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OCTOBER PROGRAM MEETING
TUESDAY, Oct 25 at 7:00 PM

"Birds of the South South Pacific: Tahiti to Easter Island"

Presented by PEPPER TRAIL

Join us for Pepper Trail's slide show and talk, which will trace Pepper's extraordinary trip through the remote Marquesas and Tuamotus to the even more remote Pitcairn and Easter Islands. Along the way, we'll encounter some of the world's most endangered and seldom-seen birds, including Murphy's Petrels, Tuamotu Sandpipers, Henderson Rails, and Pitcairn Reed-Warblers. This is a voyage you'll never forget!



Pepper Trail is the long-time conservation chair of the Rogue Valley Audubon Society, and the ornithologist at the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Lab in Ashland. In his vacation time, he leads natural history trips around the world.

November 22: “Southern Oregon Bats: Habits and Challenges,”
by Dave Clayton, Forest Service Biologist

December 3: Holiday Potluck

****Chapter meetings are held at 1801 E. Jackson Street in Medford****
Lidgate Hall, Medford Congregational Church

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Chapter Program meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, September through April, at 7:00 pm. Meetings take place at 1801 E. Jackson St., Medford, in Lidgate Hall of the Medford Congregational Church.

Letter from the Board

This month we want to tell you about the Holiday Potluck Party we are planning—and for which we are asking for your help.

The Annual RVAS Potluck Holiday Party is scheduled for 5:00 to 9:00 pm on Saturday, December 3, in the Lidgate Room at the Congregational Church (our regular meeting spot). Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

We are planning a party similar to last year's. Pepper Trail has generously agreed to be our auctioneer, Jim Livaudais has agreed to show his beautiful pictures and Sooney *et al.* will be "warbling" for our entertainment. However, this year we plan to have **no raffle**. Instead, we will focus on having mostly experience-related items to auction, with only a few material "things." We hope this will make the evening simpler so we can focus more on just having fun.

For instance, Pepper and Dick Ashford have both agreed to offer field trips to be auctioned, and we hope to recruit a third trip leader as well. Jon Deason says he will again plant two of his lovely peonies for the highest bidder. Please be thinking of similar activities for which you would be willing to volunteer your time to be auctioned.

Now the most important part! The focus of our fund-raising effort this year will be to raise money to be used to educate local school children about birds and conservation—specifically through our "Birding the Schools" interns and "Fall in the Field" program. Both of these activities are conducted by graduate students in the Environmental Education Program at Southern Oregon University. We have budgeted \$1,000 this year for John Ward to give 10 birding classes in local schools and \$800 to buy equipment needed for the "Fall in the Field" outdoor classes. We would love to be able to expand these programs. For example, John could easily give another 10 classes and we could offer other programs next year for kids that have had one of these classes, which will encourage them to keep birding. Any ideas that you may have to develop our young birders are also very welcome—please let us know.

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As you see, we have gotten started, but we need help. The most important need right now is for someone to help us coordinate and organize the auction items. If you would be willing to help out with this important function, please let someone on the Board know. We will also need help the evening of the party with set-up, decorations, cashiers, clean-up, etc.

We hope to see you all on December 3rd!

The RVAS Board

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!

RVAS NEEDS A MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Due to illness in the family, Gary Palmer has had to resign as RVAS Membership Chair. Here is Gary's description of the duties, which he says takes about two hours a month plus about four hours once a year. The job can be modified to fit your needs. If you think you might be interested in performing this vital function for RVAS, please contact Linda Kreisman at linda@ashlandhome.net.

Summary:

The Membership Chair manages membership renewal and recruitment, processes new and renewing member applications, and creates and maintains accurate membership records and mailing lists.

Reports To: The President and the RVAS Board of Directors

Specific Duties:

- Receive and process membership data for new and renewing members from the Treasurer and create and maintain accurate membership database.
- Access National Audubon Society web-based Application Portal and download monthly NAS Chapter Roster and Chapter Change Reports and merge into local membership database.
- Send Welcome Letter to new members.
- Create monthly list of expired RVAS memberships and create membership renewal letters, forms and envelopes from expired membership list. Stuff envelopes, stamp and mail and/or email renewal letters and forms using the expired membership list.
- Create and maintain mailing list for *The Chat* newsletter per member preferences. Work with newsletter printing company to have the correct number of newsletters produced and mailed per the mailing list.
- Resolve membership or newsletter problems
- Report on membership activity at each board meeting.
- Prepare annual membership report for the Board.

Field Notes from Jackson County (Aug 21 - Sep 30, 2016) Compiled by Jeff Tufts

Jackson County's fourth **Chestnut-collared Longspur** was the featured bird during the period covered in this report, and it was found a long way (and a long way up) from where the previous three birds were seen.

Just about any longspur spotted in this region is likely to be in the company of **American Pipits**, and that was the case when this year's bird was found Sep 29 (FL). But whereas the previous three records were from Lost Creek Lake (Nov 2001, Oct 2006 and Oct 2014), the 2016 individual was on Big Red Mountain in the Siskiyou range. It's about 60 miles between those sites, and if you're a longspur flying from Big Red to Lost Creek Lake, you're dropping from 7,000 feet to about 1,900 feet. Just another lesson from the "birds are where you find them" curriculum.

Chestnut-collared Longspurs are grassland breeders that winter in Mexico and the southern United States. Small numbers are regularly found in winter in California, but they are only occasional in the Pacific Northwest.

Longspurs of any flavor—Lapland or Chestnut-collared—will be among the target birds later this month when Russ Namitz leads a RVAS field trip to the Lost Creek Lake area. No pressure.

Shorebird variety was good during late August and September, but numbers seemed unusually low. The migrants virtually disappeared from Lost Creek Lake before mid-September, and Agate and Emigrant had some very disappointing days. Both of the local reservoirs were down to 20 percent full or less by the end of the month.

The one species that was seen more often than usual was **Baird's Sandpiper**. They generally come through earlier than **Pectoral Sandpipers** and in conspicuous

ly lower numbers. This year, they were early and numerous. Six were at Agate Lake Aug 25 (RN) and as many as 10 were there Aug 28 (MD). Best Pectoral total was six at Agate Sep 27 (JH).

Also notable in the shorebird department were three **Black-necked Stilts** at the Kirtland ponds Aug 20 (BH), single **Solitary Sandpipers** at Wilson's pond Aug 20 (BH) and Sep 1 (BH) and along Hoxie Creek in the Howard Prairie area Sep 4 (JS), and 14 **Red-necked Phalaropes** at Lost Creek Lake Aug 30 (RN). **Wilson's Phalaropes** have been hard to find this summer/fall.

Mid-September brought three interesting gull reports. One **Herring Gull** was at Emigrant Lake Sep 15 (HF), a **Bonaparte's Gull** was at Howard Prairie Sep 16 (FL), and best of all was a **Sabine's Gull** spotted at Lost Creek Lake Sep 16 (NB,GS). The latter bird was the first of the species found in Jackson County since one showed up at the Kirtland ponds in September of 2013. Another was at Lake Selmac in Josephine County in 2014.

Sabine's are pelagic birds, but in some years many of them stray inland while migrating to the tropical portions of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. This seems to be a good year for them. A quick check of eBird rare bird alerts from California for the last two weeks of September turned up Sabine's Gull reports from Inyo, Kern, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino counties.

The annual southward push of **Greater White-fronted Geese** was either earlier or later than last year, depending on how you look at Jackson County reports. The first notable flock last year came through on Sep 21. This year there were 16 at Agate Lake as early as Aug 21 (FL), 10 at Emigrant Lake Sep 12 (FL) and 25 at Howard Prairie Sep 19 (FL). But the first big flocks didn't appear until Sep 27, when more than 400 were spotted in the morning flying over Tyler Creek Road (FE).

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Seen that same morning from the same location was a remarkable surge of **Snow Geese** with three flocks totaling approximately 350 birds apparently bound for the Klamath Basin (FL). Only scattered individuals of this species stop in Jackson County during the fall/winter period.

The Chestnut-collared Longspur may be the rarest bird found in the Siskiyou in early fall, but not far behind were the three **Black Swifts** spotted darting over the summit of Mount Ashland Sep 22 (SJ).

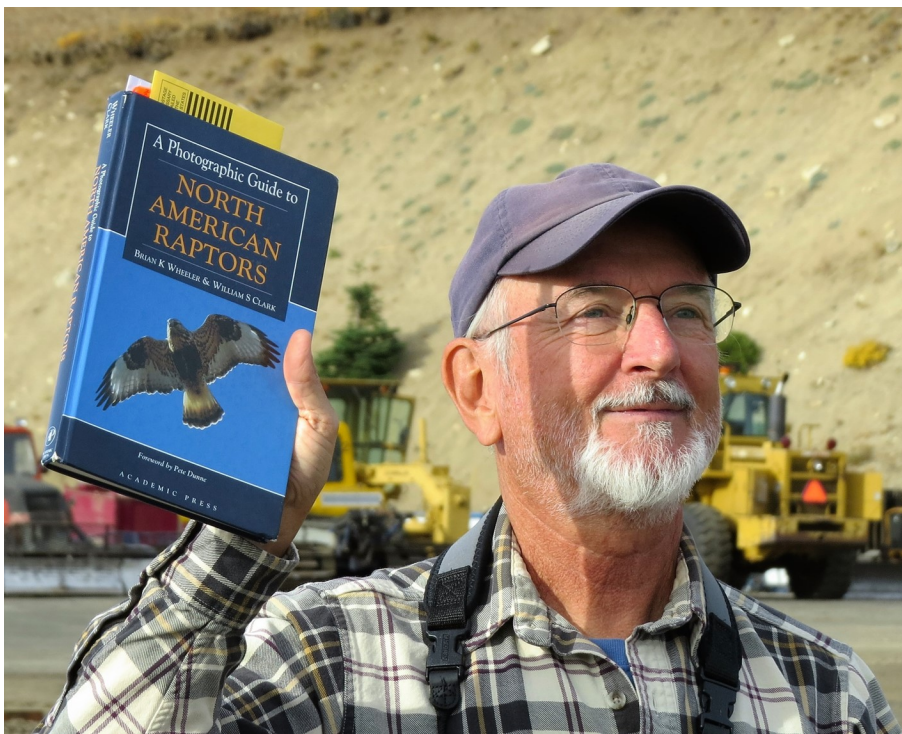
Lewis's Woodpecker reports have been encouraging so far. As many as 11 were at Agate Lake Sep 17 (RA), and they're being seen in all the expected locations.

White-crowned and **Golden-crowned**

Sparrows began showing up the first week in September, and two weeks later brought the first **White-throated Sparrow** report as one of that species was seen at North Mountain Park (DP). Also notable was a **Vesper Sparrow** found at the Kirtland ponds Sep 25 (FL).

And speaking of sparrows, as October moves toward November, we can wonder if a (the?) **Swamp Sparrow** will put in an appearance at NMP. November 2 was the first day last year.

Sightings in this report came from Rene Allen, Norm Barrett, Matt Dufort, Forrest English, Harry Fuller, Jim Harleman, Bob Hunter, Stewart Janes, Frank Lospalluto, Russ Namitz, Doug Pomeroy, Gary Shaffer, and John Sullivan.



Vince Zauskey educates birders during a recent RVAS field trip to Mt. Ashland. This dark morph Red-Tailed Hawk was just one of many species seen on this trip. Photos by Peter Kreisman.

Project FeederWatch Returns

It's that time of year! In November, Project FeederWatch begins at North Mountain Park in Ashland and Coyote Trails in Medford.

Organized by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Project FeederWatch is a winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, and other locales in North America. FeederWatchers periodically count the birds they see at their feeders from November through March and send their counts to Project FeederWatch. This data help scientists track broad-scale movements of winter bird populations and long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance.

The free one-hour watches provide novice birders the easiest possible identification practice since there are unobstructed, close up views of from ten to twenty species perched at feeders with the valley's top birder/educators available for help. More experienced birders often attend, jumping at the chance to show off their knowledge as well as to swap tall avian tales with their peers. There is shelter in case of inclement weather and young people are encouraged to participate, if accompanied by an adult companion.

RVAS is seeking volunteers to lead each session. The process is easy and takes just a few minutes of preparation and data recording before and after the hour-long observation session. For more information or to volunteer contact:

Mary Pat Power at marypat@ashlandhome.net about Ashland PFW or

Wendy Gere at wendy.gere@gmail.com about Coyote Trails PFW

Project FeederWatch schedule for 2016 – 2017:

Coyote Trails (Medford) PFW

Thursdays: Noon – 1 pm; open to the public

Nov 17, Dec 1, Dec 15, Dec 29, Jan 12, Jan 26, Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 9, March 23

Fridays: Noon – 1 pm; open to the public

Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 16, Dec 30, Jan 13, Jan 27, Feb 10, Feb 24, Mar 10, Mar 24

North Mountain Park (Ashland) PFW

Fridays: 9 – 10 am; counts done by 1 person; not advertised to the public

Nov 11, Nov 25, Dec 9, Dec 23, Jan 6, Jan 20, Feb 3, Feb 17, Mar 3, Mar 17

Saturdays: 9 – 10 am; open to the public

Nov 12, Nov 26, Dec 10, Dec 24, Jan 7, Jan 21, Feb 4, Feb 18, Mar 4, Mar 18

Upcoming Presentations at Wild Birds Unlimited

961 Medford Center, Medford

Fun Flicker Facts with Shannon Rio

Wednesday, October 12th, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

"Learn about the world of flickers and their interaction and effect upon other birds and people! Lots of photos and an emphasis on a casual and fun learning experience."

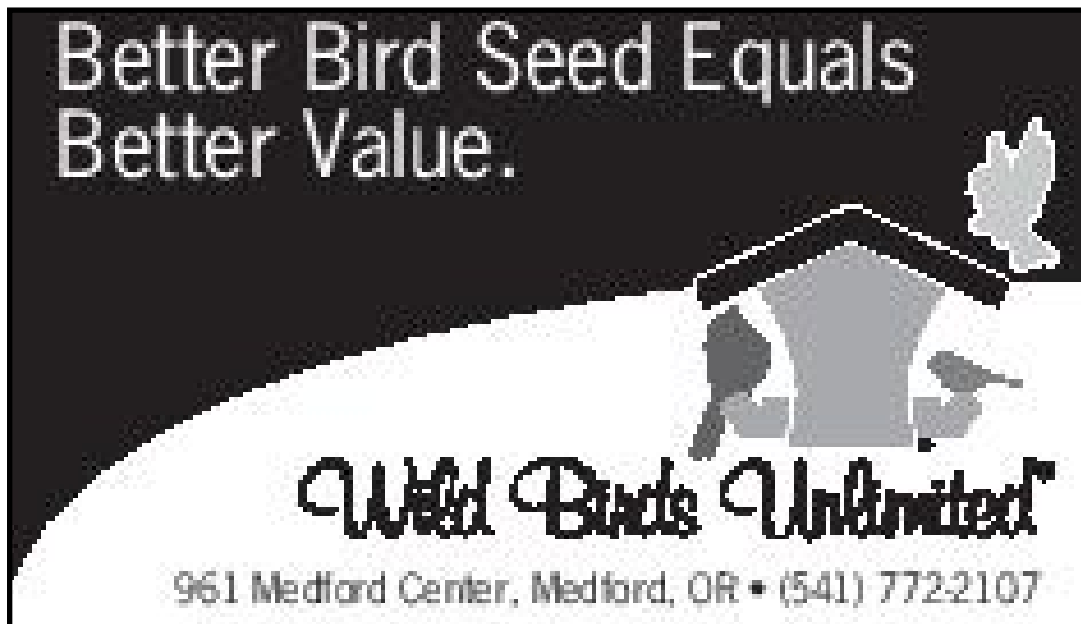
Space is limited, please come in or call to reserve your seat today! [541-772-2107](tel:541-772-2107)

Wintering Birds of the Rogue Valley with Shannon Rio

Wednesday, November 9th, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Shannon Rio will once again be our speaker and will thrill us with pictures and anecdotes about the birds that spend the winter with us here in the Rogue Valley. "Many birds do not migrate away but rather stay here all year long making every month a good time to enjoy watching birds. Photos and fun facts will be the focus of the presentation." Space is limited, please come in or call to reserve your seat today! [541-772-2107](tel:541-772-2107)

Shannon Rio is an experienced birder and loves teaching about birds using beautiful photography, fun facts and stories. She is president of the board of the Klamath Bird Observatory. She has taught many classes at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and North Mountain Nature Park in Ashland.



The Conservation Column

By Pepper Trail

I've written many times over the years about the ecological importance of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. This is a great biological crossroads, the highest-elevation connection between the Cascade and Siskiyou Mountains, and mingling species from the Great Basin and northern California bioregions as well. RVAS birders know the Monument areas of Pilot Rock, Hyatt Lake, and Hobart Bluff as excellent birding destinations, but other important nearby sites, including much of the Great Gray Owl habitat around Howard Prairie, as well as Grizzly Peak and California's Horse-shoe Ranch Wildlife Management Area, remain outside the Monument's protections. Now, thanks to the concerted efforts of local conservationists and scientists, there is a real possibility that the Monument may be expanded to include the public lands in all those areas and more.

I will send out an email alert through the RVAS website if a public meeting is scheduled, which could happen very soon. It will be important to have as many Monument supporters as possible at such a meeting. In the meantime, here is an op-ed that I have written to the Medford Mail Tribune laying out the scientific need for Monument expansion.

Monument Expansion Needed to Secure this Biological Treasure

By Pepper Trail, PhD

"...the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is an ecological wonder, with biological diversity unmatched in the Cascade Range...a biological crossroads – the interface of the Cascade, Klamath, and Siskiyou ecoregions, in an area of unique geology, biology, climate, and topography."

From the first words of the June 9, 2000, Proclamation establishing the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument

The establishment of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument was a landmark in the preservation of our region's remarkable wealth of habitats and species. But are the current boundaries—constrained within a relatively narrow band of elevations and arbitrarily truncated at the Oregon-California border—adequate for the long-term protection of this "ecological wonder"?

This is a question that has been discussed for the past five years by a diverse group of scientists with much research experience in southern Oregon. These discussions, involving ecologists, botanists, and experts in fish, mammals, and birds, culminated in a letter signed by 85 scientists in 2015 that concluded "...it is our professional opinion that expansion of the Monument is necessary for the area's extraordinary values to be sustained over the long term."

Biological diversity is not a static count of number of species. It is a dynamic web of ecological connections, dependent on reliable pathways for movement of individuals and populations, continuous flows of water and energy, and a resilient network of habitats allowing adaptation to changing conditions. As scientists learn more about these complex networks, we are able to pinpoint areas in critical need of protection.

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The extraordinary variety of species and habitats that the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument was established to protect today faces mounting threats from encroaching development and climate change. These threats weren't adequately anticipated back in 2000. Any drive along Highway 66 or Dead Indian Memorial Road these days will reveal many large properties for sale. As private lands are developed, the public lands adjacent to but not currently within the Monument are increasingly vital as biological connections.

The threat posed by climate change is particularly worthy of attention. When the Monument was established in 2000, alarm about climate change was limited mostly to scientists, and its implications were not considered when boundaries were drawn. Less excusably, the term is not mentioned even once in the BLM's 2008 Monument Management Plan, completed when climate change had emerged as a prime concern of land managers and policy makers. Clearly, well-documented regional trends for reduced snowpack, higher summer temperatures, and more frequent fires must be factored into plans to protect the Monument's unique biological values.

With this in mind, the expansion areas prioritized by scientists extend both into higher and lower elevations, significantly increasing the Monument's total elevation range and topographic diversity. These sites and their surrounding landscapes fill gaps in protection for Jenny Creek and several other vital watersheds, improving the ability of these aquatic ecosystems to recover and maintain their integrity. They reach out to enclose populations of species at their range limits, critical "first responders" to climate change. And they do all this in an expanded monument that is still a relatively small area of federal land to set aside for the protection of such an "area of unique geology, biology, climate, and topography."

Much of the public land near the Monument, but outside current boundaries, has already been recognized with special designations such as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) and Special Management Areas. At present, however, they are disconnected and therefore unlikely to sustain their remarkable biological values in the face of increasing threats. In order to function as part of an ecologically integrated landscape, these sites need to be connected and incorporated into an expanded Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.

Administrative designations and legislative proposals have independently highlighted ecological and other non-commodity values on public lands near the existing Monument. Both BLM's new Western Oregon Plan Revision and Senator Wyden's and Senator Merkley's proposed Senate Bill 132 include many conservation and/or recreation designations over much BLM land near the Monument in Oregon. Most of the relatively small area of public land on the California side of the current Monument boundary has long been allocated to conservation purposes (with varying degrees of management success).

Building on a foundation of solid science, now is the time for expansion of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument to enable spatially comprehensive, cohesive, and consistent protection of this biologically unique and valuable landscape. Such an opportunity may not come again.

Pepper Trail of Ashland is an ornithologist and conservation co-chair of the Rogue Valley Audubon Society.

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 through the fall. These walks take place on the first Wednesday of each month. In this ongoing citizen science project, the numbers of 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 on the east side of the lake. Walks begin at 8:30 and end before noon.

See map at www.roguevalleyaudubon.org/First_Wednesday_Count.html

October Walk: Wednesday, October 5

November Walk: Wednesday, November 2

December Walk: Wednesday, December 7

LOST CREEK LAKE FIELD TRIP: OCTOBER 22

Russ Namitz will lead an RVAS birding field trip to Lost Creek Lake on Saturday, October 22. Target species include Longspurs, Pipits and Larks, as well as waterfowl and occasional shorebirds. Meet at 7 a.m. in the east portion of the Dollar Tree parking lot (southeast corner of Hwy 62, Hwy 140 intersection) in White City to arrange carpooling. Plan to return around 2 p.m. Bring snacks and beverages as desired. Expect some walking on mostly level ground. Please sign up for this trip by emailing Russ at namitzr@hotmail.com

LYNN NEWBRY PARK FIELD TRIP: NOVEMBER 12

Waterfowl, winter sparrows, and small raptors are among the species expected Saturday, November 12, when Russ Namitz leads a half-day birding trip to Lynn Newbry Park in Talent. We'll meet in the small parking area adjacent to I-5 Exit 21 at 8:00 am and be finished between noon and 1 p.m. Expect about one mile of slow-paced walking along the Greenway. Please notify Russ if you plan to attend at namitzr@hotmail.com



Happy birders pose during a field trip to Mt. Ashland, which was led by Vince Zauskey on September 17.

Butterflies of the Siskiyou Region

By RVAS SFI scholarship winner Lee Finney, Gold Hill

This summer, June 25-26th, I participated in a Siskiyou Field Institute (SFI) class that was very special. I am a Southern Oregon Monarch Advocate and my passion for helping this butterfly and all pollinators, led me to this class, after I read a posting on Suzie Savoie's blog at <https://klamathsiskiyouseeds.com> about a recent SFI Native Bee class with the Native pollinator specialist instructor, Robbin Thorp.

On Saturday morning, the instructor, entomologist Dana Ross, MS, presented a slide show featuring a quick overview of the butterflies we might meet in the field. We were supplied with nets and enthusiasm and were off to travel to our destinations. On day 2, Sunday, the class carpooled from Ashland and visited 6 different areas.

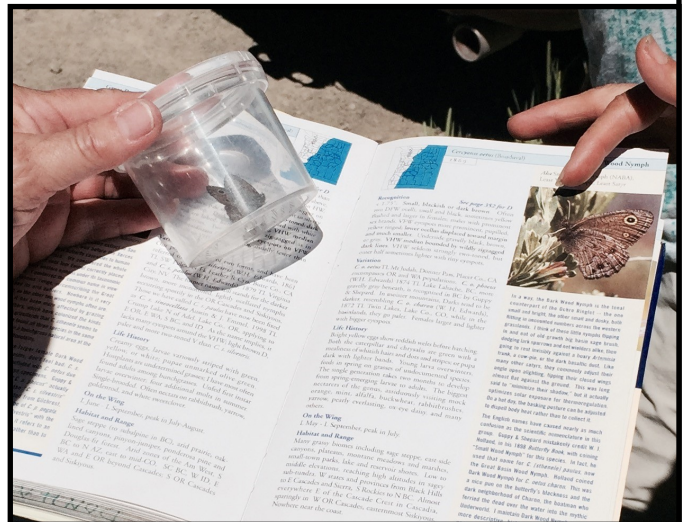


I recommend this adventurous and informative class to all naturalists. We encountered and captured 53 species over the entire weekend. We have at least 117 species in our Southern Oregon Region.



Day 1 Summary:

Stop #1 Page Mountain Snow Park 4500 ft. elevation: Sixteen species were identified including Snowberry Checkerspot, Mourning Cloak, and many Ochre Ringlets, Stop #2 Road 5828 Ridge Top 4815 ft. elevation: Twelve species including 'Lupine' Blue, California Sister, and Callippe Fritillary. Stop #3 Bolan Lake Meadow 5260-5340 ft. elevation: Fourteen species including Pale Tiger and Western Tiger Swallowtails, and Field and Mylitta Crescents.



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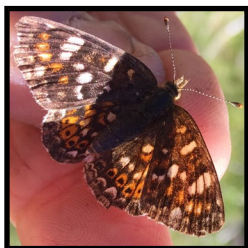
Thank you Siskiyou Field Institute, Dana Ross and student assistant Linda Kappen and other butterfly enthusiasts for providing yet another astonishing and fun class that all ages can enjoy.

Your sharing of knowledge is important for my work of “planting for the pollinators.” Gold Hill is now a “Bee City USA” and our goal is to acknowledge 100 “Pollinator Friendly” gardens in the following year. I am encouraging the addition of Native plants like Showy, Narrow-leaf, and Heartleaf Milkweeds to everyone's gardens.



Day 2 Summary:

Stops #1-2 Little Hyatt Rd. 4670-4720 ft. elevation: Sixteen species including Western-tailed Blue, Western Sulphur, and the Great Arctic which is more abundant in even years. (Take the class to learn why.) Stop #3 Meadows and creek, southside Little Hyatt Reservoir 4625 ft. elevation: Fourteen species including Arrowhead Blue, Boisduval's Blue, and Greenish Blue. Stop #4 Table Mtn. Rd., west Little Hyatt Reservoir: Twenty species including a generally uncommon West Coast Lady, Clodius Parnassian, and Orange Sulphur. Stop #5 Burnt Crk. Rd. 5325 ft. elevation: Eleven species including Silver-spotted Skipper, Hydaspe Fritillary, and Pacific Azure. Stop #6 Lily Glen Horse Camp 4550 ft. elev: Twelve species including Edith's Copper, Purple Copper, and Brown Elfin.



ASHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Great Gray Owl: Phantom of the Forest

Learn about our largest-sized owl that lives here in the mountains of Jackson County. We will talk about what they eat, their nests, the challenges of being a baby and also about the places they like to live and hunt. This class weaves stories, facts, poems and photos that make learning fun.

Please register online at ashland.or.us/register or call the Nature Center at 541.488.6606.

AGES 7 & up
DATE Wednesday, Oct 19
TIME 6:30-8 PM
PLACE North Mountain Park
COST \$15

INSTRUCTOR Shannon Rio is on the Board of the Klamath Bird Observatory and loves teaching about birds, plant medicine and yoga in a style that is informative and fun.

Naturescaping

Naturescaping teaches techniques for providing wildlife habitat around the home. Topics to be discussed include: planting fruiting and flowering native trees and shrubs, the use of bird boxes to benefit cavity nesting species, how to place bat boxes, and ideas for providing habitat for native reptiles and amphibians. Concepts of stewardship will also be discussed. Come learn how to benefit our native wildlife in your backyard! Pre-register online at ashland.or.us/register or call the Nature Center at 541.488.6606.

AGES 14 & up
DATE Saturday, Oct 22
TIME 9AM-1 PM
PLACE North Mountain Park
COST \$5

INSTRUCTOR Dan Van Dyke has 30 years of experience as a fish and wildlife biologist, and a similar amount of experience with Naturescaping at home. He has taught numerous Naturescaping classes at various locations on Oregon's South Coast.

Wintering Birds of the Rogue Valley

Because of our rich biodiversity, we have birds that love to live in the Rogue Valley all year-round. Using facts, stories, photos, poetry and bird song, we will explore the wonder of our year-round regional birds. Please register online at ashland.or.us/register or call the Nature Center at 541.488.6606.

AGES 7 & up
DATE Wednesday, Oct 26
TIME 6:30-8 PM
PLACE North Mountain Park
COST \$15

INSTRUCTOR Shannon Rio is on the Board of the Klamath Bird Observatory and loves teaching about birds, plant medicine and yoga in a style that is informative and fun.

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

A one-year family membership costs \$20. To become an RVAS member, please complete the form below and send with your check for \$20.

RVAS Membership Form

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- ☐ *Include my email on the RVAS list for notification of activities and posting of *The Chat* newsletter.*
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