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From the LCAS Board

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A Name Change Is in the Works!

After careful consideration, the Board of the Lane County Audubon Society has voted to move ahead with a name change that better reflects our mission and our goal to include all community members in our work. As we have previously noted, John James Audubon was a slaveholder, a slave trader, an anti-abolitionist, and supported deeply troubling views on indigenous peoples.

While we acknowledge his enormous contribution to the illustration of birds and the awareness raised by his work, we cannot ignore what we have learned about his history. It is not our intention to erase the past but rather to learn from it and move toward the future. We do

not want our organization to bear a name that makes people feel excluded or uncomfortable. It is only through many people acting together that we have a chance of improving the future for birds, for other wildlife, and for people.

Articles that emerged in the last few years examining John James Audubon’s troubling conduct have elicited serious public conversation. In response, we too began reflecting on how the name relates to our identity, represents our values, and impacts our ability to carry out our mission. Just over a year ago *The Quail* carried an article considering the issue: laneaudubon.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/MayJune23-Quail_web.pdf.

Since then, the Board has discussed

the issue with members and many other people, attended webinars examining name changes, and researched the results of relevant surveys. We have learned that (1) the “Audubon” name creates barriers for some people and (2) the “Audubon” name remains meaningful to older people but is not recognized by younger folks who do not associate the name with either birds or conservation.

Birds need our help. The number of birds in North America has declined by about three billion in the last 50 years. Scientists estimate that in another fifty years, about two-thirds of our bird species will have lost more than half of their range due to various threats associated with habitat loss, urbanization, and climate change. We need all hands on deck if we are to reverse the trend. We want to focus on our mission to help birds, insects, and other wildlife and to protect their habitats. We want to invite our entire community to join us in this quest. A simple way to do this is to have our

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Habitat Haven

Barbara Bryson, bbryson150@gmail.com, Habitat Haven's Backyard Habitat Certification Program Coordinator

Habitat Haven: Summer Update



Photo: Barb Bryson

Habitat Haven garden

Birds and pollinators can't talk, but we know they are happy about Habitat Haven! Lane Audubon's answer to biodiversity loss began three months ago as a pilot program of 20 households. We now have 47 enrollments and 7 wonderful volunteers! Responses have been enthusiastic: "Great program!"; "I learned so much!" And our volunteers are equally excited to be helping our community "heal nature one yard at a time." It is truly wonderful to help folks learn how to transform a dying lawn into welcoming canopy layers of native plants that draw in birds and help nurture them.

Why worry about habitat; aren't we a bird-oriented organization? Of course, we are passionate about birds! Baby birds need caterpillars, insects, and

worms to eat. A good way to ensure that these are available is to grow the plants that sustain butterflies, moths, and other bugs. These are called host plants, nearly all of which are also native plants. Because insects and plants evolved together over millions of years, they thrive best together!

What is a host plant? Just as Monarch Butterfly caterpillars need Milkweed (*Asclepias speciosa*), all butterfly and moth caterpillars eat plant material to grow until they form a chrysalis. In the case of Monarchs, a specific plant is required. They must have milkweed to develop. Many other butterfly and moth species have similar requirements, although some are not as picky. This is why we provide information about host plants on our website.

Some common host plants are: Serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*), Common yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), Nodding onion (*Allium cernuum*), Blue elderberry (*Sambucus nigra ssp. cerulea*), Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*), Idaho fescue (*Festuca idahoensis*), and Mock orange (*Philadelphus lewisii*). Many plants benefit pollinators, both birds and bees!

If you plant them and they are being eaten, this is a good sign! Don't kill insects just because they are there. Other creatures will eat them.

You can learn more about helping birds and pollinators when you join Lane Audubon's Habitat Haven Backyard Certification Program. You will also get information about improving soil, identifying invasive plants, conserving water, avoiding pesticides (which kill pollinators), and becoming a wildlife steward.

Why enroll in this program? We come to your garden and walk with you to learn what you want. We help with advice about specific plants, and site requirements. We provide discount coupons for our supporting native plant nurseries as well as Lane Forest Products. You get a sign to show off your work and commitment. We then follow up in a few months to see how things are going. You have support!

To join the Habitat Haven community of people who care about birds and pollinators, go to: laneaudubon.org/habitat-haven/ To see photos of some of our enrollees and their gardens, check out our Facebook page.

Thank you to **Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District, Lane Forest Products, Doak Creek Nursery, and Trillium Nursery** for your support! And to our fabulous volunteers!

Field Notes: June/July 2024

Tom and Allison Mickel, atmickel@gmail.com



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Kentucky Warbler



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American Avocet

Kentucky Warbler, American Avocet, Great-tailed Grackle, Calliope Hummingbird, Golden Eagle

We set a record for the number of consecutive days with temperatures higher than 100 degrees: five. The previous record of four days was set in the 1940s. July was the typical “dog days of summer,” when birds quiet down after the breeding frenzy. At this writing, it’s looking like another hot spell is coming at the start of August. Meanwhile, some of the arctic-breeding birds started to trickle in, with more on their way. By the time you read this, that trickle will have become a stream or a river!

Abbreviations:

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR)

Common Nighthawk	June/July	Eugene/Springfield	M.ob.	More numerous than a few years ago
Calliope Hummingbird	June/July	Cascades	M.ob.	Three reports – more than normal
Calliope Hummingbird	July 24	River Rd area	TG	Very rare summer report for the valley
Black-necked Stilt	June/July	FRR – Royal Ave	M.ob.	Didn’t hear of any breeding this year
American Avocet	June 24	Danebo Pond	VT	A first for this location
American Avocet	July 26	FRR – Fisher Butte	HS	Post-breeding dispersal?
Pacific Golden-Plover	July 26	FRR – Fisher Butte	HS	Never common inland
Whimbrel	July	FRR – Fisher Butte	M.ob.	Unusual inland reports
Parasitic Jaeger (3)	June 3	NJSR	LH	Non-breeding or post-breeding birds?
Tufted Puffin	June/July	Heceta Head area	M.ob.	Breeding again in the area?
Forster’s Tern	June 25	FRR – Perkins Pen	SH	Unusual in Lane Co
Black-crowned Night Heron	June 25	FRR – Fisher Butte	VB	First report for the post-breeding season
Golden Eagle	June 20	Delta Ponds	CT	Rare for the valley during breeding season
Lewis’s Woodpecker	June 12	Bloomberg Park	NC, HK	Rare for Lane Co during breeding season
Ash-throated Flycatcher	June 7	Suzanne Arlie Park	JT, LG	They have summered at Mt Pisgah
Ash-throated Flycatcher	June 1	Mt Pisgah	FT	They have summered in the past
Ash-throated Flycatcher	July 1	Tokatee Golf Club	CM	First report away from the valley
Red-eyed Vireo	July 23	Elijah Bristow SP	JH	Breeding location, but no recent reports
Bank Swallow	June 2	McKenzie River	JCG	Breeding colony, below Hendricks Bridge
Rock Wren	June/July	Cascades	M.ob.	Breed in small numbers in proper habitat

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Great-tailed Grackle



Photo: Francesco Veronesi, Wikimedia Commons

Calliope Hummingbird



Photo: Imran Shah, Wikimedia Commons

Golden Eagle

Mountain Bluebird.....	July 3.....	Helena Saddle.....	NC,LP	Breed in small numbers in proper habitat
Mountain Bluebird.....	July 23.....	Old McKenzie Pass	NC,VB.....	Breed in small numbers in proper habitat
Brewer's Sparrow	July 8.....	FRR – Royal Ave.....	PT	Rare in Lane Co
Great-tailed Grackle ♀	June 20.....	FRR – Royal Ave.....	NS	Rare – seen throughout the summer
Kentucky Warbler.....	July 8.....	Heceta Head SP	SH.....	First record for Lane Co
Indigo Bunting	June.....	Mt. Pisgah	M.ob	The species has summered in the past

CM Clare McLean, CT Charlie Thomas, FT Forest Tomlinson, HK Holly Knight, HS Hal Sadofsky, JCG James Castle Gaither Jr, JH Jim Huffsmith, JT Janie Thomas, LG Linda Gilbert, LH Lars Houde, LP Lalla Pudewell, NC Nancy Clogston, NS Noah Strycker, PT Phil Thompson, SH Sally Hill, TG Tim Griffith, VB Vickie Buck, VT Vjera Thompson. *M.ob.* signifies many observers.

Volunteer Spotlight: Barb Pope

By Cecelia Hagen



Barb Pope

Barb Pope started her volunteer work with Audubon in the Schools (AITS) in 2012, soon after she retired from 31 years of teaching elementary school in Springfield. “I needed that kid contact,” she says.

Barb is still out there making future ornithologists at every opportunity. In addition to doing classroom visits, she manages the AITS program, which entails recruiting, training, and scheduling all of our AITS volunteers.

When she’s not teaching kids about feathers or showing them how to use binoculars, Barb likes to spend time birding, riding her horse, hosting “grandma camp” for her eight grandchildren, or competing in

Cowboy Mounted Shooting, which involves riding as fast as you can while shooting balloons with black-powder-loaded cartridges.

All these things keep Barb busy, but she keeps doing AITS because she likes “seeing the excitement of the kids. It’s like a light bulb goes off when they see how cool birds are.” It’s hard for Barb to name a favorite bird, but she and her husband enjoy watching the antics of the jays that come to their feeder, and last winter the Rose-breasted Grosbeak that came to their yard became quite an attraction.

After Covid’s interruption, AITS has taken flight again! Our dedicated volunteers have reached 1,330 students in 44 classrooms since 2023. Be a part of our journey in spreading the joy of nature and teach with us. Sharing your enthusiasm and knowledge is a rewarding experience.

FMI about volunteering: contact Barb at aitsbirds@gmail.com



Rose-breasted Grosbeak

LCAS 2024–2025 Upcoming Programs

September 30: Special Zoom Program

Dorian Anderson

*Birding Under the Influence:
Bicycling Across America*

October 22

Ram Papish and Roy Lowe

*Pet Peeving Our Way Through
Paradise: Brazil’s Atlantic
Rainforest and the Pantanal*

November 26

John Sullivan

Bolivian Birds, Bugs and Boas

2025

January 28

Dennis Arendt

*Birding Is Good for You – A
Personal Perspective*

February 25

Tim Shelmerdine

Birds of the Oceans

March 25

Dick Lamster and Maeve Sowles

Our Amazing Swifts

April 22

Sue Anderson

*The Monarch Butterfly’s
Phenomenal Journeys*

May 27

Steve Shunk

TBD

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LCAS Program—In Person and Zoom Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 7:00 pm

Dennis Arendt, 541.221.3691, dennisarendt@gmail.com



Photo: Forest Tomlinson

Blue-winged Mountain Tanager



Photo: Forest Tomlinson

Russet-tailed Puffbird



Photo: Forest Tomlinson

Sierra Nevada Antpitta



Photo: Forest Tomlinson

Slough Amberwing



Photo: Forest Tomlinson

Crowned Woodnymph

An Endemic Wonderland: Birding the Santa Marta Mountains of Colombia and More



Forest Tomlinson

Join your friends at the Campbell Center on Tuesday evening, September 24, as Lane County birder **Forest Tomlinson** guides us on a virtual journey to the breathtaking Santa Marta and Antioquia regions of Colombia, a paradise for birdwatchers. He will take us from the misty cloud forests of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta mountains to the thickets and mangroves along the Caribbean Coast. Then it's off to the mountainous rainforests of Antioquia, where we'll explore the diverse habitats that support an astonishing array of birdlife.

You will have chances to spot iconic species, such as the incredible Andean Cock of the Rock, the vibrant Vermilion Cardinal, the striking Blue-

crowned Chlorophonia, and others too numerous to mention. Prepare to be transported to a world of wonder by his stories and photographs. Whether you're an experienced world birder or just starting your journey into the world of birds, you're sure to be inspired by the beauty and diversity of these incredible birds and their habitats. Let's take flight and discover the wonders of Colombian birding together!

Forest is a retired schoolteacher who started birding in 1986. He has traveled extensively in Central and South America and has had a camera at his side for the past ten years. Forest has presented programs for some local bird groups, such as SWOC and BOGS. Now, the Lane County Audubon Society will have the opportunity to see his latest adventure in northern Colombia. He is both a great photographer and storyteller.

The doors to the Campbell Center (155 High Street) open at 6:30 for some social time; the program begins at 7:00. We will be meeting in the Great Hall, closer to the river, this evening. Another group is using our usual meeting room. This program will also be available on a Zoom link, which will be posted on the LCAS website about a week before the event. Past programs are posted there as well, about a week after.

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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. Your membership dues for National Audubon Society no longer fully cover the costs of 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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A Special Zoom-only Program Monday, September 30, 2024, 7:00 pm

Noah Stryker will introduce the program.

Dennis Arendt, 541.221.3691, dennisarendt@gmail.com



Genetics and Molecular Cell Biology from New York University. After getting sober, he spent three years as a Postdoctoral Fellow in Molecular Neuroscience at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Eventually exhausted by the academic rat race and searching for direction, he resigned his postdoctoral position to undertake his Biking for Birds project. bikingforbirds.blogspot.com.

Momentum from that life-changing pivot has opened many doors, including public speaking, travel writing, and tour guiding. He worked in Colombia as a consultant for the National Audubon Society and is currently an international birding guide for Tropical Birding tropicalbirding.com.

Lane County Audubon Society and the Rogue Valley Audubon Society are cosponsoring this special Zoom-only program. **The link to this Zoom program will be made available on the LCAS website a week before the presentation.**



Dorian on bike



Dorian's bike at Loveland Pass

Birding Under the Influence: Cycling Across America



Dorian Anderson in Newfoundland

Dorian Anderson is an international birding guide and accomplished bird photographer who recently published his memoir: *Birding Under the Influence: Cycling Across America in Search of Birds and Recovery*. He lives in California and has agreed to share his story with us.

On January 1, 2014, with zero cycling experience, he set off on his bicycle for the adventure of a lifetime. His two-wheeled journey was an eco-friendly twist on the Big Year, during which a birdwatcher tries to observe as many species as possible during a calendar year. While his predecessors utilized cars, planes, and boats, his goal was to replicate their transcontinental travels without the use of petroleum, a herculean challenge.

He ultimately survived subzero temperatures, drifting snow, gusting winds, lightning storms, mountainous ascents, dog attacks, crumbling roads, and several accidents. By December 31, he'd amassed a list of 618 bird

species across 18,000 miles of riding, totals unimaginable when he set off.

Dorian's personality and enthusiasm are infectious. He will speak about the genesis of his bike-birding project, provide a thrilling recount of his travels, highlight the birds he saw, and reveal how his adventure changed his life. He hopes his tales of birding, cycling, and self-discovery will inspire others to venture into the outdoors; take note of the birds around them; and make positive changes in their own lives.

Dorian started birding in his Philadelphia backyard at age seven. His interests expanded to include the Delaware Valley and Jersey Shore during his preteen years, and he attended several of Victor Emanuel's youth birding camps as a teenager. He envisioned himself as an ornithologist until his academic rise and coincident alcoholism extinguished that dream. With his focus split between molecular biology and drinking, his childhood passion laid comatose through his twenties, rediscovered only when he got sober at age 30.

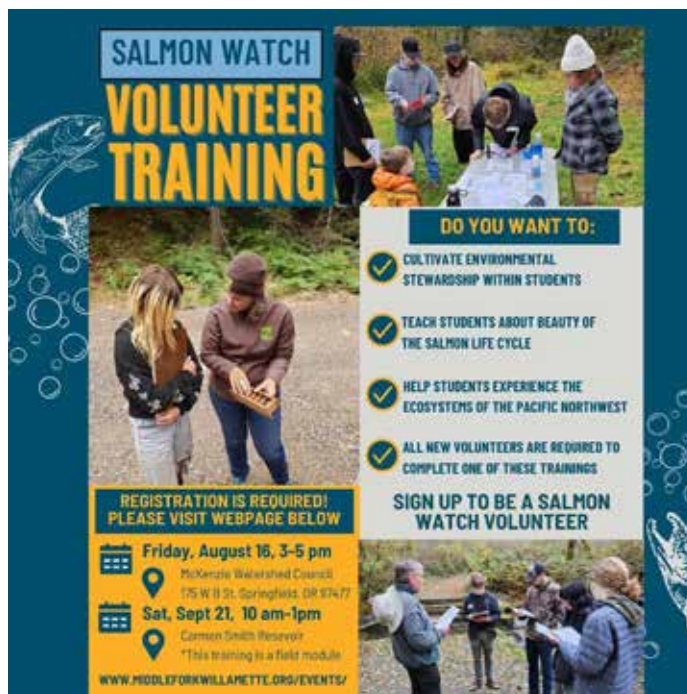
Despite the alcoholism and concurrent drug abuse that plagued his late teens and twenties, Dorian earned his B.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Stanford University, did predoctoral biomedical research at Harvard University, and earned a Ph.D. in Developmental

Salmon Watch Volunteer Opportunity

With the new school year comes the return of one of the McKenzie Watershed Council's most treasured programs: Salmon Watch. During the months of September and November, students from across Lane County have an opportunity to participate in the Salmon Watch Program, witnessing the magic of the salmon life cycle. Volunteers lead four stream-side learning stations on the topics of water quality, riparian ecology, salmon biology, and macroinvertebrates. It is an experience that has lasting positive impact on students and their relationship with the natural world.

If you are someone who has a love for the environment and would like to help to grow that passion in the next generation, please join us. New volunteers are required to attend at least one training session before signing up to support trips. The first one was in August. The second one is on Saturday, September 21, 10 am-1 pm at Carmen Smith Reservoir.

FMI or to sign up, Dassy@middleforkwillamette.org.



The poster features a blue background with a salmon illustration on the left. The title 'SALMON WATCH VOLUNTEER TRAINING' is prominently displayed. Below the title, there are two photographs: one showing a group of people outdoors and another showing two people looking at a book. A central text box lists the goals of the training and provides registration details. At the bottom, there are icons for a calendar and a location pin, along with the website URL.

SALMON WATCH VOLUNTEER TRAINING

DO YOU WANT TO:

- ✓ CULTIVATE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP WITHIN STUDENTS
- ✓ TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT BEAUTY OF THE SALMON LIFE CYCLE
- ✓ HELP STUDENTS EXPERIENCE THE ECOSYSTEMS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST
- ✓ ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ONE OF THESE TRAININGS

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! PLEASE VISIT WEBPAGE BELOW

Friday, August 16, 3-5 pm
McKenzie Watershed Council
175 W 8 St, Springfield, OR 97477

Sat, Sept 21, 10 am-1pm
Carmen Smith Reservoir
*This training is a field module

SIGN UP TO BE A SALMON WATCH VOLUNTEER

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A Name Change Is in the Works! *continued from page 1*

name better reflect who we are.

We will remain part of the Audubon network and continue to seek opportunities to collaborate and amplify our message. Each chapter around the nation is an independent organization with the right to take whatever name it selects. We are pleased to announce that our chapter's new name will include the term "Bird Alliance" to maintain connection with other chapters that are changing their names. At least four Oregon chapters plan to include "Bird Alliance" in their names, as have more than 20 chapters across the country, including Chicago, Tucson, Detroit, Southern Wisconsin, Golden Gate, Lawrence, Bitterroot, DC, Charleston, Northern Virginia, New York City, and others.

The "Bird" part is pretty obvious.

Birds are at the center of what we do, although we also advocate for a multitude of organisms including bees, moths and other insects, marine invertebrates and marine mammals, beavers, martens, otters, wolves, salmon, frogs, turtles, and more. The word "Alliance" reflects collaboration among different groups as well as declaring that we are indeed allies of wildlife. In addition, we are pleased that an anonymous donor has agreed to cover many of the expenses associated with the name change for chapters that use the Bird Alliance moniker. Our new full name will include the term "Bird Alliance" and will drop "Lane County." The other part of the name, ideally a descriptor of the geographic region we cover, will be determined after we get input from

many sources. *If you have suggestions, please send them to outreach@laneaudubon.org through the month of September.*

We know that everybody does not agree with the decision to change our name and we assure you that we respect your opinion. We are not changing the fundamentals of who we are, and we remain proud of our accomplishments as Lane County Audubon Society. We have an incredibly devoted group of volunteers who work to connect people with nature, educate children and adults about wildlife, protect habitat, reduce threats to wildlife, and advocate for a healthier environment. Volunteers are at the heart of what we do. Please join us in our pursuit of a better world.



Help Bring Adventures to the Classrooms

Audubon Adventures is an education program funded by the generous donations of LCAS members through our Adopt-a-

Classroom program. We are pleased to provide a full set of Audubon Adventures materials to each student in a sponsored classroom at no cost

to the schools. Audubon Adventures gives educators print and online materials that help them present standards-based science content to their students.

Many teachers have signed up for several years running, and we're always looking for new ones to welcome to the flock. If you know an elementary school teacher in Lane County, please mention this program to them and invite them to write to audadv@laneaudubon.org to request the materials.

If you are interested in sponsoring a classroom, mail a donation of \$45 per classroom (payable to LCAS) to Audubon Adventures, PO Box 5086, Eugene, OR 97405, or go to laneaudubon.org/education/Audubon-adventures to make your donation via our secure PayPal server. Donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.

Third Saturday Bird Outing, June 15

Walk leader Katie McInnis guided our group of 13 around Patterson Slough on this cool, damp morning. Common Mergansers flew over the parking lot. Katie showed us a vacant Bushtit nest hanging in a large tree and then led us through a wooded area. Western Wood-Pewees were calling, a pair of Spotted Towhees flew through the shrubbery, and a Downy Woodpecker provided good viewing. A pair of Steller's Jays gave their harsh calls as they flew through the canopy. Two Mourning Doves were spotted on a narrow path leading to the pond. We were treated to a quick view of a Green Heron, and then a Great Blue Heron made a grand entrance, landing

on a stump in the middle of the pond. Warbling Vireos and Black-headed Grosbeaks sang their fluid songs. A juvenile Northern Flicker peeked out of a nest hole in a snag as a pair of adults perched in a treetop nearby. While returning to the parking area, we saw an adult Osprey on a nest. Camera shots revealed a young Osprey alongside the adult, observing from its high nest. Thank you to Katie for leading this walk and for sharing bird information.

Third Saturday Bird Outing, July 20

Clearwater Park was a beautiful location for our July outing, guided by Donna Albino. Our group of 20 started towards a small pond in

the woods where we were met by a Hammond's Flycatcher, several Western Wood Pewees, and countless mosquitoes. Several families of Spotted Towhees were seen in the foliage. As we headed towards the river, Warbling Vireos sang but stayed mostly hidden. Brown Creepers called from the trees. We found one that was sunbathing or "anting" with wings and tail spread. A small lizard was also sunning on the dry ground. Donna spotted a House Finch feeding a fledgling on a moss-covered limb. As we headed back towards the parking lot, an immature male Western Tanager was seen preening its bright feathers. Thank you to Donna for providing this wonderful walk and helping us learn more about birds and their songs.



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LCAS Saturday Bird Outings & Events

Lalla Pudewell, tolalla@gmail.com

First Saturday Bird Outing, September 7

Our First Saturday Bird Outings, created as part of our commitment to the Lane Audubon Inclusivity and Diversity Statement, are meant to hold intentional space for women, BIPOC, and LGBTQIA+ birders. Birders of all levels and backgrounds are welcome to join, particularly those who may have felt intimidated at the thought of birding alone or on other guided walks. Location and leader TBA.

FMI or to sign up, contact Sarah: 1stsatbirdwalks@laneaudubon.org

Third Saturday Bird Outing, September 21

Our Third Saturday Bird Outings continue to be open to all participants. Location and leader TBA.

FMI: Lalla Pudewell, tolalla@gmail.com, or check the Lane Audubon website and/or the Lane Audubon Facebook page close to the outing date.

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Bon Voyage to Vaux's Swifts at Agate Hall

Lane County Audubon Society will host two Vaux's Swift events outside Agate Hall at sunset on Friday, September 6, and Friday, September 20. It is fascinating to observe the swifts as they swirl above and gather here before flying off to Central and South America for the winter.

Vaux's Swifts use the Agate Hall chimney to roost for the night as they gather prior to migration. We may see thousands of birds funneling down into the chimney, but there is no guarantee! Look for the LCAS banner at the 17th and Agate parking lot north of Agate Hall. Stop by and enjoy this annual natural phenomenon. It's free! Non-birders and children may be enticed to join you if you add a trip to Prince Puckler's ice cream and/or the nearby playground to your evening's agenda.

FMI: 541.343.8664 or check out the Vaux's Swift page on our website: laneaudubon.org/vauxs-swift-information.