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News from Lane County Audubon Society



From Our President

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Gratitude



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The end of this year and the beginning of a new year make me think of gratitude.

I find it important for my sanity to remember the many ways I need to be thankful for my existence and the many people for whom I am grateful. Obviously, family and friends top my list, but many others whom I've met through Lane Audubon enrich my life as well. 2024 is the 22nd year I've served as president of this group. It has become an identity and

a passion that fills me with purpose. I also am grateful for the many members who have either become friends or with whom we share a sense of familiarity and common ground. This interconnectedness gives us a shared space within which we can communicate and feel accepted.

Gratitude deepens and energizes relationships. Sharing good feelings boosts healing and makes us more resilient to stress. We become more able to solve problems proactively, and even if not always successful, the act of working toward our goals together gives us a sense of accomplishment.

We all know and accept that conservation and environmental efforts rarely get solved entirely to our satisfaction, so we need to remember the value of our networking together. We want to say "Thank You" to the

many people who have helped our organization. I truly appreciate the members of Lane Audubon and the other organizations we network with. It restores my sense of human goodness, and I am indeed grateful for that!

My feelings of gratitude extend to the many wonders of the natural world that I experience each day. Sometimes the very small beauties of a frosty morning with sun glistening on crystals of ice, or an evening winter sky filled with the stars of the Milky Way, envelop me with awe. The natural world we value rolls along with or without our notice; I get far more out of the natural beauty around me than I can ever give back.

Similarly, I cannot adequately express how much I appreciate the Audubon family. To each of you who have contributed with donations, local membership dues, volunteer time, and your talents ... you have my deepest gratitude. Please continue our shared efforts to value and cherish the natural environment in this wonderful part of the world we call home.

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Science Supports Habitat Haven

We are excited about the potential of **Habitat Haven**, our backyard certification program, to help people create habitat that supports biodiversity. But does it work? It makes sense that through planting native vegetation and creating canopy levels, through reducing pesticide use and invasive plants, and through water and soil health, we help to provide food, nesting sites, and shelter for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife.

Recently, we were fortunate to attend a webinar with Susannah Lerman, a scientist with the USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station in Massachusetts, presenting evidence for the benefits of backyard habitat programs. Much of the presentation summarized research from “Humanity for Habitat:

Residential Yards as an Opportunity for Biodiversity Conservation” (Bioscience, 2023). Below is a copy of a figure from the paper showing some salient research. Each panel is briefly commented on below. For attribution of individual studies and further explanation, see the paper at academic.oup.com/bioscience/article/73/9/671/7289288.

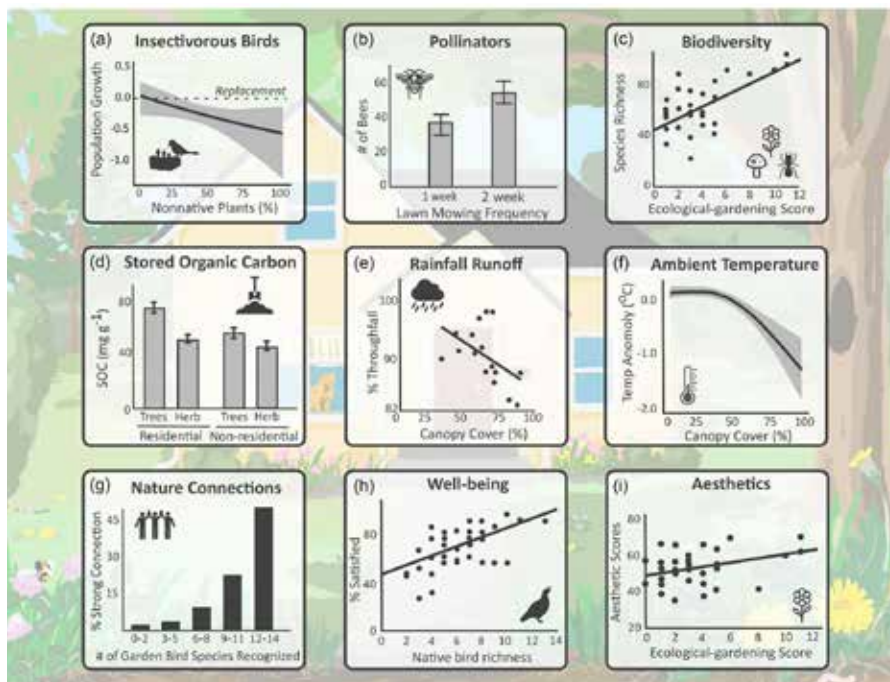
- A. If around 70 percent of garden plants are native, there will be enough insects to support positive population growth for songbirds. In addition to supplying nectar, seeds, and fruits to birds, our native plant gardens support greater numbers of insects, particularly caterpillars, that insectivorous birds and their young rely on.
- B. Less frequent lawn mowing supports greater populations of

bee pollinators. Practice lazy lawn mowing!

- C. Environmentally friendly yard management increases the number of distinct species found. Yes, our backyard habitats do indeed support biodiversity.
- D. Vegetation in yards, and trees especially, help to store carbon. We need to take advantage of ways to slow climate change.
- E. In addition to the habitat that trees provide, canopy cover helps to intercept rainwater, providing a drier basement, which benefits soil and reduces flooding.
- F. Canopy cover decreases ambient temperatures, especially important now with the recorded increase in numbers and severity of hot days.
- G. More birds in the garden correlates with a stronger connection to nature. Connection to nature has been shown to increase our sense of wellbeing.
- H. In this study, more native plants in Arizona increased the number of native desert birds, which, in turn, was correlated with respondents reporting greater satisfaction with neighborhood birds.
- I. Looking good. Yards employing environmental practices are more aesthetically pleasing.

Not to mention that they are easier to care for since native plants naturally do better in their native climate and require less chemicals and less water to grow.

Here’s the caveat: if we are going to create havens for our birds and pollinators, we do not want to be attracting them to a dangerous place. This is why our program contains a wildlife stewardship category that provides information on issues such as reducing window strikes, minimizing



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Field Notes: October 2024

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Plumbeous Vireo, Virginia's Warbler, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Parasitic Jaeger, Ruff

The month seemed drier and warmer than normal, but now, at the end of the month, it looks like fall has finally arrived. A couple very rare birds were reported in the county during the month – Plumbeous Vireo and Virginia's Warbler. If the vireo is accepted, it would be the first accepted record away from SE Oregon. As is normal for migration, there were a few stragglers reported and a few early arrivals.

Abbreviations:

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), Oregon Bird Records Committee (OBRC), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)

Vaux's Swift.....	Oct 18.....	SJSR.....	LH.....	Around a couple weeks later than normal
Semipalmated Plover.....	Oct 25.....	FRR.....	TJ,AC.....	Around a little later than normal
Ruff.....	Oct 4.....	FRR – W Coyote.....	NC.....	Rare, but almost annual
Ruff.....	Oct 16.....	FRR – Perkins.....	SM,LP.....	Same bird as above?
Parasitic Jaeger.....	Oct 20.....	Rock Creek.....	MP.....	Always a “nice” find from land
Black-Legged Kittiwake (24).....	Oct 17.....	Tokatee Klootchman.....	RR.....	First report for the winter
Short-tailed Shearwater.....	Oct 17.....	Tokatee Klootchman.....	RR.....	First report for the winter
Black-crowned Night-Heron.....	Oct 22.....	Florence.....	LW.....	Not commonly seen along the coast
Rough-legged Hawk.....	Oct 11.....	Siltcoos Estuary.....	LH.....	First report for the winter
Short-eared Owl.....	Oct 19.....	FRR – Fisher Butte.....	HS.....	First report for the winter
Cassin's Vireo.....	Oct 24.....	Munsel Creek.....	LB.....	Around a couple weeks later than normal
Plumbeous Vireo.....	Oct 6.....	Skinner Butte.....	SH.....	First Lane record if accepted by OBRC
Northern Shrike.....	Oct 22.....	FRR – Royal Ave.....	JM.....	First report for the winter
Blue Jay.....	Oct 25.....	Alton Baker Park.....	JE.....	Rare, but numerous records for Lane
Horned Lark.....	Oct 22.....	Low Pass area.....	RH.....	An unusual location: Coast Range forests
Mountain Bluebird.....	Oct 22.....	Scott Lake area.....	LP,SM.....	Around a little later than normal
Townsend's Solitaire.....	Oct 8.....	Waldo Lake area.....	A&TM.....	Around a little later than normal
Swainson's Thrush.....	Oct 16.....	SE Eugene.....	TM.....	The last report for the breeding season
Cassin's Finch.....	Oct 22.....	Scott Lake area.....	SM,LP.....	Around a little later than normal
Lapland Longspur.....	Oct 23.....	NJSR.....	AC,et al.....	A normal window for their fall migration
Snow Bunting.....	Oct 29.....	NJSR.....	LH.....	A normal window for their fall migration

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Plumbeous Vireo

Photo: Wikimedia Commons, VJ Anderson



Virginia's Warbler

Photo: Wikimedia Commons, Dominic Sherony



Black-crowned Night-Heron

Photo: Wikimedia Commons, Dori



Parasitic Jaeger

Photo: Wikimedia Commons, Aisarnayakkan



Ruff

Photo: Wikimedia Commons, Tisha Mukherjee

Yellow-headed Blackbird Oct 8 FRR – Perkins EC Around a little later than normal
Virginia’s Warbler Oct 23 Neptune SP SH, DP Third Lane record if accepted by OBRC
Palm Warbler Oct 15 SJSR deflation plain RR A normal time for their fall migration

AC Alan Contreras, A&TM Allison & Tom Mickel, DP Diane Pettey, EC Ellen Cantor, JE Jacqueline Edwards, JM Jeff Miller, HS Hal Sadofsky, LB Larry Brown, LH Lars Hovde, LP Lalla Pudewell, LW Lisa Wallace, MP Magnus Persmark, NC Nancy Clogston, RH Rich Hoyer, RR Roger Robb, SH Sally Hill, SM Sylvia Maulding, TJ Tye Jeske.

Gratitude for Our Audubon Adventure Sponsors

By Cecelia Hagen

The 2024-25 school year is well underway, and teachers are signing up for **Audubon Adventures**. This environmental education curriculum created by the **National Audubon Society** for grades 3-5, gives teachers print and online materials that help them present standards-based science content to their students. All orders are paid for by donations from sponsors, so the kits, which cost \$45 with postage, are delivered to local classrooms at no cost to the schools.

So far, LCAS members have sponsored 56 classrooms in Lane County. Many thanks to all for helping us reach this record number of students!

Caitlin Banning (5); Beverly Rosenow (2); Ann Hinnen (3); Mark & Nancy Dixon (10); Valerie Close (1); Stephanie Curtis (1); Doris Wimber (2); Mike Smith (1); Richard Miller (2); Beth Bridges (2); Mika Singer (2); Charlotte & Dave Bontrager (2); Elizabeth Hall (1); Rob & Janet Barnes (2); Rita Kiley (1); Mary Beth Crawford (2); Denice Rogers (3); Jim & Connie Regali (2); Gaylene Carpenter (1); Linda Howard (1); Elna Robinette (1); Betsy Parry (1); Susan McConnell (1); Ev Sherr (4); Ron Renschler (1); Karen Svenson (2).

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the impact of artificial lights at night, and keeping cats safe at home or under supervision.

In the US, people’s houses with their associated yards cover about 30 percent of the land. The total amount is more than four times greater than land such as national forests and parks classified as “protected.” Most conservation efforts focus on protected lands, although most of the world’s population lives in urban and suburban areas. Backyard habitat programs provide a tremendous opportunity to make a significant difference where we live.

Habitat Haven Keeps Rolling Forward

By Barbara Bryson

Despite the less hospitable cold, dark, and rainy weather, **Habitat Haven** is continuing to enroll new participants! We have 66 enrollments to date, and 52 site reports completed.

Here are some comments from participants:

“Thank you for the work you do. It really means a lot to the quality of life for us and our animal and insect friends.”

“It was so lovely to meet you and Gaby and learn about the many opportunities that we have for creating a wonderful habitat in our yard.”

“Thank you, this is SO awesome!!! So much good, useful, and detailed info!”

“Appreciate this program and you all immensely!”

If you want to join the Habitat Haven community and restore habitat in your own yard, please enroll at laneaudubon.org/

habitat-haven/ Together we can create connected habitat in our community and give birds, wildlife, and pollinators a chance!



photo by Barb Bryson

Participant Sharon showing beautiful bunch grass in her Habitat Haven gold certified yard.

LCAS Program—In Person and Zoom Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 7:00 pm

Dennis Arendt, 541.221.3691, dennisarendt@gmail.com



Photo: Dennis Arendt

Glistening Green Tanager



Photo: Dennis Arendt

Black-chinned Mountain Tanager



Photo: Dennis Arendt

Boat traveling the Orinoco



Photo: Dennis Arendt

Plate-billed Mountain Toucan



Photo: Roger Robb

Dennis Arendt and feathered friends

Birding Is Good for You



Photo: Roger Robb

Dennis Arendt

The Lane County Audubon Society will feature one of its own volunteers, **Dennis Arendt**, at our January 28 program. Dennis will share his thoughts on why birding is good for you, along with many of his photos, taken in both exotic and local birding hotspots.

He has found that the rewards of birding are not confined to identifying birds and checking them off on your list. Many aspects of birding go much deeper, contributing to one's good health, positive attitudes, and the creation of lasting friendships. Over the years, Dennis has accumulated a lot of experiences birding and traveling, mostly with a small group of close friends. His journeys have been focused on birds, culture, scenery, and self-discovery. Don't come expecting a

lot of data and research studies in this program. Do expect to enjoy birding through the eyes of an enthusiastic traveler and a keen observer.

Dennis and his wife, Mary, moved to Eugene from Chicago in 1975. They have two daughters and two granddaughters. Dennis started birding shortly before moving to Eugene. He taught bird identification classes in the LCC Continuing Education program for many years. He retired as an elementary school principal in Eugene after 34 years in education both here and in Chicago.

Enjoy this program with your friends on January 28, Tuesday, 7 pm at the Campbell Center (155 High Street). The doors open at 6:30. A Zoom link to this program will be available on the LCAS website about one week before the event. This program will also be recorded, then posted on our website within a week, for members who cannot attend in person.

Upcoming Programs

February 25 – Tim Shelmerdine:
Birds of the Oceans

March 25 – Dick Lamster and
Maeve Sowles: Our Amazing
Swifts

April 22 – Monarch Butterflies

May 27 – Steve Shunk

2024 Eugene Christmas Bird Count Overview

By Dick Lamster, Count Coordinator



The 2024 Eugene Christmas Bird Count (ECBC) is on Sunday, December 29. This will be our 83rd Christmas Bird Count! This date is our regular day within the normal three-week Count Period. Guidelines for social distancing will be up to the Team Leaders and each team member. Please be respectful of other's safety concerns.

I'm happy to announce that the Countdown event will return after a four-year absence! It won't be the wildly popular Chili Feed we have had for a few decades, but it will still be a nice way to gather after being out all day observing birds. During the Countdown, teams share their Count lists, coming up with the total number of species seen or heard.

This year we will meet at Putter's Pizza, 1159 Highway 99 North in Eugene. Doors will open at 4 pm; pizza service will begin about 4:30. Our traditional Countdown will take place around 5:30. Putter's does not have a salad bar, and you will need to purchase your own beverage there. You can also bring in a water bottle. LCAS will have a nice dessert for everyone.

Only participants who were on one of the Area Field Teams are invited. Unfortunately, we don't have adequate space for the Home Counters.

Our 27 Teams will be looking for birds in their designated areas within the 15-mile diameter Count Circle. Each Team Leader will manage their team according to what works best for them. If you were on a team last year, the Team Leader should be contacting you with information for this year. If you have not heard from your Team Leader by mid-December, contact them or Dick Lamster at maeveanddick@q.com

or 541.343.8664. Other birders wanting to join the Count this year can also contact Dick.

If you cannot participate on an ECBC team in the field this year, consider being an ECBC Home Counter. From the comfort of your own home, you can record the birds you see at your feeder, in your yard, or overhead. Your sightings will also be included in the report to the National Audubon Society. To participate as a Home Counter, please read the article by Marcia Maffei, 2024 ECBC Home Counter Coordinator, on page 6 in this newsletter. You can also contact Marcia at: birds2count@gmail.com or call her cell phone number: 541.501.1280.

Although the weather was not ideal last year, the 2023 ECBC was still a great success. We struggled to see birds through the heavy fog for most of the day. However, the rain held off and the fog lifted in some areas of our Count Circle in the afternoon, and we did see 133 species and 66,334 individual birds. The 190 field observers were the

most we've ever had. Combined with the 101 Home Counters, the total of 291 participants was also a new high for our Count. Seven more species were seen during Count Week. The number of individual birds we identified was a little below the average for the past several years.

You can view results of past ECBCs, as well as all the other CBCs in North America, at christmasbirdcount.org. Our count code is OREU.

The results of the 2023 CBC have not yet been published by the National Audubon Society, but for the 2022 CBC, we had the Count with the 10th most participants of all the 2,625 CBCs in North America, Latin America, and some South Pacific Islands. That's a mighty big number for little Eugene! We have a great Count—a Count to be proud of!

We hope you can join us for this year's ECBC. We look forward to sharing this fun and important endeavor with you on Sunday, December 29, 2024.

2024 ECBC Home Count Information

If you prefer not to participate in a Eugene Christmas Bird Count (ECBC) team in the field this year, consider being an ECBC Home Counter. From the comfort of your own home, you can record the birds you see at your feeder, in your yard, or overhead. The birds you count will be included in our final report to the National Audubon Society.

To participate as a Home Counter:

- First, check to see if your home is in the official Count Area: laneaudubon.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Eugene-CBC-A-Count-circle.pdf
- Please register online by December 28, 2024: form.jotform.com/240035394246150

FMI contact Marcia Maffei, 2024 Eugene Christmas Bird Home Count Coordinator: birds2count@gmail.com or call 541.501.1280. Please leave a message.

Oakridge CBC December 31

The Oakridge CBC, planned for Tuesday, December 31st, surveys a 15-mile diameter circle roughly centered on the town of Oakridge. It includes the nearby town of Westfir, most of Hills Creek Reservoir, the upper end of Lookout Point Reservoir, and High Prairie. Vast areas of Willamette National Forest inside the circle provide almost unlimited possibilities for hiking, mountain biking, or snowshoeing/skiing, depending on snow levels.

Forest birds often include grouse, mountain quail, owls, accipiters, woodpeckers, jays, dippers, nuthatches, chickadees, kinglets, crossbills, and siskins. Loons, grebes, ducks, geese and other water birds can turn up on the reservoirs as well as ponds around town. In the more open habitats we sometimes find shrikes and open-country raptors.

FMI or if you'd like to join, please contact Joel Geier, joel.geier@peak.org or call 541.745.5821 for more details and updates.

Cottage Grove CBC December 28

By Grace-Fowler-Gore, Cottage Grove CBC coordinator and compiler

Everyone is invited to join the Coast Fork Birders in the Cottage Grove Christmas Bird Count! All levels of bird enthusiasts are encouraged to take part in this opportunity to contribute to a great citizen science effort, while learning bird identification skills from experienced birders.

Each count section will be led by a Coast Fork Birders member. Participants will gather at 6:30 am on Count Day at the Vintage Inn Restaurant, 1590 Gateway Blvd, Cottage Grove. Birders will head into the field by 7:30 am.

Be sure to bring your birding gear, weather-appropriate clothing, and lunch to get you through the day. FMI or to participate, please contact Grace: GraceLovesBirds1@gmail.com. Please provide a contact telephone within your email. You may also phone her at 817.975.4936.

FMI on the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, coastfork.org

Florence CBC Set for December 14

This year, the Florence CBC will be held on Saturday, December 14. The Florence CBC has a long history as a significant Count area. Its Count Circle includes both inland and coastal areas, covering very diverse habitats that attract and support a correspondingly wide range of bird species. Since the individual areas are covered by teams, participants with a range of birding experience can all be valuable contributors. Many eyes and ears find more birds!

Since the Florence CBC occurs very early in the CBC season, we will have already done a good deal of our necessary organizing, including much of the area teams' formation, by the time this announcement appears in *The Quail*. Please let us know of your interest, and we will do the best we can at finding a team you can bird with that will meet your needs and interests.

Contact Ellen Cantor for more information: ellencantor@gmail.com.

Two Midwinter Eagle Counts in January

Cottage Grove Reservoir:

Sunday, January 19, 2 pm. Park in Lakeside Park.

Count is predicted to last until around 4 pm.

Anyone is welcome to join us at one or both counts. If you want to survey both reservoirs, be sure to bring lunch and water (or a hot beverage) for yourself.

FMI: contact Grace Fowler-Gore at 817.975.4936 or GraceLovesBirds1@gmail.com

Dorena Reservoir:

Sunday, January 19, 9:30 am. Park in the Walmart parking lot (close to Outdoor Living).

Count is predicted to last from 10 am - 1 pm.

Willamette Valley Hardy Plant Group

Tuesday, January 7, 7 pm,
Unitarian Universalist Church,
1685 W 13 Ave, Eugene

"Flora & Feathers: How Birds & Plants Depend On Each Other." Presenting is Dan Gleason, a retired UO ornithology instructor of 30+ years and co-owner of Wild Birds Unlimited.

FMI: info@thehardyplantgroup.org or Linda Lewin, 541.543.4577

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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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Photo: Bird Alliance of Oregon

Conservation Powerhouse Bob Sallinger Has Died

By Joe Liebezeit
Assistant Director of Statewide Conservation, Bird Alliance of Oregon

Bird Alliance of Oregon is deeply saddened to share the unexpected passing of Bob Sallinger. Many of you know Bob from his 30 years at Bird Alliance of Oregon, starting from his early days as a dedicated rehab assistant at the Wildlife Care Center, and ending his tenure as one of the most effective and dogged conservation directors in the organization's history. After leaving Bird Alliance in 2022, Bob went on to found the organization **Bird Conservation Oregon**, and to serve as the executive director of **Willamette Riverkeeper**.

The news has come as a shock to many in the community who loved Bob, and who witnessed his immense intellect, spirit, and passion that led him to achieve so many successes. Every Oregonian benefits from Bob's vast catalog of work, from his efforts to protect our old-growth forest to his work to reduce wildlife hazards across the state, to cleaning up the Willamette River, to working to recover imperiled species. Some of our most impactful campaigns are because of Bob, like **Lights Out**, **Bird-safe Buildings**, **Cats Safe at Home**, and

the **Backyard Habitat Certification Program**.

If you've seen a Peregrine Falcon fly over a Portland bridge, birded at Malheur or Klamath, enjoyed a hike in one of our region's parks, or just breathed cleaner air, you have Bob to thank. The environmental movement has lost a giant. He will be deeply missed. And while Bob was a larger-than-life figure to many, to his family he was a loving husband and father. We send our deepest condolences to Bob's family, and those closest to him.

Fun at the Volunteer Appreciation Party

By Cecelia Hagen

The Eugene Garden Club was buzzing on October 20, when 27 LCAS volunteers gathered to socialize and eat Mezza Luna pizza, salad, and cake (so many cakes!). Plus, everyone went home with the raffle prize of their choice!

Just a bit more than one month earlier, the board decided it was time to gather in person and honor

the many volunteers that keep our organization going. Attendees included those who help with AITS, bird outings, and other programs such as Habitat Haven. **Cascades Raptor Center**, **Bird Alliance of Oregon**, and **Wild Birds Unlimited** donated gifts that were added to the raffle table. As **Manuela Mena**, who volunteers with Habitat Haven and with outreach to

Hispanic communities, called out the ticket numbers, people were able to go up and choose their prize.

Special thanks to **Maeve Sowles** for bringing a large pan of homemade gingerbread, and to everyone who pitched in to help make this evening memorable.



Cecilia and Debbie setting up



Barb Bryson speaking to group



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LCAS Saturday Bird Outings & Events

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No outings are scheduled for December

If you'd like to join in our Christmas Bird Count, contact Dick Lamster at maeveanddick@q.com or 541.343.8664. Joining the **Home Count Team** is yet another option.

First Saturday Bird Outing, January 4

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, January 18

Our Third Saturday Bird Outings are open to all participants. 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.

The Modern Bird World — Living for the City

December 13, 7 pm, Room 221, Allen Hall,
UO Campus

On December 13, Professor Michael Murphy of Portland State University will share early findings of studies examining the population biology of the forest birds living in the extensive Forest Park system of Portland. This program is jointly sponsored by Lane County Audubon Society and the Eugene Natural History Society.

Michael says, "This work is just beginning and will address questions ranging from the impact of domestic cats on avian nest success, to the influence of landscape structure on the dispersal dynamics and persistence of populations in isolated fragments of urban forest."

FMI: eugenenaturalhistorysociety.org/speakers-for-2024-25/



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