



The CHATTER September 2024

Our New Name–The East Cascades Bird Alliance!



EAST CASCADES
BIRD ALLIANCE

You may have noticed that our name change is now official. We are the East Cascades Bird Alliance, or “ECBA” for short. The new website address is

www.ecbirds.org. For a while the old address will automatically redirect you to the new one, but please start using our new website address now. The website changes are not all complete but are being changed as quickly as possible. It is a huge job but being done very methodically and carefully. Any of you who follow Facebook will have seen Chuck Gate’s post about the new name. [Visit the Facebook group to see the update!](#)

Thank you for your continuing support and your love of birds!

Save the Date for our Annual Event

The 2024 East Cascades Bird Alliance Annual Event will be held Sunday November 3 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park. Please save the date!

This year’s Annual Event will be an ice cream social featuring dairy and non-dairy gelatos from Bend’s own Bonta Gelato. Josh Collins will join this event and provide an update on the Greater Sage-grouse conservation project. There will be no cost for members, but we are requesting that you RSVP for accurate headcount. Invitations will be sent to all members in early September. More details to come later.

Birders' Nights

- September 19, 2024, 7:00–8:30 pm at the Environmental Center: Golden Eagles Nesting in Oregon (2011-2020) with Frank Isaacs. Frank will present the results of the first statewide golden eagle nest monitoring project in Oregon, and compare the status of golden eagles and bald eagles nesting in the state. This will be a fun and informative presentation. We're looking forward to seeing you there!
- October 17, 2024, 7:00–8:30 pm at the Environmental Center: October Birders' Night -- Bats of the Pacific Northwest and How They Inspired Radical Conservation Collaborations. Birds are not the only creatures flying in Central Oregon. Do you ever wonder what you are seeing as the bird world transitions to the bat world at dusk? We are excited to welcome Beth Ward, the coordinator of the Northwest Bat Hub at OSU--Cascades, to share stories and information about bats in the Pacific Northwest.
- November 21, 2024, 7:00–8:30 pm at the Environmental Center: Planning International Birding Trips. Thinking about going on a birding trip to see some amazing new birds? Overwhelmed by the number of tour operators, destinations, itineraries, and travel options? If so, please join us for an informative Birders' Night featuring Steve Kornfeld who will be sharing his perspective on these things based on his many travel experiences. He will be covering the big picture stuff, such as choosing a tour operator, a travel style, etc., as well as the practical aspects, including packing, field guides, visas, electrical cords, currency, internet and cell coverage, health considerations, and more. This will be a can't miss event so mark your calendar now!

Upcoming Events

- September 28. The Children's Forest Discover Nature Festival Saturday 11am-3pm at Alpenglow Park.
- October 2nd. ODLT Volunteer Opportunity--Burrowing Owl Dig. 10:30am – 3:00pm near the Brothers Oasis Rest Area.
- October 2nd. Pollinator Pathway's Fall Social and Seed Swap. 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Worthy Brewing.
- October 4th. ONDA's Wild & Scenic Film Festival. 5:00pm – 8:00pm at the Tower Theater.

- October 5th. Friends of Malheur NWR's 25th Anniversary Birthday Bash. 5:00pm – 8:00pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon.
- October 8th. Deschutes Land Trust Open House. 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon.
- November 13th ODLT 7th Anniversary Event. 6:00pm – 7:30pm at the Embark Coworking Community.

For more details on any of the above events, please [visit the ECBA website and calendar](#). These events may require registration and may sell out. Please visit the website of each of the respective organizations for more details.

Do you have 3 - 4 hours a month to spare?

The Membership Committee needs a volunteer to oversee its workings but not necessarily be involved in the day-to-day data input keeping the ECBA member lists up to date. There are three volunteers already in place that very ably carry out those functions. The committee needs someone who can be the face of Membership with the Board and public, maybe bringing new ideas and perspective to this very necessary part of any non-profit, its members. Are you that person? If so or if you have questions, contact us at ecaudubon@gmail.com (a new email address is coming soon as well).

Crooked River Wetlands Walks

Wetlands Walks have resumed. [Read more details for these guided bird walks](#) at the Wetlands.



Golden Eagle by Amanda

GOOD BIRDING!