



The CHATTER November 2025

November Birders' Night

Please join us for ECBA's next Birders' Night on November 13th at 6pm (please note the earlier start time). For our programs in the winter months, we are moving the start time to 6pm from 7pm.

Fun with Sapsuckers! Did you know that sapsuckers have a paintbrush-tipped tongue? Did you know that one species is the world's longest-distance migrant woodpecker? How about that one sapsucker is named for the daughter of German naturalist Johan Kaup, who first described the Flammulated Owl? These are just a few of the fun facts you will learn from naturalist Steve Shunk when he returns to share stories of our amazing sapsuckers. Of course, Steve will also discuss the perplexing puzzle of sapsucker hybridization, with his best tips for identifying the "chupasavias" of Central Oregon.

About Steve. Steve Shunk learned about sapsuckers during his 27-year stint living on the east slope of the Cascades. His woodpecker research culminated in the publication of the Peterson Reference Guide to Woodpeckers of North America. In 2024, Steve moved to Mexico's Pacific Slope to live with Mexican naturalist Lizzy Martinez. They enjoy daily encounters with the endemic Golden-cheeked and Gray-crowned Woodpeckers from their backyard at the Rancho Primavera bird sanctuary.

The program will start at 6pm. Note that the start time is 6pm, not 7pm.

Feel free to come early for dinner and a beverage. Worthy Brewing offers a happy hour from 3-6pm. We're expecting a full house, so please come a bit early to ensure that you get a seat.

Annual Event November 9

Please join us at Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park for an afternoon of camaraderie and sharing. We have guest speakers including an update from Elise Wolf with Native Bird Care, Marina Richie, David Vick, and Kylie Lanuza. There will also be a table for sharing birding books no longer being used. Also bring books to share for travel, photography, etc. See you there!



Membership Drive at Wild Birds

The East Cascades Bird Alliance recently wrapped up a vibrant and successful membership drive, generously hosted by Kevin and the welcoming team at Wild Birds Unlimited. Their hospitality created the perfect setting for community connection and conversation. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to ECBA volunteers Miriam Lipsitz, Jan

Clark, Janet Langland and Mary Shivell, whose dedication and warmth made the event both engaging and impactful. From sharing birding stories to welcoming new members their effort truly embodied ECBA's mission to inspire and protect our region's avian wonders.



Greenridge Hawkwatch

A huge thank-you to David Vick for rallying us on Green Ridge for an unforgettable Hawk Watch gathering. His vision and dedication – from inspiring the event to posting



signs and even clearing brush from the path – made it all possible. We had a fantastic turnout, shared good birds and great company, and were treated to delicious cookies courtesy of Randi and Cody. The day was a perfect blend of nature community and sweet surprises. Stay tuned – there's more to come next year, and we can't wait to soar even higher.

Christmas Bird Counts Coming

It won't be long before December is here and the local CBCs will take place. Here are the dates and organizer contact information as of now. Watch COBOL for any updates or check the [ECBA calendar](#).

Summer Lake. Tuesday December 16th. Marty St. Louis, 541-219-0879, stlouismartin541@gmail.com

Tygh Valley. Tuesday December 16th. josephblowers@ymail.com

Madras. Wednesday December 17th. Annette Lange Hildebrand, 503-750-2567, lange69annette@gmail.com

Bend. Saturday December 20th. Tom Crabtree. tc@empnet.com

Sunriver. Saturday December 27th. Sevilla Rhoads and Lexie Houchins-Park. bird@snco.org and lexiehouchins@gmail.com

Prineville. Wednesday December 31st. Mark Gonzalez, towhee@bendbroadband.com 641-233-

Redmond. January 3rd. Mike Golden gardenbug99@bendbroadband.com 541-420-5814.

ECBA Merchandise is Now Available

Because of many requests, ECBA is again offering custom t-shirts and hats for sale. Designed by our long-time friend and most talented artist, Don Sutherland, we are pleased to make them available online. 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. 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](#)

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.](#)

Crooked River Wetlands Walks and Sunriver Bird Walks are cancelled for the winter. They will return in the Spring

Are you a Birder? These might be of interest

The best resource for all things birdy is the [East Cascades Bird Alliance website](#). If you are interested in knowing what is going on locally and as well as the state, sign up for one of these. Here are links to signing up for the list serves Central Oregon Birders Online, COBOL and Oregon Birders Online, OBOL. Go to this page <https://ecbirds.org/birder-resources-2/birders-connect/>

Want to know where to go to bird in Oregon? Check out this amazing collection of information, <https://ecbirds.org/birding-locations/>

Are you a social media user? The ECBA Facebook page is administered by Chuck Gates and Don Sutherland. Chuck recently posted that ECBA had 608 members and he hopes we can get to 1000. Even if you are not a FB fan this site provides many great bird photos and links to interesting information.

Also, in the realm of media, the Wednesday Birders communicate on a What's App site. If you don't have the app, it is [easily installed](#) from wherever you get your apps. If you would like to get their messages about upcoming locations and real time meet-ups, please send a request to ecba@ecbirds.org. You will then be sent an invitation to join the WhatsApp "Wednesday Birders Carpool Chat".

If you are a Fred Meyer Rewards participant you might consider [linking your account](#) to their Community Rewards program, specifically the East Cascades account and search for East Cascades Audubon Society, (Sorry, it is still listed under the old name) The organization number is RY026. That will allow a contribution from Fred Meyer be made to ECBA on a quarterly basis based on what you have spent, nothing more than that. There are several non-profits that are linked to this so you may find more than one that you would like to help.



Golden Eagle by Amanda

GOOD BIRDING!