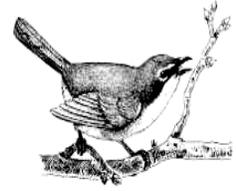


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JANUARY PROGRAM MEETING TUESDAY, Jan. 26 at 7 PM

"Status of Golden Eagles Nesting in Oregon" **Presented by FRANK ISAACS**

Frank Isaacs, co-founder of the Oregon Eagle Foundation, will present the results of a four-year survey on the status of the Golden Eagles nesting in Oregon. To date, he and his team (including our own Jim Harper) have documented 1,000 potential breeding areas and monitored 703 sites. Come watch and hear what Frank and his team have discovered concerning our Golden Eagles since they began the survey in 2011.

Frank Isaacs worked on bald eagle research at Oregon State University for 31 years. He led the statewide bald eagle nest survey for 29 years, and he has coordinated several other surveys and assisted with bald eagle research projects in other states. He has served as chairman of the Bald Eagle Working Team for Oregon and Washington. Frank has been recognized with several honors, including the 2006 Order of the Eagle Award for his work with bald eagles in Oregon.

Currently, Frank is leading a statewide golden eagle nest survey in Oregon sponsored by the Oregon Eagle Foundation. He just finished the fifth year of field work on that project and hopes to continue the survey for several more years. Frank lives in Wren, Oregon, with his wife, Jane Olson, their two children, Eric and Wren, and a bunch of 4-H animals.



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President's Column

I feel that I don't have much to talk about that I haven't mentioned before, but there is an impressive amount of activity across our Chapter.

The Holiday Party is coming up soon. We have a lot of great things to auction and raffle, so it should be much fun and successful in raising money to meet our pledge to the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy.

The Dippers are back at Ashland Creek in Lithia Park, and plans are afoot to continue monitoring their nesting and fledglings again this summer. Anyone interested in participating should contact Frank Lospalluto (fdlospalluto@gmail.com) and/or visit the dipper blog (lithiadipperwatch.com).

Project Feeder Watch is underway at both North Mountain Park and Coyote Trails Nature Center. More volunteers are needed at Coyote Trails, so anyone interested should contact Wendy Gere (wendy.gere@gmail.com).

Both the Medford and Ashland Christmas Bird Counts have been scheduled and teams are being organized. If you're interested in being on a team, contact Bob Hunter (bobhunter@embarqmail.com) for Medford and Carol Mockridge (mockridge50@hotmail.com) for Ashland.

Nate Trimble has given bird classes and field trips at four schools and has more lined up.

Please see Carol Palmer's report on the 2015 Audubon Conservation Council meeting in the Conservation Column this month.

All of this is in addition to the many ongoing activities of the Chapter. There's certainly no shortage of possibilities if you're interested in becoming more involved.

Linda

Chapter Program meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, September through April. Meetings take place at 1801 E. Jackson St., Medford, in Lidgate Hall of the Medford Congregational Church.

Field Notes from Jackson County (Sept. 20 - Nov 20, 2015) Compiled by Jeff Tufts

When birders hope to find rare species, they often go to great extremes: long drives, long hikes, and long hours. And then there are the rarities that show up in your backyard or outside your window at work. Zero effort.

Jackson County's first **Palm Warbler** dropped into the latter category, as it was spotted foraging on the ground outside the Forensics Lab in Ashland by a temporarily desk-bound birder (PT) on October 8.

Palm Warblers are "regular fall transients on the outer coast and irregularly remain through the winter and spring" according to *Birds of Oregon: A General Reference* (2003).

This bird chose not to remain even through the next day, and subsequent efforts to re-find it were unsuccessful. With only one observer on record, Palm Warbler will join eight other species that are on the supplemental list of the official Birds of Jackson County checklist (2014).

The checklist committee rules dictate that in order to be included on the main list, a species must have been verified either by: (a) a specimen; (b) an identifiable photograph; or (c) a visual observation by at least two experienced birders. With the addition of the Palm Warbler, the supplemental list (records that do not satisfy any of the above three conditions) now has four warblers with the others being Lucy's Warbler (2002), Black-throated Green Warbler (1996), and Kentucky Warbler (2007).

For the record, the lone Palm Warbler observer was familiar with the species from other parts of the country, and he noted physical characteristics and behavior that clearly substantiated the identification. The overall dull plumage and bright yellow crissum indicated that it was a member of the *Setophaga palmarum palmarum* subspecies, the only one positively recorded in Oregon.

Other notable warbler sightings during

the period covered in this report were a single **Black-throated Gray Warbler** in Ashland Oct. 10 (CG) and two of that species in Lithia Park Oct. 11 (eB). Single **Townsend's Warblers** were seen at Emigrant Lake Oct. 15 (FL) and above Granite Street in Ashland Oct. 17 (CB). A few individuals of the latter species occasionally spend the winter in Jackson County.

Although not as spectacular as the Palm Warbler, the **Blue Jay** seen in the north county, and a very late **Common Nighthawk** from Wasson County Road are definitely of special note. The Blue Jay was seen for approximately two weeks in a yard near Crowfoot Road (runs between Butte Falls Highway and Hwy 140) in late October (RS). The Common Nighthawk was flushed by a birder (CB) Oct. 28. They are rare locally even in mid-September.

Reports of certain species during the fall often give us a preview of what can be expected during the winter, and the frequent local sightings of **Varied Thrushes** and large flocks of **Pine Siskins** indicated that these two will have a significant presence in the county through at least December and January.

With very low water levels continuing at Agate and Emigrant lakes, reports of migrating shorebirds from those locations were sporadic and limited. The Kirtland settling ponds were best for shorebird action, and the first **Dunlin** sighting in the county came from Kirtland on Oct. 8 when two were sighted (WG). Dunlin are always the last shorebird species to come through our area in numbers, and by Nov. 5 there was a report of 62 Dunlin from Kirtland (RN).

Also notable were 40 **Least Sandpipers** at Kirtland Nov. 10 (LW), one **Western Sandpiper** at Emigrant Lake Oct. 24 (RA), and one Western Sandpiper at Kirtland Nov. 5 (RN). **Long-billed Dowitchers** are frequently found at Kirtland in small numbers, and the top report from this period was 15 of them there Nov. 14 (JT).

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Gulls and terns were relatively inconspicuous through October and early November, although one interesting individual was spotted at the Holy Waters October 1 (NB, JL). Photographs were available, and it was initially identified as a probable immature **Glaucous-winged Gull**. It was also suggested that it might be a Western x Glaucous-winged Gull hybrid, a type that is fairly common on the coast.

Individual **Bonaparte's Gulls** were seen at Emigrant Lake Oct. 14 (FL), Lost Creek Lake Oct. 23 (KBO), and Howard Prairie Oct. 31 (FL). Five of them were at Lost Creek Lake Nov. 7 (JT).

Only terns seen during the period were four **Caspian Terns** at Emigrant Lake Oct. 14 (FL).

Most raptor news in the fall involves the presence (or absence) of the two buteos—**Rough-legged Hawk** and **Ferruginous Hawk**—that have become regular Jackson County visitors in small numbers in recent years.

Five reports of Ferruginous Hawks—in Ashland north of Interstate 5 Sept. 19 (KS), at Denman Wildlife Area Oct. 16 (CB), at Hyatt Lake Oct. 19 (eB), near the Table Rock Road/Kirtland Road intersection Nov. 10 (BH), and over Oak Knoll Golf Course Nov. 12 (BW)—were more than expected.

There were three Rough-legged Hawk reports during the period: one at Denman Oct. 24 (eB), one near Eagle Mill Road Nov. 9 (FL), and on the Imperatrice property (KM) Nov. 20 (perhaps the Eagle Mill Road bird). The Roughies are later arrivals than the Ferruginous, so look for more of these birds that breed in the Far North.

Notable because of the location of the sightings were single **Northern Goshawks** seen along Emigrant Creek Road Oct. 20 (eB) and from the Upper Table Rock trail the same day (KBO).

Most of the **Turkey Vultures** that come through Jackson County are gone by mid-October, but it's always "most," and not "all." Single TVs were seen over Lynn Newbry

Park in Talent Nov. 7 (HF) and over east Ashland Nov. 13 (RK).

Southward-bound **Greater White-fronted Geese** surged through the area in late September with the big day being Sep. 21 when many flocks were seen and/or heard. Biggest report that day was of approximately 500 birds seen passing over the Olson Mountain area south of Lost Creek Lake (CB).

Ten **Tundra Swans** were seen passing over the Mount Ashland area Nov. 10 (FL), and one or more of them were reported from Emigrant Lake Nov. 14 (FE).

First **Eurasian Wigeon** report came from Hammel Pond Oct. 23 (eB).

Two Owl reports were especially significant. **Burrowing Owls** formerly bred in Jackson County, but they are now rarely seen locally. One has been seen regularly on a farm north of Interstate 5. It was first reported Nov. 7 (BM). Also of interest was a very late **Flammulated Owl** heard on the lower slopes of Mount Ashland Oct. 16 (FL).

Although fairly common east of the Cascades, **Red-naped Sapsuckers** are rarely found on our side of the mountains. One was discovered in the picnic areas adjacent to Emigrant Lake Oct. 9 (FH), and the bird continued to be seen at least through Oct. 19.

Northern Shrikes are regular in Jackson County in fall and winter, but the 2014-15 period produced a relatively low number of sightings. It seems that the 2015-16 period will be considerably different. Already, individual birds have been seen at Denman Wildlife Area (three times), Agate Lake (twice), Ousterhout Farm and the Whetstone Savannah Preserve area (twice).

Fall is when large flocks of **American Pipits** sweep through our area, and that's the time to look for the much less common **Horned Larks** and **Lapland Longspurs** which often accompany them. As many as 30 Horned Larks were seen at Lost Creek Lake Oct. 24 (FL), and single Lapland Longspurs were spotted at the same site Oct. 5 (JK) and Oct. 16 (RN).

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A single **Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch** was seen near the summit of Mt. Ashland Oct. 18 (FL), and two were seen at the same location Nov. 10 (eB) and again Nov. 13 (BW).

Read any account of **Swamp Sparrows** and your likely to see them described as “reclusive.” No argument there. But, birders at North Mountain Park in Ashland have been up to the task of spotting one of that species for three consecutive years. Same individual? It could be. The Swamp Sparrow seen the last two years has first been located in December. This year, the first sighting was on Nov. 2 (FL), and it was last seen there Nov. 14 (FE) as of this writing.

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Upcoming RVAS Programs

February 23, 2016: "Birds: Their Role in Art, War and History"
Presented by Harry Fuller

March 22, 2016: "The Truth About the Birds and the Bees"
A program on native bees, presented by Gaby Chavarria

April 26, 2016: Stewart Janes will give a bird-centric presentation

The Annual Christmas Bird Count is Almost Here!

It's not too late to participate in this annual tradition. To sign up or for more information, please contact the coordinator for each count.

Medford CBC

Date: Saturday, December 19, 2015

After-Party: 4:30—6:30 pm, Bobbio's Pizza & Pasta, 2105 Roberts Rd., Medford

Coordinator: Bob Hunter, bobhunter@embarqmail.com

Ashland CBC

Date: Saturday, January 2, 2016

After-Party: The Black Sheep, 51 N. Main Street, Ashland

Coordinator: Carol Mockridge, mockridge50@hotmail.com

The Conservation Column

****Note: Pepper Trail's Column will return next issue****

By Carol Palmer

2015 Oregon Audubon Conservation Council Conference

Every year in November, the Oregon Audubon Council comes together for a conservation meeting. This year we met in Sutherlin on November 6-8. There are twelve Audubon Chapters in Oregon, and all but four had representatives there. The purpose of these meetings is to review last year's conservation priority successes and failures, and then to set new priorities for the coming year. Bob Salinger, the staff conservation leader for the Portland chapter, gave the presentation.

The 2015 priorities were:

Habitat/ Important Bird Areas

The Klamath Refuges. The pressure is on to increase water supply, whether legally entitled or not. Goals included pursuing litigation to require the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to complete a comprehensive plan for two of the Refuges. This effort was successful, and now the agency must produce a plan by Aug 1, 2016. An additional priority was to engage in efforts to move Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) forward.

Ocean Protection. The priority was to establish protections for forage fish at the federal level. There has been progress at the state level.

Forest Protection. Oregon has the poorest forest protection of the three western states. Priorities included ensuring protection for older forests on federal, state and private land and taking on forest practice reform.

Lake Abert. This lake, located in south-central Oregon's Lake County, is dried up and over allotted, but it is somewhat of a mystery as to why there isn't enough water.

Clean Water Act Implementation

Species Protection

Greater Sage Grouse. This species has not been listed as endangered; we're waiting to see what this means for landowners.

Marbled Murrelet. The outlook for this species is not good, but it is not known why.

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Avian Hazards

Lead Shot Ban. The NRA has become very active in Oregon, opposing efforts to ban lead shot in the state. There has been little progress to date because of Governor Kitzhaber's resignation. We are well situated for a run at this in 2016.

Legislation

Birdseed Tax. The Oregon Legislature refused to pass after a five-year effort, with strong support from the Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Association etc. The proceeds would have gone to Sage Grouse protection.

ODFW Reform. After some progress, this issue is on hold due to Kitzhaber's sudden departure.

Climate Change

- National has launched a big campaign, but there is little to offer Oregon so far.
- Oppose fossil fuel facilities and oil trains.
- Come up with landscape resiliency strategies. The Portland chapter has done this.

If you want more information, feel free to email me. If I don't know, I'll try to find out. I will have more information on the 2016 priorities at a later date.

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Field Notes for Josephine County (Sep. 20 — Nov. 20) Compiled by Jeff Tufts

For the second straight year, a **Clay-colored Sparrow** was found in Josephine County, and the possibility that it is the same bird was enhanced by the fact that it was found only three days later than 2014 discovery.

The quintessential "drab sparrow" was spotted Sept. 28 near the Copeland ponds (RN). The 2014 bird was found Sept. 25 near the Grange Co-op. The two sites are a short distance apart as the sparrow flies.

Most **Common Poorwills** leave the area in early September, but one was heard in the Illinois Valley Sep. 27 (RC), one was seen at the Deer Creek Center Oct. 2 (RC), and two were flushed at Rough and Ready Oct. 3 (DV).

Lake Selmac didn't produce any rarities during the period, but two **Pectoral Sandpipers** Oct. 17 were notable (GB).

Reporting for this column were Gloria Beerman, Romain Cooper, Russ Namitz and Dennis Vroman.

School is for the Birds: RVAS Education Programs Update By Nate Trimble

The Rogue Valley Audubon Society has been busy spreading its message of bird conservation and bird science to local schools this fall. Using curriculum developed by the Klamath Bird Observatory's educational outreach programs and binoculars donated by KBO, I have been visiting local schools to talk to kids about bird adaptations and identification and taking classes on guided bird walks so that they can gain an appreciation for the rich bird life found in their own backyards. Several local teachers have recognized the importance of fostering an appreciation of nature in their students and it has been my pleasure to help in their cause by sharing my knowledge of birds with their classes.

Jeff Westergaard's 2nd grade class at Talent Elementary showed incredible enthusiasm for birds and maintained that enthusiasm through an hour classroom identification activity in which they drew bird study skin specimens and did an ambitious two hour hike and bird walk around beautiful riparian and farmland areas of Talent. Students were able to observe some classic and charismatic North American birds such as Canada Geese and Great Blue Herons and we even happened upon a Red-shouldered Hawk!

Sara Major's 3rd and 4th grade class at Ruch Elementary also did an amazing job in the classroom drawing bird specimens, IDing field marks, and discussing bird adaptations. Ruch Elementary's beautiful wooded school grounds filled with Madrone trees provided an opportunity for students to view flocks of Cedar Waxwings and American Robins feasting on the fall bounty of Madrone berries.

I also had a chance to visit Rogue River Elementary and take the 5th grade students through Palmerton Arboretum located just across the river from the school. Both Sandy Mathews and Jon Buckley's 5th classes did a great job in the classroom keying out bird specimens in the *Birds of Oregon* field guide using bill shape and field marks. Their students were enthusiastic about birds and we were able to identify some great Rogue Valley species such as Varied Thrush, Downy Woodpecker, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, and Brown Creeper. We even were lucky enough to see an Anna's Hummingbird feeding from Sapsucker holes and students had the opportunity to learn about the feeding ecology of both of these beautiful Western bird species.

Thanks to funding through the Rogue Valley Audubon Society and the commitment of local teachers to wildlife education, I have been lucky enough to share my passion and knowledge of birds with kids in our area and hopefully help create the next generation of birders and conservationists. I look forward to continuing to share my understanding of ecology and ornithology with more students next semester.

RVAS Holiday Party
6:00 pm Saturday, December 5, 2015
Lidgate Hall, Congregational Church, Medford

Plan to be surprised at the 2015 RVAS holiday potluck and fundraiser. We have some new and different items along with old favorites in the raffle and auction lineup. The decor will be festive, the food will be wonderful (from all of us), the emcee (Pepper) will keep you on the edge of your chair, and Jim's slide show will be fabulous. You will perhaps be a bit more entertained than usual this year. Hint: review the tune for "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

To entice yourself and warm up your bidding arm and finger, please look over the auction items. We're pleased with what we're offering. The raffle treasures are growing by the day and the more tickets one purchases, the better the chances are to take these wonderful items home. One does not have to be present to win a raffle treasure. Call Sooney Viani (541-482-5146) or Linda Kreisman (541-482-6456) to get your raffle tickets if you are unable to attend and want to support RVAS's conservation and education efforts AND BE A WINNER!

Raffle List

Gift Certificates from: The Northwest Nature Shop, Bloomsbury Books, Ashland Food Co-op, Noble Coffee, Rogue Valley Roasters, Dagoba Organic Chocolate, Branson's Chocolates, Little Shop of Bagels, The Wild Goose Café and Bar, Bobbio's Pizza and Pasta Restaurant, Porters Train Station Restaurant, and Jackson Creek Pizza Company.

Tickets for Craterian Theater, Tinseltown, Ashland Cinema & Varsity Theatres.

Plus: Wood Carving from Mike Guest, Box of Birding Books from Ron Ketchum, *Shorebirds of North America* donated by Kate McKenzie, *Must-See Birds of the Pacific Northwest* donated by Bob Hunter, handmade sets of table napkins and handmade owl-patterned apron with owl mugs, watercolor Greeting Cards by Augusta Lucas Andraea, whimsical bird paper placemats, and several framed bird photographs.

Auction List

Three special field trips:

Upper Rogue drift boating & birding with Bob Hunter
Klamath Basin Raptors with Dick Ashford,
100 species in one day with Pepper Trail

Overnight stays at

The Running Y,
The Lithia Springs Resort,
The Green Springs Inn,
2 nights at Shelley Tanquary's Bandon Beach House

Wine and Cheese Tasting with Lunch:

Tour of three Applegate Wineries with Kate Cleland-Sipfle as your designated driver.

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Wine:

Grizzly Peak, South Stage Cellars, Valley View, Platt Anderson Cellars and others.

KBO's Mountain Bird Festival: 2-for-1 admission, plus related items

Siskiyou Field Institute class: Botanizing the Rogue River Preserve with Kristi Mergenthaler on April 17, 2016

Peonies from Jon Deason, who will plant them for you!

Plant Survey of up to 50 acres by "Rent a Botanist" Kristi Mergenthaler

Bird Decal Plates: set of 8 by Ned Smith

Liberty Puzzle: "Hawk" by Sue Coccia

Hard Maple Child's Building Blocks: set of 68

One hour Massage by Kate McKenzie

Bird Feeder and seed from Wild Birds Unlimited

RVAS BIRDING FIELD TRIPS AND EVENTS

FIRST WEDNESDAY BIRD WALKS AT AGATE LAKE

Murray Orr will continue to lead his monthly bird walks at Agate Lake on the first Wednesday of each month. In this ongoing citizen science project, the numbers of the different species observed by walk participants are entered in the Cornell Ornithological Laboratory's eBird database. Birders wishing to join Murray should meet him at the picnic area off Dry Creek Road across from the boat ramp to observe birds on and near Agate Lake. Walks begin at 8:30 and end before noon.

December Walk: Wednesday, December 2

January Walk: Wednesday, January 6

Contact Murray at 541-857-9050 or [mworr2@charter.net](mailto:mwor2@charter.net)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2016 — 17th ANNUAL ASHLAND DIPPER COUNT

Join Bob Quaccia for the 17th annual Ashland Dipper Walk, which this winter will be part of the Ashland Christmas Bird Count. Meet at the Plaza at 9 a.m. for a slow-paced walk along Ashland Creek in Lithia Park to count American Dippers. Since Bob began leading this walk, an average of five dippers have been seen along the approximate one and one-half mile route. Bob will be continuing his general bird survey for the Ashland CBC after the morning event, and Dipper Walk participants are invited to join him for any part of the day.

For additional information, contact Bob at bquaccia@hotmail.com

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 — IRONGATE RESERVOIR

Pepper Trail will be leading this winter field trip to Irongate Reservoir. Wintering waterfowl will be at the top of the agenda, but passerine birding will be encouraged, as well.

Meet at 8 am (unless Pepper says otherwise) at the Shop N Kart in Ashland to carpool. Participants should expect to dress in layers for cold weather. Bring food and water.

RSVP by emailing Pepper at ptrail@ashlandnet.net

Project FeederWatch Schedule for 2015 - 2016

Coyote Trails (Medford) PFW

Thursdays: Noon – 1 pm; open to the public

Dec 3, Dec 17, Dec 31, Jan 14, Jan 28, Feb 11, Feb 25, Mar 10, March 24

Fridays: Noon – 1 pm; open to the public

Dec 4, Dec 18, Jan 15, Jan 29, Feb 12, Feb 26, Mar 11, Mar 25

North Mountain Park (Ashland) PFW

Fridays: 9 – 10 am; counts done by one person; not advertised to the public

Dec 11, Jan 8, Jan 22, Feb 5, Feb 19, Mar 4, Mar 18

Saturdays: 9 – 10 am; open to the public

Dec 12, Dec 26, Jan 9, Jan 23, Feb 6, Feb 20, Mar 5, Mar 19

For more information or to volunteer contact Mary Pat Power at marypat@ashlandhome.net about the Ashland PFW and wendy.gere@gmail.com about Coyote Trails PFW.

Ashland Parks and Recreation Classes, Workshops and Events

Winter Bird Walk

Stroll through North Mountain Park to view feathered fauna with birding expert Vince Zauskey. The leafless winter season offers birders a great opportunity to see the birds that spend the winter in our valley, such as White-crowned, Golden-crowned and Fox Sparrows. Participants may also see Hermit and Varied Thrush, Audubon's Warblers, flocks of Pine Siskin and accipters such as Sharp-shinned and Coopers Hawk. The class will also try to ID birds by call. Binoculars and field guides will be available for check out. Pre-register online at ashland.or.us/register or call 541.488.6606.

Date Saturday, January 16

Time 8:30—10am

Place North Mountain Park

Cost Free

INSTRUCTOR Vince Zauskey is a Rogue Valley Audubon member, North Mountain Park volunteer and birding expert.

Monarchs & Milkweeds

This class will cover basic monarch biology and the reasons for the recent population crash. Next, we will discuss how to create monarch waystations: specialized pollinator habitats to promote monarch breeding. Growing native milkweeds for monarch caterpillars and nectar plants for adult butterflies will be covered in detail. Hands-on activities will include milkweed seed-harvesting, cleaning, treatments to overcome dormancy and growing tips for raising milkweeds. Pre-register online at ashland.or.us/register or call the Nature Center at 541.488.6606.

DATE Saturday, January 9

TIME 1—3pm

PLACE North Mountain Park

COST \$10

INSTRUCTOR Tom Landis is a retired forester who is propagating native milkweeds and other nectar plants to bring monarchs back to the Rogue Valley. He has given over 45 Monarchs and Milkweeds workshops and has also helped install monarch waystations around southern Oregon.

Rogue Valley Audubon Society Membership

If you are not an RVAS Member, we invite you to help support our local activities by becoming a member. We hope you're aware of the many activities of the Audubon Society, both locally and nationally, that help to further the cause of bird conservation and public education in southern Oregon. Member dues, along with donations and income from local fund-raising events, support our activities and programs, such as:

- Educational and social membership meetings (free and open to members and the public)
- The Chat* newsletter
- Website (www.roguevalleyaudubon.org)
- Birding forum for posting sightings and active locations
- Monthly field trips and bird walks
- Educational programs for students and adults
- Monitoring of regional conservation issues
- Work with local wildlife managers to improve access and bird habitats
- Bird counts for national species censuses
- Support for local research projects

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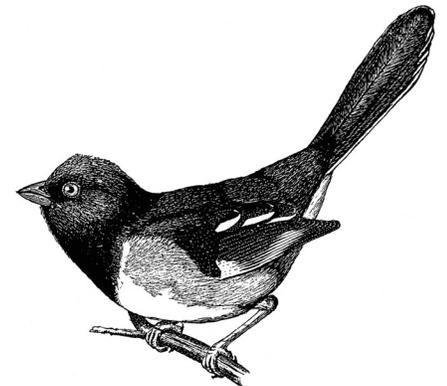
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