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**ANNUAL RVAS POTLUCK DINNER at
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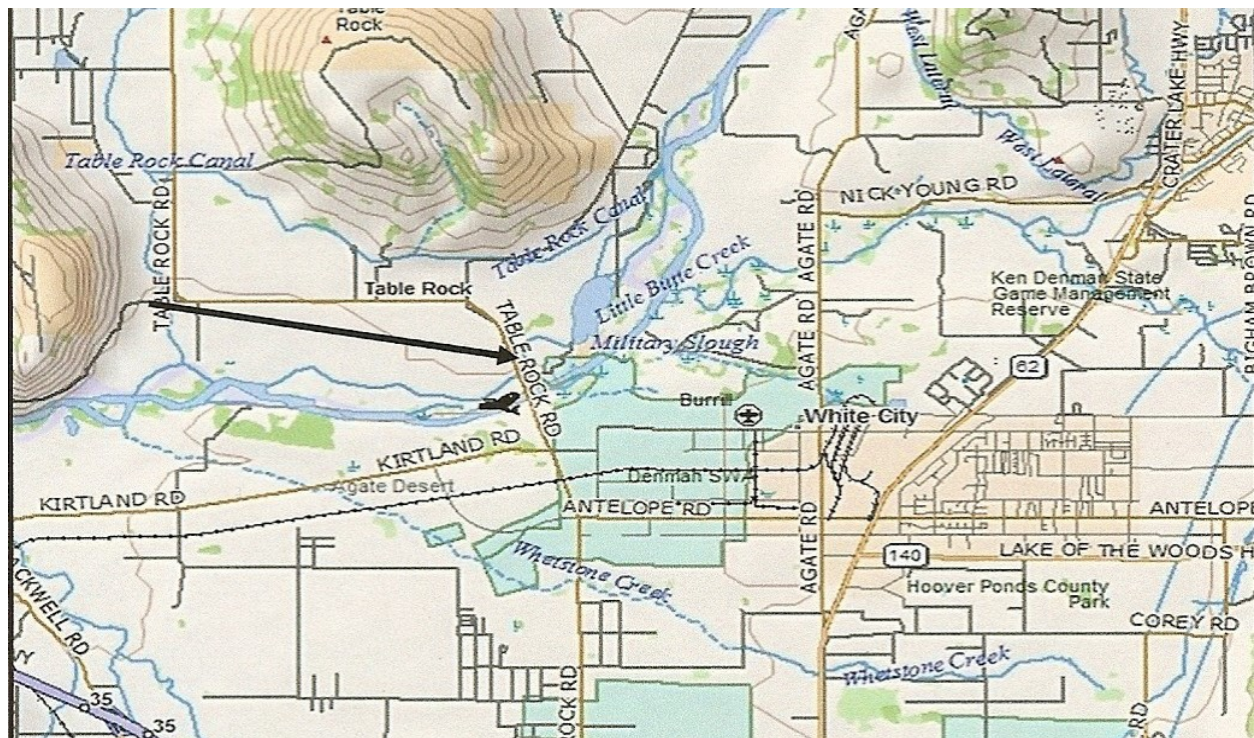
Bird Walk: 5 p.m. sharp

A guided bird walk will wind through the park and along the Rogue River.

Potluck dinner: 6 p.m.

Bring a dish to share, and your own plate, cup and utensils. Tea and lemonade will be provided.

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**Chapter Program meetings are held
at 1801 E. Jackson St., Medford,
in Lidgate Hall of the Medford
Congregational Church.**

President's Column

The first draft of my first letter to you as President last fall was far too long, so I took out a sentence in the paragraph thanking people for helping me develop a program for the year without a Program Chair. The sentence I took out was: *"I hope you will all be as kind in forgiving any lack of smooth continuity!"*

In the face of having to apologize for not being able to get the slides to show for Ron Cole's presentation, I now wish I'd kept that sentence. I really am sorry that this happened and want you to know we have taken steps to ensure that it won't happen again. Also, we didn't have the microphone set up for Ron's presentation. We'll also make sure that doesn't happen again. I know several of us need that amplification.

I want to thank everyone who tried to help at the meeting and those who have helped since.

First, Carol Mockridge has volunteered to take charge of the RVAS computer and projector system, bringing it to each meeting and setting it up. Thank you so much, Carol!

Second, Katy Reed has volunteered to be Program Chair for this coming year. This is wonderful and I appreciate it very much. Katy's name and contact information has been added to the list of Board Members and Chairs on the RVAS website and in The Chat. Please contact her with your ideas for presentations for next year.

One last thing: Katy has been organizing the refreshments at every meeting for several years. She can't do that and manage the programs, too. If anyone would like to help with refreshments, please let any Board member know.

Thanks again to Carol and Katy and to all of you for being understanding.

Linda

Field Notes for Jackson County (Mar. 20 to Apr. 19, 2015) Compiled by Jeff Tufts

One year ago in this column Stewart Janes reported that "many of our breeding birds made their first appearance a bit early." That same statement applies to 2015. Is this part of a long-term trend, or is it a short-term phenomenon? It will probably be a few years before that question can be answered with any degree of certainty, but here are some comparisons to whet your interest:

Pacific-slope Flycatcher

2014 - April 9

2015 - April 4 (PT)

Western Kingbird

2014 - April 10

2015 - April 3 (GS, JL)

Nashville Warbler

2014 - April 14

2015 - April 11 (BH, FL)

Cassin's Vireo

2014 - April 14

2015 - April 10 (FL, KM, CB)

Vesper Sparrow

2014 - April 14

2015 - March 31 (JT)

Vaux's Swift

2014 - April 15

2015 - March 23 (eB)

Bullock's Oriole

2014 - April 15

2015 - April 10 (LN)

Wilson's Warbler

2014 - April 16

2015 - April 17 (RK)

Calliope Hummingbird

2014 - April 17

2015 - April 12 (eB)

Black-headed Grosbeak

2014 - April 18

2015 - April 12 (SR)

This is obviously not a complete list of the neotropical migrants that come to Jackson County, and the earlier dates may be partly a result of increased coverage of the area by local and visiting birders.

There are common birds on uncommon dates, and then there are the birds that are just uncommon at any time. Most notable of those during the reporting period was a male **Lawrence's Goldfinch** that visited feeders at a home on Dark Hollow Road in the hills above Medford and Phoenix Apr. 16 (MN,AN). This is the third report of this species in Jackson County in the last two years. Almost all of the Lawrence's Goldfinch records from the state of Oregon are from Jackson County.

Horned Larks are rare at any time of the year, but the bird spotted at Emigrant Lake Mar. 21 (HF) was especially surprising. The few individuals seen locally are generally found between October and February.

Rufous and **Calliope Hummingbirds** have joined the resident **Anna's Hummingbirds** at our local feeders. Those three species make up the bulk of hummingbird sightings in our area, but occasionally an outlier will buzz in. A single **Black-chinned Hummingbird** was spotted in the hills south of Lost Creek Lake Apr. 4 (FL).

Not all the changes in the passerine population during this period are noted in the arrivals column, as **Dark-eyed Juncos**, **Golden-crowned Sparrows**, **White-crowned Sparrows** and a few other species are either moving out or moving up or both. As this is being written, most of the Juncos have left the valley floor, while the Golden-crowned and White-crowned Sparrows will remain in small numbers for another few weeks at least. Some of the sparrows seen locally during this time may be birds passing through from California.

Most of the waterfowl in the area are either migrating through in numbers or in the process of leaving the area for their breeding grounds.

Large numbers of **Greater White-fronted Geese** have been spotted at the Kirtland ponds (250 Mar. 31, FL), (300 including five of the Tule subspecies Apr. 11, RN) or flying over the mountains (1500 Apr. 17, FL). A single **Snow Goose** was on Howard Prairie Apr. 17 (FL).

A single **Common Goldeneye** at Keene Creek Reservoir Apr. 17 was notable (FL).

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April is the month to see **Common Loons** in their striking alternate plumage, and at least a dozen were at Howard Prairie Apr. 17 (FL). The deeper mountain lakes and Lost Creek Lake are generally the only locations in Jackson County where you'll find Common Loons, so it was surprising when one turned up at Emigrant Lake Apr. 9 (KM).

Grebe sightings have been infrequent recently, but seven **Clark's Grebes** were at Howard Prairie Apr. 17 (FL), and a single **Western Grebe** was in the front pond at Kirtland Apr. 11 (GS) and stayed overnight despite the likely poor feeding opportunities.

First **Green Heron** report of the spring came from the Denman Wildlife Area Apr. 17 (eB), and another was at North Mountain Park the next day (KMc).

White-faced Ibis are rare visitors to Jackson County, but a few seem to pop up each year. The honors for first 2015 record go to a bird spotted near a small pond on private property near the Hwy 234/Modoc Road intersection Apr. 17 (KH).

Most of the raptors still in the valley in April are potential breeders with the exception of **Merlins** (although somebody someday is going to document a breeding pair in Jackson County). At least four reports of Merlins were received during April, with the latest being a bird that streaked through the Kirtland ponds area Apr. 12 (JT, CB).

White-tailed Kite aficionados will be glad to hear that single birds that are almost certainly part of nesting pairs were seen on the Medford Raptor Run Mar. 29 (JT, KH, CS). One pair is on private property above Coal Mine Road and the other is on private property in Talent close to Hwy 99.

Shorebird migration is underway, and the most notable sightings include a **Black-bellied Plover** at Kirtland Apr. 11 (GS), a **Whimbrel** at the same location Apr. 18 (RN), and five **Lesser Yellowlegs** (again at Kirtland) Apr. 12 (JT, CB) and Apr. 19 (FL).

With Agate and Lost Creek lakes nearly full and the water level at Emigrant rising rapidly, the Kirtland ponds offer the only decent mudflats in Jackson County at this time of year. A few **Greater Yellowlegs** and **Long-billed Dowitchers** may find their way to the occasional puddles at Denman.

When is the last time you saw a tern in Jackson County? Bet it's been a while. Several **Caspi-an Terns** were at Emigrant and Agate lakes in late summer and early fall last year, but tern reports were basically non-existent until one was seen at Emigrant Lake Apr. 8 (FL).

And while **Ring-billed Gulls** have returned in significant numbers (with perhaps a few **California Gulls**), there hasn't been any real variety in gull reports. One **Bonaparte's Gull** was at Kirtland Apr. 5 (GS) and another was spotted there Apr. 19 (BH).

In addition to the sightings detailed above, notable reports during the period include a **Black-backed Woodpecker** in the mountains just east of Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Apr. 17 (FL), a **Northern Shrike** near the Medford Airport Mar. 21 (CB), a **Bank Swallow** at the Kirtland ponds Apr. 2 (GS), thirty **American Pipits** flying over the Denman WA Apr. 9 (JT), a singing **Grasshopper Sparrow** in Ashland south of Butler Creek Road Apr. 17 (KM), a second Grasshopper Sparrow heard near the Kirtland ponds Apr. 19 (FL), a very early **Western Tanager** on upper Park Street in Ashland Mar. 20 (SV), and a single male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** at Agate Lake Apr. 17 (JT).

Thanks to this month's contributors: Camden Bruner, Harry Fuller, Bob Hunter, Karen Hussey, Ron Ketchum, Jim Livaudais, Frank Lospalluto, Kate McKenzie, Kristi Mergenthaler, Russ Namitz, Marjorie Neal, Alan Neal, Liz Northrup, Shannon Rio, Gary Shaffer, Cecile Shohet, Pepper Trail, and Sooney Viani. The report also includes sightings obtained from eBird records (eB).

Deadline for submitting contributions to the Field Notes for the next edition of The Chat is May 19.

The Conservation Column

By Pepper Trail

Here in southern Oregon we are blessed with great expanses of public land. Managed by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, these woodlands, forests, alpine meadows, and rocky peaks provide irreplaceable wildlife habitat, serve as the wellsprings for our water supplies, and support our economy with timber. Within those lands are special areas set aside for their nationally-significant values: wilderness areas like the Sky Lakes, Red Buttes, and Kalmiopsis; national monuments (Cascade-Siskiyou and Oregon Caves) and Crater Lake National Park. America's system of public lands, which belongs to and is managed for the long-term benefit of all citizens, is a testament to our nation's wise tradition of conservation.

It is profoundly shocking, therefore, that in recent weeks both Houses of Congress passed resolutions calling for the destruction of our public lands legacy. Fortunately these resolutions were non-binding. However, they reflect an ignorance of the values of public lands and a hostility to the very concept of responsible long-term stewardship of public resources. The foundation of America's public lands system was one of the great achievements of President Theodore Roosevelt, and it is discouraging that Roosevelt's own Republican Party has so lost touch with its conservation traditions that these resolutions were introduced and passed entirely with Republican Party votes.

On April 2, the president of The Trust for Public Land, Will Rogers, published an op-ed in the *New York Times* that does an outstanding job of summarizing this issue. We have reprinted it here in its entirety:

Our Land, Up for Grabs

By Will Rogers, President of The Trust for Public Land

A battle is looming over America's public lands. It's difficult to understand why, given decades of consistent, strong support from voters of both parties for protecting land, water and the thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic benefits these resources make possible.

Last week, the United States Senate voted 51 to 49 to support an amendment to a nonbinding budget resolution to sell or give away all federal lands other than the national parks and monuments.

If the measure is ever implemented, hundreds of millions of acres of national forests, rangelands, wildlife refuges, wilderness areas and historic sites will revert to the states or local governments or be auctioned off. These lands constitute much of what's left of the nation's natural and historical heritage.

This was bad enough. But it followed a 228-to-119 vote in the House of Representatives approving another nonbinding resolution that said "the federal estate is far too large" and voiced support for reducing it and "giving states and localities more control over the resources within their boundaries." Doing so, the resolution added, "will lead to increased resource production and allow states and localities to take advantage of the benefits of increased economic activity."

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The measures, supported only by the Republicans who control both houses, were symbolic. But they laid down a marker that America's public lands, long held in trust by the government for its people, may soon be up for grabs.

We'll get a better sense of Congress's commitment to conservation this year when it decides whether to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund, created in 1965 and financed by fees paid by oil companies for offshore drilling. The program underwrites state and local park and recreation projects, conservation easements for ranches and farms, plus national parks, forests and wildlife refuges.

Nearly \$17 billion has gone to those purposes over the years, including 41,000 state and local park and recreation projects, some of which my organization has helped put together. (Another \$19 billion was diverted by Congress to other purposes.) The program expires Sept. 30 unless Congress keeps it alive.

Land protection has long been an issue for which voters of both parties have found common cause. Since 1988, some \$71.7 billion has been authorized to conserve land in more than 1,800 state and local elections in 43 states. Last year, \$13.2 billion was approved by voters in 35 initiatives around the country — the most in a single year in the 27 years my organization has tracked these initiatives and, in some cases, led them.

But this consensus is being ignored, and not just in the nation's capital. In November, for instance, 4.2 million Florida voters approved a state constitutional amendment to provide \$22 billion over the next 20 years for land and water protection. But some legislative leaders want to use the money mostly for programs other than the land protections voters expected.

New Jersey voters also approved a constitutional amendment in November to dedicate corporate business tax revenue to preserve open space, farmland and historic places in the nation's most densely populated state. Again, support was lopsided, with 65 percent of voters in favor. But Gov. Chris Christie, a Republican, is now proposing to divert a quarter of the funds to purposes other than land acquisition and preservation.

And in Maine, money approved by voters for a popular state program called Land for Maine's Future is now caught up in a political tussle. The program was founded in 1987 to conserve land and has protected 560,000 acres. It has enjoyed wide support; in 2012, new bond financing was approved by 60 percent of voters casting a ballot. But Gov. Paul R. LePage, a Republican, is refusing to spend about \$11 million unless his plan to increase timber harvesting on state-owned lands is approved.

What's often lost in these debates is that these public lands provide enormous economic benefits. In 2013, the country's national parks, wildlife refuges, monuments and other public lands had an estimated 407 million visits, which contributed \$41 billion to the economy and helped to support 355,000 jobs, according to a report by the Department of the Interior last year.

It is difficult to understand the hostility of some elected officials these days to public lands, given the historical, bipartisan commitment to protecting our land and heritage. This summer, millions of Americans will get outdoors and enjoy these wise investments.

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The writer Wallace Stegner saw "geographies of hope" in our remaining wild places, and wrote that visiting them is "good for us when we are young, because of the incomparable sanity it can bring, as vacation, and rest, into our insane lives." And, he added, "it is important to us when we are old because it is there — important, that is, simply as an idea."

Rather than selling off the lands we all own, or looking for other uses for the money approved at the ballot box for conservation, our leaders should listen to voters and find ways to protect more of the places that make America special.

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I couldn't agree more. For more information on the work of The Land and Water Conservation Fund in Oregon, visit: <http://www.lwcfcoalition.org/oregon.html>. In our local area, LWCF funds have made possible the purchase of 1,300 acres of land within the boundaries of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, as well as numerous improvements to municipal parks in nearly every community in Jackson County. Every member of Oregon's Congressional Delegation EXCEPT for our Representative Greg Walden has signed on to a "Dear Colleague" letter supporting strong appropriations for the LWCF. If you wish to contact Representative Walden to affirm your strong support for our public lands, and to urge him to add his name to this letter, you can call his Medford office at 541-776-4646 or email him: <https://walden.house.gov/email-greg>



Acorn Woodpecker, by Roxanna Tessman
Roxanna caught this Acorn Woodpecker with its namesake at Ashland Pond on Dec. 5, 2014.

The Rogue Valley Audubon Purple Martin Project

By Carol Palmer

Have you ever seen a Purple Martin? If you are from the eastern United States, you probably have, but there aren't many on the West Coast. Every spring, however, a few Purple Martins are spotted at the Denman Wildlife Area, passing through on migration. We hope to entice them to stay and nest in the valley by putting up a Purple Martin nest array.

This project idea was originally suggested to the RVAS Board by Russ Namitz, and the Board referred it to the Conservation Committee. However, until Marnie Albritten came to share information with RVAS, it seemed that martin colonies might need too much support for the idea to be practical. Marnie is a retired ODFW biologist from the Roseburg area. She has a fairly relaxed and laid-back approach to supporting the Purple Martins. Still, she is very successful and supports seven sites.

An array of four artificial gourds have now been installed at Denman Wildlife Area for the benefit of Purple Martins. We bought a "beginner outfit," consisting of four gourds, rack, pole, and accessories. Each gourd is equipped with an anti-sparrow/starling door; still, I imagine we will be digging out swallow nests. Gary and I consulted with Denman Manager Clayton Barber, and he showed us some alternate sites to our original choice, since it would have required moving for dove hunting season. We picked one farther from the main building, in a damp area between two ponds. It looks like perfect habitat. Barber says 90% of the visitors to the refuge do not ever go there, which lessens the chances of vandalism.

So far, all we have seen is goose feathers and tufts of grass in the gourds, probably placed there by swallows. It could be a long wait. Then again, maybe not. You know how fickle the real estate market can be!



RVAS BIRDING FIELD TRIPS AND EVENTS

BIRDATHON 2015

Friday, May 1 at 6:00 pm - Saturday, May 2

In this fun and important annual fundraising event, sponsored teams take to the field to see how many species they can count in a 24-hour period. To sign your team up, or if you have questions or don't have a team yet, contact Katy Reed: kmreed24@hotmail.com or 541-245-5095 or Linda Kreisman: 541-482-6456

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 at 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 parking area. Contact Murray at 541-857-9050.

ROGUE VALLEY BIRD DAY - MAY 9, 8:00 am to Noon

Rogue Valley Bird Day is the local celebration of International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD), which focuses on a most spectacular aspect of the life of a migratory bird: its journey between wintering and breeding grounds. This year's theme is "**Restore Habitats, Restore Birds.**"

Join us on **Saturday, May 9, from 8 a.m. to noon**, to celebrate! Enjoy Wildlife Images exhibits, guided bird walks, and a bird-calling contest for all ages.

This outdoor event is admission-free and takes place at North Mountain Park, 620 N Mountain Avenue, Ashland. For more information visit www.RogueValleyBirdDay.net or call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541.488.6606.

2nd ANNUAL MOUNTAIN BIRD FESTIVAL - May 29, 30 & 31

Hosted by the Klamath Bird Observatory

The 2015 Mountain Bird Festival combines a celebration of the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion's spectacular mountain birds and the stewardship ethic needed to ensure thriving landscapes for humans and wildlife. Every citizen who participates in the Festival helps to advance bird and habitat conservation in multiple ways.

The Mountain Bird Festival offers guided bird walks, a keynote presentation, fine art galleries, local wine, microbrew and food vendors, and a feel-good community atmosphere. Registration includes half-day or full-day field trips offered on both Saturday and Sunday. Field trips will target highly sought after mountain birds of the Cascade, Siskiyou, and Klamath Mountains, as well as Klamath Basin specialties. These birds include Mountain Quail, nesting Sandhill Cranes, dancing Western and Clark's Grebes, Black Terns, Great Gray Owls, Calliope Hummingbirds, and the bird that will be featured on this year's Conservation Science Stamp, the White-headed Woodpecker.

Registration is now open. Please visit: <http://www.klamathbird.org/community/mountainbird/56-mountain-bird-festival>

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It's been several years since the RVAS stopped mailing hard copies of *The Chat* to every member, so the Board has decided it's time to ask whether you want a hard copy mailed to you or if you would prefer to save RVAS the cost of printing and mailing each issue to you by reading receiving an email notice and reading *The Chat* on-line. As before, those members who ask to receive a hard copy will still get it. Please fill in the questionnaire below and return it by e-mail: roquevalleyaudubon@gmail.org or mail: RVAS, P.O. Box 8597, Medford, Oregon, 97501

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- Printing and mailing the approximately 200 copies of nine yearly issues of *The Chat* costs approximately \$3,400, about half of our yearly expenses. This works out to \$1.89 per issue, or \$17 of your \$20 annual membership dues. Needless to say, if this expense were reduced, we would have more available to spend on our twin missions of conservation and education.
- We will re-print this notice in the Summer (June) issue of *The Chat*. Any changes you request will start with our September issue.



Black-throated Gray Warbler, by Peter Kreisman
Peter spotted this beauty on Emigrant Creek Road.

Black-capped Chickadee, by Roxanna Tessman
Roxanna says this partially leucistic bird has been visiting her backyard feeder for at least three years.



Field Notes for Josephine County (Mar. 20 to Apr. 19, 2015) Compiled by Jeff Tufts

Do some Spring migrants arrive in Josephine County before they reach Jackson County? I can't answer that question definitively, but it's interesting to consider the various species that have been reported first from JoCo. Last month's edition of this compilation noted that **Rufous Hummingbirds**, **Barn Swallows** and **Northern Rough-winged Swallows** were seen in Josephine County before they were seen in Jackson County. And this month's report includes the following species (with JoCo dates listed first, then JaCo dates):

Green Heron	April 6	April 17
Calliope Hummingbird	April 8	April 12
Hammond's Flycatcher	April 15	April 18
Ash-throated Flycatcher	April 19	????
Western Kingbird	April 10	April 3
Cassin's Vireo	April 8	April 10
Warbling Vireo	April 16	April 12
House Wren	April 5	March 30
Nashville Warbler	April 9	April 11
MacGillivray's Warbler	April 17	April 18
Black-throated Gray Warbler	April 8	March 20
Wilson's Warbler	April 11	April 17
Yellow-breasted Chat	April 19	????
Black-headed Grosbeak	April 16	April 12
Bullock's Oriole	April 13	April 10

Other birds of interest reported from our neighboring county were **Lesser Yellowlegs** (one at Whitehorse Park April 1), **Canyon Wren** (heard along the Rogue River downstream of Grave Creek April 19), and **Mountain Bluebird** (a female photographed on King Mountain April 17).

The Canyon Wren and Yellow-breasted Chat were reported by Forrest English. The Mountain Bluebird was seen and photographed by Russ Namitz. All other JoCo reports are courtesy of Dennis Vroman. Thanks to you all.

Coyote Trails Update

Coyote Trails School of Nature has been continuing their Finding Home Program. Most recently, several of the classes have included a "bird language" segment. A "Backyard Guide to Birds of the Rogue Valley" was given to each student during the lesson for them to participate, then to take home. These pamphlets were used while simultaneously listening to bird audio files—with all materials funded by RVAS. In the lesson, students learned about which birds were primary consumers and which were secondary consumers, helping to meet their state standards for science. The teachers have reported how well their students are understanding the state standard material due to the visits from Coyote Trails. So thank you again, RVAS, for sponsoring these supplies!

Sincerely, Coyote Trails

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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Rufous Hummingbird, by Peter Kreisman
Peter captured this hummer at his Ashland home on March 31, 2014.

Editor's Note

**Thanks for the photos;
keep them coming!**

Thanks to Peter and Roxanna for their wonderful contributions this month. If you would like to see your images gracing the pages of *The Chat*, send them to chateditor@gmail.com. Please identify the bird, location and date.

I look forward to seeing your best shots!

Juliet Grable



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