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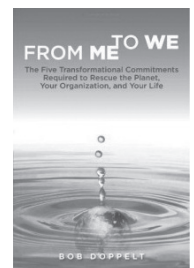
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Winter reading led me to explore local author Bob Doppelt's books. You may recognize his name as a contributing columnist for the *Eugene Register-Guard* or as the consultant to the City of Eugene's Sustainable Business Initiative. Doppelt has three books: *Leading Change Toward Sustainability* (2003); *The Power of Sustainable Thinking* (2008); and *From Me to We* (2012, Greenleaf Publishing). The last book attracted me because of its practical analysis of human nature and because it offers targeted actions humans can take to actually change our future.



Doppelt explains how to recognize and implement the natural laws of interdependency, cause and effect, moral justice, trusteeship, and free will. His vision of a new way of thinking shows the necessity to act responsibly toward the planet and other species. He uses both self-help and systems-change behavior modification theories to develop his ideas of altering human choices and negative behavior in order to move ourselves and society in a positive direction. With the premise of making five transformational commitments to rescue the planet, he lays out a logical, thoughtful path, giving humans connection to and accountability for the natural world around us.

This book is a template to help guide the thinking of members of an environmental and educational organization such as Lane County Audubon Society. In spite of the news headlines that shake our world, I have not given up hope that humans can effect positive change in the world and help heal our ecosystems and social systems that we need for survival. I'm not blind to the bad news around us, just unwilling to give up hope. We are master-manipulators of each other and the environment, if only we can come together and put that talent to use for positive, eco-aware changes!

2012 Eugene Christmas Bird Count

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It was cold but it was not raining when 157 hearty souls went bird watching on Sunday, December 30, 2012, for the 71st Eugene Christmas Bird Count (ECBC). One hundred thirty-six species were seen during a full day of bird watching. See Dan Gleason's recap beginning on page 4 in this issue. The data will also be available on the National Audubon Society's website at www.christmasbirdcount.org. Our code is OREU. In addition to in-the-field volunteers, Herb Wisner coordinated over 100 Feeder Watchers.

The record for the ECBC is 140 species, so this was a very successful count. The birders in the field walked for 184 hours and covered 132 miles. They also drove 58 hours and covered 472 miles. Eight teams spent 11 hours looking for owls before sun-up.

At the end of the day, 105 cold, dirty, and tired birders came to the LCAS-sponsored Chili Feed to talk about all the birds seen and to participate in the Count Down. Allison Mickel prepared 10 gallons of homemade vegetarian chili for everyone to eat. Sandy Poinsett and Kathy Wilson assisted Allison in organizing the room, setting up tables and chairs, serving chili, and cleaning up afterwards. Charlie Thomas, Bruce Wilson, and others also helped with the cleanup. The Chili Feed was a fun way to end a great day of birding.

I personally want to thank Allison and her crew for the Chili Feed, Dan Gleason for compiling the results, Barb Gleason for providing maps, Herb Wisner for coordinating the Feeder



Hermit Thrush—photo by Cary Kerst

Watchers, and the 26 Team Leaders for their leadership. Without the hard work of the Team Leaders assembling their teams, guiding them all day long, and then reporting the results, the ECBC would not be the great event that it is.

Be sure to put Sunday, December 29, 2013, on your calendar for the 2013 ECBC. Please join a team or watch birds in your yard and have a full, fun day of bird watching. Your results are entered into the 113-year record of all the Christmas Bird Counts around the continent and are used by scientists for research on bird life. Thanks again to all of you who participated and helped to make the 2012 ECBC one of the biggest and best in the world!

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Barry McKenzie, Cynthia Pappas, Jim Regali – photo by George Grier

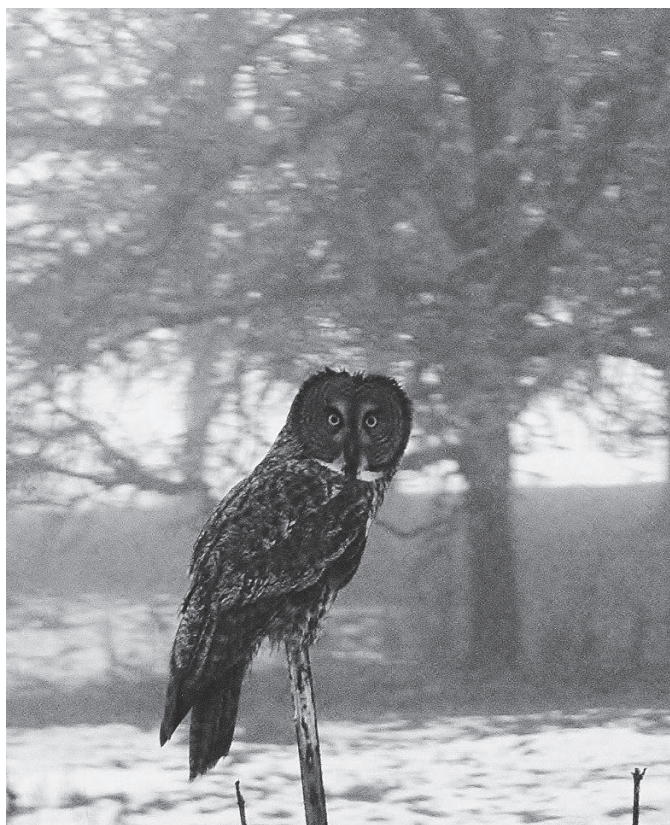
2012 Oakridge Christmas Bird Count

Cheron Ferland, Co-Coordinator

The Oakridge Christmas Bird Count (CBC) has been regaining its footing over the past four winters after a 25-year hiatus. It was held on Saturday, December 22, 2012. The day offered a host of winter weather experiences from blizzard-like, icy conditions, to partly cloudy and gray, to glistening sunshine.

Ten volunteers left the Oakridge Hostel after a tasty breakfast and recorded 60 species with 1,030 individuals. This count has lots of access since a large part of the count circle includes the Willamette National Forest. However, due to snow pack some of the higher elevations above 3,000 feet were not accessible by vehicle.

This count is well known as being “Mountain Quail central,” and this species was recorded again this year to carry on the tradition. Additionally, we lucked out and got an appearance from one of the local Great Gray Owls, which was documented on film by local botanist Adrienne Marble. We also documented three Red-shouldered Hawks, which is a record for this count and follows on the heels of increasing reports of this species in Oakridge over the past four years.



Great Gray Owl—photo by Adrienne Marble

2012 Florence Christmas Bird Count

Kit Larsen, Count Coordinator

The Florence Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is always invigorating. The 29th Florence CBC was held on Saturday, December 15, 2012. It was a tough day for a count, with cold rain and wind, which sometimes limited access to viewing locations and hindered visibility. Forty-three people took to the field for the count, and thirteen people turned in records from their feeders.

The counters found 124 species with 10,400 individuals noted. These totals were below normal for the count, which averages 128 species and 17,300 individuals.

There were a few surprises. For the first time in 29 years, a Wilson’s Warbler was documented on the count. And for the fourth time in count history, a Pigeon Guillemot made an appearance. Eight Black Phoebe were reported, and 103 Eurasian Collard-Doves was a high for this species.

Species missed that are usually found on the count included Sharp-shinned Hawk, Dunlin, American Dipper, Black-bellied Plover, White-tailed Kite, and Black-legged Kittiwake.

2012 Eugene Christmas Bird Count

December 30, 2012



H = unusually high, RH = record high, TRH = ties record high, L = unusually low, CW = count week

136 species on count day; 4 species in count week; 95,518 individuals

16.....Greater White-fronted Goose	L 499.....Killdeer	H 888.....Golden-crowned Kinglet
RH 32.....Snow Goose	3.....Spotted Sandpiper	H 570.....Ruby-crowned Kinglet
TRH..... 1.....Ross's Goose	25.....Greater Yellowlegs	H 18.....Wrentit
RH.. 47,805.....Cackling Goose	L 22.....Least Sandpiper	94.....Western Bluebird
7,688.....Canada Goose	2,797.....Dunlin	H 20.....Hermit Thrush
446.....Tundra Swan	H 310.....Long-billed Dowitcher	2,890.....American Robin
H 127.....Wood Duck	64.....Wilson's Snipe	H 409.....Varied Thrush
153.....Gadwall	L 15.....Mew Gull	1.....Northern Mockingbird
H 4.....Eurasian Wigeon	L 489.....Ring-billed Gull	L 5,799.....European Starling
451.....American Wigeon	7.....Western Gull	L 5.....American Pipit
1,649.....Mallard	L 12.....California Gull	L 45.....Cedar Waxwing
L 1.....Cinnamon Teal	L 7.....Herring Gull	RH 15.....Orange-crowned Warbler
206.....Northern Shoveler	25.....Thayer's Gull	CW Nashville Warbler
2,200.....Northern Pintail	225.....Glaucous-winged Gull	H 251.....Yellow-rumped Warbler
1,113.....Green-winged Teal	404.....Rock Pigeon	TRH..... 1.....Black-throated Gray Warbler
L 5.....Canvasback	H 93.....Eurasian Collared-Dove	RH 238.....Townsend's Warbler
4.....Redhead	H 299.....Mourning Dove	RH 2.....Hermit Warbler
H 195.....Ring-necked Duck	8.....Barn Owl	H 615.....Spotted Towhee
L 57.....Lesser Scaup	14.....Western Screech-Owl	L 16.....Savannah Sparrow
H 137.....Bufflehead	H 19.....Great Horned Owl	247.....Fox Sparrow
H 50.....Hooded Merganser	1.....Northern Pygmy-Owl	H 771.....Song Sparrow
L 59.....Common Merganser	1.....Barred Owl	H 52.....Lincoln's Sparrow
H 173.....Ruddy Duck	1.....Long-eared Owl	H 2.....Swamp Sparrow
H 151.....California Quail	1.....Short-eared Owl	RH 43.....White-throated Sparrow
L 16.....Ring-necked Pheasant	H 8.....Northern Saw-whet Owl	1.....Harris's Sparrow
H 152.....Wild Turkey	RH 191.....Anna's Hummingbird	H 322.....White-crowned Sparrow
H 80.....Pied-billed Grebe	H 30.....Belted Kingfisher	997.....Golden-crowned Sparrow
1.....Horned Grebe	47.....Acorn Woodpecker	CW Chipping Sparrow
RH 1.....Red-necked Grebe	H 37.....Red-breasted Sapsucker	3,386.....Dark-eyed Junco
(first Eugene CBC record)	H 102.....Downy Woodpecker	1Black-headed Grosbeak
36.....Western Grebe	H 18.....Hairy Woodpecker	L 1,350.....Red-winged Blackbird
301.....Double-crested Cormorant	H 518.....Northern Flicker	121.....Western Meadowlark
109.....Great Blue Heron	H 11.....Pileated Woodpecker	L 742.....Brewer's Blackbird
H 59.....Great Egret	RH 25.....Black Phoebe	L 5.....Brown-headed Cowbird
1.....Green Heron	CW Northern Shrike	98.....Purple Finch
H 37.....Turkey Vulture	H 11.....Hutton's Vireo	661.....House Finch
2.....Osprey	331.....Steller's Jay	H 45.....Red Crossbill
13.....White-tailed Kite	H 810.....Western Scrub-Jay	H 447.....Pine Siskin
RH 90.....Bald Eagle	H 2,715.....American Crow	RH 170.....Lesser Goldfinch
H 75.....Northern Harrier	H 125.....Common Raven	161.....American Goldfinch
12.....Sharp-shinned Hawk	RH 200.....Horned Lark	33.....Evening Grosbeak
13.....Cooper's Hawk	RH 1,171.....Black-capped Chickadee	443.....House Sparrow
H 31.....Red-shouldered Hawk	2.....Mountain Chickadee	
H 132.....Red-tailed Hawk	RH 320.....Chestnut-backed Chickadee	7.....Western X Glaucous-winged
2.....Rough-legged Hawk	RH 1,376.....Bushtit	Gull
100.....American Kestrel	RH 276.....Red-breasted Nuthatch	448.....Unidentified gull spp.
H 11.....Merlin	H 44.....White-breasted Nuthatch	
H 4.....Peregrine Falcon	H 61.....Brown Creeper	
2.....Virginia Rail	87.....Bewick's Wren	
H 380.....American Coot	58.....Pacific Wren	
CW Black-bellied Plover	H 42.....Marsh Wren	

Eugene Christmas Bird Count Tally

Dan Gleason

Good weather and a large number of observers in the field—and those doing home counts—resulted in a very good Christmas Bird Count for Eugene in 2012. The result was that a large number of species (136, plus 4 count week species) were seen. Of these species, 48 were recorded in unusually high numbers, and an additional 18 species were reported in record high numbers. The contribution of many home counters helped boost the number of some species, such as Anna's Hummingbirds.

16	Record High	this year	previous high	year	average/years seen
	Snow Goose.....	32	9	1985	5/18 yrs
	Cackling Goose.....	47,805	33,934	2007	18,510/12 yrs
	Red-necked Grebe.....	1		first Eugene record	
	Bald Eagle.....	90	33	2011	13/37 yrs
	Anna's Hummingbird.....	191	167	2011	30/40 yrs
	Black Phoebe.....	25	22	2011	6/12 yrs
	Horned Lark.....	200	118	1949	42/15 yrs
	Black-capped Chickadee.....	1,171	1,164	2009	516/68 yrs
	Chestnut-backed Chickadee.....	320	187	2002	71/67 yrs
	Bushtit.....	1,376	13,42	2011	311/67 yrs
	Red-breasted Nuthatch.....	276	173	2009	50/65 yrs
	Orange-crowned Warbler.....	15	9	2011	3/37 yrs
	Townsend's Warbler.....	238	151	2009	39/57 yrs
	Hermit Warbler.....	2	1	'91,'94	1/3 yrs
	White-throated Sparrow.....	43	40	2008	10/47 yrs
	Lesser Goldfinch.....	170	150	1969	39/56 yrs
2	Tied with previous record highs	this year	previous high	year	average/years seen
	Ross's Goose.....	1	11	'05, '06	
	Black-throated Gray Warbler.....	1	1	'72, '81	
18	Unusually low numbers	this year	previous high	year	average/years seen
	Cinnamon Teal.....	1			5/11 yrs
	Canvasback.....	4			28/52 yrs
	Lesser Scaup.....	57			46/64 yrs
	Common Merganser.....	59			183/49 yrs
	Ring-necked Pheasant.....	16			48/69 yrs
	Killdeer.....	499			1,243/69 yrs
	Least Sandpiper.....	22			100/39 yrs
	Mew Gull.....	15			97/37 yrs
	Ring-billed Gull.....	489			1,099/64 yrs
	California Gull.....	12			152/59 yrs
	Herring Gull.....	7			25/47 yrs
	European Starling.....	5,799			11,198/53 yrs
	American Pipit.....	5			137/29 yrs
	Cedar waxwing.....	45			118/64 yrs
	Savannah Sparrow.....	16			47/63 yrs
	Red-winged Blackbird.....	1,350			3,201/68 yrs
	Brewer's Blackbird.....	742			2,201/69 yrs
	Brown-headed Cowbird.....	5			43/ 47 yrs
4	Count week species	this year	previous high	year	average/years seen
	Black-bellied Plover.....				15/26 yrs
	Northern Shrike.....				4/47 yrs
	Nashville Warbler.....				1/3 yrs
	Chipping Sparrow.....				1/12 yrs

Field Notes: November-December 2012



- Black-throated Gray Warbler
- Rufous Hummingbird

- Black-headed Grosbeak
- White-winged Crossbill

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The weather was about normal for this time of year—rain/showers, stormy, and some sunshine. The number of neotropical migrants found during the period, however, is quite unusual. Some years there are a few found, but seven species of warblers, plus Rufous Hummingbird and Black-headed Grosbeak, is amazing! Mountain Chickadee, Red Crossbill, and Pine Siskin numbers remained high during the period, and two White-winged Crossbills were found.

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

WATERBIRDS

Ross's Goose	Nov 16	west Eugene	AP	Individuals are found in large flocks of Cackling Geese.
Eurasian Wigeon (4)	Nov 29	Fiddle Creek	fide DP	Good numbers for anywhere in the county.
Cinnamon Teal	Nov 2	Delta Ponds	A&TM	Rare during the winter—one wintered last year.
Cinnamon Teal	Nov 28	Ada Grange Area	DP	A location where they can be found this time of year.
Common Goldeneye	Dec 22	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	An unusual location for this species.
Loon species (600+)	Nov 15	Tokatee Klootchman	AC	About half Red-throated and half Pacific.
Eared Grebe (2)	Nov 2	FRR – Shore Lane	JS	Becoming more common in migration.
Short-tailed Shearwater (20)	Nov 21	Tokatee Klootchman	AC	Occasionally seen from shore this time of year.
Leach's Storm-Petrel	Nov 21	Tokatee Klootchman	AC	Rarely seen from shore.

HAWKS to OWLS

Osprey	Nov 22	Alton Baker Park	fide ACo	First report of a winter bird this year.
Osprey	Dec 27	Oakridge	CF, MS	First record for the area during the winter.
Red-tailed (Harlan's) Hawk	Dec 28	KR Nielsen Rd	MN	A rare form of Red-tailed Hawk for the valley.
Rough-legged Hawk	Nov 21	SJSR	AC	Not common along the coast.
Sandhill Crane (11)	Nov 3	Creswell	NS	Getting late for their migration.
Sandhill Crane (50)	Nov 6	Eugene	J&SF	They normally migrate along the eastern edge of the valley.
Red Phalarope (10)	Dec 3	Sutton Creek	SMo	They can be found along the beach this time of year after storms.
Pigeon Guillemot	Dec 15	Florence CBC	AC	Only the fourth time on the count.
Great Gray Owl	Dec 22	Oakridge CBC	AMe	There are known birds in the area.

HUMMINGBIRDS to FINCHES

Rufous Hummingbird	Nov 16	north River Road	MRu	A very late report.
Say's Phoebe	Nov 1	FRR – Royal Ave	AP, BH	An unusual fall sighting.
Tropical Kingbird (2)	Nov 1	Baker Beach Road	B&ZS	A rare but somewhat regular fall species along the coast. Fourth record for this fall.
Tropical Kingbird	Nov 20	Heceta Beach	SMo	Unusually large number for our area.
Northern Shrike (3)	Nov 2	FRR – Royal Ave	LF	Rare in Lane Co except for the high Cascades in pine habitat. They seem to be moving into western Oregon this winter in small numbers.
Mountain Chickadee (2)	Nov 2	SJSR	AC	The last two reports are still being seen.
Mountain Chickadee	Nov 5	north Eugene	CT	Unusual in the valley.
Mountain Chickadee	Nov 8	north River Road	MRu	
Mountain Chickadee (2)	Dec 22	Oakridge	MS	
American Dipper	Nov 28	Armitage Park	DS	

Varied Thrush	Dec 21	Florence area	DP	Rare white form, with white replacing orange.
Lapland Longspur (4)	Nov 11	NJSR	DP	Occasionally found along the coast during late fall/winter.
Orange-crowned Warbler	Nov-Dec	Eugene/Springfield	m.ob.	Higher numbers than normal were reported.
Nashville Warbler	Dec 31	Alton Baker Park area	PS	Rare during the winter.
Yellow Warbler (possible)	Dec 26	Bloomberg Park	DB	Very rare during the winter.
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Dec 28	FRR – Perkins Pen.	JSi	Rare during the winter.
Hermit Warbler	Dec 15&29	FRR area	MN	Rare during the winter.
Palm Warbler	Nov 11	Stonefield Beach	NS	An unusual place to find this species.
Wilson's Warbler	Dec 7	Hendricks Park area	JSi	Rare during the winter.
Wilson's Warbler	Dec 15	Florence CBC	DP&FC	A first for the count.
Wilson's Warbler	Dec 17	west Eugene	DC	Rare during the winter.
Swamp Sparrow (2)	Nov 22	Washburn Road	AC, TMe	A normal time for them to show up for the
Swamp Sparrow	Nov 25	Lily Lake	AC	winter in marshy habitat.
White-throated Sparrow (2)	Nov 3	north Eugene	BG	A normal time for their arrival for the winter.
Black-headed Grosbeak	Nov 25	west Eugene	DC	Very rare during the winter.
Red Crossbill (1200+)	Nov 22	Heceta Beach area	DP	Large numbers have been around this year.
White-winged Crossbill (2)	Dec 22	River Road	AMy	Very rare in the valley, but given the large number of Red Crossbills around it's a good year to look for them.
Pine Siskin (138)	Nov 10	River Road area	TMe	Large numbers were found throughout the area during the period.
Lesser Goldfinch	Nov 2	Tenmile Creek area	AC	A rare find on the immediate coast.

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Community Calendar, Events, and Opportunities

A service to Lane Audubon members

North American Butterfly Association

February 11, 7:30 p.m. (Monday)

"Butterflies and Other Invertebrates of South Florida"

A presentation by *Rick Ahrens*, butterfly enthusiast, long-time birder, and local naturalist. Rick will share his observations and ruminations of selected invertebrates of the subtropical part of the Sunshine State. Rick's talk will include butterflies, interesting spiders, beetles, true bugs, and a few birds thrown in for good measure.

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

Eugene Natural History Society

February 15, 7:30 p.m. (Friday)

"Tidal Marsh Restoration on Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge"

A presentation by Roy Lowe, project leader for the Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex. This is the largest tidal marsh restoration project in Oregon to date.

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

2013 Winter Wings Festival, Klamath Falls, Oregon

February 14-17

The 34th annual festival includes birding trips, photography and art workshops, and a host of guest speakers.

Fees and Registration Required, FMI: <http://winterwingsfest.org>



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Your hands are needed for restoration opportunities in Alton Baker Park's Whilamut Natural Area. Available projects include invasive plants removal, habitat creation, and litter pick-ups and can be done by individuals or groups. Nearby Nature provides the tools and guidance; you provide the support for our beautiful park! Contact Nearby Nature at info@nearbynature.org or 541.687.9699 to learn more or schedule a work party for your group any time of year.

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Beyond the Summit Trail: Pisgah's Hidden Treasures

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Val Rogers, development director for Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah, will be featured at our February Program Meeting. She will talk about lesser-known places in the greater Mt. Pisgah area, including the Nature Conservancy's Confluence Project bordering Buford Park to the north, what can be seen in those places, and how the Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah are making them better for people and nature.

With 4,700 acres of land and 22 miles of trail, there's lots of Greater Mt. Pisgah to explore! Discover where to go, what to see, and how people can be Mt. Pisgah's greatest treasure. The Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah have been enhancing habitat and recreation for 24 years, largely through the efforts of thousands of volunteers. Thanks to their work, wildflowers instead of weeds carpet the slopes, birdsongs enliven the soundscape, and cougars and coyotes make a living there. It's a spectacular natural treasure just 15 minutes from Eugene.

Plan to join us for this presentation on Tuesday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High Street, Eugene, Oregon.

**February Program Meeting
Beyond the Summit Trail:
Pisgah's Hidden Treasures
with Val Rogers**



**Tuesday, February 26, 2013
7:30 p.m.**

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

Volunteers 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, e-mailing 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, president@laneaudubon.org.

Webmaster Needed

Volunteer webmaster needed for the Lane Audubon web page. If you have skills that can help us keep our web page updated with current information and also ideas to refresh our look on the web page, please contact us! Call or e-mail Maeve at 541.343.8664, president@laneaudubon.org

**Feb. Program Meeting
Beyond the Summit
Trail: Pisgah's
Hidden Treasures
with Val Rogers**




**Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013
7:30 p.m.
Eugene Garden Club
1645 High St., Eugene**



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**SATURDAY
February 16**

THIRD SATURDAY BIRD WALK

Delta Ponds, led by Jim Regali

This in-town location often includes raptors, waterbirds, and songbirds, including the black phoebe, which is a regular at the ponds.

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 e-mail president@laneaudubon.org.

**SATURDAY
February 16**

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT IN COTTAGE GROVE

Row River Nature Park, Cottage Grove, led by Barbara Butzer

Meet at the entrance to Row River Nature Park across from the Masonic Center (33322 Row River Road, north side) at 9:00 a.m. This is a rain or shine event, so come prepared for the weather. Plan at least two hours of birding, depending on conditions. The results will be submitted to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. You can learn more about this bird count at <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/>. Coffee to warm up after the event is an option at Fleur de Lis Bakery on Main Street! For more information, call Barbara Butzer at 541.942.2401.