

# The Chat

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**MARCH PROGRAM MEEING,  
TUESDAY, MAR. 25 —7 PM.**

**MAGEE MARSH IS A WARBLER  
WONDERLAND—PRESENTED BY  
HARRY FULLER**

Every May northbound warblers reach the south shore of Lake Erie, before they make their last push north. Magee Marsh is a small state-owned marshy woodland where wood warblers and other birds stop to feed and regain some strength before the hard, desperate flight across 65 miles of windy, open water. Sometimes birds stay for several days until the winds are from the south to aid their crossing. The birds are so abundant in the small woods it feels as if they are falling from the trees. Blackburnian, Prothonotary, Chestnut-sided, Mourning, Kentucky, Golden-winged, Magnolia, Hooded, Black-throated Blue and Green Warblers. In addition, there are several Vireo species, Baltimore Orioles, Red-headed Woodpecker, and Swamp Sparrow. Last year, Harry had over 170 species including 31 Warbler species

during a visit to *Magee Marsh*.

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## President's Column

Many thanks to Co-chairs Kate Cleland-Sipfle and Sooney Viani, and their hard-working team of volunteers for hours of effort toward the February "Loving Birds" potluck dinner and auction. Did you prefer the February timing to our traditional December Holiday Party date? Let us know.

Last month I mentioned our decision to become an institutional member of the Malheur Field Station, which helps support Malheur, but also provides benefits for every RVAS member who visits the Field Station. I am also pleased to report RVAS will continue our membership with the Oregon Conservation Network (OCN), which provides benefits for all of us. OCN focuses on the state legislature, identifying proposed legislation deserving support as well as legislation that should be opposed. RVAS, working with other Audubon chapters through the Oregon Audubon Council, contributes our priorities to OCN. OCN strengthens the Audubon Conservation cause through their monitoring of proposed legislation and their direct contact with state legislators.

In addition to our First Wednesday bird walks and scheduled field trips, there are big events this spring. The RVAS Birdathon is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and KBO will hold the first ever Mountain Birding Festival May 31-June 1. Plan to take part in one or both.

Finally, we will elect new members to the Board at our April 25<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting. The Board sets policy, monitors the budget, and oversees chapter operations, including education and conservation programs. It's an important responsibility, and every current Director will tell you that it's a very rewarding effort. Please consider nominating yourself or someone you think would serve RVAS well. I urge you to call Nominations Chair Mike Guest at 541-857-6334, to discuss what's involved,  
Good Birding! -- Bill Hering

## Field Notes: The Changing Seasons: *Compiled by Stewart Janes*

I'm confused (nothing new here). There was a deep freeze in December (little snow in the mountains), followed by a dry January (no snow), and now it's February with warm, torrential rains (no snow). This isn't how it's supposed to work. I can't help but wonder how the birds are responding to all of this.

Perhaps the best indication of confusion in the bird world is Frank Lospalluto's sighting of a hummingbird at 4800' in the Siskiyou on 2/2. If it was a **Rufous Hummingbird** as he suspects, it is a month early and about 3000' feet too high in elevation. This only thing that makes sense is that there is food. The manzanitas are blooming already. Following one's stomach is a time honored tradition, but if there is any winter left to come, this bird might pay a price.

Surprisingly, I have received no sightings of swallows yet (as of 2/14). Are they becoming so common that birders are not reporting them, or is this year an exception and the swallows are prudently waiting for Mother Nature to sort things out?

**Turkey Vultures** on the other hand are continuing their trend of early arrival. I used to speak of Valentine's Vultures, but anymore it's President's Day Vultures on its way to becoming Christmas Vultures. The first of the year was reported on 1/21 (RK) in Jacksonville. This was followed by one on 1/23 near Cantrall-Buckley, then one in south Medford (SJ) on 1/26 and another on the same day in Ashland (MP). Continuing, there was one at Valley of the Rogue State Park on 2/3 and another at Whetstone Pond on 2/4 (MM,LM,RM, MP,MR, SJ). No kettles have been seen yet, but I bet they will be here before the month of February is out. March is the usual time for the bulk of the spring vulture migration.

The next sightings likely pertain to winter holdovers rather than early migrants. An **Orange-crowned Warbler** frequented a hummingbird feeder in Talent on 1/30 (HF). Scattered **Townsend's Warblers** continue to cruise the valley. The small flock of three returned to my yard south of Medford on 1/20 and 1/26. More interesting was the **Hermit Warbler** at Lithia Park on 1/31 (MP). This isn't the first winter record for the area, but there aren't many.

Most birders consider **Band-tailed Pigeons** to be migrants, clearing out of the valley each fall. However, there are a few places (most in the Gold Hill area) where a few birds remain throughout the winter. This year there were additional reports from the Ashland area on 1/23 and 2/7 (HF).

The **Robin** flocks are already dissipating with approaching spring, but **Cedar Waxwings** are appearing in large flocks at scattered locations. The largest was a flock of maybe 2500 at Emigrant Lake on 1/31 (FL). While there have been **Varied Thrushes** wintering on the valley floor, there haven't been many. Apparently the madrone berry crop has finally been exhausted in the foothills. Starting on 1/27 observers have noted a small influx in the Ashland area (KC-S,MM,LM,HF). And...news flash!...a **Pine Siskin** was sighted in Jackson County on 2/7 in Ashland (JB). They have been absent from the valley this winter.

**Rough-legged Hawks** continue to find enough voles to keep their bellies full. Sightings this month continue in the Eagle Point/White City area including 1/17, 1/22, 1/28, 2/9 (MM,LM,FL,RN,JT). I just returned from a conference and learned some things both interesting and disturbing. Raptor wintering areas are moving north with climate change. The center of distribution of wintering Rough-legged Hawks, for example, is moving north at a rate of 8 km/year for a total of 300 km over the course of one study.

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A **Ferruginous Hawk** was sighted along Wilson Road in Central Point on 1/22 (JT). **Merlin** sightings have been few this winter, but one was reported on 2/2 at Emigrant Lake (FL). **Peregrine** and **Prairie Falcon** sightings have been regular and widespread. They appear to be doing well.

A small flock of **Tundra Swans** have appeared off and on at Agate Lake (1/14, 2/1, and 2/8; KM,RN). Two swans were at Lost Creek Reservoir on 1/23 (NB). Norm couldn't be certain but it is possible they were **Trumpeter Swans**. This wouldn't be the first time Trumpeters have wintered in the north part of the County. **Cackling Geese** were seen around the County this month from Agate Lake to Emigrant Lake and points in between (RN,HF,FL). The Ashland **Snow Goose** was reported again, this time on 1/19 (KM). The December freeze chased many waterfowl from the valley, but it is still a good year to see **Canvasbacks** with most seen at Lynn-Newbry Park and Mingus Pond.

A **Green Heron** was at Mingus Pond on 2/1 and 2/9 (NB,FL). Also, 5 **Dunlin** and 2 **Least Sandpipers** were at Lost Creek Lake on 1/23 (NB). These likely represent wintering birds.

**Northern Shrikes** are still with us with sightings on 2/1 and 2/10 at Whetstone Pond and Roxy Ann (BB,NB). **White-throated Sparrows** are about in Ashland and near Jacksonville (LN). I now consider them a regular part of our wintering bird population. It's no longer a question if one is here but rather how many. The **Swamp Sparrow** at North Mountain Park was seen as recently as 1/9 (FE).

Finally, two **Horned Larks** were on the mudflats at Lost Creek Reservoir in 1/19 (NB), and a **Black-billed Magpie** was seen high on the slopes of Grizzly Mountain (KM). This is an unusual location for magpies in the County.

Thanks to the contributors this month including Dick Ashford, Norm Barrett, Jimmy Billstine, Brandon Breen, Kate Cleland-Sipfle, Forrest English, Harry Fuller, Ron Ketchum, Frank Lospalluto, Kate McKenzie, Russ Namitz, Liz Northrup, Michael Parker, Maggi Rackley, and Jeff Tufts. Deadline for contributions to the Field Notes in the next edition of The Chat is March 14.

### LOVING BIRDS EVENT A BIG SUCCESS!

Our February 15th Love the Birds event with a potluck, an entertaining and informative photography program by George Peterson (great photos, too), auction and raffle emceed by Pepper Trail (ornithologist and humorist extraordinaire) was a big success! Our Treasurer reports that we grossed just under \$2,600. Thanks to all who attended on a rainy evening (about 50), donated items and field trips, purchased raffle tickets and won bids.

A special thanks to all the folks who helped to make it such a pleasant evening: Robert and Kathy Mumby, Gary and Carol Palmer, Mary Stansell and Katy Reed, George and Sally Peterson, Tim and Kathy Simonsen, Mike and Heather Guest, Sooney and Nick Viani, and Kate Cleland-Sipfle.

## The Conservation Column

by Pepper Trail

### Prescott Park / Roxy Ann ... again

Since the January Conservation Column, there have been important developments relating to the proposed network of mountain biking trails on Roxy Ann Butte (Prescott Park). On January 16, the Medford City Council approved the "conceptual plan" to build 34 miles of mountain biking trails. Robert Mumby, Otis Swisher and Jeff Tufts of RVAS were on hand, and raised objections, but these were brushed aside by the Medford Parks Department (the *Mail-Tribune* story can be found at: <http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140116/NEWS07/401160342/-1/NEWS07>).

A *Mail-Tribune* story a few days earlier made it clear that the Medford Parks Department views the mountain-biking plan as a money-maker for the city. It quotes Brian Sjothun, director of the Parks Department as follows: "In working with RVMBA (Rogue Valley Mountain Biking Association), we're trying to create the equivalent of a U.S. Cellular Park for trails," he [Sjothun] said, referring to the city's sports park with its numerous fields for baseball, softball, soccer and other sports...Prescott Park could host national competitions, offering a drier and warmer spot in the state for mountain biking during the middle of winter."

This present winter to the contrary, most winters in the Rogue Valley are of course wet and foggy. Medford in January and February may be "drier and warmer" than, say, Eugene or Portland, but as anyone knows who has hiked around Roxy Ann or the Table Rocks in those months, the clay soil is slick and greasy.

This is acknowledged in the official 2008 Master Plan for Prescott Park, prepared by the Medford Parks Department: "The clay soil types with high shrink-swell characteristics dominate the park area. When moist, the clays have very low strength. Erosion is very prevalent in these clays were any disturbance of the surface occurs. A shallow rut left by a tire can soon be transformed into a gully...The consistency of the clays makes them hard to handle with or without equipment when wet or dry. When wet, they are extremely sticky. When dry, they are very hard." (p. 10).

The Master Plan makes other recommendations and identifies other priorities that are hard to reconcile with a 34-mile mountain-bike trail system. Here are some examples:

p. 11: "[Roxy Ann] habitats include forbs-grasslands, which are especially important in the winter and early spring when exposure to the sun allows grass and forbs to green up early. This is an important aspect of elk and black-tailed deer winter range, which has been labeled "Especially Critical" in the Prescott Park area by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife."

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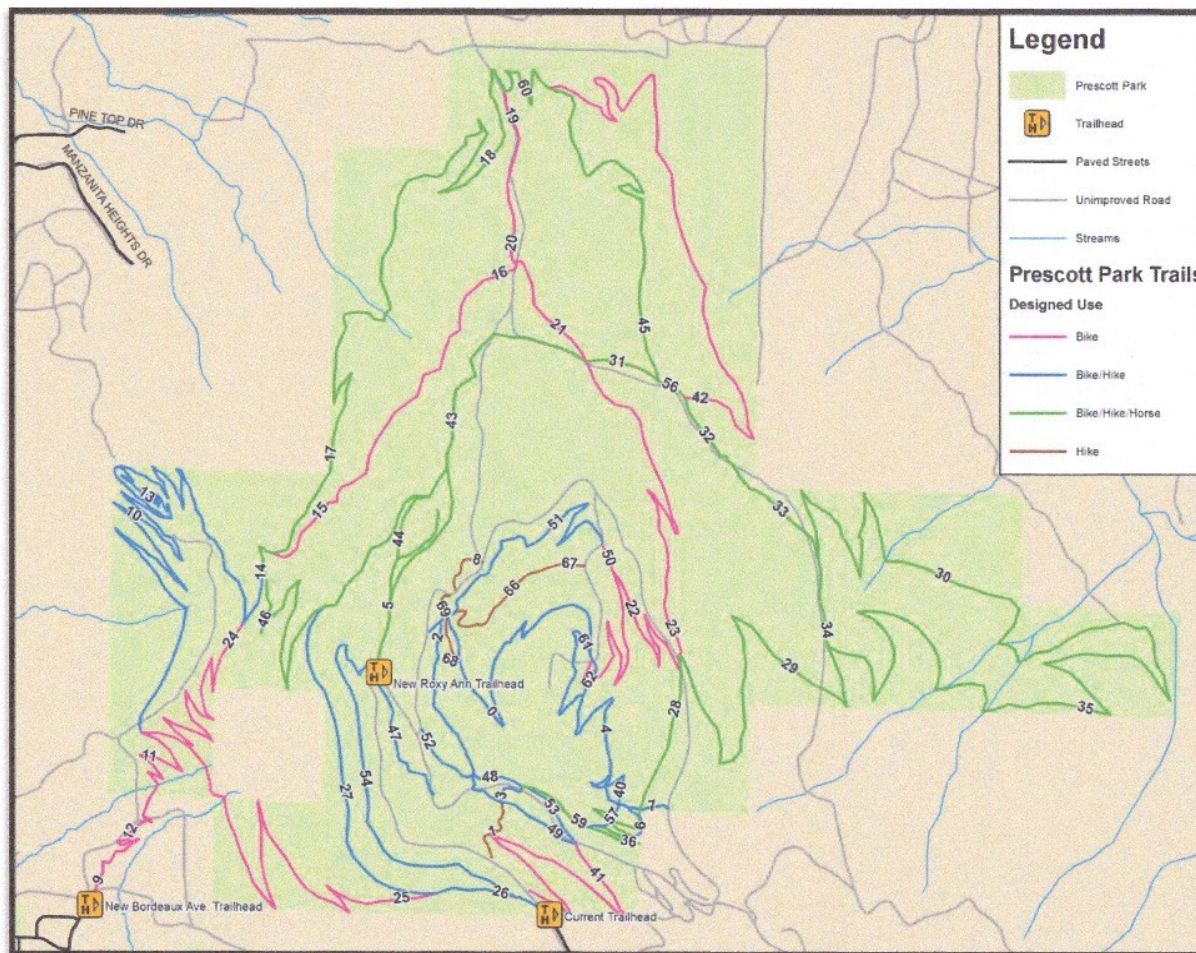
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"If all the habitat types could be qualitatively ranked, the mixed coniferous forest may be the most important due to the limited area and specialized cover and feeding areas it provides. This different structure supports an entirely different bird community than the hardwood stands."

p. 12. "Some areas of the park are very sensitive from a visual standpoint and have a low ability to absorb visual change. These sensitive areas include open grassy steep slopes with south, southwest, and west aspect (easily viewed from Medford) ridge lines that stand out on the skylines and the peak itself."

p. 20. "New trails should be spaced to average 1,500 to 2000 feet apart from each other."

None of these issues are addressed in the mountain bike trail system "conceptual plan," which was written (for a fee of \$8000) by the International Mountain Bicycling Association. It is indeed highly "conceptual," with almost no site-specific detail other than maps of the proposed trails. The map of the whole system shows that virtually the entire park would be fragmented by trails, leaving no undisturbed habitat for deer, birds, or native plants.



The conceptual plan contains no mention of deer winter range (the word "deer" does not appear), no site-specific discussion of soils or erosion (the word "clay" does not appear), no discussion of the issues related to the visual resources of the site, or of any other priorities discussed in the park master plan.

The Conservation Committee is presently exploring our options for convincing the Medford Parks Department and City Council that a meaningful environmental review of this proposal needs to be completed. The good news is that the "conceptual plan" envisions that bike trail development would occur in 3 or 4 phases, with Phase I involving 10 miles of trails. RVAS is not opposed to mountain biking as one of the recreational uses of Prescott Park, and we would not necessarily object to Phase I (pending more information on how erosion concerns will be addressed). Therefore, we have reason to hope that there will be time to compromise on a more limited mountain bike trail system that will preserve the unique values of Prescott Park as wildlife habitat and as a refuge of nature's peace on the edge of Medford.

In the meantime, we urge RVAS birders to record their visits and observations to Prescott Park on eBird, and for Medford residents to raise this issue with their friends and neighbors and City Councilmen. There is clearly an active mountain-biking community that has succeeded in getting the attention of the Medford Parks Department. Nothing wrong with that; but we need to remind the Parks Department that birders, hikers, botanists, and other gentle users of Prescott Park are also an important, vocal, and engaged constituency.

**The Rogue Valley Audubon Board has joined the Friends of Malheur Field Station as an organizational member. In addition to helping the station continue its good works and maintain its facilities RVAS members are eligible for the following benefits:**

- 1. A ten percent discount on lodging fees, most program and bookstore purchases.**
- 2. The opportunity to make reservations outside the current calendar year. (This is very useful if you are going during the peak periods.)**
- 3. You may establish formal volunteer working groups.**

**The contact information is**

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## American Dippers on Ashland Creek - 2013

In the spring of 2010 a group of Auduboners started a study of the American Dipper on Ashland Creek. This fascinating passerine is a true waterbird, never seen more than a few feet from a stream or lake. It nests often under a bridge or waterfall, and even on a rock in mid-stream. Its food is mostly larvae and pupae found below the water. Having such interesting birds available for observation all year round as we do in Ashland is most unusual, as in much of their range they are on clear, fast streams at higher elevations and not accessible in winter. We have now completed 4 years of observation, with monthly counts in the non-breeding season and much more observation (several times a week) during the breeding season. After the 1<sup>st</sup> year it was clear that dippers use the creek only during the breeding season, leaving in August and scarcely seen until the following year. That has continued to be the pattern.

When we began observing the birds in 2010 there were only two pairs on the stretch of creek we cover. It is about 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles long, enough for up to 4 territories. We strongly suspected that lack of suitable nest sites was a problem and in post-season 2011 Eric Setterberg built and placed nest boxes under many of the park's bridges. In 2012 one of the boxes was used successfully, and in 2013 there were two in use, one of them for a second season. The following is a brief summary of the 2013 season.

Bob Quaccia has been conducting an annual winter walk in January for about 15 years and has recorded 1-13 individuals on the counts, but in January 2013 there were none. This was not a surprise to our dipper-watching group, but where they go is one of many unanswered questions in their annual cycle. By late January there were two color-banded males from last year's nests back and singing on their territories. And by February 3 pairs were busily engaged in nest building on the creek.

The un-banded pair farthest up the creek had for two seasons built a nest in thick moss on the wall of the reservoir, but in 2013 the moss was thin and apparently inadequate, and a nest was built in a box under the closest bridge. The mid-creek nest was again occupied by the color-banded male who was successful there in 2012, although his banded mate did not return and he was courting an un-banded female. The Main Street bridge nest was re-occupied by the same color-banded male from the previous year. The female was unfortunately not banded so we could not know if she was a returnee or a new mate. (It is our goal to color-band all the adults, but so far we have not had total success in doing so.)

All 3 nests hatched young successfully and two also fledged their young. But the chicks in the uppermost nest did not survive. The parents seemed not to be very skilled at feeding and one chick was found dead in the nest (around 6 days old). The others were listless and disappeared about two weeks after hatching, as did the parents. We color-banded the female so, although their fate is unknown, if she returns in 2014 we would know a little more.

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## **RVAS MEMBERSHIP UPDATE- WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following new members to RVAS this month: Andruss & Liz Northrup, Joan Peterson, Patrick Moore, Tim Johnston, Melody Noraas. We also welcome the following new National Audubon Society (NAS) members to RVAS, this month: Dan Marcisz, Devrier, Ed Moffat & Clouse, Eric Morrell, Karen Hanken, Marilu Minor, Miss Grace Davenport, Roberta Wilda, Timothy Brandy, Tod Harrison.

New NAS members receive a mailing to acquaint them with the local chapter. This includes the current issue of *The Chat* newsletter along with other Rogue Valley Audubon Society information and a postpaid, preaddressed postal card so that their preference for receiving future issues of *The Chat* can be recorded.

Any member may receive *The Chat* by mail, at no cost, or it can always be viewed online at <http://www.roguevalleyaudubon.org/>. New members are encouraged to join us at our Chapter meetings, field trips and bird walks, and to become involved in the organization.

***If you would like to join, dues are \$20 per year, per family. See the website.***

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The Main Street pair fledged 3 chicks despite a construction project on the bridge that began shortly after they hatched. For several days there was a temporary walkway over the creek as workmen painted the new facade. It was astonishing to watch the adults fly over it and between the painters with food for their hatchlings. Their determination was impressive, and demonstrated the commitment shown by most birds to their offspring.

The nest mid-way up the creek was again of most interest. Nest building, egg laying, incubation and hatching proceeded normally, and the color-banded male did most of the feeding. When the chicks were 10 days old his mate was color-banded. But when the chicks were almost two weeks old he disappeared and was not seen again. The female took over the feeding and carried on alone for the next two weeks, when suddenly an un-banded male arrived and took over the feeding.

The female then foraged for herself, and when she appeared at the nest it was for copulation from her mate. Within a few days of his arrival she was taking nesting material back up under the bridge for a 2nd nest. Three chicks fledged shortly and the male foster parent tended them all. We observed him feeding a fledgling twice in the next week well away from the nest while the female was in the nest, presumably on a second clutch. Then suddenly both parents and fledglings disappeared as well as the eggs in the nest. Another unexplained failure. *Continued on Page 10*

## Countdown to Birdathon 2014

With Birdathon just two months away, it's time to get serious about forming your teams and finding sponsors. If you've never heard of Birdathon before (and missed last month's Chat article) here's what it's all about: Birdathon is a birding competition, and one of our chapter's most important fundraisers. It's a team event, with two equally important components:

- Find as many financial sponsors before the clock starts ticking;
- Identify as many species as possible within a 24-hour window of time.

**When:** Friday, May 2 at 6:00 pm thru Saturday, May 3 at 6:00 pm. Don't feel you have to get up at 4:00 am to look for owls. You can choose any window of time that works for your team, even if it's just a couple of hours.

**Who:** Anyone—hopefully you! You do not have to be an expert birder to join a team, which usually includes 2 to 5 members.

**Where:** Lakes, ponds, wetlands, creeks, forests, savannahs, meadows, urban jungles, your backyard—anywhere, so long as you stay within Jackson County.

**How:** Before the event, teams find sponsors, who fill out pledge forms for either a fixed donation or amount per species. During the event, teams can choose their own routes, traveling by car, bicycle, or foot.

Did you know Birdathon is a national phenomenon? Audubon chapters across the country host their own events, timing them with peak spring migration in their regions. There are several reasons Birdathon has caught on as fundraiser:

- It promotes teamwork, bringing birders and non-birders together to explore the local habitats—the same habitats we all want to protect.
- Birdathon gets the Audubon name out there. Potential sponsors don't have to be birders. Asking a neighbor or non-birding friend to sponsor your team is a great opportunity to tell them about the organization. Where else can you combine birding, fundraising, education and friendly competition?

Look for more info at the next Chapter meeting and on our website. If you'd like to join a team, register your team, or have an urgent question, feel free to contact Juliet Grable ([julietgrable@yahoo.com](mailto:julietgrable@yahoo.com)) or (541) 778-8174) or Bill Hering ([bh@ashlandnet.net](mailto:bh@ashlandnet.net))

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(A Screech Owl was roosting in the nest a few days later, perhaps significant, perhaps coincidental.)

The season's summary was two successful nests that produced 6 fledglings, one nest failure when the chicks were not yet fledged, and two unsuccessful second attempts. That is a good outcome in terms of fledgling production, but well below the success in 2013, when all 3 pairs produced fledglings, and one pair had a successful 2<sup>nd</sup> nesting. Our website can be seen at 'lithiadipperwatch' and weekly reports will continue to be posted.

The 2014 season is about to start and we welcome interested volunteers to observe with us. Contact me at [bmassey@mac.com](mailto:bmassey@mac.com).

## BIRD AND BIRDING RELATED ACTIVITIES

### Project FeederWatch—Ashland and Medford

#### North Mountain Park Nature Center in Ashland and Coyote Trails Nature Center in Medford

Help count birds that visit the feeders at North Mountain Park and the Coyote Trails Nature Center while learning to identify species with expert birders. This is a great opportunity for all-level birders to get acquainted with local birds and mingle with other birders. The information collected will be submitted to Cornell University's Feeder Watch project, a nationwide bird monitoring effort. Pre-registration is not required.

Dates: March 1, 15  
Time: 9—10am  
Location: North Mountain Park, Ashland

Dates: Thursday, March 6, 2014, Friday, March 7, 2014  
Thursday, March 20, 2014, Friday, March 21, 2014  
Time: Noon—1 pm  
Location: Coyote Trails Nature Center, Medford, OR

### Saturday, March 29 -- Iron Gate Reservoir and Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area

Join leader Pepper Trail for this RVAS birding trip to Iron Gate Reservoir and Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area in northern California. It's a 45-60 minute drive from Ashland, and the group will bird by car (along the Klamath River and at Iron Gate), and there will also be a short hike (less than 2 miles) on level dirt roads in the Horseshoe Ranch WA. Species found on this trip could include Lewis' Woodpeckers, Bald and Golden Eagles, Rock and Canyon Wrens, Townsend's Solitaire and various waterfowl and grebes on the reservoir. Birders will meet at 8 a.m. in the dirt parking lot adjacent to Shop'n Kart in Ashland to organize carpooling, and will return in mid-afternoon. Bring lunch and beverages.

### Saturday, April 19th - Cantrall-Buckley Park

Leader Anne Goff. Meet/park at the Ruch Store 8:15 - depart at 8:30. We can car pool out to the park. There is an entrance fee or use County Park pass. If questions, contact - [annegoffar@charter.net](mailto:annegoffar@charter.net)

**Saturday, April 26** -- Dennis Vroman will lead this bird walk. Destination and details to be announced. See RVAS website for details.

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### **Olympic BirdFest 2014**

Dates: April 4-6, 2014

Location: Sequim, WA

Visit the rain shadow of the *Olympic Peninsula* to discover the birds of the coastal Pacific Northwest—Marbled Murrelets, Rhinoceros Auklets, Harlequin Ducks, dippers, Black Oystercatchers, Long-tailed Ducks, and more.

Guided field trips, a boat cruise in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, silent auction, and a gala banquet. Our featured speaker is Noah Strycker: "Bird World: the fascinating parallels between bird and human behavior". The festival with the most spectacular setting!

Immediately following BirdFest, join us for a three-day, two-night birding cruise of the San Juan Islands, April 6-8, 2014. Register separately at [www.pugetsoundexpress.com/audubon](http://www.pugetsoundexpress.com/audubon).

Birdfest website address: [www.olympicbirdfest.org](http://www.olympicbirdfest.org)

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There are two Pre-Festival trips available, see website.

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### **FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED**

Local birders are needed to lead field trips. Field Trip Chairman Maggi Rackley coordinates the events, but leaders have the option of choosing their destinations. Please contact Maggi at [imabrrrder@yahoo.com](mailto:imabrrrder@yahoo.com) to volunteer, or to get further information. Thank you.

### **FIRST WEDNESDAY BIRD WALKS CONTINUE AT AGATE LAKE**

Murray Orr will continue to lead his monthly bird walks on the first Wednesday of each month on or near Agate Lake. Birders wishing to join Murray should meet him on the far side of the lake across from the boat dock to observe birds on and near Agate Lake. The walk begins at 8:30 and will end before noon. Meet Murray at the gate. We hope you can join us. Contact Murray at 547-857-9050.



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