



The CHATTER February 2025

New East Cascades Bird Alliance (ECBA) Officers

Election of officers was held at the February Board meeting. They are Wendy Andrick, President, and Aaron Jenkins, Secretary. Continuing are Brian MacDonald, Vice-president and Gordon Wetzel, Treasurer. ECBA relies on volunteers to oversee and direct its many programs and fulfill its mission to foster knowledge and appreciation of birds and their habitats by all people.

Member Reminders

There are several upcoming programs that might be of interest including a STEM night in the schools, collaboration with Think Wild for an event on Migratory Bird Day at Lake Creek Lodge (bi-lingual volunteers appreciated), a City Nature Challenge hike at Smith Rock and the ever popular Earth Day Festival on April 26th. If you are interested in contributing to any of these efforts, your time would be much appreciated. For more information contact [us](#), We are particularly looking for someone with some treasury skills and an interest in joining the Board.

Feb 2/25 and 2/26 is a wonderful opportunity to assist students and educators from Sisters High School at Pine Meadow Ranch. There will be small groups of students conducting bird surveys. Our support has been requested to assist in bird identification. Please contact [ECBA](#) if you are interested in volunteering.

If you are taking part in any ECBA activity, you need to have a waiver on file. Go to [this](#) page to complete one. If you plan on visiting the Redmond Sewer Ponds for birding, please fill out this [waiver](#).

There are now birding backpacks available in Grant county. These backpacks are available at the local libraries.

ECBA is sponsoring a Youth Scholarship for the Southeast Arizona Birding Festival in August 2025. Go [here](#) for more information.

The Summer Lake Shorebird Survey will take place the end of May. Please contact [Marty St. Louis](#) for more details or go to [this page](#) for complete information,

Birders' Nights

Aaron Jenkins and Duke Tufty are working on this year's Birders' Nights. We wanted to let you know of a change in schedule and venue for this year. Birders' Nights in 2025 will be held at Worthy Brewing on the second Thursday of each month. [Check the ECBA calendar](#) for current scheduling and potential scheduling changes.

We need your help. We are looking for new ideas for potential speakers and topics. What birding topics most interest you? What speakers would you like to hear from? Are you interested in presenting? We would greatly appreciate any and all of your thoughts and ideas. Please email Duke at dukedt@gmail.com

February Birders' Night

February Birders' Night will be February 13 at Eastside Worthy Brewing from 7 – 9pm. The program will be **Birding Columbia** presented by Donna and Jeff Nordstrom and Chuck Gates. Join them as they take you along on their journey from Cali to southern Colombia to Bogota, and back to a region north of Cali. They will talk about logistics and planning and share photos of these destinations, the countryside and, of course, the birds. For more information on the location of the program [visit the ECBA calendar](#). And another reminder that the March Program on [Pinyon Jays](#) will now be held at Worthy Brewing.

Website Blogs

The ECBA website hosts several blogs that may be of interest. Take a [look at our list of blogs](#).

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 ECAS member lists up to date. There are three volunteers already in place that very ably carry out those functions. What is needed is 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

Crooked River Wetlands Walks

In 2025, Wetlands Walks will be held on the first and third Saturdays of the month starting in April and running through September. The first walk will be April 5, 2025 and the last walk of the year will be September 20, 2025. We gather in the CRWC

Parking lot at 7:45AM. Walks will begin at 8:00AM and conclude at 10:00AM. The walks are approximately 2 miles long and last about 2 hours. There is no drinkable water at this facility so bring water and dress for Central Oregon weather. A 4-person golf cart is available to carry those who can't walk the distance. Email Chuck Gates (cgates326@gmail.com) if you would like a seat(s) on the cart.

Crooked River Wetlands Complex Guided Bird Walks

New Schedule For 2025

First and Third Saturday of every month

April thru September 7:45 am-10:00 am

NO BIRD WALKS OCT-FEB

Meet at the Wetlands pavilion - 4035 NW Rimrock Acres Loop

More information - Chuck Gates (541-280-4957)

cityofprineville.com/wetlands/page/visit-crooked-river-wetlands-complex

Sponsored by Prineville Bird Club and Crooked River Volunteers

April Walk Dates - April 5 and April 19 ---- May Walk Dates - May 3 and May 17

June Walk Dates - June 7 and June 21 ---- July Walk Dates - July 5 and July 19

August Walk Dates- August 2 and August 16 ---- Sept Walk Dates - Sept 6 and Sept 20



Golden Eagle by Amanda

GOOD BIRDING!