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From Our President



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Each time I travel away from Oregon, I'm happy when I return to the Willamette Valley. We live in a beautiful, green location surrounded by awesome scenery, clean air (relatively) and in an area where we can easily find a respite from cars and people.

This spring we visited my husband's relatives in the Midwest and enjoyed one birding outing in Missouri. It is always fun to see species that are not our usual western birds. We took a brief walk near St. Louis and saw Blue Jay, Northern Cardinal, Common Grackle, Eastern Bluebird, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Eastern Phoebe, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren, and Carolina Chickadee! Even though it was very cold and the migrants were not yet present, these birds were fun to find. It was a highlight of the trip for me.



Travel gives us a chance to contrast lifestyles and locations where people choose to live, to see a variety of different species, and, of course, to visit with relatives! I love to travel, but I love coming home again to our Lane County! The green valley and foothills, the variety of habitats, and our temperate climate with a prolonged spring gives us a slowly developing summer that is not too extreme (so far)! After waiting for winter to be over, we can look for the migrating and nesting bird species while gardening and spending as much time as possible outdoors in the spring and summer in Lane County! I am so ready for that!



Caching In: Birds and Food Storage

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A shout out to Dave Stone for reporting on the Endangered Species Act (ESA) during its 40-year anniversary. This is a powerful law with the potential to make a great deal of difference for the protection of species and ecosystems. However, vigilance is required against the many political attempts to weaken the law and slash funding. I am happy to report that a timber industry proposal to eliminate critical habitat and weaken other ESA protection for the Marbled Murrelet was rejected by a D.C. district court this month. Protection remains in place for this threatened sea bird that nests in old-growth coastal forests of the Northwest. Likewise, the proposed Goose timber project near McKenzie River has been halted pending further environmental analysis. A judge found that the Forest Service failed to properly analyze the impacts of the 2,100-acre logging project. In other news, a new federal water management plan for the Klamath Basin would divert water for irrigation. The ESA requires that federal projects be reviewed for potential harm to listed species, in this case, threatened salmon. Oregon Wild and WaterWatch of Oregon have filed a notice of intent to sue since the irrigation plan was initiated before the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries had a chance to complete their review.

In the last issue of *The Quail*, we noted that birds have a remarkable ability to remember past interactions both with people and with other birds. Their prodigious memory skills also come in handy when it's dinnertime. Many birds store (or cache) seeds and nuts in the fall so that they may have a source of food during the winter months. Birds such as chickadees and jays can remember the location of tens of thousands of nuts that they have cached away. In some members of the corvid family, the birds recall not just where the food was hidden but also the details of what and when, a skill known as "episodic memory." If given a choice between wax worms and peanuts, the birds prefer wax worms (who wouldn't?). But if the birds are shown that the wax worms spoil after a



few days, they will alter their decisions based on how long it has been since they cached the food. In one study, birds were allowed to cache both peanuts and wax worms. When they returned to their cache sites in less than a few days, the jays preferentially retrieved the wax worms from their hiding places. But if more time had elapsed, the jays went to where they had previously stored the peanuts (since by that time, the wax worms would have spoiled).

Even when paying attention to what they are hiding—and where and when—birds will take note of yet another important consideration. If you were burying a treasure, would you do so in the presence of a thief? Chickadees will hide food out of sight of other chickadees or nuthatches (who also cache food). But if the only other birds around are juncos, who do not cache food, the chickadees will hide the food in plain sight of the juncos. Likewise, if jays are caching food in another jay's presence, and are later offered the opportunity to go back to their hiding spots, they will retrieve and rebury their stores, but only the ones that were buried in sight of the other birds. Tellingly, birds that had been allowed to steal someone else's cache previously were much more likely to recache than were naïve birds who had never experienced the act of pilfering. Takes a thief to know a thief?

Oregon's Zumwalt Prairie: Last of the Wild Grasslands

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Tucked away in remote northeast Oregon lies the beautiful Zumwalt Prairie. This seemingly peaceful land of waving grasses is the last large, wild remnant of the native Palouse Prairie—a grassland that once covered much of northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington. It is also a symbolic battleground in the conflict between ranchers and environmentalists over the use of our country's rapidly vanishing natural habitats.

Wildlife biologist and award-winning author Marcy Houle has carefully studied the 200 square miles of the Zumwalt Prairie. What she discovered was the densest concentration of hawks anywhere in North America. Her next question became why? What was going on? Marcy's findings were surprising to her, and were a shock to the scientific community. In part, they reveal that ranchers and grazing and wildlife not only can coexist but must coexist if we are to save the last of the native prairies for us all.

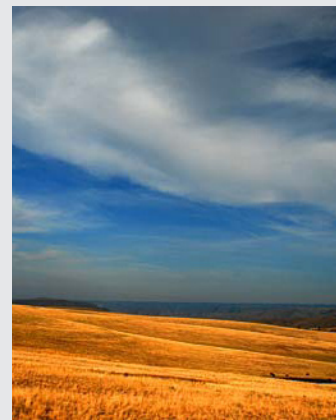
Marcy's work has been published in the *New York Times*, *Reader's Digest*, *Nature Conservancy Magazine*, and *Cricket Magazine for Children*. Her three books, *The Prairie Keepers: Secrets of the Zumwalt*; *Wings for My Flight: The Peregrine Falcons of Chimney Rock*; and *One City's Wilderness: Portland's Forest Park*, have received literary awards, including the Oregon Book Award, Christopher Award, New York City Library Best Books for the Teen Age, and Booklist Editor's Choice.

Marcy lives with her family on a small sheep farm on Sauvie's Island, Oregon.

Join us at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, at the Eugene Garden Club, 1655 High Street, Eugene, for a virtual visit to northeastern Oregon.

May Program Meeting

Oregon's Zumwalt Prairie: Last of the Wild Grasslands with Marcy Houle



Gary Halvorson, Oregon State Archives

Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 7:30 p.m.

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

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Help Us By Volunteering!

Studies at Cornell University show there are long-term health benefits to doing community volunteer work in terms of perception of healthier, longer lives and life satisfaction. There are no guarantees of this, of course, but if you want to become involved we could use your help in the following areas!

- Quail Editor—gather and edit content for our member newsletter
- Field Trip Organizer—for the monthly Third Saturday Bird Walks
- Webmaster—oversee the technical aspects of our website

For more information, call Maeve at 541.343.864 or email president@laneaudubon.org

Field Notes: March 2013



- Say's Phoebe
- Orange-crowned Warbler

- Burrowing Owl
- Costa's Hummingbird

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The weather has been very un-March-like—drier and warmer than normal. Most of the early migrants have returned, as well as a few of the later migrants. There will be lots more migrants arriving and wintering species leaving over the next couple of months, so let us know what you're seeing.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), many observers (m.ob.), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR).

WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose(50)	March 3	Meadowview Rd	MN	In with the swan flock.
Tundra Swan (750)	March 3	Meadowview Rd	MN	A normal location and number.
Eurasian Wigeon (2)	March 3	Kirk Pond	MN	Found throughout the month.
Green-winged Teal (Common)	March 15	Delta Ponds	StG	A rare Eurasian species/subspecies.
Canvasback	March 2	N Delta Hwy pond	TMe	A few have been around this winter.
Redhead (4)	March 3	Kirk Pond	MN	Returning for the breeding season.
American White Pelican (6)	March 29	FRR	LF	Returning for the summer.

SHOREBIRDS to OWLS

Black-necked Stilt (8)	March 30	FRR	NS	About a week earlier than normal.
Lesser Yellowlegs	March 29	Meadowlark Prairie	TMe	Headed north for the breeding season.
Horned Puffin	March 8	NJSR	DP	Just over ten records for the county.
Merlin	March 4	Alvadore	BB	Always around in small numbers in the winter.
Burrowing Owl	March 3	Delta and Beltline Hwy	DB	Only seen for the one day.

HUMMINGBIRDS to FINCHES

Costa's Hummingbird	March 29	FRR area	MN	fewer than fifteen records for Lane Co.
Red-naped/Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	March 4	McKenzie View Rd	JSo	He didn't get a good enough look to determine species, but both are rare in the county.
Say's Phoebe	March 4	Oakridge	MLS	Arriving right on schedule.
Say's Phoebe	March 7	Pleasant Hill	NS	Arriving right on schedule.
Northern Shrike	March 9	Cantrell Rd	TMe,AC	Still in their wintering areas.
Horned Lark	March 9	Ferguson Road	TMe,AC	Singing, a new breeding area?
Horned Lark	March 29	FRR—E Coyote	NS	An area where they've been found before.
Purple Martin	March 29	FRR—Royal Ave	NS	A little over a week earlier than normal.
Tree Swallow	March 4	Oakridge	MLS	First sighting for the spring.
Violet-green Swallow	March 9	Mt Pisgah	A&TM	A couple weeks later than normal.
Cliff Swallow	March 17	Alton Baker Park	A&TM	About a week earlier than normal.
Barn Swallow	March 26	FRR area	MN	A few days earlier than normal.
Mountain Chickadee (2)	March 4	Oakridge	MLS	Still being seen at the feeder.
Northern Mockingbird	March	Alvadore	m.ob.	Seen throughout the month.
Orange-crowned Warbler	March 2	Skinner Butte	StG	Wintering or early migrant?
Orange-crowned Warbler	March 26	FRR area	MN	A little less than a week later than normal.

Black-throated Gray Warbler	March 31	FRR area	MN	A little less than a week earlier than normal.
Palm Warbler	March 1	Golden Gardens	JS	Last report for this bird.
Common Yellowthroat	March 1	Amazon Ck @ Beltline	StG	Wintering or very early migrant?
Common Yellowthroat	March 29	Meadowlark Prairie	TMe	Right on schedule.
Chipping Sparrow	March 6	River Road area	BC	Still being seen in her yard.
Vesper Sparrow	March 30	KR Nielsen Rd	NS	About a week earlier than normal.
Swamp Sparrow	March 30	FRR—Fisher Butte	NS	A singing bird.
Yellow-headed Blackbird	March 29	FRR—Royal Ave	TMe	A normal time for their arrival.
Evening Grosbeak (6)	March 2	south central Eugene	SuG	Around in small numbers this winter.

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Backyard Birds II (A 37-Year Pursuit of 100 Species)

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At the end of 2011, our backyard list stood at 97 species after 36 years of watching birds at our home in the Friendly

Neighborhood (see the March 2012 *Quail*). This is an update for 2012 and early 2013. I'm sure all avid *Quail* readers have been waiting anxiously to see when and if the 100-species threshold could be reached.

On May 18, while sitting on our deck, my wife Susan and I counted eight Cliff Swallows overhead (#98). After the March 2012 snow storm, the birch tree across Van Buren Street was taken down. On May 19, before it was felled, it was the perfect perch for an Olive-sided Flycatcher (#99). The next bird seen or heard in or from the yard would be the magical number 100.

On October 17, I took the garbage can out to the curb in darkness at 6:00 a.m. As the paper delivery person handed me the newspaper in our driveway, I heard an owl call from an ash tree at the corner of West 24th and Tyler. I walked to the corner and identified a Northern Saw-whet Owl and thought, "What a great yard bird for number 100!" I quickly sobered up when I realized that I was a block from home in

the dark, wearing my slippers, pajamas, and bathrobe. When yard listing, craziness has its rewards.

In December, our grandchildren stayed overnight. In the morning, they called from the front room window, "Papa, the crows are in the garbage. Come see." The neighbor's garbage can had spilled onto the street and American Crows and several gulls, including one Herring Gull (#101), were feeding on scraps. The year 2012 ended with 101 birds on our yard list.

On March 28, 2013, a pair of Eurasian Collared-doves (#102) visited our back yard. After 37½ years, we continue to enjoy the Purple Finches and Evening Grosbeaks in early spring, the crowned sparrows and Dark-eyed (Oregon) Juncos in winter, and our nesting Black-capped Chickadees and Violet-green Swallows. And we keep our eyes and ears ready for #103.

Joseph Grinnell, famous biologist and zoologist, is reported to have said something along these lines: "If I sit in my office looking out the window long enough, it is only a matter of time before every species of bird in North America flies by." While he was speaking about bird disbursement and the impacts of habitat change on species distribution over a long, long period of time, I am convinced that applying his theory to our yard, and given another 37 years, our yard list can grow to 200 bird species.

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for National Audubon Society no longer support a membership in your local chapter. Your local dues stay here to help us work on local education projects and conservation issues related to birds and their habitats. With your support, we will continue to do the things you expect from us. We welcome your suggestions—this is your Audubon! We appreciate your support. —Maeve Sowles, President

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Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act: Bald Eagle Recovers!

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When Europeans first set foot in North America, it is estimated that there were 500,000 Bald Eagles on the continent. Their nests lined the rivers, circled large lakes, and occupied our coastal areas.

Many Native Americans considered (and still do) the Bald Eagle, along with the Golden Eagle, to be sacred, and used its feathers in religious ceremonies, believing Bald Eagles to be spiritual messengers between gods and humans. Current laws allow qualified Native Americans to possess eagle feathers for use in religious ceremonies.

Bald Eagles were so revered by the colonists that the bird was adopted as a symbol of America in 1782, representing strength and freedom. Lewis and Clark reported the first Oregon observation in 1805. By 1963, however, Bald Eagles had declined to 416 pairs in the lower 48 states. In 1967 the Bald Eagle was declared an endangered species.

After nearly 200 years as the symbol of America, how did it come to this? Indiscriminate hunting, habitat loss, the feather trade, and competition with humans for food took a heavy toll on their population. The introduction and subsequent widespread use of the pesticide DDT accelerated the decline.

The decline first began to be recognized in the mid-1900s. Several laws were passed in the 20th century that contributed to the Bald Eagle's comeback:

The Lacey Act of 1900—This was the first federal law to regulate commercial animal markets and included the Bald Eagle. It prohibited interstate commerce of animals killed in violation of state game laws and protected all nongame fish and wildlife and their parts or products.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918—The MBTA prohibits the taking, killing, possession, transportation, and importation of migratory birds (including the Bald Eagle), their eggs, parts, and nests except as authorized under a valid permit.

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940

This Act provides for the protection of the Bald and Golden Eagles (as amended in 1962) by prohibiting the “take, possession, sale, purchase, barter, offer to sell, purchase or barter, transport, export or import, of any bald or golden eagle, alive or dead, including any part, nest, or egg, unless allowed by permit.” To enable Native Americans to continue their traditional practices, the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act allows the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to issue a permit to qualified members of Indian tribes to acquire Bald Eagles or Golden Eagles, or their parts, nests, or eggs for Indian religious use *except for* live Bald or Golden Eagles, or any live eggs of these birds.



Bald Eagle—photo by Cary Kerst

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (LWCFA) of 1965—Habitat needs were first recognized when a provision was added in the LWCFA to provide money for the “acquisition of land [and] waters ... for the preservation of species of fish and wildlife that are threatened with extinction.”

The Endangered Species Preservation Act of 1966—Predecessor of the Endangered Species Act, this act authorized the Secretary of the Interior to list endangered domestic fish and wildlife (including the Bald Eagle) and allowed the USFWS to spend up to \$15 million per year to buy habitats for listed species.

The Environmental Protection Agency Ban on the General Use of DDT, 1972—The widespread use of the pesticide DDT was found to cause Bald Eagle eggs (and those of many other bird species) to become so thin that they broke during the incubation process, accelerating the already rapid decline of the Bald Eagle population.

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Endangered Species Act

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Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973—Bald Eagle populations (and those of other species) continued to decline. Clearly, the existing laws were inadequate, so Congress passed what the Endangered Species Coalition calls an “incredibly effective (law to) protect the fish, plants and wildlife that are listed as endangered or threatened.” (See the April 2013 issue of *The Quail* for a full discussion of the provisions of the ESA.)

Recovery of the Bald Eagle

Many actions led to the recovery of the Bald Eagle, including the banning of DDT and the implementation of an effective recovery plan, which included a captive breeding program, reintroduction, and habitat and nest protection, as well as law enforcement. As a result, the Bald Eagle was taken off the Endangered Species List in June 2007. At that time, there were more than 9,700 nesting birds in the lower 48 states.

You can see a breeding pair of Bald Eagles right here in downtown Eugene in Skinner Butte Park. Go to the top of the Butte and take the northern loop of the paved trail. The nest is in the trees to the north of the trail. On any sunny afternoon, you are likely to find a birder or two who can point out the nest (and chicks in the spring!).

The Future of the Bald Eagle

Bald Eagles are still protected under the Lacey Act, Migratory Bird Conservation Act, and Bald Eagle and Golden Eagle Protection Act. The Recovery Plan provides for continued monitoring of the Bald Eagle population and authorizes the USFWS to prevent significant threats from driving it back toward extinction.

Resources:

Bruce E. Beans, *Eagle's Plume: The Struggle to Preserve the Life and Haunts of America's Bald Eagle*, 1996 (available at the Eugene Public Library)

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/eagle/protect/laws.html>

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/eagle/recovery/qandas.html>

<http://www.stopextinction.org>

Lane County Audubon Society Thanks Volunteer Dick Lamster!

Dick did a backyard birding presentation for the Altair Ski and Sports Club March 13. About 85 people attended with lots of questions about birds, bird feeding, birdhouses, and bird behavior!

Audubon Adventures

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Audubon Adventures is National Audubon Society's award-winning environmental education program designed for students in grades 3-5. Through the study of science, language, and social studies, students learn about their environment and the important role they can play in its preservation.

This year our chapter sponsored 55 teachers and their students in Lane County through the Adopt-a-Classroom Program. Thanks to everyone who made this program such a success.

Here are our most recently added schools and their sponsors:

Grade	Elementary School	Sponsor
4	Adams	Charlie Quinn and Dana Abel
4, 5	Buena Vista Spanish Immersion	Susan McConnell
3	Camas Ridge Community	John Levy and Janie Thomas
3-6	Oakridge (3 classrooms)	Robert Wilson
3	Ridgeview	Freeman Rowe
4	Thurston	Jane Holloway
3	Willagillespie	Susan Markley
3	Yujin Gakuen Japanese Immersion	Debra Eichner and Family

Community Calendar, Events, and Opportunities

A service to Lane Audubon members

MT. PISGAH ARBORETUM & NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF OREGON

May 4-5 (Saturday-Sunday)

"Introduction to Botanical Art" Workshop

Learn the basics for creating botanical illustrations from professional botanist, botanical illustrator, and teacher, Dr. Linda Ann Vorobik.

Fees and Registration Required; FMI: Joan Sprow Ojerio 541.343.0535 or 541.206.7054, josprow@comcast.net

MT. PISGAH ARBORETUM

May 7, 10:00 a.m.-noon (Tuesday)

"Spring Wildflowers" Guided Walk

Join Gail Baker, LCC professor emeritus, on a spring walk and learn to identify our native wildflowers. We may even meet some of their pollinators! Gentle trails will pass through forests, wetlands, meadows, and riparian habitats.

Fee \$5, members free; FMI: www.MountPisgahArboretum.org

WILLAMETTE RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL NETWORK (WREN)

May 11, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Saturday)

7th Annual 'Walkin' & Rollin' Event

The event encourages participants to explore the West Eugene Wetlands by biking, rolling, or walking the Fern Ridge Bike Path between Bailey Hill and Terry Street. Local experts and organizations will have educational displays highlighting the many wonders of the wetlands. Prize drawings, too!

Free; FMI: 541.338.7047

EUGENE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

May 17, 7:30 p.m. (Friday)

"Will Climate Change Extirpate Bull Trout in the Pacific Northwest?"

A presentation by Jason Dunham

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

WILLAMETTE RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL NETWORK (WREN)

May 18 (Saturday)

"Family Exploration Day to Golden Gardens Ponds"

Family exploration days foster unstructured play, discovery, and exploration for families and adults.

Free; FMI: 541.338.7047

MT. PISGAH ARBORETUM

May 19, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., (Sunday)

Wildflower Festival

A day of wildflowers, music, food, crafts, and microscopes!

FMI: <http://www.mountpisgaharboretum.com/festivals-events/>

CASCADES RAPTOR CENTER

Family Nature Discovery Days (FNDD)

May 26 and June 30

"Birds in Springtime" (May) and "Passport to Nature" (June)

FNDD's are a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to be outside, exploring our wild world and creating fun crafts to make the day memorable. The last Sunday in each month from May through September, noon-4:00 p.m.

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

WILLAMETTE RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL NETWORK (WREN)

June 11 (Tuesday)

"Wetland Wanders to Golden Gardens Ponds"

Wetland Wanders are casual walks through various West Eugene Wetlands sites each second Tuesday of every month.

Free; FMI: 541.338.7047

Third Saturday Bird Walk, March Report

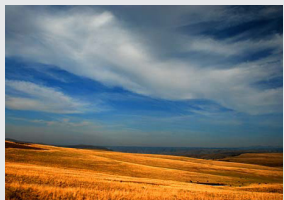
by Maeve Sowles

On March 16, Bruce Newhouse and Peg Boulay led 19 people on a tour of the southern portion of Delta Ponds along the bike path. Most of the outing was rainless, until late morning! Bruce and Peg gave some history of the ponds and their conversion into better habitat for fish and wildlife and how those enhancements have made it such a good location within the city for wildlife watching. We saw 39 species of birds, with highlights including Green-winged Teal, White-breasted Nuthatch, an adult and immature Bald Eagle, and a Great Blue Heron on a nest site. Thanks to Bruce and Peg for sharing their morning with us!

Lane County Audubon Society Board Election Notice

Lane County Audubon Society Board elections will be held at the May 28 Program Meeting. The following candidates are running for re-election: Jim Maloney, Ron Renschler, Debra Schlenoff, Maeve Sowles, and Herb Wisner.

May Program Meeting
Oregon's Zumwalt
Prairie: Last of the Wild
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Gary Halverson, Oregon State Archives


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Bird Walks and Events



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Sunday
May 12

SPECIAL BIRD WALK

Oregon Country Fair site with biologist Glenn Johnson

Celebrate Mother's Day by joining us for an exploration of areas not typically active with people, but hopefully active with birds.

Meet at 8 a.m. at the OCF site at 24450 Suttle Road (turn onto Aero Road and then to the parking area on Chickadee Lane; look for the signs). Those interested in carpooling can gather for departure at 7:30 a.m. at South Eugene High School parking lot (corner of 19th and Patterson) and plan to return by noon. All birders are welcome. As a precaution, please remember not to leave valuables in your car. Questions: Call Maeve Sowles at 541-343-8664 or president@laneaudubon.org

Saturday
May 18

THIRD SATURDAY BIRD WALK

Mount Pisgah Arboretum led by Vjera Thompson

Vjera Thompson will lead the group to find birds that will give us bird songs and sights to enjoy as we stroll the paths along wildflower-filled fields through Mt. Pisgah Arboretum.

We will meet at 8:30 a.m. near the information kiosk south of the parking lot. If you drive to the Arboretum, there is a parking fee for use of the Lane County Park lot. Those interested in carpooling can 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. As a precaution, please remember not to leave valuables in your car. Questions: Call Maeve Sowles at 541-343-8664 or president@laneaudubon.org

Saturday
June 15

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Details TBA, check our web site for information updates!

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