

The Chat

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Deadline for submissions for the next month's issue is the 20th of each month



Tuesday, April 24, 7:00 pm
Program Meeting: Tom Bodeen,
Mahleur Wildlife Refuge Manager

Malheur Wildlife Refuge is one of the premier wildlife refuges in the Western United States. A Mecca for birders, it hosts over 320 bird species including up to 20% of the world population of White-faced ibis, up to 1,500 pairs of breeding American white pelican, and 20% of Oregon's breeding population of greater sandhill crane. Malheur Lake historically produced as many as 180,000 waterfowl in a single season.

The Refuge, however, has fallen on hard times. Speaker Tom Bodeen will present the new Malheur Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan and will discuss the problems the Refuge is experiencing.

Tom Bodeen has been involved in wildlife management after service as a Navy diver in 1984 and obtaining degrees in Biology and Psychology in 1989. After a couple of detours in the Peace Corp, he has been with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Program meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of January, February, March, April, September, October, November and December. Meetings are held at the Medford Congregational United Church of Christ at 1801 E. Jackson Street in Medford.

President's Challenges for Birdathon, 2012

RVAS President Alex Maksymowicz presents the following three challenges for Birdathon teams.

- He pledges \$5 per species for each distinct species of owl observed during Birdathon.
- He pledges \$5 per species for each distinct species of raptor observed during Birdathon in the following 3 families: Accipitridae (hawks, eagles, harriers, kites), Falconidae (falcons, merlins, kestrels), and Pandionidae (osprey); Turkey Vultures, Owls, and Shrikes do not count.
- He pledges \$100 per species for any species new to Jackson County. Introduced exotics such as ostriches, emus, parrots, etc. do not qualify.



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President's Column by Alex Maksymowicz

In the midst of the continuing controversy about allocation of water in the Klamath Basin, a stunning decision by the Bureau of Reclamation to drain Tule Lake came in under the radar of the conservation community. In 2010 the Bureau apparently made a decision to drain Tule Lake! (See the separate article on p. 4) The Klamath Basin wetlands are a major stopover for birds migrating along the Pacific Flyway and a great attraction for birders in southern Oregon. Over 80% of the wetlands have been drained over the past 100 years, yet the remaining 20% still provide a critical resource for huge numbers of birds. To drain a sizeable fraction of the remaining wetlands would be extremely harmful to the migrating—and breeding—birds that depend on them. RVAS will be working with other Oregon Audubon chapters to develop a strategy for heading off the implementation of the Bureau's ill-considered and environmentally harmful decision. Please be ready to respond when requested to contact federal agencies and congressional representatives about this matter.

This is probably the last issue of *The Chat* before Birdathon on Saturday, May 5. Birdathon provides a great opportunity for birders to fan out over Jackson County to see how many different species they can identify and how much money they can raise via pledges and donations to help provide services to RVAS members such as *The Chat* and monthly programs, and services to the community in areas such as environmental education and conservation activities.

In my column last month I gloated over our good fortune in having finally filled all open RVAS committee chairs. Well, the good times did not last. Shortly afterwards, Lynda Stevenson resigned as publicity chair, effective June 30. That is also my last day as president of RVAS, and I would like to leave a full roster of filled committee chairs for my successor. The main task of the publicity chair is to publicize RVAS events in the Mail Tribune, mostly in the weekly Outdoor Section. Now is a good time to volunteer to take over this position, since Lynda has volunteered to train the new chair. Please contact Lynda directly (541- 858-7048) or talk to me at one of the chapter meetings.

Field Notes: The Changing Seasons
Compiled by Stewart Janes

What an odd month. It seems that winter and spring have elected to arrive at the same time this year. My daffodils are drooping under the weight of the snow and the rain gauge finally has something to report. As for the birds, their internal clock remains unaffected. However, the lone male **Rufous Hummingbird** is irritated at the snow on his feeder.

Late February and early March are rather quiet times for birds. The flood of spring migrants is still a ways off. **Tree Swallows** swarm over the trees along Bear Creek and the Rogue River but have yet to venture out to the breeding areas across the valley. They have been joined by the **Violet-green Swallows** though numbers remain small. A venturesome **Cliff Swallow** arrived at Agate Lake on 3/13 (NB) fresh from its wintering grounds in southern South America soon to be joined by others.

Rufous Hummingbirds arrived right on schedule with the first reports, as usual, in Eagle Point on 3/3 (HS) and on Sardine Creek on 3/4 (MR). My first appeared on 3/18 south of Medford also pretty much on schedule. Migrant **Orange-crowned Warblers** joined the winter holdovers along Bear Creek beginning the second week of March (HF,SJ).

Turkey Vulture numbers continued to build all month and were a common sight by the third week of March. A few **Osprey** are also starting to appear, the first at Agate Lake on 3/13 (NB).

The northern migration of **Sandhill Cranes** over Jackson County continued through the end of February (EL,KM) with the last flock of 180 reported over Pilot Rock on 2/26 (FL). Although, I have not seen or heard migrant **Greater White-fronted Geese**, small flocks taking a breather have been dropping in at ponds around the valley since mid-February (LM,MM,SJ).

Maybe it's because I am huddled inside much of February, but I have never noticed the arrival of **Band-tailed Pigeons** before. Pepper has been paying closer attention and reported the first on 2/20 in Ashland. Additional birds were seen near Pilot Rock on 2/26 (FL).

With the snows finally carpeting the high country we have begun to see some movement in some wintering birds. **Varied Thrushes** appeared in small numbers throughout the valley beginning the end of February (LN,ES,HF,FE,FL,ML,LM,MM). **Evening Grosbeaks** also appeared in Ashland, Eagle Point, Prospect and in the Siskiyou (FL,ML,HS,SV). Winter **Evening Grosbeaks** are not a common occurrence. **Red Crossbills** have also popped up above Ashland and near the Siskiyou summit (KM,FL).

The **Tufted Duck** was still in the Ditch Creek Road pond near Hilt as of 3/8 (JB). It will probably depart soon as the waterfowl migration picks up. Movement among **Ring-necked Ducks**, **American Wigeon** and **Northern Shovelers** was already apparent by the first of March. A **Horned Grebe** made an appearance at Emigrant Lake on 3/3 (FL) and a **Tundra Swan** stopped in at Billings Pond on 3/16 for a well-earned rest (SC).

Red-tailed Hawks are warming up to this year's breeding season a bit reluctantly. I hope their tardiness does not indicate another poor breeding effort this year. It has been about a half dozen years since they have done well. A **Ferruginous Hawk** was seen at the junction of Antelope and Table Rock Road on 2/22 (VZ). This was an obvious migrant destined for the drier country east of the Cascades to breed. A **Prairie Falcon** was at the end of Nevada St on 2/26 (KM).

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The Conservation Column

By Pepper Trail

Good News About the Bad News. In last month's column, I described a series of proposals moving forward on the state and national levels that would have been disastrous for our Oregon environment. I'm happy to report good news concerning several of these bad proposals.

Bad predator management proposals defeated.

Thanks in large part to Governor Kitzhaber's public opposition, both the proposal to bring back hound hunting of cougars, and the one to overturn Oregon's wolf management plan and allow more killing of wolves, were defeated in the state Legislature. Thanks to those who wrote your state representatives or the governor about these issues!

Huge federal transportation bill much improved.

Last month's column detailed the many disastrous provisions of the omnibus transportation bill proposed by the Republican leadership of the House of Representatives. Fortunately, the Senate has passed a far, far better transportation bill with strong bipartisan support. Among other things, this bill does NOT open the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling or overturn President Obama's decision to delay the Keystone XL pipeline. It DOES include the RESTORE Act, which assures that BP's billions of dollars in penalties for the Gulf oil spill will go to restoring the environment and local economies of the Gulf Coast. It also provides funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and protects the current funding formula for public transportation. Given the strong bipartisan support received by the Senate bill - and the pressure of a deadline at the end of the month for passage of a bill - we can hope that the House passes the Senate version.

County timber payments program renewed for one year. The Senate transportation bill also includes a one-year, \$346 million renewal of the Secure Rural Schools program, which provides money to timber-dependent counties in Oregon and elsewhere.

This takes some of the pressure off this issue, but the bad bills summarized in last month's column, including the "O&C Trust, Conservation, and Jobs Act" of Reps. DeFazio, Schrader, and Walden, unfortunately continue to be discussed in the House of Representatives.

Two Terrible Land-Use Proposals on the May Ballot

Meanwhile, a new threat to the environment in Jackson County has emerged, in the form of two land-use proposals that have qualified for the May ballot. These are Measure 15-110 ("Charter Amendment to Declare County Policy Opposing Statewide Land-Use Planning") and Measure 15-111 ("Charter Amendment to Establish County Policy Limiting Local Land-Use Regulations"). Both relate to Measure 37 (from 2004), which would have compensated landowners for reductions in perceived property value due to land-use designations and regulation. Without going into too much history, Measure 37 was subsequently amended (in 2007) by Measure 49, which limited the potentially financially ruinous claims and restricted high-density developments on high-value farm and forest lands.

Unhappy with the overwhelming passage of Measure 49, petitioner Jerry McCauley now seeks to 1) amend the county charter so as to prevent enforcement of state land-use laws in Jackson County, 2) require that the county compensate Measure 37 claimants monetarily, not just waive regulations, and 3) require Jackson County to enlist other counties in an effort to eliminate statewide land-use regulation (and pay for the effort). While Oregon's pioneering land-use system is not perfect, it is a model for the nation on how to preserve open space, farm and forest land, and wildlife habitat, while allowing appropriate development. Rogue Valley Audubon has long supported responsible land-use policies, and so we must oppose Measures 15-110 and 15-111.

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In addition to threatening Jackson County's rural landscapes, Measures 15-110 and 15-111 could break the bank. They are poorly conceived, unenforceable under Oregon State Law, and will cost Jackson County taxpayers millions of dollars in court costs resulting from inevitable lawsuits and compensation. Their constitutionality would almost certainly be challenged—costing the county even more money in expensive court costs while other county services were left to suffer. The message will be that Jackson County is willing to frivolously spend money on redundant, symbolic actions that have no effect on anything. It's regrettable that local ballot measures are not required to report the monetary costs of their enactment.

The fact of the matter is that Measure 49 is now the law, and provides a widely popular solution to concerns about land-use restrictions. Those people who had legitimate vested rights were allowed to continue development, and the rest have been authorized to build homes for their families as Measure 49 allows. Requiring the county to violate state law by going back to Measure 37 is probably unconstitutional. The county will have to spend a lot of our money in court to find out. And if the county wins that argument, the taxpayers will lose even more when the county starts paying for claims. Measures 15-110 and 15-111 are bad land-use policy, and terrible fiscal policy.



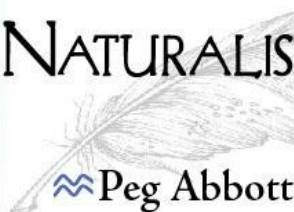
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Bear Creek Riparian Forest Restoration Project Funded by a TogetherGreen Innovation Grant

Thanks to a \$35,000 TogetherGreen Innovation Grant awarded by Audubon Society and Toyota to the Rogue Valley Audubon Society, a portion of Bear Creek Park's riparian zone is being rehabilitated. Invasive exotic plants are being removed to make way for plantings of native trees and shrubs that will expand the riparian forest and help shade Bear Creek.

The TogetherGreen Innovation Grant award represents a collaborative partnership between the Rogue Valley Audubon Society, City of Medford Tree Committee, Lomakatsi Restoration Project, Logos Charter School, Bear Creek Watershed Council and Rogue Valley Council of Governments.

In fall of 2010, Lomakatsi crews, along with the City of Medford Parks and Recreation Department began removing invasive blackberries and coordinating school groups and teams of community volunteers to plant thousands of native trees and shrubs to augment native vegetation and tree cover. Over time the increased shade will help lower the water temperature and provide a more hospitable aquatic environment—a vital step if salmon are to continue spawning in the stream.

Through this service learning project, student volunteers from Medford and Ashland are learning how human impact has altered the creek and what they can do to protect it. Lomakatsi is coordinating educational events that teach local flora and fauna, water quality, stream ecology, soils and overall watershed health. Ongoing student activities will include site maintenance, vegetation monitoring, water quality testing and social media outreach to communicate their stewardship activities.

By engaging volunteers and especially youth the project team hopes a new generation of stewards will be spawned to bring Bear Creek back to health.



Member Joan Brown would like to paint a series of the ducks of Oregon. She is looking to pain each duck individually, realistically, but with "style" and needs reference shots. If you are a photographer and hoave some good photos of ducks, please get in touch with her at wjbrown@jeffnet.org or call her at 541-482-7301. She would greatly appreciate your help.

Mark your calendar to attend the RVAS Annual Potluck Picnic and Bird Walk at Tou-Velle State Park on Table Rock Road on May 22. The birdwalk will start at 5 pm and the pot-luck will begin at 6 pm. See May Chat for more details.

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Other sightings of note include **Black-billed Magpies** at the very end of Nevada St in Ashland on 3/4 (KM), a **Northern Shrike** along Industry Way on 3/4 (NB), a **White-headed Woodpecker** near Hyatt Lake on 3/4 (AM), and **Say's Phoebe**s at Kirtland Pond on 3/6 (MM,LM) and near the Ashland Gun Club on 3/14 and 3/17 (FL). A **Townsend's Warbler** was on the SOU campus on 3/15 (MP), and 2 **Lewis's Woodpeckers** along Salt Creek Road on 2/20 (MM,LM) plus 2 more at Agate Lake on 3/3 (JB,SB) and another on 2/20 (LM,MM). **Lewis's Woodpeckers** have been scarce this winter. It should also be noted that the **Mountain Chickadee** that has dutifully attended the feeder of Liz Northrup near Jacksonville has been present daily for more than a year now.

Thanks to this month's contributors including Norm Barrett, John Bullock, Sephanie Bullock, Sabra Comet, Alan Contreras, Forrest English, Harry Fuller, Edith Lindner, Mo Lolandi, Frank Lospalutto, Alex Maksymowicz, Kate McKenzie, Lisa Moore, Marjorie Moore, Liz Northrup, Michael Parker, Maggi Rackley, Howard Sands, Eric Setterberg, Pepper Trail, Sooney Viani, and Vince Zausky. Deadline for contributions to the Field Notes in the next edition of The Chat is April 15.



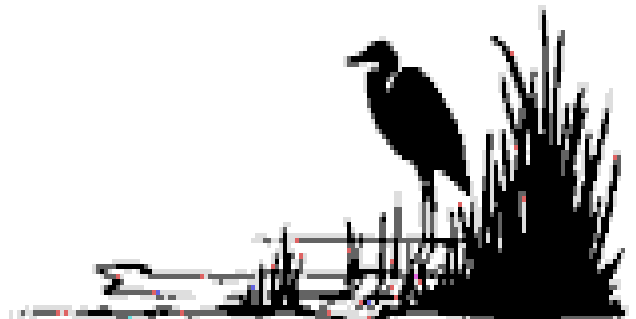
RVAS Calendar of Events

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| April 4: | Bird walk at Denman WMA |
| April 15: | Field trip to Grants Pass—Whitehorse County Park |
| April 24: | Chapter Meeting |
| May 2: | Bird walk at Denman WMA |
| May 5: | Birdathon |
| May 5/6: | Master Gardener Fair |
| May 22: | Annual potluck and bird walk at Tou Velle State Park |

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Upcoming Field Trips

Sunday, April 15: Whitehorse County Park (Grants Pass). Leaders Fran Taylor and Dennis Vroman. Meet at the park boat ramp. Early risers can come at 7 am and bird for an hour in the vicinity of the boat ramp; later arrivals should get to the boat ramp by 8 am to bird the rest of the park. Note: this trip is taking place on a Sunday, rather than the usual Saturday. **Directions to the park:** From Medford take I-5 north to exit 58. From the off-ramp turn left onto 6th Street, drive south to G Street, turn right on G Street and continue west until G Street becomes Upper River Road, continue west until the road merges into Lower River Road. Make a left into Whitehorse County Park. (Distance from I-5 exit approx. 9.5 miles) Fee to park (by picnic shelter) is \$4.00 per car. There is no fee if you park by the boat ramp as it is BLM property.

The Klamath Bird Observatory offers a number of field trips throughout the Spring, throughout the Rogue Valley, including the following:

April 7: Biking and Birding the Greenway	May 2: Birding 101 at North Mountain Park
April 14: Bird Walk to Lower Table Rock	May 12: Bird walk to Scott Valley, CA
	May 12: International Migratory Bird Day

Contact KBO for details on these and other events at 541-201-0866

From the Siskiyou Field Institute

Shorebirds of the Klamath Coast—April 28th This course begins with a field trip that visits Crescent City Harbor, moves along the rocky coast at low tide towards Point St. George, and finishes up at Lake Tolowa. We'll seek out migrating and resident shorebirds. After the field portion of the class, there will be a multi-media presentation focusing on the identification and biology of the shorebirds of the Klamath coast. Tuition for the class is \$50. and advance registration is required. Contact Siskiyou Field Institute for details and to register.

Rogue Valley Audubon Society Membership

Members of the National Audubon Society are automatically enrolled as members of RVAS. If you are not members of NAS you can still be a member of Rogue Valley Audubon Society. To join, please send a check for \$20.00 annual dues to RVAS, P.O. Box 8597, Medford, OR 97501. Include your name, address, e-mail address and (optional) phone number. If you have any questions about membership, please contact membership chair Bill Hering at 541-488-5886 or bh@ashlandnet.net.

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Birdathon 2012

When

Birdathon Day: Fri, May 4, 5:01 pm - Sat, May 5, 5:00 pm (24 hrs)

Organizers

Alex Maksymowicz, maksbox1@gmail.com, 541-482-1964 & Maggi Rackley, imabrnrder@yahoo.com

Objectives

- * To have fun and compete with other birders in counting bird species
- * To raise funds for RVAS outreach programs and chapter operations
- * Meet at Baci's Pizza (formerly Bruno's), 2105 Roberts Rd, Medford after 5:30 pm for the post-Birdathon dinner to compile and integrate sightings and see how well each team has done relative to others in the same category.

Team Categories

Competitive Birdathon Day count (rules in separate document)

Single-day count by a team of birders

Single day count by an all-ladies team

Single-day count by an individual, duo, couple, etc.

You may suggest a different category; just let the Birdathon organizers know. The victor/victors in each approved category will be acknowledged at the post-Birdathon dinner, in *The Chat*, and on the RVAS web site. There will be prizes!

Fundraising

Each participant is asked to make a donation in the amount of their choice, remembering that this is our fund raiser. They can also pledge per species observed by themselves and/or their team. You can also send a Birdathon donation to RVAS in lieu of pledging.

Participants are also encouraged to gather donations or per species pledges from non-team sponsors. After Birdathon is over, team leaders and/or participants should let their pledging sponsors know how many species they observed, so that the sponsors can send in their donations.

Sponsors can challenge a team or individual birder to accomplish a particular task, for example, to observe a particular species or set of species or whatever. If the challenge is met, the sponsor will donate an agreed upon sum to RVAS.

Pledge forms have been inserted in this issue of *The Chat*. They can be given/sent to the team leaders or directly to RVAS. Results of species tallies by the various teams will be published in the summer issue of *The Chat* and posted on the RVAS web site, so that you will know how much money to send in. Checks should be made out to RVAS or Rogue Valley Audubon Society and mailed directly to RVAS at P.O. Box 8597, Medford, OR 97501

The names of the teams and team members are given below to help potential sponsors make their decision.

Great Grays (defending champions): Bob & Gretchen Hunter, Frank Lospalluto, Brian Barr, Dominic DiPaolo,

Falcons: Pepper Trail, Stewart Janes, John Alexander, Forrest English

Binosaurus: Norm Barrett, Jim Livaudais, Gary Shaffer, Howard Sands

Old World Warblers: Edith Lindner and Maggi Racklely

The Lone Birder: Joe Shelton

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Rogue Valley Audubon Society

BIRDATHON 2012 May 5

BIRDATHON FACTS

Who? – You and your friends/fellow birders

What? – Record as many different bird species as you can

When? – During the 24-hour period May 4, 6 pm through May 5, 6 pm

Where? – Anywhere in Jackson County

Why? – To have fun and raise funds for the Rogue Valley Audubon Society

BIRDATHON 2012. Please Pledge or Donate.

You can either make a donation of a set amount or pledge a certain payment per species seen. That way you can do your own Birdathon species list, put together your own Birdathon team, or support a team of your favorite birders. If you are participating as a birder, please ask friends and team members to pledge as well.

--My tax-deductible donation of \$_____ is enclosed.

--I pledge \$_____ per species.

--This pledge is for birds I will see myself.

--This pledge is for birds seen by _____ (name of Birdathon team or other birder).

Please mail your check to

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RVAS Education & Conservation Grants

A recently formed RVAS donations committee, consisting of Mary Sinclair (chair), Judd Hurley and Sooney Viani worked to identify programs and projects that reflect and support the RVAS mission. The following award recommendations were made by the committee and approved by the RVAS Board. The specified funds have been disbursed to the award recipients.

North Mountain Park: Birding and Service Learning Program (\$500) This program allows students (third grade and higher) to observe a variety of birds and learn to identify them by song, habitat, physical characteristics and behavior. Program instruction is offered for free, since the students also provide a service to the park by helping to enhance and maintain bird habitat. Students learn how plants provide important habitat value for many forms of wildlife including birds. By helping to grow healthy native plants, weeding, watering, and mulching, they benefit vital bird habitats. Students also learn about many aspects of bird migration and are informed about the Rogue Valley Bird Day on May 12th at the park. The RVAS award will augment funds for bus transportation to field trips, thereby enabling more students to participate in the program.

Southern Oregon Land Conservancy: Loving the Land (\$500)

Loving the Land is a hands-on field trip experience offered by the SOLC to approximately 300 4th and 5th grade students in Ashland, Talent and Phoenix. The program develops a love for the land through explorative activities in Oredson-Todd Woods, a forested park located in Ashland. On their visit to the Woods students rotate through three activity stations and take a guided hike through the woods to a waterfall. At the activity stations, which are staffed by community volunteers, the students learn about rocks, trees, birds and water life. The program takes place shortly after Earth Day each year and is anticipated by students and teachers alike.

Together Green Bear Creek Riparian Forest Restoration Project: On-site Educational Program (\$2500)

The RVAS grant will support on-site educational activities planned and implemented by Lomakatsi, a Together Green partner. These activities may include planting, watering, mulching, removal of invasive species, identification tagging of flora, and the monitoring of vegetation, birds, wildlife and water quality. Through a variety of partnerships, a project goal is to establish a long-term monitoring program that is implemented by students and will produce usable data. Hundreds of students, grades 6-12, from Medford's Logos Charter School, South Medford High School and Ashland High School will participate, as well as youth crews from Lithia Springs Boys and Girls program.

Read more about the project in the Chat and at: <http://lomakatsi.org/wp-content/uploads/Bear-Cr-Park-R-Forest-R-Proj-2012.01.pdf> Or visit the *Medford Bear Creek Riparian Restoration Project* facebook page, created and managed by students from Logos Charter School.

Bob Black Awards

In the March issue of *The Chat* we published a letter from Professor Stewart Janes expressing his appreciation for the research grants awarded to two of his students at SOU by the Bob Black Fund (\$200 each). Below are the individual letters of thanks from the students themselves.

Dear Rogue Valley Audubon Society and Bob Black Research Grant Committee,

Thank you very much for the generous grant. I will continue to work hard to generate viable data that will hopefully contribute to our understanding of waterfowl use of water bodies in the Rogue Valley. If any of your members are interested, I will be presenting my findings at the Southern Oregon SOAR Conference on May 15th. I hope the new year goes well and happy birding to everyone.

Sincerely, Sabra Comet

P.S. If anyone would like more information on the project, feel free to contact me at Hall-comet@gmail.com.

[Note: SOAR stands for Southern Oregon Arts and Research. Go to www.sou.edu/soar for details.]

Dear Rogue Valley Audubon Society,

Greetings! I want to extend many thanks to you all for the \$200.00 grant for my thesis project. I am hoping to invest in some recording and/or playback equipment and this money will be quite helpful in making that possible. My thesis project has been expanded to look at changes in behavior in response to playback in migratory and residential birds. I will be working with Bewick's Wrens, Song Sparrows, Yellow Warblers and Lazuli Buntings, investigating whether there is a stronger response to playback in residential or migratory birds. Thank you again for the grant money and for your continued support of local conservation, research and educational efforts.

Cheers,

Teresa O. Wicks

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Species List for Birdathon 2012				
(You can get additional copies of this list by going to the RVAS web site and clicking on the link "Birdathon" on the left side of the home page, then clicking on "Bird List for Birdathon".)				
Waterfowl	Raptors	Owls	Crows & Jays	Pipits
Grtr Wh.-front. Goose	Osprey	Barn Owl	Gray Jay	American Pipit
Snow Goose	White-tailed Kite	Flammulated Owl	Steller's Jay	Waxwings
Ross's Goose	Bald Eagle	Western Screech-owl	Western Scrub Jay	Bohemian Waxwing
Cackling Goose	Northern Harrier	Great Horned Owl	Clark's Nutcracker	Cedar Waxwing
Canada Goose	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Northern Pygmy-owl	Black-billed Magpie	Warblers
Tundra Swan	Cooper's Hawk	Burrowing Owl	American Crow	Orange-crowned Warbler
Wood Duck	Northern Goshawk	Spotted Owl	Common Raven	Nashville Warbler
Gadwall	Rd.-shouldered Hawk	Great Gray Owl	Larks	Yellow Warbler
Eurasian Wigeon	Red-tailed Hawk	Short-eared Owl	Horned Lark	Yellow-rumped Warbler
American Wigeon	Ferruginous Hawk	No. Saw-whet Owl	Swallows	Blk-throated Gray Warbler
Mallard	Rough-legged Hawk	Nightjars	Purple Martin	Townsend's Warbler
Blue-winged Teal	Golden Eagle	Common Nighthawk	Tree Swallow	Hermit Warbler
Cinnamon Teal	American Kestrel	Common Poorwill	Violet-green Swallow	MacGillivray's Warbler
Northern Shoveler	Merlin	Swifts	No. Rough-wg. Swallow	Common Yellowthroat
Northern Pintail	Peregrine Falcon	Black Swift	Bank Swallow	Wilson's Warbler
Green-winged Teal	Prairie Falcon	Vaux's Swift	Cliff Swallow	Yellow-breasted Chat
Canvasback	Cranes & Rails	White-throated Swift	Barn Swallow	Tanagers
Redhead	Virginia Rail	Hummingbirds	Chickadees & Titmice	Western Tanager
Ring-necked Duck	Sora	Black-chinned Hummer	Black-capped Chickadee	Sparrows & Buntings
Greater Scaup	American Coot	Anna's Hummingbird	Mountain Chickadee	Green-tailed Towhee
Lesser Scaup	Sandhill Crane	Costa's Hummingbird	Chestnut-backed Chick.	Spotted Towhee
Bufflehead	Shorebirds	Calliope Hummingbird	Oak Titmouse	California Towhee
Common Goldeneye	Black-bell. Plover	Rufous Hummingbird	Bushtits	Chipping Sparrow
Barrow's Goldeneye	Am. Golden Plover	Kingfishers	Bushtit	Brewer's Sparrow
Hooded Merganser	Pacific Golden Plover	Belted Kingfisher	Nuthatches	Vesper Sparrow
Com. Merganser	Semipalmated Plover	Woodpeckers	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Lark Sparrow
Red-brstd. Merganser	Killdeer	Lewis' Woodpecker	White-breasted Nuthatch	Savanna Sparrow
Ruddy Duck	Black-necked Stilt	Acorn Woodpecker	Pygmy Nuthatch	Grasshopper Sparrow
Gallinaceous	American Avocet	Williamson's Sapsucker	Creepers	Fox Sparrow
Ring-necked Pheasant	Spotted Sandpiper	Red-naped Sapsucker	Brown Creeper	Song Sparrow
Ruffed Grouse	Greater Yellowlegs	Red-breasted Sapsucker	Wrens	Lincoln's Sparrow
Sooty Grouse	Lesser Yellowlegs	Downy Woodpecker	Rock Wren	White-throated Sparrow
Wild Turkey	Long-billed Curlew	Hairy Woodpecker	Canyon Wren	Harris' Sparrow
Mountain Quail	Semipalm. Sandpiper	White-hd. Woodprcker	Bewick's Wren	White-Crowned Sparrow
California Quail	Western Sandpiper	Bl.-backed Woodpecker	House Wren	Golden-Crowned Sparrow
Loons	Least Sandpiper	Northern Flicker	Winter Wren	Dark-eyed Junco
Pacific Loon	Baird's Sandpiper	Pileated Woodpecker	Marsh Wren	Black-hd. Grosbeak
Common Loon	Pectoral Sandpiper	Flycatchers	Dippers	Lazuli Bunting
Grebes	Dunlin	Olive-sided Flycatcher	American Dipper	Blackbirds
Pied-billed Grebe	Short-billed Dowitcher	Western Wood-pewee	Kinglets	Red-Wing Blackbird
Horned Grebe	Long-billed Dowitcher	Willow Flycatcher	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Tricolored Blackbird
Red-necked Grebe	Wilson's Snipe	Hammond's Flycatcher	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Western Meadowlark
Eared Grebe	Wilson's Phalarope	Dusky Flycatcher	Gnatcatchers	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Western Grebe	Red-necked Phalarope	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Brewer's Blackbird
Clark's Grebe	Gulls & Terns	Black Phoebe	Thrushes	Brown-headed Cowbird
Pelicans	Bonaparte's Gull	Say's Phoebe	Western Bluebird	Bullock's Oriole
American White Pelican	Ring-Billed Gull	Ash-throated Flycatcher	Mountain Bluebird	Finches
Cormorants	California Gull	Western Kingbird	Townsend's Solitaire	Purple Finch
Dbl-crested Cormorant	Herring Gull	Gray Flycatcher	Swainson's Thrush	Cassin's Finch
Hérons & Bitterns	Caspian Gull	Shrikes	Hermit Thrush	House Finch
American Bittern	Western Gull	Loggerhead Shrike	American Robin	Red Crossbill
Great Blue Heron	Forster's Tern	Northern Shrike	Varied Thrush	Pine Siskin
Great Egret	Black Tern	Vireos	Babblers	Lesser Goldfinch
Green Heron	Pigeons & Doves	Cassin's Vireo	Wrentit	American Goldfinch
Blk-crown. Night-heron	Rock Dove	Hutton's Vireo	Mockingbirds	Evening Grosbeak
Vulture	Band-Tailed Pigeon	Warbling Vireo	Northern Mockinbird	Old World Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	Mourning Dove		Starlings	House Sparrow
	Eurasian-collared Dove		European Starling	

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