



## The CHATTER March 2026

### March Birders' Night

#### **Birders' Night: Ospreys with Kylie Lanuza**

Learn about osprey natural history and how you can get involved in the community science project Osprey Watch. This project helps us monitor these incredible sentinel species and better understand environmental trends across the region. We'll also be joined by Elise Jackson from Pacific Power who will share information about Pacific Power's Avian Protection Program and how community monitoring efforts contribute to the survival of our native birds. Kylie Lanuza is the Wildlife Community Science Project Coordinator for Think Wild. Elise Jackson is an Associate Environmental Analyst with Pacific Power.

Feel free to bring your laptop if you would like to learn how to join Osprey Watch.

**Located at [Worthy Brewing](#), the program will start at 6pm on March 12, 2026.**

Feel free to come early for dinner and a beverage. Worthy Brewing offers a happy hour from 3-6pm.

ECBA will have a table supporting National Audubon's postcard campaign for Local Communities and Bird Habitat Stewardship Act (H. R. 3276). It will be available from 5-6pm.

### **Second Annual Youth Scholarship Application**

The application is available for a student to attend the American Birding Association's (ABA) Camp Colorado in Allenspark, CO, from August 2-8, 2026 (the Camp). As part of the Camp, attendees explore Colorado from grassland to glaciers, from the shortgrass prairie of northeastern Colorado to the aspen groves and alpine tundra of Rocky Mountain National Park.

For details, please visit our [Scholarship Application](#) web page. The deadline is March 6, 2026.

## New to birding? An offer from Gail...

Would you like to spend an hour or so with a seasoned (old) birder?

I have a biology/ecology background and although I am not an “expert” birder by any means, I enjoy sharing my enthusiasm for birding and experiencing the excitement of a beginning birder’s new insights and discoveries.

Email me if you would like to set up a meeting time and Bend location that works for both our schedules. And yes, you can bring a friend or family member.

Gail Sabbadini

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## Save the Date

Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival will be June 5, 6, and 7. Paul Bannick will be speaking and sharing his new book, “Woodpecker: A Year in the Life of North American Woodpeckers”. Here is an [article about his book from the New York Times](#).

## ECBA Merchandise is Now Available

ECBA is again offering custom t-shirts and hats for sale. These would make great gifts for any time of the year! Designed by our long-time friend and talented artist, Don Sutherland, we are pleased to make them available online. You can order merchandise from a local small business, Our Personal Touch, and you can either pick up your order in the store or have it 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](#).

## Volunteer Opportunities

With such an active organization, we have many ways to get involved: For volunteer opportunities email: [ecba@ecbirds.org](mailto:ecba@ecbirds.org) Some upcoming opportunities are:

- Earth Day Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 11-3. There will be four shifts
- Sisters High School Biology Class visit, Date TBD
- Board Member positions open including Treasurer. Leadership and financial skills

helpful. No birding experience required!

- Dean Hale Woodpecker Weekend Committee (Happening now!)
- Membership coordination role
- Or bring your own idea—we welcome it! [ecba@ecbirds.org](mailto:ecba@ecbirds.org)

## **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 the list servs: 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. This page has many great bird photos and links to interesting information.

Oregon Birding Discord is a great place to stay connected with birders statewide. You'll find channels for each region of the state for rare bird alerts, general chat, and more. Download Discord from your app store and join the Oregon Birding discord: <https://discord.gg/gdwFZeby>

If you are a Fred Meyer Rewards participant, consider [linking your account](#) to their Community Rewards program, specifically the East Cascades account and search for East Cascades Audubon Society. (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!**