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NEWS FROM LANE COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Rich warbles, courtship flutters mark unfolding of spring

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One by one, the spring songs of birds are heard as the weather warms and the days lengthen. As we walk our daily route on our property, my husband and I hear the stirrings of territorial and courtship songs from the bushes. Song Sparrows, juncos, towhees and chickadees begin in early spring to sing on their perches. Some remain here all year, so they restate their territorial boundaries starting in March.


The Golden-crowned Sparrows begin to practice a partial song in preparation for their migration to breeding territory. These songs are not complete and just give a suggestion of the full rendition they will save for later in the spring in Canada and Alaska. The Purple Finch males sing at the tops of trees throwing out their loud, rich warbling songs for the whole valley to hear.

Suddenly, in the early spring, I notice the Steller's Jays' tone has changed. I hear two together making sweeter, softer sounds as they interact. They fly together from tree to tree, exploring the branches and swooping down to the ground, chirping and cooing to each other. It is an indecipherable conversation, but I can tell they are relating and showing a gentler side than the typical raucous jay behavior.

Two by two, the birds begin to pair up. The Mourning Doves begin their incessant courtship song and perch together on the wires. The finches begin to show feeding behavior in which the male offers food to a female. Serious competition matches begin as the Rufous Hummingbirds begin to



Image: Project FeederWatch

arrive and the juncos fly up at each other, beak to beak, to spar for position. Even the chickadees show some crazy competition as a female bird flutters like a begging chick and a male chases a competitor from the tree, away from the female. The drama is intense for these small animals. The rising hormones alter birds' activities from the winter survival mode to the spring "fever" mode of singing, staking claim to territory and mates, and providing us, the watchers, with some of the best birding of the year. I take every opportunity to breathe in the air, listen to the birds and insects, watch the weather gradually warm and enjoy the changes that bring the season of spring. What a pleasure to watch it all unfold! 

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AUDUBON REPORT


Birds and Climate Change: On the move



As reported in our March *Quail*, National Audubon Society has released a new study based on analysis of 40 years of Christmas Bird Count data. They found that nearly 60% of the 305 species found in North America in winter are “on the move,” shifting their ranges northward by an average of 35 miles. Below is one report related to a species of local interest (see Field Notes sightings). For complete information, see <http://birdsandclimate.audubon.org>.

Purple Finch

A frequent visitor to bird feeders, this colorful bird, which is frequently confused with the more common House Finch, is an “irruptive species,” meaning that it winters far to the south in some winters and farther north in others. As

temperatures have increased in recent years, however, the birds have not gone as far south during their irruptions—resulting in overall northward movement of over 433 miles in the last 40 years. — Ashok Khosla 



*Everyone is invited to join Lane Audubon for
a special showing of*

ON the WING

by Dan Viens

depicting the Portland Chapman Swifts

The filmmaker will join us to introduce the film

**Sunday, April 19, 12 noon Bijou Arts Cinemas
492 E. 13th Ave., Eugene**

FMI: Check our web site at www.laneaudubon.org or call 485 BIRD

On The Wing is a documentary which tells the story of Portland, Oregon's Chapman Swifts. Each fall these birds roost in the chimney of a Portland elementary school and put on an amazing nightly aerial display to the delight of hundreds and thousands of observers. The event has become a cult phenomenon over the past 15 years and is a shining example of people choosing to coexist with nature rather than smoking it out. *On The Wing* captures the community, energy and excitement of the entire Swifts phenomenon. <http://www.swiftsmovie.com/film.html>

AUDUBON IN THE SCHOOLS

Kids thank us for nature/drawing program

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The following thank yous were written by students in grade 3 at Malabon Elementary School after we presented one of our nature/drawing lessons. As you can see, our bird specimens made an impact, and the kids very much appreciated learning to draw birds!

Dear Audubon Society-

Thank you Debra, for coming to our class and I really liked the beautiful birds. My favorite bird was the mallard. I drew the White Throated Sparrow.

Thank you for coming to our class. And all the birds were awesome. Especially the red tailed hawk. That one was cool and all the cool colors on it.

Thank you for coming to our class and I enjoy your coming. My favorite was the hummingbird. I loved the colors on the bird. Then I loved how big the owl was. Also the white belly with a little brown. The bird that I had was the wax wing [cedar waxwing?] almost made me cry.

Thank you very much for coming. The birds were a buty! I just loved the hummingbird. It was small and I drew the Red-breasted nuthatch! I also like drawing small birds too. When I colored it, it looked just fascinating...

Thank you for coming to our classroom. All the birds were beautiful. The bird that I drew was labeled, Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyana*. I even remember the colors and where they were but I'm just going to say the colors. Indigo, Teal, black and a little bit of grey on its beak. It was magnificent! I really loved it!

Thank you for coming to our class. I really liked the mallard. I liked drawing the scrub jay and all of the birds were beautiful.

Thank you for coming to our class and teaching us how to draw birds. I am really good at it now. My favorite bird was The Owl. It was very pretty to look at. I hope I will always see wild birds every where I go.



Photo by Scott Kelly

15th Annual Cascades Raptor Center Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come honor your Mother (Earth) at Cascades Raptor Center's 15th annual Earth Day Celebration! Bring family and friends to hear Native American storyteller Pony Gilbert, meet story-book guest star raptors at Reading with Raptors sessions, and learn about these fascinating predators up-close and personal through informal programs throughout the day. With 63 resident education birds of over 30 species—from pygmy owls to bald and golden eagles—this is a wonderful way to celebrate the diversity of Oregon's wildlife. Look behind the scenes at the wildlife rehabilitation facility, take part in family activities, enter drawings with lots of great prizes, and listen to beautiful acoustic music filtering through the woodland setting. Don't miss this unique day of fun at your community nature center!

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Cascade Raptor Center is located at 32275 Fox Hollow Road, in Eugene, next to the Ridgeline Trail. [Shuttle service courtesy of City of Eugene's Recreation Department will run every 15 minutes from 12 noon on from Spencer Butte Middle School parking lot.] FMI: Contact Louise Shimmel or Laurin Huse, 485.1320.

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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy
Birthday,
John James
Audubon

(April 26, 1785)

I never for a day gave up listening to the songs of our birds, or watching their peculiar habits, or delineating them in the best way that I could.

— John James Audubon, *Journals*

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



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Deadlines:

May-June issue: April 11
July-August issue: June 6

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THE QUAIL

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

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FIELD NOTES: FEBRUARY 2009

- **Red-shouldered in dunes • Harlan's & Brant west of J.C.**
- **Phoebes all over • No Horned Grebe**

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The dry weather trend in January continued into February. As is normal for this time of year, the first spring migrants began showing up: Sandhill Cranes, Band-tailed Pigeons, Rufous Hummingbirds and swallows. Some people say that spring has arrived when the Rufous Hummingbirds return for the breeding season, but, to us, February seems a little early to label "spring." Instead, we like to set that benchmark as the return of the Common Yellowthroats about the first of April. Their return isn't far off, so let us know when you first hear their "wichity-wichity" song. Also, it's interesting to know when the wintering species leave for their breeding areas, so let us know that last date you see Golden-crowned or White-throated Sparrows or any of the wintering waterfowl.



WATERBIRDS

Brant	Feb. 11	W. of Junction City	TM et al.	A rare bird wintering in this area
Ross's Goose	Feb. 11	W. of Junction City	TM et al.	Increasingly common in large flocks of wintering Cackling Geese
Tundra Swan (12)	Feb.	Deflation Plain	B&ZS	This small flock was seen all month.
Eurasian Wigeon (5)	Feb. 11	Kirk Pond	TM et.al.	A large number for one pond!
Canvasback	Feb. 14	Siltcoos Lake	B&ZS	Last sighting for the winter
Redhead	Feb. 28	Kirk Pond	A&DH	Occasionally found at this site
Black Scoter	Feb. 28	Klootchman SW	B&ZS	The only one they've seen this winter
Red-breasted Merganser (31)	Feb. 28	Siuslaw River mouth	B&ZS	This flock has been seen most of the month.
Horned Grebe (not sighted)	Feb.	Florence area	B&ZS	They haven't seen any all winter!
Sooty Shearwater (3+)	Feb. 27	coast N. of Florence	SG,CK	Following a boat off-shore with numerous gulls

VULTURES & RAPTORS

Turkey Vulture	Feb. 11	Springfield	TE	A wintering bird or an early migrant?
Bald Eagle (9)	Feb. 21	Creswell	SN	Circled in thermal above her house, then moved south. All previous sightings were of single birds.
Red-shouldered Hawk	Feb. 28	Alder Dunes	B&ZS	A species that's increasing in Lane County
Red-tailed (Harlan's) Hawk	Feb. 4	W. of Junction City	JS	They occasional winter in the area.
Rough-legged Hawk (3)	Feb. 28	W. of Junction City	JS	Staying later than usual

SHOREBIRDS, ALCIDS, DOVES & OWLS

Sandhill Crane (180)	Feb. 11	LCC	DB	About a week earlier than usual
Black-bellied Plover (20)	Feb. 22	Eugene airport area	JS	A normal wintering flock
Snowy Plover (9)	Feb. 26	Siltcoos River mouth	B&ZS	The flock has moved to the breeding area.
Lesser Yellowlegs	Feb. 6	Delta Ponds	AP	A rare wintering species in Oregon
Glaucous Gull	Feb. 21	Old Town, Florence	B,B,DH	A species that winters most years

FIELD NOTES: FEBRUARY 2009, *continued*

SHOREBIRDS, ALCIDS, DOVES & OWLS *continued*

Glaucous Gull	Feb. 22	Eugene airport area	JS	An occasional wintering bird in the valley
Black-legged Kittiwake (50+)	Feb. 27	Florence area	SG,CK	Higher than usual numbers
Pigeon Guillemot	Feb. 28	Brays Point	B&ZS	First sighting of breeding plumage
Band-tailed Pigeon	Feb. 22	Creswell area	HL	A little earlier than normal
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Feb. 3	W. Eugene	MN	A normal time for this species to start calling

PASSERINES

Rufous Hummingbird	Feb. 21	N. Eugene	KA	Right on schedule!
Rufous Hummingbird	Feb. 28	Florence	B&ZS	First of the year at their feeder
Black Phoebe	Feb.	Eugene-Springfield	m. ob.	Numerous birds were reported during the month all around the area.
Say's Phoebe	Feb. 19	Knight Road	DI	About a week earlier than normal
Say's Phoebe	Feb. 28	E. of Mt. Pisgah	PS	A normal time for this species to migrate
Say's Phoebe (5)	Feb. 28	Alton Baker Park	E&VT	through the area, but 5 is a very high number
Northern Shrike	Feb. 20	Meadowlark Prairie	E&VT	An area where one has wintered previously
Tree Swallow	Feb. 28	FRR area	A&DH	Large numbers of both species were found
Violet-green Swallow	Feb. 28	FRR area	A&DH	near water in the area.
American Dipper	Feb. 28	Cape Creek	B&ZS	It seems late for one to be singing.
Orange-crowned Warbler	Feb. 10	central Eugene	EC	Most likely a wintering bird, as migrants don't normally show up until mid-March
Townsend's Warbler	Feb.	Florence	B&ZS	Visiting their feeder daily this month, whereas normally they only see them occasionally
American Tree Sparrow	Feb. 21	Siltcoos River mouth	B,B,DH	A rare migrant in the county
Purple Finch	Feb. 18	SE Eugene	AC	First birds to return this spring. [While we used to see them at our feeders all winter, for the last five years we've seen none—until a few days after Alan's report.]

ABBREVIATIONS

FRR Fern Ridge Reservoir; LCC Lane Community College; SW State Wayside

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CORRECTION

The Black-headed Grosbeak reported in last month's fieldnotes was at Charlie & Kathy Frazer's feeder and photographed by Becky Uhler.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Vaux's Swift spring migration count

Please help us locate roosts and count migrating Vaux's swifts in Oregon this spring. Saturday, May 2 is the official count day, although scouting for roost locations can begin as soon as the first migrants appear. Interested volunteers can contact Nicole Nielsen-Pincus at nnielsenpincus@yahoo.com.

Conservation news: The Good; The Bad; The Ugly

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The Good

There has been good news for wildlife and the environment in the past month. The new administration is reviewing several decisions of the past administration with an eye toward allowing sound science to inform policy. In early March, President Obama stated, "It is about letting scientists ... do their jobs, free from manipulation or coercion, and listening to what they tell us, even when it's inconvenient – especially when it's inconvenient. It is about ensuring that scientific data is never distorted or concealed to serve a political agenda –"

The Obama administration has reinstated a long standing Endangered Species Act (ESA) regulation that requires federal agencies to consult with experts from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service before permitting or implementing projects that could potentially impact endangered species. The changes, executed in the last month of the Bush administration, would have allowed projects such as road, dam, and power plant construction, logging, mining and drilling to proceed without the consultation of scientists. In addition, the change to ESA regulations had prohibited federal scientists from protecting endangered species based on the effects of global warming. Reversing these changes is sure to be good news for many species, from the polar bear to the alpine pika. A petition was recently filed to protect Kittlitz's Murrelet, an Alaskan seabird whose population numbers have plunged over 80% in the last 20 years. Thinning and retreating glaciers have reduced foraging habitat for this species, which along with other threats, has undoubtedly contributed to the decline of the birds.

In other good news, the administration canceled drilling leases near national parks, halted an oil shale leasing proposal, postponed plans for offshore drilling, opposed approval of a coal plant that failed to require state-of-the-art pollution controls, reversed the exemption of some pesticides under the Clean Water Act, and signaled a new approach to climate change and energy, including new efficiency standards.

"It is about letting scientists ... do their jobs, free from manipulation or coercion, and listening to what they tell us, even when it's inconvenient – especially when it's inconvenient. It is about ensuring that scientific data is never distorted or concealed to serve a political agenda –"

The Bad

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced that Gray Wolves in Idaho and Montana will lose Endangered Species protection, although they will remain listed in Wyoming. Although it is true that wolf populations have increased in numbers, many scientists are not convinced that the goals of population connectivity and genetic diversity necessary for healthy populations have been met, especially since only a small percentage of wolves are breeding individuals. Wolves are an essential part of the ecosystem and delisting that prompts the widespread slaughter of hundreds of wolves will not help the recovery effort. The March announcement upholding the Bush administration's delisting comes at a bad time of year since it allows for the killing of pregnant females and young wolves.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Sign a petition at Earthjustice.org
- Call the **US Fish and Wildlife Service at 1-800-344-9453** select option "3" (for endangered species) and hit "0" to speak with the operator

The Ugly

Clear-cuts and commercial harvesting eliminate habitat, increase erosion, remove the ability to sequester carbon, and pollute waterways. They're truly ugly and impede outdoor recreation. Despite opposition from government scientists, citizens, environmental groups, and Oregon's own governor, the BLM is moving forward with plans to implement the Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR). The argument that trees can be replanted is disingenuous; complex habitat is intolerably difficult to restore. The plan would increase logging over three-fold on 2.5 million acres of forests in western Oregon and affect some of the last remaining intact forested habitat in the state, including old growth forest. It reduces by half buffers that protect water and does not adequately protect at-risk species such as salmon, Marbled Murrelets, and spotted owls.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Sign a petition at <http://www.kswild.org>
- Contact your legislators and express your opinion

In the future, let's hope for more of the good news and less of the bad.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

A service to Lane County Audubon members

EGGS & NESTS FAMILY PROGRAM

WREN (WILLAMETTE EDUCATION RESOURCES NETWORK)

Discover the beauty and wonder of wetland bird nests and eggs. Paint an egg to take home.

Saturday, April 4, 10–11:30 a.m.

Meet at the West Eugene Wetlands Yurt, 751 S. Danebo Ave. Suggested donation: \$4/non-members. FMI: Contact Holly McRae at 683-6494 or hmcrae@wewetlands.org

EGG WALK!

NEARBY NATURE

Celebrate the egg-straordinary assortment of critters who hatch out of eggs—from ducks to dragonflies! Meet costumed critters on a special guided hike in Alton Baker Park, check out live critters from the Oregon Herpetological Society, enjoy crafts, a great raffle, and more.

Saturday, April 4, 2–5 p.m.

Each hike lasts an hour.

\$5/non-member.

Pre-registration

is required: 687-9699



GREAT LIGHT, GREAT PHOTOS

Potters use clay. Jewelers use gold. Photographers pull their art out of thin air. Learn how great light can turn an ordinary scene into a great photograph. This hands-on workshop with professional photographer David Stone will teach you how to identify great light by location, time of day, weather conditions and other factors. Learn how to use filters as well.

Saturday, April 4, 5–8 p.m.

Follow-up session:

Saturday, April 11, 1–3 p.m.

Bring camera and instruction book, spare batteries, tripod, and a roll of slide film or empty memory card. Pre-registration required; call 747-1504. \$25/\$20 members.

SPRING WILDFLOWER WALK

MT. PISGAH ARBORETUM

Immerse yourself in the splendor of Mount Pisgah's native spring wildflowers with botanist Dave Wagner. This three-hour walk will give you ample time to delve into the Arboretum's April delights.

Sunday, April 5, 1–4 p.m.

No RSVP required. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. \$5 donation



BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS ON NATURE CONSERVANCY LANDS IN OREGON

NORTH AMERICAN BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION

Presentation by Jason Nuckols of the Nature Conservancy

Monday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.

Place: EWEB Training Center, 500 East 4th St., Eugene

NO SCHOOL DAY ADVENTURE: GROWING UP GREEN

NEARBY NATURE

Find out who's growing up green, from the wackiest wildflower to the tallest tree. Learn how seeds travel, get down in the dirt in our garden, discover nature's way with waste, and enjoy scavenger hunts.

Friday, April 10, 8:30 am–3:00 pm

Ages 6-9, maximum 12 kids; \$35 non-members. Nearby Nature Yurt and Alton Baker Park. To register, call 687-9699.

EUGENE BIRDER'S NIGHT

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

Monday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Hospital (downtown), 1255 Hilyard St., Conference Room A (across hall from Auditorium)

WETLAND WANDER ON THE TSANCHIIFIN TRAIL

WREN

Wetland Wanders are casual walks through various West Eugene Wetlands sites.

Tuesday, April 14, 9–10 a.m.

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

ECOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF THE WORLD'S TALLEST TREES

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Presentation by Steve Sillett, Associate Professor, Humboldt State University

Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.

Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO Campus, Eugene

SPRING BIRD WALK

MT. PISGAH ARBORETUM

Join entertaining birder Davey Wendt for on this bird walk for all levels of expertise.

Saturday, April 18, 8–10 a.m.

Bring your binoculars; Limit 20; RSVP by calling Clare at 747-1504. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. \$5/non-members.



WETLANDS & WEAVING FOR WEE ONES

WREN

Join us as we search the wetlands for cattails and tules. We will study how these important wetland and indigenous materials grow and discover all the living creatures that make cattails and tule's their home. We'll talk about how Native American people carefully gathered from these plants, while respecting the little creatures that lived within. After a guided walk with Nan MacDonald, participants will make a mini woven bag from tule and cattails.

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PROGRAM MEETING: APRIL 28

Oregon's Klamath Basin by Ani Kame'enui

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Please join Oregon Wild's Klamath Campaign Coordinator, Ani Kame'enui, in exploring the beauty and diversity of an Oregon wonder. Tucked into the southern reaches of the state, the Klamath Basin plays host to a myriad of migratory bird species every year. This is a place where Snow Geese congregate in the tens of thousands, American White Pelicans dip their slender beaks in search of fish, and Bald Eagles gather in their largest numbers in the continental United States.

In this presentation we will rediscover the bold beauty and harsh challenges faced by these crown jewels of the West. Come share in the spectacular images of professional photographer Brett Cole as we discuss the history and challenges faced by these terrific refuges.

A note about the presenter

With a background in geology, water-resource engineering, and environmental education, Klamath Campaign Coordinator Ani Kame'enui is well suited to work for the protection and restoration of the Klamath Basin. As Klamath Coordinator, Ani, writes Endangered Species Act listing petitions, submits comments to the EPA regarding the Klamath River and the Clean Water Act, helps to develop and secure funding for restoration work for endangered fish, and does a variety of other work in support of the Klamath Basin.



PROGRAM MEETING

Oregon's Klamath Basin

By Ani Kame'enui



**Tuesday, April 28
7:30 P.M.**

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR CONT.

Wetlands and Weaving for Wee Ones *continued from pg. 10*

Saturday, April 25

Session 1: 9:30 a.m. to noon

Session 2: 1-3:30 p.m.

Each session is limited to 20 children and pre-registration is required. Contact Holly McRae at hmcrac@wewetlands.org or 683-6494. Children must be accompanied by an adult; \$4; Meet at the West Eugene Wetlands Yurt, 751 S. Danebo Ave.



BIRDS & BLOOMS WALK

MT. PISGAH ARBORETUM

Discover the early spring birds and flowers of the Willamette Valley. Avid birder and Arboretum nature guide Rick Ahrens will teach about the adaptations that allow some birds and flowers to become active earlier than others.

Sunday, April 26, 9-11 a.m.

No RSVP required. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. \$5/MPA members by donation



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Delta Ponds bird monitoring

Are you a birder willing to volunteer your skills? Novice and experienced birders alike can volunteer to assist with this fifth year of migratory bird monitoring at Delta Ponds in Eugene. Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of four mornings of monitoring (roughly two hours each time) during the monitoring period from mid-April through the end of May. All volunteers for this project need to attend one of the orientation trainings offered at Eugene Public Works at 1820 Roosevelt Blvd. in Eugene. Trainings are offered April 1 and April 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. Please contact the City of Eugene Stream Team if you have questions and RSVP if you plan to attend (682-4850 or matt.a.mcrae@ci.eugene.or.us).



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.

Leila Snow

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leilas@ori.org

**FRIDAY
APRIL 10 & 17**

WELCOME BACK, SWIFTS

Lane Audubon is again holding its springtime "Welcome Back Swifts Event" at sunset outside Agate Hall. See thousands of Vaux's Swifts entering Agate Hall chimney to roost for the night! We'll have information on hand.

Agate Hall is located at 1787 Agate St. Eugene. Park on Agate or 17th or 18th Ave. and look for the Audubon banner. The birds begin circling about 1/2 hour before sunset, which will be around 8 p.m. FMI: 485-BIRD.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 18**

Third Saturday Bird Walk

SKINNER BUTTE PARK: THE WONDER OF WARBLERS

Our walk this month will focus on the wonder of warblers as seasonal migrants pass through on their way north. I find locating these birds challenging: they tend to be active early in the morning and in denser foliage, making them more difficult to spot. We'll be rearranging our schedule accordingly, meeting at 7 a.m. in the parking lot at the top of Skinner Butte. This is one of the best locations to see migrants, particularly if there's a storm the night before. Our bird walk leaders, Ann and Dan Heyerly, have been birding for many years. They've agreed to share some of their techniques for locating these migratory wonders.

All levels of birders are welcome, from first timer to expert. We will meet at Skinner Butte Park, in the parking lot at the top, rain or shine, at 7 a.m. and return by 11 a.m. A \$3 donation is suggested. Please note: As a precaution, do not leave valuables in your parked car. Questions? Contact Leila at leilas@ori.org or 968-5533.


**SUNDAY
APRIL 19**

ON THE WING: SPECIAL SHOWING OF PORTLAND SWIFTS FILM

Please see page 3 for details.

**SATURDAY
MAY 9**

FERN RIDGE WINGS AND WINE BIRDING FESTIVAL

The Fern Ridge Wings and Wine Festival is our big event of the year—see poster on page 2 for details! 

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