

# The Chat

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**NOVEMBER PROGRAM MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, Nov. 22 at 7:00 PM**

## "Bats of Oregon"

Presented by DAVE CLAYTON

Join wildlife biologist Dave Clayton as he talks about bat ecology and biology, with a special emphasis on the bats of Oregon and the Rogue Valley.

Dave Clayton is the Forest Wildlife Biologist for the Rogue River-Siskiyou National forest. He has been working as a wildlife biologist for over 26 years, both for the USFS (22 years) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (four years). Dave has worked on the conservation and recovery of many Pacific Northwest species of concern, including spotted owls and other raptors, neotropical migratory birds, amphibians, meso-carnivores, invertebrates, and bats. He has lived and worked in the Siskiyou Mountains for 44 years and considers the Applegate Valley his home.



## 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 of some of the activities of Board Members.

**RVAS Facebook Page:** Started in March 2016, the RVAS Facebook page is a great way to keep up with activities and news. Photos and articles of interest to Audubon members are posted frequently, and you will also find RVAS activities and those of other local conservation groups. If you have pictures of birds or RVAS trips you'd like to share, please send them to our Facebook manager, Wendy Gere ([wendy.gere@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.gere@gmail.com)) or post them to the page yourself. We hope you will check out the page, like and share some of our postings and post some of your own pictures for others to enjoy.

<http://www.facebook.com/RogueValleyAudubonSociety/>

**Tabling Events:** Rogue Valley Audubon set up an outreach table at the Bear Creek Salmon Festival at North Mountain Park in Ashland, held in early October. Connecting with over 50 adults and 100 youth, we engaged in some fun conversations about how salmon, seabirds and people are connected and what we all share in common. "Birding Hotspots" brochures were a popular take-away item, and a few membership forms were taken as well. So watch for new friends at upcoming RVAS meetings! Do you enjoy talking with people about local birds, or do you know of an upcoming event where you'd like to see RVAS represented? The board welcomes your help with future "tabling" events. Contact board member Nala Cardillo. Thanks!

**Land Stewardship Classes:** RVAS Board Member Susan Stone has been taking the Oregon State University Land Stewardship course, and recommends it for anyone who wishes to learn more about caring for their land in order to promote native habitat for birds. Over the course of 11 weeks, students in the program learn about pastures, water resources, forest and oak woodlands; they assess their own land (or yard, as the case may be) with respect to tree health, wildlife habitat, wildfire risk reduction, soils, stream ecology, and economics for small landowners.

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Susan found the class valuable, as she learned how to evaluate the health of different species of trees and make decisions regarding keeping large snags that have cavities for nesting birds, and protecting the large white oaks on her property which are utilized by many bird species. One other benefit to taking the course is meeting local people from all walks of life who are an invaluable resource for learning more about conservation, biodiversity, habitat restoration, small farms practices, and more.

The OSU Extension facility outside of Jacksonville offers this course once a year, beginning in September, and also offers one day courses year round, for a small fee, on interesting topics ranging from “Get-Yer-Goat Education Day” to “Understanding Your Site’s Potential” and “Native Plants for Year Round Interest.” If you are interested in learning more about Land Stewardship or the one-day courses, go online to <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec>

**Letters of Support:** Since June, RVAS has commented and/or signed on to letters in support of several plans and initiatives:

1. Re-authorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund
2. Short-Term Water Needs at Klamath Refuge
3. Expansion of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument
4. Comment letter on the Klamath Comprehensive Conservation Plan
5. Comment letter on State Waters Forage Fish Management Plan
6. Letter in support of Bird Protection Bills
7. Comment letter of the BLM Resource Management Plan for Western Oregon.

The RVAS Board



Peter Kreisman photographed this Savannah Sparrow at Emigrant Lake on October 17.



## Field Notes from Jackson County (Oct 1 - Oct 19, 2016) Compiled by Jeff Tufts

If you've done seawatches along the Oregon coast in spring or fall, you may have been treated to the sight of huge flocks of migrating **Pacific Loons**. In peak years, as many as 5,000 per hour may pass a given point. If you're looking for a Pacific Loon in Jackson County, you generally have to be satisfied with about one per year.

The storm that hit parts of Washington and northern Oregon the second week of October may have played a role in driving some coastal birds inland, as Pacific Loons were seen at three different locations between Oct 15 and Oct 19. One was spotted at Lost Creek Lake Oct 15 (RN), one at Agate Lake Oct 18 (HS,BH) and one at Howard Prairie Lake Oct 19 (MC). The Agate Lake sighting was particularly unexpected as loons of any species are rarely seen at this relatively shallow body of water.

Lost Creek Lake also produced the first **Surf Scoter** sightings from Jackson County since November 2014. One was spotted Oct 15 (RN) and there were at least three there Oct 16 (BH). Of the three scoter species seen regularly along the Oregon coast, only the Surf Scoter has several local records.

Sightings of migrating grebes have been fairly infrequent although numbers figure to pick up in November. Six **Clark's Grebes** were at Howard Prairie Oct 17 (FL), a single **Horned Grebe** was at Hyatt Lake Oct 17 (FL), two Horned were seen there Oct 19 (MC), and 30 **Eared Grebes** were also there Oct 19 (MC).

Agate Lake was the place to see **American White Pelicans** in Jackson County in early and mid-summer (as many as 40 were seen there one day in July), and by mid-September they had pretty much deserted the rapidly-shrinking shores of that local reservoir. But large numbers began showing up

at bigger bodies of water in October. There were 27 counted at Hyatt Lake Oct 9 and 10 (KB), and at least 20 remained there a week later (FL).

The flock of more than 30 White Pelicans first reported from Lost Creek Lake Oct 14 (RN) was interesting in that there is not a single previous sighting of that species from that location in the eBird database. This contrasts sharply with multiple eBird records over the years from all other likely sites in Jackson County.

Shorebirds continued to be conspicuous by their absence from local mudflats. Only a few **Pectoral Sandpipers** were reported during the period covered in this report. Three years ago, when water levels were considerably higher, as many as 14 of that species were reported from Agate Lake on two different days in the first half of October.

By the time you read this column, the first sightings of southbound **Dunlin** should be in. They are the latest arriving of the shorebird species regularly seen in Jackson County, and most are seen from mid-October through November.

Notable reports of individual birds from early October included a **Common Poorwill** heard calling from the upper Colestin valley Oct 19 (FL) and a **White-throated Swift** seen heading south over Hwy 66 Oct 14 (PT).

And we'll flip the calendar pages back a few months to mention a **Nuttall's Woodpecker** that passed through the foothills of southwest Medford on July 13 (SJ). It stuck around only long enough to be heard and identified and to take its place as the third of that species recorded in Jackson County.

In many parts of central and southern California, Nuttall's Woodpeckers are as common as Downy Woodpeckers are here. The only previous local records of that species are from 1881 (two individuals) and 1991. None of them lived to enjoy their notoriety. Maybe that's why this year's July bird was in such a hurry to leave the area.

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In 1881, an adult male was taken (collected) by H. W. Henshaw on February 3, and he made it a pair (albeit deceased) by taking an adult female the next day. Both specimens now reside in the natural history section of the British Museum where the records show that they were collected at "Ashland, Og'n."

The other Jackson County record is from November 1991 when a dead individual was found near Trail. That specimen now resides in the collection at Southern Oregon University.

If the overly-casual abbreviation of Oregon attached to the two birds in the British Museum didn't tweak your sense of propriety, consider that the *Birds of North America Online* description of the distribution of Nuttall's Woodpeckers says that the 1991 bird

was found dead near Shady Grove (sic), and the northernmost limits of its range are in Siskiyou, Shasta, Modoc (sic) and Lassen counties in California. And they probably make fun of spell-checker.

Nuttall's Woodpecker was named after English-born naturalist Thomas Nuttall (1786-1859), and it was his friend and colleague William Gambel (of Gambel's Quail fame) who did the honors. Nuttall lived and worked in America from 1808 until 1841, and he is also commemorated in the scientific names of Yellow-billed Magpie (*Pica nuttalli*), Common Poorwill (*Phalaenoptilus nuttalli*) and Pacific Dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*), among many others.

Reports mentioned in this column are courtesy of: Karen Barrow, Mark Chichester, Bob Hunter, Stewart Janes, Frank Lospalluto, Russ Namitz, Howard Sands, and Pepper Trail.

## 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](http://www.roguevalleyaudubon.org/First_Wednesday_Count.html)

November Walk: Wednesday, November 2

December Walk: Wednesday, December 7

January Walk: Wednesday, January 4

### 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](mailto:namitzr@hotmail.com)



## Save the Date: RVAS Holiday Party

**When: Saturday, December 3 at 6:00 pm**

**Where: Lidgate Hall, Congregational Church, Medford**

**Come and Enjoy** an evening of food, festivity and friends, as we raise money to fund “Birding in the Schools” classes to local school kids and help equip the “Fall in the Field” program with necessary supplies and tools.

**Potluck Dinner:** Bring a dish to share and your own place setting. We will provide non-alcoholic drinks and decoration. If you bring wine, please remember to be discreet and take the bottle home with you.

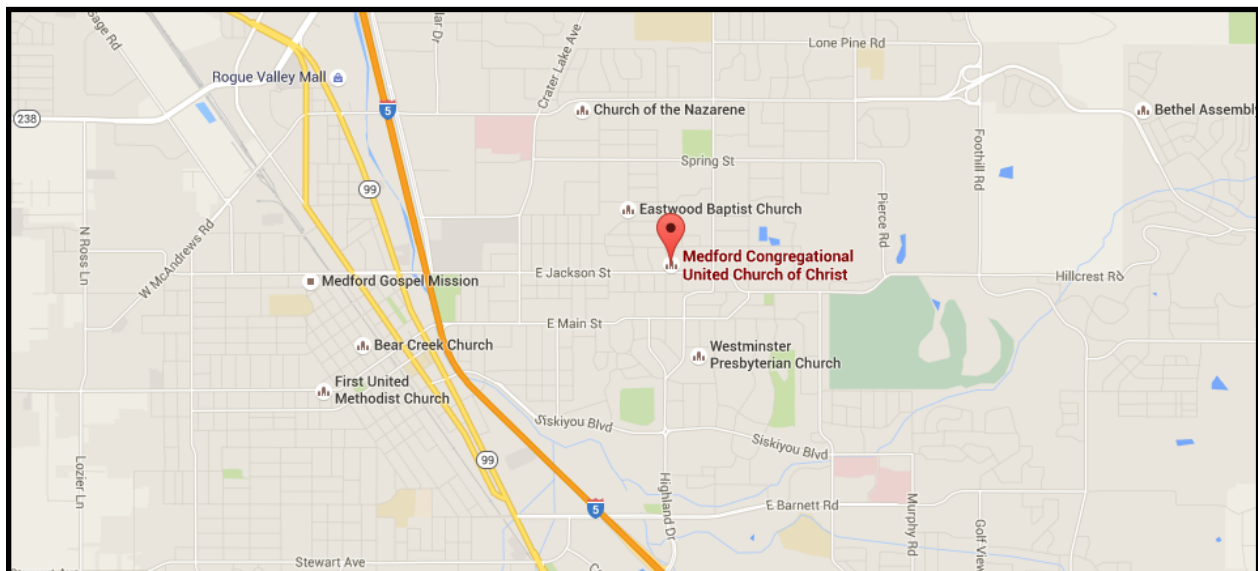
**Entertainment:** Jim Livaudais will again show us a selection of his beautiful pictures. And **The Warblers** are planning to fly in again and, for small cash inducements, will entertain us with avian melodies.

**Live Auction: Pepper Trail** will be at his most entertaining with a variety of items and experiences for your bidding pleasure, including (but not limited to): field trips led by **Dick Ashford** (to the Klamath Basin) and **Pepper** (he’ll try again for 100 species in one day); a pair of peonies from Deason’s Peonies planted for you by **Jon Deason** himself; a botanizing field trip led by **Jeanine Moy**; a class led by students from “Fall in the Field,” a Wine and Cheese tasting with birding and lunch at three Applegate Wineries with **Kate Cleland-Sipfle** as designated driver; and a hand-carved Saw-Whet Owl by **Mike Guest**.

**More Member Contributions:** We will also welcome contributions that you might enjoy donating to help RVAS fund “Birding in the Schools.” Some examples are **Share a Habitat**. Invite a group to your home or a favorite birdy spot. Food could be included by partnering up with another donor. **Specialty baskets or hand-crafted items** will also be enthusiastically welcomed.

**There will be NO RAFFLE!**

**Link for direction to Lidgate Hall: <http://bit.ly/2eJkPgG>**



## The Conservation Column

### Grasshopper Sparrows Thrive East of Ashland

*RVAS, Southern Oregon Land Conservancy, and KBO are considering how to protect a large breeding population of these birds, which are vulnerable to loss of grassland habitat in Oregon.*

By Kristi Mergenthaler, Stewardship Director, SOLC

The 825-acre Imperatrice property is located in the Cascade foothills off Butler Creek Road east of Ashland. This remarkable, relatively intact grassland, which is owned by the City of Ashland, supports a significant breeding population of Grasshopper Sparrows, a declining bird designated as a Species of Greatest Conservation Need in the Oregon Conservation Strategy.

The Southern Oregon Land Conservancy (SOLC) has been talking to the City of Ashland about conserving all or part of this beautiful property since 2009. Standing Stone, an Ashland restaurant and brewery, currently leases the lower irrigated slopes for their farm.

Former SOLC staff member Dominic DiPaolo had noted the presence of Grasshopper Sparrows, and biologist Frank Lospalluto followed up with an informal survey, detecting 20 sparrows in 2014. More recently, in an effort to document the conservation values of the property, RVAS kindly agreed to fund a formal breeding survey. The Klamath Bird Observatory (KBO) conducted the survey on the slopes above the farm, and documented 32 singing males, six females, and one bird of unknown gender. According to Bob Altman from the American Bird Conservancy, this represents one of the largest and most dense populations in Oregon, and it may be the state's largest and most dense population in west of the Cascades.

The future of the Imperatrice property is still unclear. Proposals have included a park with public trails, the development of a community solar array, or the construction of water infiltration structures to help cool discharge from the Ashland water treatment plant that drains into Bear Creek. [



Photo courtesy Ric and Nora Bowers, Audubon.org

A recent report written by Jaime Stephens of KBO summarizes the status of the Grasshopper Sparrow in Oregon and the results of the 2016 field surveys. This report was funded by Rogue Valley Audubon Society after board members met with staff from SOLC last year. If you would like to read the report, contact Pepper Trail at [ptrail@ashlandnet.net](mailto:ptrail@ashlandnet.net) or Juliet Grable at [julietgrable@yahoo.com](mailto:julietgrable@yahoo.com).

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### **The Grasshopper Sparrow in Oregon (from KBO report):**

The Grasshopper Sparrow occurs throughout North America from southern Canadian prairies south to Ecuador. It winters primarily in Mexico, Central America, and the southeast United States (Vickery 1996). Its range is widespread; however, within the range it is often locally distributed and even uncommon to rare in many areas. As such, in Oregon it is a widespread but local breeder restricted to grasslands, where it occurs in groups or “colonies.” The comprehensive *Birds of Oregon*, published in 2003, states that “one small colony has persisted since 1987 in the Rogue Valley (up to six singing males), and since 1998 the species has been observed at several additional sites.” Other previous reports of Grasshopper Sparrows in Oregon revealed very limited abundance and distribution, largely concentrated in Willamette Valley grasslands (Altman 1997, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife 2010, Altman 2011a). Some surveys have only detected a few individuals (e.g., only 20-25 individuals were detected in 1996-1997) (reviewed in Altman 2011b). Current estimates suggest fewer than 40 breeding pairs in the Willamette Valley (reviewed in Altman 2000). Very small and infrequently detected populations have been reported in the Rogue and Umpqua Valleys since their discovery in 1963 (reviewed in Altman 2000, Altman 2011b).

### **Heart of the Rogue Update**

Rogue River Preserve is a 352-acre property located north of Eagle Point featuring two miles of riverfront, an amazing and diverse floodplain forest, oak woodlands, meadows, and vernal pools. It supports 29 species of plants and animals that are rare and declining, such as Coho salmon (spawning and rearing habitat), Lewis’s Woodpecker, Wood Duck, common kingsnake, and large-flowered woolly meadowfoam. Southern Oregon Land Conservancy (SOLC), a local land trust that works cooperatively with people to conserve land, is in the process of buying this valley floor wildland for long-term conservation. Rogue Valley Audubon Society made a significant donation for this project last winter, provided letters of support, and led a field trip to the property. So far, \$3 million out of the \$3.5 million goal has been raised to purchase and care for the property, thanks to partners like RVAS, community members, foundations, and state and federal grants. For more info or to donate to help SOLC meet their goal by the end of the year:

<http://www.landconserve.org/heart-of-the-rogue/>.

### **Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Proposed Expansion Update**

On October 14, Senator Merkley hosted a hearing on the proposed expansion of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. Over 500 people attended, with supporters of the expansion far outweighing opponents. In response, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners announced a second public meeting, which took place in Medford on October 27. (A third, scheduled for November 1, will take place in Klamath Falls.)

If you were not able to attend these meetings but would still like your voice heard, you may submit comments to Senator Merkley through his website at

<https://www.merkley.senate.gov/contact> or by mailing them to his Medford field office:

Senator Jeff Merkley  
10 South Bartlett Street, Ste. 201  
Medford, OR 97501

For a map of the proposed expansion, visit [https://www.merkley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/CSNM\\_Expansion\\_10072016\\_MerkleyandWyden.pdf](https://www.merkley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/CSNM_Expansion_10072016_MerkleyandWyden.pdf)



## Project FeederWatch Needs You!

Project FeederWatch 2016-2017 will be conducted in Ashland and Medford this winter, and we ask you to join as a volunteer. Each session takes one hour of your time and gives you the option of counting birds at the feeders by yourself or as host to the public. Medford and Ashland programs are on alternating weeks so it's possible to observe at both sites. The Medford watches are held at Coyote Trails and the Ashland watches at North Mountain Park.

Project FeederWatch (PFW) is a continent-wide citizen science program run under the auspices of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology with the purpose of monitoring bird populations when most species are relatively stationary. The sessions open to the public meet another goal: to give novice birders a guided opportunity to better their skills in a low-key environment.

Both weekly Coyote Trails sessions are open to the public. In Ashland, the Friday watches are done by one experienced volunteer and not advertised to the public. The Saturday watch is led by another volunteer and is open to the public.

The process for counting the birds and recording the results is well established and simple to implement. Those of you who are new to the program will be given the small amount of necessary information and forms prior to making a count.

RVAS member **Mary Pat Power** ([marypat@ashlandhome.net](mailto:marypat@ashlandhome.net)) will oversee the Ashland program, while RVAS member **Wendy Gere** ([wendy.gere@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.gere@gmail.com)) will oversee the Medford program at Coyote Trails. Please look at the schedule below and select dates you would be willing to volunteer. Reply to this with your selected dates to Mary Pat (Ashland) or Wendy (Medford).

These Project FeederWatch sessions need volunteers:

### **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, Mar 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

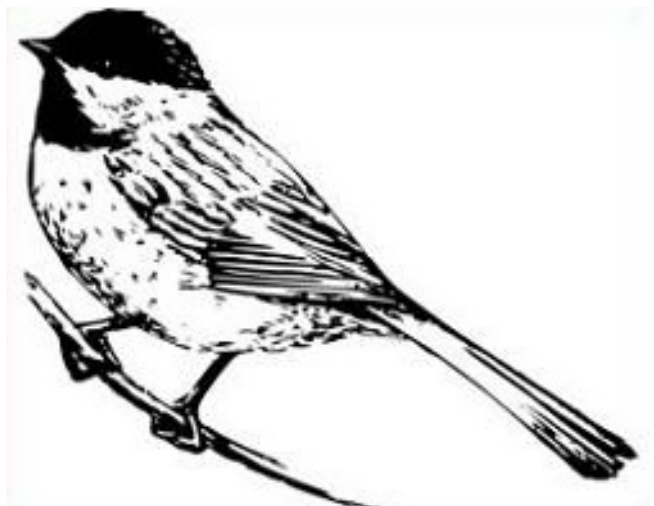
### **North Mountain Park (Ashland) PFW**

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

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

**Saturdays:** 9 – 10 am; open to the public

Dec 10, Dec 24, Jan 7, Jan 21, Feb 18,  
Mar 4, Mar 18



## Migratory Swift Watchers Needed

By Karen Hussey

Local birders, we need you! Or more specifically, the swifts need you! Vaux's Swifts are in trouble. Their numbers are decreasing steadily, and we need help estimating population trends and locating migratory roosting sites. Karen Hussey, wildlife biologist and Land Steward at Southern Oregon Land Conservancy (SOLC), is coordinating citizen science surveys at two migratory roosting sites in Medford during spring and fall migration. It is part of a west-wide Audubon citizen science project called "Vaux's Happening." Some migratory roosts in Washington and Oregon have been monitored for years, but where swifts roost and how they travel through Southern Oregon remains much of a mystery. Let's fix this!



Vaux's swifts returning to a roost.  
Photo courtesy Sam+Kat, Wikipedia

We need volunteers to help with evening surveys this coming spring and fall at Eden Valley Orchards and Hedrick Middle School. Surveys are simple and training will be available. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Karen@landconserve.org**. For more information about swifts and the project visit **www.vauxhappening.org** and/or come to Karen's presentation at the RVAS meeting in April 2017.

Eden Valley Orchards is a private business with daily hours of operations. If you are interested in seeing swifts, please only visit during open hours or for specific events. Thanks for caring for our swifts!

The historic Voorhies Mansion at Eden Valley Orchards is one of the safe havens for migrating Vaux Swifts in Southern Oregon. To learn more about the historic mansion, visit **edenvalleymansions.com**. If you'd like to help count migrating swifts here, contact Karen Hussey at **Karen@landconserve.org**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Viewing on the property is only permitted during open hours or by special permission. Please respect this request so we can maintain a happy relationship with Eden Valley Orchards. Photo © 2016 Karen Hussey.





## Join the Ashland Christmas Bird Count

The Ashland Christmas Bird Count will be conducted on **Thursday, December 29, 2016**.

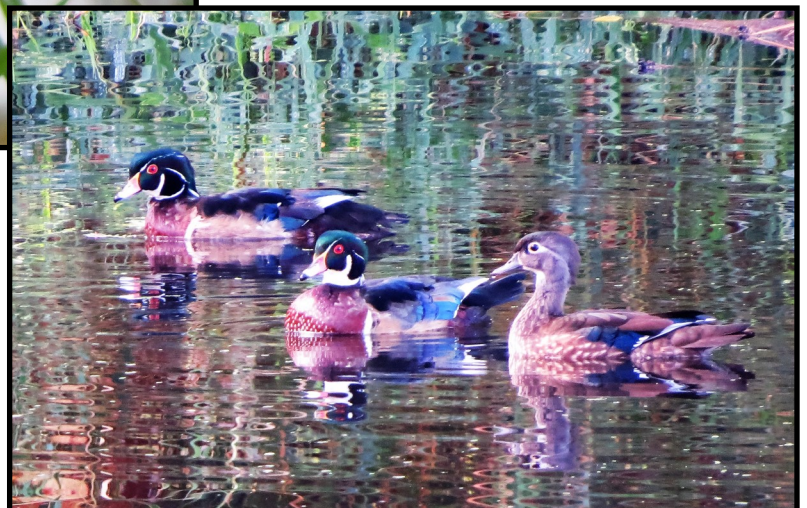
The count circle is centered at the northwest corner of Emigrant Lake, so the count area includes both the northeastern slopes of Mount Ashland and the western slopes of the Cascades (as far east as Little Hyatt Lake). Also included in the official area are the steep Siskiyou Mountain woodlands, extensive farmland-grassland-oak savannah habitats in the eastern section, and the entirety of the city of Ashland, with its parks and gardens and riparian habitats.

The Ashland count was first held in the years before World War II, then discontinued for many years. In 2010, under the direction of John Bullock and Harry Fuller, the count resumed, with a large contingent of local birders taking part. This year's count is led by Carol Mockridge and John Bullock. If you would like to participate, please contact Carol by Dec. 9 at **mockridge50@hotmail.com**. Teams usually meet at daybreak and bird until dusk. Birders who wish to count birds that visit their backyard feeders are also encouraged to join the Ashland CBC lineup by sending an email to Carol. Newcomers are always welcome to participate in this traditional citizen science effort.

All participants in the Ashland CBC are invited to join the post-count dinner to review the day's sightings. The dinner will be held at El Tapatio at 1633 Highway 99 North in Ashland (just south of Butler Ford and Butler Acura) beginning at approximately 4:30 p.m. Information about El Tapatio (including menu) can be found on their website: <http://www.eltapatioashland.com/>



Peter Kreisman photographed this Great Egret and three Wood Ducks at Ashland Pond on October 18.



## Bird-Centric Events from Around the Region

### ASHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

#### Attracting & Feeding Birds in Your Yard

Learn about bird feeders, common bird feeder visitors and food that attracts birds to your yard. Common feeder visitors include: sparrows, woodpeckers, finches and more. Many of these birds rely on feeding stations, especially during cold weather months. When should I begin feeding birds? Should I feed birds year round? What is that hummingbird I see during winter, and should I feed it? Pictures of common feeder birds will be discussed along with the most efficient bird feeders and identifying resources that make bird feeding easy and fun. Note: This class coincides with the Nationwide Project FeederWatch program beginning at North Mountain Park on Saturday, November 12. Pre-register online at [ashland.or.us/register](http://ashland.or.us/register) or call the Nature Center at 541.488.6606.

**DATE/TIME:** Thursday, Nov 3 , 6:30—8:00 PM

**PLACE:** North Mountain Park

**COST:** \$20

**INSTRUCTOR** Vince Zauskey is a long-time Volunteer at North Mountain Park and member of the Rogue Valley Audubon Society and Klamath Bird Observatory.

### PRESENTATIONS AT WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED

#### Wintering Birds of the Rogue Valley

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

**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, November 9th, 5:30—6:30 pm

**PLACE:** 961 Medford Center, Medford

**PRESENTER** 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.

#### Botanical Area Adoptions

Jeanine Moy will be talking about the special rare and endemic plants that grow in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. and the botanical area adoptions that help them thrive.

**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, December 14th, 6:00—7:00 pm

**PLACE:** 961 Medford Center, Medford

**PRESENTER** Jeanine Moy is Outreach Director and Adopt-a-Botanical Area Coordinator for KSWild.

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### KBO TALK AND WALK PROGRAM

#### Wintering Birds of the Rogue Valley: Talk

Because of our rich biodiversity, we have many birds that love the Rogue Valley at least for some part of the year, and for some all the year round. In this program, you'll get to know these local birds and where best to find them through their life histories, stories, poems, photos, and bird sounds. To sign up or if you have questions, contact [shannonrio@aol.com](mailto:shannonrio@aol.com).

**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, November 2, 6:30—8:30 pm

**PLACE:** 320 Beach Street, Ashland, OR

**COST:** \$25 (or \$50 makes you a member of KBO)

**INSTRUCTORS:** Lee French and Shannon Rio

#### Birding the Rogue Valley: Walk

We will follow up our Wednesday talk with an excursion visiting a variety of local hot spots to see the birds talked about in the presentation. To sign up or if you have questions, contact [shannonrio@aol.com](mailto:shannonrio@aol.com). Carpooling (taking the fewest cars) is requested for the safety of the outing and ensures everyone sees the most birds.

**DATE/TIME:** Saturday, November 5, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

**PLACE:** 320 Beach Street, Ashland, OR

**COST:** \$25 (or \$50 makes you a member of KBO)

**INSTRUCTORS:** Lee French and Shannon Rio

Peter Kreisman photographed this  
Red-Shouldered Hawk at Ashland  
Pond on October 18.





## 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](http://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.*
- ☐ *Do not send a paper copy of *The Chat* newsletter.*
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