



The CHATTER March 2023

Birders' Night

March 16: Birds of the Southern Hemisphere

Ken Hashagen will share his experiences and photos from a tour of Antarctica, South Georgia and The Falkland Islands. Join us at the Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas Ave. or via Zoom => [BN March 16](#)

Guest speakers have been arranged for the following months so mark your calendars.

April 20: Status of the Greater-Sage Grouse in Eastern Oregon: Emily Weidner of US Fish and Wildlife Service will talk about recent developments in the science and status of GRSG.

May 18: Of Ravens Wolves and People by John Marzluff, PhD. (via Zoom).

June, July, August: Nothing scheduled, Go birding.

September 21: A History of Oregon Ornithology: From Territorial Days to the Rise of Birding by Alan L. Contreras.

You can see the January presentation by Marina Ritchie on YouTube here [Kingfishers](#).

Birding Basics: Field Experiences

Attention Novice Birders and Birders New to Central Oregon! A series of free field experiences is being offered by ECAS, especially for new birders, birders who are new to Central Oregon, and those who want a refresher course. For six months, January - June, ECAS is sponsoring two- hour opportunities to learn about a variety of Central Oregon birding locations, topics, skills, and resources. Sign-ups via Member Planet will be available at the beginning of each month for the first 20 people who sign up. Please cancel your reservation if you find you are unable to attend.

Details for the March 9th birding Basics: Field Experience:

Sign up here starting March 1 which will take you to Member Planet:
<http://www.memberplanet.com/events/eastcascadesaudubonsociety/birdingbasicsfieldexperiencesoldmill>

Topic: Bird Identification at The Old Mill Location: The Old Mill shopping area, Bend Meeting spot: The pedestrian “flag” bridge by Anthony's restaurant Group Leader: Diane Burgess Date/Time: March 9, 8:00 am - 10:00 am Focus/Resource: Identifying the bird species that are commonly found along the Deschutes River in The Old Mill District in late fall to early spring. The focus will be on size, shape, color pattern, behavior, and habitat. What to Expect: Walking on flat surfaces for about 2 miles. Snow or ice is a possibility. Bring: Dress warmly with gloves and hat. Bring binoculars, if you have them. Due to parking logistics, loaner binoculars will not be available for this outing. Optional: paper/pen for notes, camera, water. Who should sign up? All ages are welcome. There is a limit of 20 participants. ECAS members and non-members are welcome. Please leave your dog at home. If you have questions, e-mail Gordon Wetzel gordonwetznel@gmail.com or Lynda Paznokas Lpaz@bendnet.com. Please cancel your reservation if you are unable to attend.

Future Field Experiences with tentative dates:

April 21: Crooked River Wetlands Complex, Prineville, Identifying Spring Song Birds and Waterfowl and Using Technology to Record the Birds We See, led by Chuck Gates

May 21: Sawyer Park, Identifying Songbirds and Waterfowl by Sight and Sound, led by Aaron Jenkins

June 8: Shevlin Park, Woodpeckers and Other Birds of the Varied Shevlin Park Habitats (and bird books), led by Lynda and Skip Paznokas

2023 Wychus Golden Eagle Cam

According to camera administrator, Jim Hammond, the eagle cam is now running quite well (as of 2/22/23). You can view the nest at [Wychus Golden Eagle Cam](#). All evidence points to eggs having been laid. Rocky and Petra continue to be the nesting pair. Check them out.

ECAS Volunteer Opportunities

ECAS Board President Mary Shivell would like to see some able bodies step forward for three important position openings. Volunteers are what make ECAS such a vibrant organization! They are Board Member, Publicity Director for DHWF2023 and Birder's Night Coordinator. If you are interested in helping out with any of these, contact ECAS at ecaudubon@gmail.com. if you are interested but need to know more about the tasks and time involved for these positions, email Mary at mvshivell@gmail.com.

Opportunities for volunteers in Harney County

In the coming months there will be several bird-counting events that may interest you. Sign-ups for these "Community Science Trips" are available at:

<https://audubonportland.org/get-involved/community-science/>

Camping provided/group-based:

April 26-29: Spring Shorebird Survey

May 25-28: Marshbird Madness (Marshbird bioblitz)

June 21-24: Interior Snowy Plover Survey

August 16-19: Fall Shorebird Survey

August 30-September 3: Blitzen River Mussel Survey

Camping provided/individual-based:

July 15-September 15 (weekly): Greater Sandhill Crane Recruitment (volunteers can stay for 1-week or more, depending on their availability)

On-your-own project:

March-August: Project IBiS

Save the Date - Summer Lake Wildlife Area Breeding Shorebird Survey

The fourteenth Annual Summer Lake Survey will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4, 2023. If you would like to help with this ECAS sponsored effort, contact Martin St. Louis at stlouismartin541@gmail.com. More information will be available in the Calliope Spring Newsletter and on the website.

Intermountain West Shorebird Surveys

April is just around the corner, and the Intermountain West Shorebird Surveys are gearing up for **spring surveys from April 24th-30th!**

The goals of the Intermountain West Shorebird Survey aim to sustain shorebird populations by empowering and inspiring stakeholders to take actions that conserve wetlands and water.

- Returning Volunteers: [Fill out this Form](#)
 - New and Interested Volunteers: [Fill out this Form](#)
 - Save the dates!
 - April 10th, 2023 – Shorebird Site Reconnaissance Webinar
 - April 17th, 2023 – Survey Protocol and Training Webinar
 - April 24th-April 30th, 2023: Spring 2023 Peak Shorebird Survey Window – get out and count shorebirds!
 - Mileage reimbursements are available.
- Ready to get involved? [Sign up HERE](#)

SAVE THE DATE!
THE DEAN HALE WOODPECKER FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD JUNE 1 – 4, 2023



Golden Eagle by Amanda

GOOD BIRDING!