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EAST CASCADES BIRD ALLIANCE
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Summer 2025



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Wendy Andrick

To the dedicated members of the East Cascades Bird Alliance, Keep the Momentum Going: Your Volunteer Efforts Matter! Bird conservation is a journey, not a destination. Every action—every survey, every nest check, every hour spent advocating—plays a crucial role in protecting our feathered friends. It's easy to feel discouraged in the face of ongoing challenges, but your dedication makes a difference.

Why Stay Engaged?

1. Small Actions, Big Impact – Every volunteer effort contributes to a larger movement. The collective work of many passionate individuals has led to habitat preservation, bird-safe policies, and increased public awareness.
2. The Birds Need You – Climate change, habitat loss, and human-related hazards like window strikes continue to threaten bird populations. Without sustained advocacy, progress can stall.
3. Community & Connection - Volunteering isn't just about conservation; it's about building a network of like-minded individuals who share a love for birds and nature.

Join Our Brainstorming Group: Preventing Window Strikes

One of the most pressing issues for urban and suburban bird populations is collisions with glass. Transparent and reflective surfaces confuse birds, leading to injuries and fatalities. To combat this, we are launching a Brainstorming Group on Anti-Window Strike Strategies.

Window strikes are a significant threat to bird populations, with estimates suggesting that over 1 billion birds die annually in the U.S. due to collisions with glass surfaces. Here are some key statistics:

- Homes and low-rise buildings account for the majority of bird fatalities, with houses (1-3 stories) responsible for 253 million deaths annually, and low-rise buildings (4-11 stories) causing 339 million deaths
- High-rise buildings contribute to fewer overall deaths but still kill around 508,000 birds per year.
- Artificial lighting exacerbates the issue by attracting migrating birds into urban areas, increasing their risk of window collisions.
- Mitigation efforts have shown promising results—buildings like McCormick Place in Chicago saw a 95% reduction in bird deaths after applying dot film to their windows.

We need fresh ideas, innovative solutions, and passionate voices to develop effective outreach campaigns and engage local businesses and homeowners.

How You Can Get Involved

Attend our upcoming brainstorming session to discuss solutions and action plans. (Date to be determined.) Help spread awareness through social media and local events and share any research, data or experiences with window strike mitigation

Your continued engagement ensures that we keep moving forward. Let's work together to create safer spaces for birds and inspire lasting change. Join us, because every volunteer effort counts. To sign up for the brainstorming group or recommit to volunteering, reach out today! The birds are counting on us, and together, we can make a difference.

UPCOMING ECBA EVENTS—YOU ARE INVITED!

Crooked River Wetlands Complex Walks

4035 NW Rimrock Acres Loop, Prineville (Crook County) Oregon

Sponsored by Prineville Bird Club and Crooked River Volunteers

In 2025, Wetlands Walks are being held on the first and third Saturdays of the month running through September. We gather in the CRWC pavilion near the parking lot at 7:45AM. Walks begin at 8:00AM and conclude at 10:00AM and are approximately 2 miles long. 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 one or more seats on the cart. Meet at the Wetlands pavilion. Walks this quarter will be: July 5, July 19, August 2, August 16, September 6 and September 20. More information: [Crooked River Wetlands website](#) or email **Chuck Gates**.

Birders' Nights

Birders' Nights in 2025 will be held at Worthy Brewing on the second Thursday of each month. Check the [ECBA calendar](#) on the ECBA website for current scheduling and potential scheduling changes.

Hummingbird Garden - Ribbon cutting will be Sept. 11 at 4pm at Orchard Park. Read about the new hummingbird garden in Bend on the ECBA website - a collaborative effort by several local organizations and designed to show local homeowners what to plant to attract hummers to their yards. Volunteers are needed for planting and upkeep.

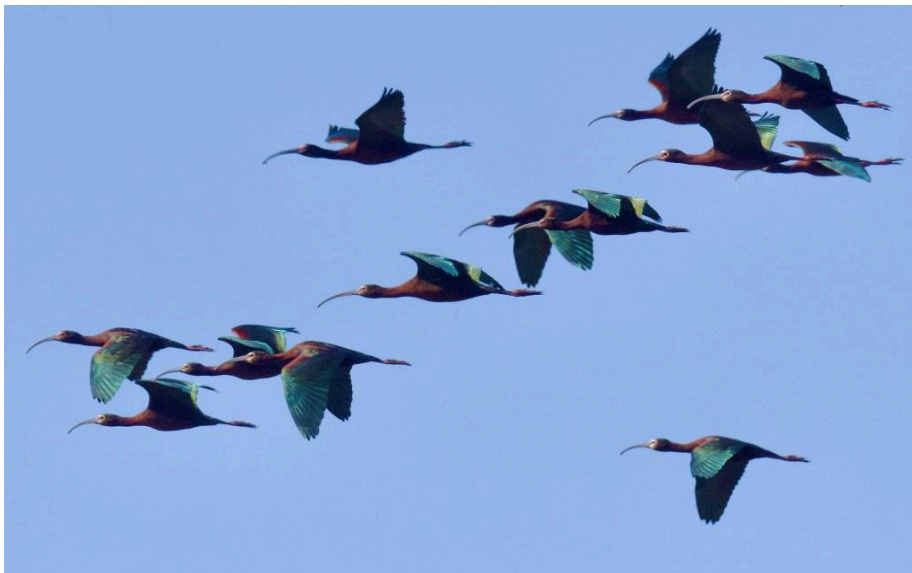
ecbirds.org/hummingbird-garden-at-bends-orchard-park/

***SAVE THE DATE!* ECBA Annual Event - Sunday, November 9, 2025**

For the most up-to-date ECBA information, check our website

<https://ecbirds.org/calendar/month/2025-04/>

ECBA volunteers led some informative and well-received bird walks at Black Butte Ranch on Earth Day. Thank you!!



White-faced Ibis in Harney County, by ECBA member Laurel Collins, won First Place in OBA's May 2025 Photography contest. Congratulations!

DEAN HALE WOODPECKER WEEKEND - A SUCCESS!

Held June 6-8, 2025, in a new format of field trips only, the DHWW was organized and coordinated by Aaron Jenkins. Fourteen day trips were led by many ECBA volunteers to a variety of central Oregon habitats, and over 100 participants enjoyed wonderful sightings of woodpeckers and other species. Thanks to Aaron and all who participated. We aim to do it again next year!

Woodpecker Wonderland *By Sherrie Pierce*

Kyle and Megan Roberts, pictured in front of the North Sister, the acme of the Trout Creek



Loop Trip on Saturday, are showing off their Dean Hale Woodpecker Weekend tee shirts. Their shirts were a portent of an eight woodpecker day. Starting with the Lewis's Woodpeckers and ending at a White-headed nest cavity, it was a great outing for the weekend. The Pileated seen at Green Ridge, the Red-naped Sapsucker, a Red-naped/Red-breasted hybrid at Calliope Crossing, and the American Three-toed seen by many on a side trip south to Siah Butte, made for the eleven nesting woodpeckers in Central Oregon's "Woodpecker Wonderland."

The White-headed Woodpecker nest cavity at the Aspen enclosure was a crowd - pleaser. The birds were actively feeding young nestlings. This photo, taken by Kyle Roberts, shows the female cleaning house by removing a fecal sac. At the same viewing spot, a Northern Flicker was also actively feeding babies at its cavity. Great entertainment!



WELCOME NEW ECBA MEMBERS!

Frances Barnes	Sisters, OR
Melvina Bartels	Springfield, OR
Laura Conroy	Salem, OR
Lynn Cross	Bend, OR
Liz Dennis	Sisters, OR
Helene Feiner	Sisters, OR
Iva Futrell	Bend, OR
Dianna Gatchell	Bend, OR
Elizabeth Gemeroy	Newberg, OR
Marsha Guerard	Bend, OR
Jackson Hoffert	Bend, OR
Donna Rae Johnson	Bend, OR
Starlett Johnson	Walla Walla, WA
Autumn Loewen	Redmond, OR
Malia Matteson	Bend, OR
Laura McCaskill	Bend, OR
Carmen Meeks	Bend, OR
Kenneth Meyer	Bend, OR
Sara Morrissey	Philomath, OR
Katherine O'Neil	Vancouver, WA
Richard Rosenhaft	Portland, OR
Michael Sanders	Corvallis, OR
Jean Santi	Portland, OR
Michelle Stern	Sunriver, OR
Scott Strickland	Portland, OR
Steven Strong	Bend, OR
Joe Temple	Bend, OR
Alex Varner	Mitchell, OR
Geri Wildenberg	Bend, OR
Dan Wilson-Fey	Tualatin, OR

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

July 11-12 Volunteer at Trout Creek Ranch Wet Meadows Bird Survey retrieving recording units placed in June. Requires an overnight stay. A Desert Land Trust project.

More information at : www.oregondesertlandtrust.org/bird-surveys/

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

(Check the [ECBA calendar](#) closer to each date for updated topics and potential schedule changes)

July 5 7:45-10am Crooked River Wetlands Complex Walk, Prineville

July 10 7 - 9pm Birders' Night - Central Oregon Wolves - what birders might want to know. Birders' Nights in 2025 will be held at Worthy Brewing East, 495 NE Bellevue, Bend. (New topic and speaker(s) for Birders' Night on the second Thursday of each month.)

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July 19 7:45-10am Crooked River Wetlands Walk

August 2 7:45-10am Crooked River Wetlands Walk

August 14 7-9pm Birders' Night at Worthy Brewing Company East

August 16 7:45-10am Crooked River Wetlands Walk

September 6 7:45-10am Crooked River Wetlands Walk

September 11 4:00pm Hummingbird Garden Ribbon Cutting at Orchard Park, Bend
<https://ecbirds.org/event/ribbon-cutting-hummingbird-garden-orchard-park-bend/>

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September 20 7:45-10am Crooked River Wetlands Walk

November 9 - ECBA Annual Event





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Summer 2025 Board Meetings

July 1
August 5
September 9

East Cascades Bird Alliance Board of Directors meets monthly, on the first Tuesday, from 4-530pm. Board meetings are held in person and via Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please email ecba@ecbirds.org at least two days in advance for a Zoom invitation.

Board meeting minutes are posted at [Board Meeting Minutes - East Cascades Bird Alliance](#)

The East Cascades Bird Alliance (ECBA) is a 501(c)(3) organization which furthers knowledge and appreciation of birds and their habitats through field trips, education, and field studies.

Join ECBA and help preserve the birds of central Oregon at <https://ecbirds.org/become-a-member/>

To contact the membership committee with any questions related to membership issues, email membership@ecbirds.org

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AT <https://ecbirds.org/>**