



The Quail

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NEWS FROM LANE COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY

FROM OUR TREASURER



Investing in Lane County Audubon Society

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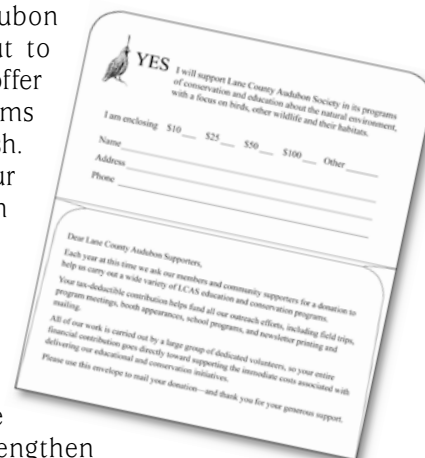
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Throughout the year, Lane County Audubon Society ("Lane Audubon") reaches out to thousands of Lane County residents to offer education and information on birds, other forms of wildlife, and the habitat they need to flourish. In turn, each November Lane Audubon asks our members and supporters to reach out to us with a modest donation to keep our education and conservation efforts strong.

We recognize that these are very troubling financial times. We all worry about the state of the economy and its impact on our lives. But the good news is that, as a local, smaller-scale nonprofit, Lane Audubon is better protected from wild swings in global and national economic conditions. Your investment in our programs is a safe and valuable one.

Our best protection from recurring financial stress is a core group of enthusiastic volunteers who generously give their time to help us accomplish our goals and keep our expenses very low. We have no paid staff, so we have no payroll to meet. Lane Audubon serves a membership of more than 1,100 individuals through the collective power of many dedicated volunteers.

Second, we help keep our local economy strong by dealing almost exclusively with local businesses for necessary support services, such as newsletter printing, technology, and other materials and supplies.



We strengthen our local education districts by providing two high-quality, school-based programs: *Audubon in the Schools* and *Audubon Adventures*.

Finally, over the years we have kept our local membership rates low (\$15 for students and seniors, \$20 for others) so that anyone with an interest in birds and conservation can enjoy the many benefits of being a part of the Lane Audubon family. These benefits include receiving our award-winning newsletter *The Quail*; participating in our Third Saturday Bird Walks and monthly Program Meetings; supporting our local school-based education programs, community outreach programs, and 485-BIRD phone resource line; receiving free educational publications; and having

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WIND POWER NEWS

Guidelines protecting birds and bats adopted for Columbia Plateau wind power development

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After more than a year of meetings, e-mails, and conference calls, an all day work session on September 29 culminated in an agreement establishing a set of voluntary guidelines to guide assessment and development of wind energy facilities on the Columbia Plateau in Oregon.


Parties to the agreement include representatives from state and federal agencies, counties, wind energy developers, and environmental organizations. The environmental organizations participating included Lane Audubon, Portland Audubon, and The Nature Conservancy.

While the Guidelines focused on the Columbia Plateau, where most wind development in the state has occurred, they are meant to serve

as a template for siting guidelines in other geographic regions in the state. Local modifications would be required to reflect differences in habitat types, bird and bat populations, and migratory routes.

In Oregon, proposed wind projects greater than 105 Megawatts must seek state approval. Smaller projects can apply directly to the county in which the project is proposed. While the state has a formal process and established rules for permitting and siting energy facilities, most counties do not have a uniform or detailed set of requirements. While they are not mandatory, these new guidelines, (the Oregon Columbia Plateau Ecoregion Wind Energy Siting and Permitting Guidelines), are meant to provide developers and counties the basic


information necessary to evaluate whether and how a project can be built with minimal impacts to birds and bats.

A copy of the Guidelines is available on the Conservation Page of the Lane Audubon website or at www.rnp.org. For more information contact Jim Maloney at jimgmal@comcast.net. 

PROJECT FEEDERWATCH

A citizen science project organized by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology

The 2008-09 season of Project FeederWatch gets underway November 8 and runs through April 3. Participants count the numbers and kinds of birds at their feeders each week and send the information to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Participants submitted more than 115,000 checklists during the 2007-08 FeederWatch season, documenting unusual bird sightings, winter movements, and shifting ranges—a treasure-trove of information that scientists use to monitor the health of the birds and of the environment.

Project FeederWatch welcomes participants of all ages and skill levels. To learn more and to sign up, visit www.feederwatch.org or call the Lab toll-free at (800) 843-2473. In return for the \$15 fee participants receive the *FeederWatcher's Handbook*, an identification poster of the most common feeder birds in their area, a calendar, complete instructions, and the FeederWatch annual report, *Winter Bird Highlights*. 



Project FeederWatch

Embrace the winter. Count feeder birds for science!

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Jim Maloney

The Lane Audubon Board would like to thank Jim Maloney for his tireless efforts on behalf of Lane Audubon. We are grateful for the countless hours, expertise, and energy he has brought to working on the Columbia wind energy siting and permitting guidelines and feel confident that the guidelines are a valuable asset that will help to protect birds and wildlife while ensuring successful wind energy development. Thanks, Jim!

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

Barbara Gleason

Board members of Lane Audubon send a hearty "Thank You!" to Barbara Gleason for doing *The Quail* layout and graphics for the past few months. Barbara's busy schedule prevents her from continuing to work on *The Quail*, but we appreciate the time she carved out to help us!

Lane Audubon alert: Western Oregon logging set to triple under new plan adopted by BLM

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The final version of the Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR aka "Whopper") was released on October 9 and headed to Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski's office for a 60-day review period. The plan covers management of 2.6 million acres of forest in Oregon. The WOPR is based on a settlement between the timber industry and the Bush administration that came about after a lawsuit brought by the timber companies. It would replace the Northwest Forest Plan written in 1994 to establish a balance between timber harvest and environmental conservation.

The numbers don't look good for our forests and the birds and wildlife that depend on them, although the amount of logging allowed in the final version is somewhat less than in the first draft. The final plan would triple current timber harvest levels and allow extensive clear-cuts. It would defer logging of trees 160 years or older for 15 years in order to study the effects of the Barred Owl on populations of Spotted Owls; unfortunately, not enough time to allow for real recovery of endangered species like the Marbled Murrelet and Spotted Owl. After that brief delay, logging of old growth could resume and would be devastating to old-growth-reliant wildlife. The buffer zones around rivers and streams would shrink from current protected areas and this at a time when we are finding unprecedented levels of chemicals in our waters and

threatened populations of fish. The logging will result in over a thousand miles of new road through the forest, further degrading and fragmenting essential habitat.

Logging under the WOPR would negatively impact the value of outdoor recreation and tourism that is so important to Oregon's economy. It would threaten the investment that taxpayers have made to protect steelhead and salmon and keep our drinking water clean. It would interfere with our ability to restore populations of endangered species and, alarmingly, further the documented decline in populations of more common species. It would exacerbate the economic and environmental costs of clear-cutting by increasing erosion and fire risks. Management of our forests under this plan would release millions of tons of carbon into the atmosphere and would locally decimate one of our most effective tools for storing carbon. Since intact forests store carbon, they play a primary role in mitigating the effects of greenhouse gas emissions on climate change. This ability to sequester carbon will prove to have great economic value in the coming years as the country formulates a plan to deal with the problems of global warming.

Many citizens are concerned that the final version of the WOPR has not been reviewed by scientists at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife or the National Marine

Fisheries Service. Last year, the BLM's own scientists released a lengthy criticism of the plan concluding that it was not based on sound science and would not provide enough habitat for species protection. The BLM also received 30,000 public comments, most opposing the plan. Presently, there is no opportunity for additional public input. Governor Kulongoski will act as our voice. The governor is charged with determining how the plan aligns with such laudable state goals as salmon recovery, wildlife conservation and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Please write to the Governor and ask him to oppose the WOPR.

Environmental groups are organizing actions to express concerns about the WOPR. Lane Audubon will send out an e-mail containing links and information. To be added to the e-mail action alert list, please send your e mail address to dschlenoff@msn.com.

MEMBER ACTION ALERT

Contact Governor Kulongoski , asking him to oppose the WOPR:

160 State Capitol
900 Court Street
Salem, Oregon 97301-4047

Web site for e-mail submissions:

http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/contact_us.shtml

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representation on important local and regional conservation issues.

The most important thing you can do to support Lane Audubon is to maintain your annual membership. Beyond that, a tax-deductible gift

at any level will help us sustain and strengthen our programs in the coming year.

Inside this issue of *The Quail*, you'll find an envelope that we hope you can return with a donation at any level

you can accommodate. We thank you for your generous support in the past, and we're confident that you won't be disappointed by the return on your investment if you are able to support Lane Audubon again this year.

AUDUBON IN THE SCHOOLS

2008-09 Audubon Adventures classrooms

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Audubon Adventures is an award-winning curriculum published by national Audubon which supplies everything needed to deliver an enriched environmental science and language arts curriculum using nature-based learning. Designed for students in grades 3-6, Audubon Adventures' materials are easy to use in any classroom. The content and activities allow teachers to successfully adapt the materials to students' different skills and learning styles.



THE AUDUBON ADVENTURES CLASSROOM RESOURCE KIT INCLUDES:

For the students:

- *Nature News for Kids*: 32 copies each of four issues


For the teacher:

- Classroom Resource Manual: a 64-page guide complete with background information on the four topics and themes, detailed lesson plans, tips for outdoor study, ideas for hands-on activities, research material, duplicating masters, links to relevant websites, glossaries, and more.
- Full-color posters and brochures and materials to create classroom displays
- Complementary membership to national Audubon and Lane Audubon with subscription to *Audubon* magazine and *The Quail* newsletter

The theme for 2008-09 is "**Feats of Nature.**" The topics are:

- **Animal Defenses**—adaptations that help animals protect themselves;
- **Animal Migration**—birds and other animals;
- **Animal Builders**—birds, beavers, prairie dogs, spiders, wasps, bees, termites, coral polyps and tent caterpillars; and
- **Trees and Plants**—interactions with animals, and their place in the web of life.

Lane Audubon members have made these curriculum kits available to teachers at no cost to the school system through the Adopt-A-Classroom program. This month, I am looking for additional teachers who would be excited to use the curriculum. Please check next month's *Quail* for more classrooms. We have almost 20 classrooms who have already received their kits for this school year.

If you would like to suggest a classroom to receive *Audubon Adventures*, please contact Debra Eichner at 607-6123 or aceichner@msn.com. If you would like to sponsor a class, sponsorship checks for \$45 can be mailed to: LCAS, PO Box 5086, Eugene, OR 97405. 

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A MESSAGE FROM LANE AUDUBON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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We ask you to become a local member of **Lane County Audubon Society** and support our grassroots efforts in the local community. All of 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!

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JOIN OR RENEW TODAY:

Lane Audubon Society welcomes you!

Lane County Audubon Society needs your local membership dues to keep our various programs alive! This means that your membership dues for National Audubon Society no longer support a membership in your local chapter. Become a member of Lane Audubon today to help us continue our educational programs and our work in protecting birds, other wildlife, and their habitats in Lane County. We appreciate your support.

LANE AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP DUES

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- ☐ Student and Seniors (65 and over) \$15\$ _____
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- Total Enclosed (check payable to Lane County Audubon Society)\$ _____

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- ☐ Gift memberships
- ☐ Volunteering for Lane Audubon activities
- ☐ Lane Audubon's Living Legacy program
- ☐ I'd like to receive e-mail alerts about conservation issues.

Mail this form and your payment to:

Lane Audubon Society
P.O. Box 5086
Eugene, OR 97405

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Quail Layout

Description: We are looking for a volunteer to do layout & graphics for *The Quail*. We provide the template (formatted with InDesign) and the text. Then, you add the graphics and do the layout.

Qualifications: Ability to manipulate graphics files; experience using InDesign

Time commitment: 5-8 hours per issue; 9 issues per year

Contact: Cynthia Stockwell, 345-9358 or quail@clearwire.net



Deadlines:
December/January issue:
November 8

Submit material to:
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THE QUAIL

The Quail is the newsletter of Lane County Audubon Society, which is a chartered chapter of national Audubon. Nine issues are published per year (*May-June, July-Aug. and Dec.-Jan. are double issues*).

Local members of national Audubon receive a free subscription to *The Quail*, but are encouraged to voluntarily join Lane Audubon (see pg. 5).

Subscriptions: Contact Jim Blick at 683-4635 or blick@toast.net.

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VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

Thanks, Celebration Volunteers!

We had a good contingent of Lane Audubon booth staffers on hand for the Eugene Celebration on September 13 and 14. **Pat Bitner, Connie Berglund, Margot Fetz, Sally O'Donnell, Nancy Radius, Debbie Schlenoff** and **Herb Wisner** all were on hand to meet and greet visitors at the Lane Audubon booth.

Each year, our booth volunteers help us reach thousands of people who attend the local festivals and fairs where we have our booth. We appreciate our volunteers' willingness to give Lane Audubon some of their time to let people know about the great work Lane Audubon is doing in the community.

If you'd like to become part of this team, contact Ron Renschler at 345-0834 or christyandron@qwest.net.

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FIELD NOTES: SEPTEMBER 2008

• Local hot spot hosts mega-rarity; birders flock from near and far • White-winged dove drops in • Unusual finds in the High Cascades

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WOOD SANDPIPER—what more can be said! The first Oregon record and one of a very few in the lower 48 states; a mega-rarity that brought people from across the United States to Fern Ridge Reservoir! Not something one is expecting when birding your “local patch,” that’s for sure. It was seen by others as early as September 24 and by John Sullivan on September 26, but not identified until he got good looks at the bird on September 29. Also, we received the second record of a White-winged Dove landing in Lane County. That’s migration at its best and what keeps some birders going—you just never know what might show up!



The Wood Sandpiper is an inland shorebird which breeds in Scotland, Europe and Asia, and typically migrates to Africa and India. This bird was seen at Fern Ridge Reservoir, Royal Ave., on 9/29/08. Photo credit John Sullivan

WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose	Sept. 23	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI	First report of their southward migration
Cackling Goose	Sept. 23	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI	First report of their southward migration
Tundra Swan	Sept. 30	Fern Ridge Reservoir	RR	This was not the individual seen in July & August (That bird was found dead.).
Common Loon	Sept. 14	Fern Ridge Reservoir	RR	A normal time for this species to migrate south
Western/Clark's Grebe ⁽⁴⁰⁷⁾	Sept. 10	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DF,RS	Slightly lower number than in past years, with Clark's representing 20-25% of the total number
Green Heron	Sept. 22	Booth-Kelly pond	TE	Numbers are declining post-breeding season

RAPTORS

White-tailed Kite ⁽²⁾	Sept. 18	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DA,PS	Numbers starting to increase for the winter
Northern Harrier ⁽⁵⁻⁶⁾	Sept. 30	Fern Ridge Reservoir	E&VT	Flying into the night roost at dusk
Merlin	Sept. 10	Richardson Park	DF	First report for the winter season
Peregrine Falcon	May-June	Coast Range	JD	Late report of a nest that fledged 3 young

FIELD NOTES: SEPTEMBER 2008, *continued*

SHOREBIRDS, GULLS, TERNS, & ALCIDS

Black-bellied Plover ⁽¹⁶⁾	Sept. 12	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS	A normal migration period
Black-bellied Plover ⁽⁴⁰⁾	Sept. 20	Fern Ridge Reservoir	MP	This number is larger than usual
Golden-Plover spp.	Sept. 26	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS	Rare, but found almost annually at this location
Wood Sandpiper	Sept. 29	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS	A first record for Oregon!
Solitary Sandpiper	Sept. 7	Fern Ridge Reservoir	BMc,JR	Unusually high number of sightings through Sept. 20 (MP)
Wandering Tattler ⁽⁴⁾	Sept. 6	North Jetty	DF	A normal migration time for this species
Marbled Godwit ⁽²⁾	Sept. 6	North Jetty	DF	A few are found annually along the coast
Baird's Sandpiper	Sept. 12	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS,DF	Found in small numbers during this period
Pectoral Sandpiper ⁽¹⁴⁺⁾	Sept. 21	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS,LJ	A large number for this location
Dunlin	Sept. 21	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS,LJ	First report for the winter season
Stilt Sandpiper	Sept. 17	Fern Ridge Reservoir	LMc et al.	Rare, but becoming an annual visitor here
Stilt Sandpiper ⁽²⁾	Sept. 30	Fern Ridge Reservoir	TM,DF	
Ruff	Sept. 12	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS	Rare, but nearly annual at this location
Ruff	Sept. 19	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI	The same bird?
Wilson's Phalarope	Sept. 23	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI	A late report for this breeding species
Sabine's Gull	Sept. 8	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DF	Sightings annually in mid-reservoir
Common Tern	Sept. 3	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI	Typical date for this species to be found here
Common Tern ⁽⁶⁾	Sept. 8	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DF	
Rhinoceros Auklet	Sept. 20	Strawberry Hill SW	BC,RG	Not often sighted from shore after the breeding season
Tufted Puffin	Sept. 20	Strawberry Hill SW	BC,RG	Not often found after the breeding season

DOVES, GOATSUCKERS & SWIFTS

White-winged Dove	Sept. 28	Ten Mile Ck. area	PH	The second record of a sighting in Lane County
Common Nighthawk ⁽³⁾	Sept. 12	Fern Ridge Reservoir	fide DF	An unusual flock migrating south
Vaux's Swift ⁽⁵⁻⁸⁰⁰⁰⁾	Sept. 13	Agate Hall, UO	A&TM,PW,CB	A normal number of swifts for the date
Vaux's Swift ⁽²⁰⁰⁰⁾	Sept. 25	Agate Hall, UO	A&TM	Very low numbers, but we heard that there a large number using a chimney along E. 12th Ave. near the hospital. Both evenings a Sharp-shinned Hawk came and sat on top of the chimney and successfully caught at least one swift.

PASSERINES

Lewis's Woodpecker	Sept. 26	Mt. Pisgah	DD,BN	Found in small numbers during their southward migration
Western Wood-Pewee	Sept. 30	Green Island	RR	Last report for the breeding season
Pacific-sloped Flycatcher	Sept. 8	W. Eugene	DF	Last report for the breeding season
Say's Phoebe	Sept. 19	Three Sisters Wilderness	TM	Surprising find at timberline in High Cascades
Purple Martin ⁽³⁾	Sept. 3	Fern Ridge Reservoir	LMc et al.	Last report for the breeding season
Mountain Chickadee ⁽²⁾	Sept. 26	S. River Road	B&KA	Never common in the valley
House Wren	Sept. 3	Fern Ridge Reservoir	LMc et al.	Not common at this location and the last report for the breeding season

FIELD NOTES: SEPTEMBER 2008, *continued*

PASSERINES *continued*

Varied Thrush	Sept. 12	S. Eugene	TM	First report for the winter season
MacGillivray's Warbler	Sept. 8	W. Eugene	DF	Last report for the breeding season
Yellow-breasted Chat	Sept. 19	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI	Last report for the breeding season
Western Tanager	Sept. 17	near UO campus	LMc	Last report for the breeding season
Fox Sparrow	Sept. 16	Florence	DP	First report of the winter season
Lincoln's Sparrow	Sept. 18&19	Three Sisters Wilderness	TM	None were found in their breeding habitat
Lincoln's Sparrow	Sept. 24	Fern Ridge Reservoir	TM et al.	First report for the winter season
Swamp Sparrow	Sept. 21	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS,LJ	Early report of this uncommon winterer
Golden-crowned Sparrow	Sept. 24	Fern Ridge Reservoir	TM et al.	First report for the winter season
Lapland Longspur	Sept. 11	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DF,RS,DJ	Migrant found nearly annually at this location
Yellow-headed Blackbird (2)	Sept. 14	Fern Ridge Reservoir	RR	Last report for the breeding season
American Goldfinch (3)	Sept. 1	Three Sisters Wilderness	LN	Another surprising find at 6000' in the Cascades

Thank you, contributors!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Bird Walks Coordinator

Description: The Bird Walks Coordinator is responsible for setting up our Third Saturday Bird Walks: contacting field trip leaders, e-mailing the publicity, and meeting the group on the day of the Walk to get things rolling. It is, perhaps, the most fun job available, if you want to be out birding, meeting new people and learning from our bird walk leaders. This position is suitable for one person to fill or for a job-sharing arrangement between two people.

Qualifications: Any level of birding skills (beginner to expert); e-mail capability; ability to plan events in advance. We provide a list of bird walk leaders to contact.

Time commitment: 1-2 hours per month, plus attending the Bird Walk on the Third Saturday of the month.

Contact: Maeve Sowles at 343-8664 or president@laneaudubon.org.

Abbreviations:

North Jetty North Jetty of the Siuslaw River, **SW** State Wayside

Locations:

Booth-Kelly pond (Springfield), Ten Mile Creek (northern Lane County coast)



Birders from across the US flocked to Fern Ridge Reservoir after John Sullivan posted this rare sighting on the Internet. Photo credit John Sullivan

COMMUNITY CALENDAR, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

A service to Lane County Audubon members

A BEAVER'S TALE FAMILY PROGRAM

WREN (WILLAMETTE RESOURCES EDUCATION NETWORK)

Hear stories and learn about the beaver: Oregon's state mammal, the largest North American rodent, and a resident of the West Eugene Wetlands! Take a short walk to look for beaver signs.

Saturday, Nov. 8, 10–11:30 a.m.

Dress appropriately. We will spend some time outside regardless of weather. Meet at the West Eugene Wetlands Yurt, 751 S. Danebo Ave. Suggested donation: \$4/\$2 WREN member. FMI: Holly McRae at 683-6494 or hmcrae@wewetlands.org



EUGENE BIRDER'S NIGHT

An informal gathering of birders sharing Lane County sightings. All levels of birding experience welcome.

Monday Nov. 10, 7:00 p.m.

EWEB Training Center; 500 E. 4th Ave.; FMI: Tom Mickel at 485-7112

WETLAND WANDER AT WILLOW CREEK PRESERVE

WREN (WILLAMETTE RESOURCES EDUCATION NETWORK)

Wetland Wanders are casual walks through various West Eugene Wetlands sites on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Tues. November 11, 9–10 a.m.

WREN will provide binoculars. FMI: Holly McRae at 683-6494 or hmcrae@wewetlands.org

HONEY BEES—JUST ONE IN 20,000

THE EUGENE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Lecture by Peter Wetherwax, UO Research Assistant Professor of Biology

Friday Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO campus



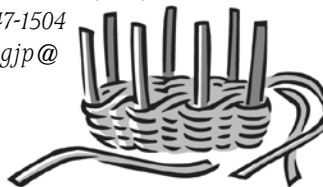
WILLOW BASKETRY WORKSHOP

MT. PISGAH ARBORETUM

Margaret Mathewson of the Ancient Arts Center teaches this all-day class on creating basketry using ancient techniques. Take home your own beautiful, natural willow basket, along with the skills to make more.

Saturday Nov. 8, 9–5

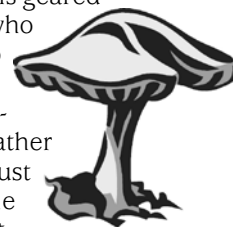
Materials included. \$50/\$45 members. FMI: Clare at 747-1504 or mtpisgjp@efn.org



MUSHROOMING ON THE MOUNTAIN

MT. PISGAH ARBORETUM

This intensive class for beginning 'shroomers offers instruction on identification, ecology, folklore and more! This class is geared toward people who want to get to know the entire amazing kingdom of Fungi, rather than those who just want to find the ones you can eat.



Sat. & Sun. Nov. 15 & 16, 10–4

\$60/\$50 MPA members. FMI: Clare at 747-1504 or mtpisgjp@efn.org

PLAY IN THE RAIN

MT. PISGAH ARBORETUM

Youth in Nature Partnership hosts an Exploration Day where local outdoor recreation and education organizations will come together at Mt. Pisgah to lead exciting activities, games & workshops for you and your family. There will be scavenger hunts, campfire cookery, hikes, horseback riding, arts and crafts and more!

Saturday, Nov. 22, 10–2



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Wings & Wine Festival Assistant

Description: We are seeking a volunteer to assist the Fern Ridge Wings and Wine Festival steering committee. You would attend the monthly planning meetings, take meeting notes and distribute these to the steering committee. We need someone to track timelines and action items, coordinating our efforts. Helping out on the day of the event, May 12, 2009 would be desirable.

Qualifications: You should be an organized individual with the ability to e-mail

Time commitment: 3-4 hours per month, more during the month prior to the event

Contact: Maeve Sowles at 343-8664 or president@laneaudubon.org

PROGRAM MEETING: NOVEMBER 25

Exploring Lane Audubon's School Programs by Debra Eichner and Kris Kirkeby

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Lane Audubon coordinates two programs dedicated to enriching our local schools' natural science curriculum: *Audubon In the Schools* and *Audubon Adventures*. Our November Program Meeting will give members a chance to learn about—and experience—these programs.

Scientific illustrator Kris Kirkeby has developed an innovative set of lesson plans that our trained volunteers can take into elementary classrooms. This program, called *Audubon In the Schools*, uses our licensed set of real specimens—birds, feathers, nests, bones, and the like—to teach observational skills. The lessons combine concepts of bird biology and ecosystems with techniques of accurate drawing based on student observations. The result is kids who become jazzed about birds and produce some amazingly accurate drawings.

Kris will introduce the program and demonstrate the *Audubon in the Schools* techniques we use to improve observational skills. Next, you'll be invited to sit down and try out the four lessons we teach. You'll meet some of our instructors and see the licensed bird, nest, feather and bone specimen collections we use. You'll find that you don't need to be an artist to learn about the drawing techniques and you don't need to be an expert birder to learn how we present the science concepts. Volunteers from *Audubon in the Schools* will be available to help and to share experiences from their time in classrooms.

The other opportunity that Lane Audubon offers local teachers is *Audubon Adventures*, a literature-based natural science curriculum published by national Audubon and sponsored by our local members. This is a program that sells itself, with a number of Lane County classrooms participating year after year. Coordinator Debra Eichner does an amazing job of getting the word out to classrooms throughout the county and matching up a Lane Audubon member to sponsor each classroom.

Audubon Adventure kits give elementary teachers fun materials to use with students and teacher resource materials for lesson plans. Many of you have sponsored classrooms over the years, and we wanted to give you an opportunity to see samples of the materials you provide. Coordinator Debra Eichner will have samples of several years *Audubon Adventures* kits laid out for closer examination.

Please plan to join us for this unique program and bring along anyone who might be interested. Program Meetings are free and open to the public. ①

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**Tuesday, November 25
7:30 P.M.**

**Eugene Garden Club
1645 High Street, Eugene**

VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Kathy Wilson

The Lane Audubon Board is happy to welcome Kathy Wilson as recording secretary! She is attending the board meetings and keeping minutes for us. Kathy and her husband Bruce were active with the Audubon board years ago until family responsibilities and work captured all their time. We welcome Kathy back and appreciate her cheerful help at the Board meetings!



BIRD WALKS AND EVENTS

Monthly Bird Walk: Our monthly bird walks are usually held on the third Saturday of the month, but we often have additional walks or special trips. With knowledgeable leaders and many pairs of eyes to help spot birds, our trips are a great way to increase your birding skills while learning about Lane County birds and their habitats. All birders are welcome, from novice to expert. A \$3 donation is suggested.

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**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 1**

LANE AUDUBON ANNUAL FALL BIKE PATH CLEAN-UP

It's time for our Fall Bike Path Cleanup. Meet at the end of Terry Street just north of W. 11th Ave. at 9:00 a.m. to help us keep our portion of the West Eugene Bike Path free of litter. Bring walking shoes, a water bottle, and binoculars. The City of Eugene provides litter pickers, trash bags, gloves, and a sharps box. Please join us for a rewarding morning as we help clean the bike and pedestrian paths.

For more information, e-mail Hugh Larkin, hdlarkin2@clearwire.net.

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 15**

THIRD SATURDAY BIRD WALK

EAST REGIONAL PARK IN COTTAGE GROVE

Rick Ahrens will be our leader as we return to Cottage Grove's East Regional Park. This is a city park that's outside of town along the Row River with a couple of large ponds and lots of cover for small birds. We've had some surprising sightings here in the past. Who knows what we'll see this time?

We will meet at our usual time and place for carpooling: 8:00 a.m. in the South Eugene High School parking lot at 19th and Patterson.

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 4,
2009**


SAVE THE DATE!

CALLING ALL BIRDERS: IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE EUGENE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT!

Dick Lamster

Eugene Christmas Bird Count Coordinator

343-8664

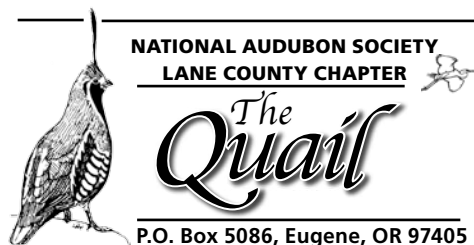
Be sure to mark your calendar: Sunday, January 4 is this year's Eugene Christmas Bird Count. We will be contacting past Team Leaders and past participants in late November with details about this year's count. If you are new to the area or have not been on our Christmas Bird Count recently, please contact me at 343-8664 and we will get you on a team. 

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