

on birds and birding, along with visual displays about our feathered friends. We will also offer special workshops on bird-related topics during the show.

If you haven't attended the Good Earth Show before, put it on your list of "must-not-miss" events this January. If you have attended, be sure to check out the new exhibits and products being offered this year. And stop by Lane Audubon's booth to say hello.

If you're interested in helping staff the booth during the show, contact Ron Renschler, 541-345-0834, christyandron@qwest.net. It's a great opportunity to help LCAS spread the word about our organization. No experience is necessary; we'll match you up with an experienced booth staffer and help you have a great time.

Community Calendar, Events, and Opportunities

A service to Lane Audubon members

North American Butterfly Association

December 10, 7:30 p.m. (Monday)

"Bringing Back the Pollinators: What We Can All Do to Protect These Essential Creatures"

A presentation by Scott Hoffman Black, executive director of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation and chair of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Butterfly Specialist Group

Free; EWEB Training Center, 500 4th Ave., Eugene

Eugene Natural History Society

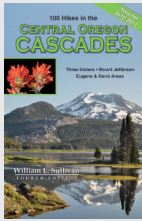
December 14, 7:30 p.m. (Friday)

"Avian Predator Ecology"

Learn how avian predators, especially certain waterbirds, terns, cormorants, and gulls adapt to our human-modified ecosystems. A presentation by Dr. David Craig, research biologist and associate professor at Willamette University

Free; Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO Campus, Eugene

**Jan. Program Meeting
New Hikes in the
Central Oregon
Cascades
with William L. Sullivan**



**Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013
7:30 p.m.
Eugene Garden Club
1645 High St., Eugene**



**NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY
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Bird Walks and Events



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VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Coordinate Monthly Bird Walks

Lane Audubon is looking for a volunteer to plan the monthly third Saturday Bird Walks. This is a fun opportunity to meet and learn from birding experts; best of all, you get to pick the location and be out birding! Lane Audubon has all the dates set, a network of willing field trip leaders, and a list of past birding locations to choose from. Your responsibility would include deciding on a location, contacting field trip leaders, emailing the field trip publicity, and meeting the birding group on the day of the walk to get things started. Contact Maeve Sowles at 541-343-8664 or president@laneaudubon.org.

**SUNDAY
December 30**

2012 EUGENE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

This will be the 71st Eugene Christmas Bird Count and the 113th National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count. Dick Lamster will be the Coordinator again this year supported by the Steering Committee of Dan Gleason, Barbara Gleason, Allison Mickel, and Herb Wisner, plus 27 great bird watchers as Team Leaders. For more information, contact Dick Lamster at 541.343.8664.

**SATURDAY
January 19**

THIRD SATURDAY BIRD WALK

Dexter Reservoir, led by John Sullivan

John Sullivan will lead the group to Dexter Reservoir to look for winter ducks and check out the new wetland mitigation project.

Meet at the South Eugene High School parking lot (corner of 19th and Patterson) for carpooling at 8:00 a.m. and plan to return by noon. All birders are welcome. A \$3 donation is suggested. As a precaution, please remember not to leave valuables in your car. Questions? Call Maeve Sowles at 541.343.8664 or email: president@laneaudubon.org.