



The CHATTER June 2025

June 12 Birders' Night: Getting the Most Out of eBird

Join local birder Matt Cahill to learn how to get the most out of eBird. Meet at Worthy Brewing, 495 NE Bellevue Dr., from 7- 9pm. Feel free to come early and enjoy a beverage and some food before the meeting.

July Birders' Night will be held on the 10th. The topic will be "Wolves of Central Oregon" presented by Ander Rhoads

Dean Hale Woodpecker Weekend - June 6-8

There are a few trips still available plus a new Sunday trip has been added –

White River Wildlife Area: Lewis's Woodpecker research field tour

For Registration and complete descriptions of these gratis trips go to the [Website page](#).

SPECIAL EVENT!

The Dean Hale Woodpecker Weekend is a little different this year. We are offering joint programming with Think Wild. Following Field Trips on Sat, from 4:00-5:00 at the new Downtown Redmond Library, ECBA in partnership with Think Wild and Pacific Power, will present on Osprey Natural History and Osprey Watch Info Session. Please register on the link below. You do not have to be part of Dean Hale Woodpecker Weekend to attend. All are welcome. Following this event we will disperse to some Redmond eateries for discussion and visiting. Next summer we will have Paul Bannick at the Dean Hale Woodpecker weekend with his new book so save the date, Saturday June 6, 2026!

[Osprey Natural History Talk](#)

ECBA Merchandise is Now Available

In honor of our Dean Hale Woodpecker Weekend 2025, and also because of many requests, ECBA is again offering custom t-shirts for sale. Designed by our long-time friend and most talented artist, Don

Sutherland, we are pleased to make them available online this year to streamline the process.

Modeled below by Board President Wendy Andrick and local artist/birder Don Sutherland, new shirts in several sizes and colors are now available to order. Displaying Don's talent at capturing nine of the locally nesting woodpeckers, these shirts are one of a kind commemorating the Dean Hale Woodpecker Weekend. Even if you are not participating in one of the Field Trips, this shirt is a great reminder of the area in which we live.

Once again utilizing a local small business, Our Personal Touch, the shirts can be ordered online and have an option of being picked up in the store or sent to your home. Ordering information is at the top of [the ECBA home web page](#). And rumor has it that hats are soon to come!



Orchard Park Hummingbird Garden



Photo by Barb Rumer

A brand-new garden, all about attracting hummingbirds, has become an exciting reality. Located in Bend's Orchard Park, it is a demonstration garden and the first of its kind in Central Oregon. You can read more about this [collaborative project on the ECBA website](#)

[KTVZ recently aired a program about this project.](#)



Lake Creek Lodge Restoration

ECBA had a wonderful opportunity to partner with Think Wild and Lake Creek Lodge a few weeks ago. If you've not been to the lodge, you may want to go check it out. The restoration is remarkable. Gordon Jones had a vision to create an oasis and he has done just that. The riparian restoration along the Metolius River has made this area incredible habitat for migratory birds as well as residents. With some help from Ken Hashagen, Jenny Sharp, and the Black Butte school around 40 nesting boxes for bluebirds and nuthatches were put in a few years back.

It was a beautiful Saturday morning, on world migratory bird day, with around 25 participants of all birding levels, we explored the grounds. "I think everyone expressed how much they enjoyed the program with many saying it benefited them both with increased well-being and increased awareness about birds and habitats.

Gordon and his team provided delicious Sisters Bakery donuts, coffee, tea and bird lists etc. They allowed us to use tables and chairs to create a welcoming gathering and sit area out by the Creek. The Lodge was full

and so we know his staff had to go above and beyond to support us, yet they were all smiling and welcoming no matter what we requested.

We ended up taking three groups around the Lodge grounds and my kids had the accessible nature journaling, meditation, scope, and stationary bird enjoyment area open throughout the event for people to use as needed. Our volunteer guides were incredible - all the participants were inspired and genuinely excited by all they heard, saw, and learned. So many people could not wait to tell me about what they experienced when the groups returned.



We would like to thank Maureen Thompson Hailee Newman and Hannah Wuerfel from Think Wild. Sevilla Rhoades as well as Chloe and Ander for accessibility, guiding and mindfulness opportunities. Susan Zimmerman, Wendy Andrick and Aaron Jenkins for guiding. And, of course, Gordon for his vision and invitation.

Grab your binoculars, head to the lodge, enjoy a meal or a snack at the restaurant and enjoy a walk. Be sure to check in at the lodge so as not to interfere with any guest events.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

June 14: La Pine State Park

We need 1-2 hosts to support Wendy Andrick and Margi Finch, Bird Walk Leaders. Estimated Time: 2 hours

June 28: Pine Nursery Picnic Shelter Area 10-12noon and 12:30-4:00pm

Mountainview Neighborhood Event Support: We need 6-8 volunteers to assist with set-up, greeting, ECBA information. The plan is to focus on the Joy of Birding, Window Strike campaign, Dark Sky Awareness, pesticide dangers, alternatives and more. You can attend

the whole event or sign up for a 2 hour shift. **Contact** Mary Shivell at : mvshivell@gmail.com

Member Reminders

- We are looking for someone with some treasury skills and an interest in joining the Board. Please let us know if you or someone you know has the interest and skills we need to fill this spot this year.
- We are also looking for folks to volunteer at LaPine State Park this summer. Please contact Stephanie Swift if you're interested in hosting a table or leading a bird walk. phnie@yahoo.com
- We are fortunate to have local legend, David Vick, back to host two days of Hawk Watch in early October. More details to come, keep an eye on the calendar and newsletters.

Birding By Ear continues on Tuesdays

Dave Tracy will be leading Birding by Ear walks in Sawyer Park starting Tuesday March 11. No Registration fee is required, and all ages and birding abilities are welcome. You do need to fill out a waiver for participation in the walks. The link for this can be found below.

Location: Sawyer Park parking lot

Time: 8:00 am on Tuesdays running from March through early June

Duration: Typically, 1-1.5 hours depending on bird activity

The walk usually covers about 1-1.5 miles over mostly flat trails. Depending on the weather, be prepared to dress for cool, breezy conditions. Wear suitable clothing & footwear in case of snow, rain & muddy trails.

Feel free to contact Dave if you have any questions.

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Waivers - Need To Sign Once Per Year.

***If you are taking part in any ECBA activity, you need to have a waiver on file. You can [fill out the waiver online](#).

***If you plan on visiting the Redmond Sewer Ponds for birding, you can [fill out a different waiver online](#).

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.

Details:

- First and third Saturday of every month
- April thru September 7:45 am-10:00 am
 - May 3 and May 17
 - June 7 and June 21
 - July 5 and July 19
 - August 2 and August 16
 - Sept 6 and Sept 20
- Meet at the Wetlands pavilion - 4035 NW Rimrock Acres Loop
- For more information, [email Chuck Gates](#) or [visit the Crooked River Wetlands website](#).
- Sponsored by Prineville Bird Club and Crooked River Volunteers



Golden Eagle by Amanda

GOOD BIRDING!