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RVAS JANUARY 2018 PROGRAM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 at 7:00 PM

"The Oceans: Threats and Prospects"
Presented by DAPHNE FAUTIN & BOB BUDDEMEIER

Join Daphne Fautin and Bob Buddemeier as they present a program on the current state of our oceans.

Daphne Fautin has a Ph.D. in zoology from UC Berkeley. She became a marine biologist at the University of Oregon Institute of Marine Biology. She was Curator and Director of Research at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, then Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Kansas. She specializes in sea anemones.

Bob Buddemeier has a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Washington. After graduating, he was in the Department of Chemistry and then Oceanography at the University of Hawaii. From there he went to to the Nuclear Chemistry Division at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and finally to head the Hydrogeology Section of the Kansas Geological Survey.



Bob and Daphne met when Daphne was a post-doc and Bob was an Assistant Professor at the University of Hawaii, while attending the Coral Reef Symposium in Australia. The couple retired to the Rogue Valley Manor in Medford in 2015.

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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

Ten-Mile Creek Preserve

A while back Paul Engelmeyer of the Portland Audubon gave RVAS a presentation on the efforts to establish Marine Preserves on the Oregon Coast. Among other things, he described the Ten-Mile Creek Sanctuary (<http://audubonportland.org/sanctuaries/tenmile>) that the Portland Audubon Society has purchased near Cape Perpetua. Last week when I attended the Oregon Audubon Council annual Conservation Council meeting in Yachats, I had the opportunity to tour this sanctuary with Paul and other Audubon members. We first got an overview of the country from Cape Perpetua so we could see how the Sanctuary provides a critical connection between two other wilderness areas on the coast. Then we drove five miles inland on Ten-Mile Road to the Sanctuary. Paul showed us the results of the intensive forest rehabilitation efforts, where the different kinds of salmon spawn in the creek, the type of trees that the Marbled Murrelet use to nest in the summer, and demonstrated why it's important that old growth be left intact. We even saw a couple of birds(!!) – Dippers in the creek, and we heard Pine Siskins. As you can see from the pictures, it is a lovely spot.

Linda Kreisman



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Jackson County Field Notes: November 2017

By Frank Lospalluto

Gray skies and limited daylight etch these days as we stumble toward year's end. Winter waterfowl find the ponds and lakes. Valley feeders host a wide variety of resident birds attracted to seed and suet.

Two **TRUMPETER SWANS** stopped at Emigrant Lake Oct. 31 (KY, FL). Trumpeter numbers have been slowly increasing thanks to conservation efforts by many different government agencies and conservation groups. They had suffered a precipitous decline due to both hunting and loss of habitat (breeding and wintering). A few **Snow Geese** have been spotted around the valley since late October, along with **Canada Geese** and **Cackling Geese**. Two were at Emigrant Lake Oct. 31 and 25 were at Howard Prairie Lake Oct. 24 (FL, HS). A few were also



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observed at a few different locations around Grants Pass in late October and early November (CG, FE, DV).

A **Eurasian Wigeon** was spotted at the Holy Waters Oct. 25 (MR). Another was at Hyatt Lake on the same day and one at Howard Prairie (FE, FL). A few **Surf Scoters** visited a number of lakes in the county over the last month. Five were at Lost Creek Reservoir Oct. 23 and three were at Emigrant Lake Oct. 24 (GS, FE, FL, BH). **Common Goldeneyes** are starting to be seen, with a few at Lost Creek Reservoir, Howard Prairie and Little Hyatt Lakes. **Barrow's Goldeneyes** should be arriving soon, if they are not already here. **Canvasbacks** and **North-ern Pintails** are being seen with some regularity, as are **Hooded Mergansers**. Ashland Pond is a great place to get close views of the hoodies, while Mingus Pond along the Bear Creek Greenway in Central Point can attract a good number of Canvasbacks.

One **RED-BREASTED MERGANSER** was at Hyatt Lake Oct. 28 and one was at Lost Creek Reservoir Nov. 21 (FL, BH, RN, NB).



Trumpeter Swans

Horned, Eared, Pied-billed, Western and Clark's Grebes have all been spotted on various water bodies the last few weeks.

A couple of **Osprey** were lingering at Emigrant Lake into mid-November (KM, SR, KS, ES, FE, TA). A **Ferruginous Hawk** was spotted over Kirtland Ponds Nov. 8 (TA). A **Rough-legged Hawk** was spotted near Eagle Point Oct. 26 (HS), and another was spotted near Rogue Valley Manor Nov. 6. Yet another bird has returned to Howard Prairie and was seen on Nov. 11 (FE).

Sandhill Cranes have been on their southbound journey. One hundred forty-seven were at Howard Prairie and two flocks were heard, with fourteen seen near Lost Creek Reservoir Oct. 25 (HS, BH). Seventy-four birds were seen flying into west end of Howard Prairie a few days later, and 11 were seen at Lost Creek Oct. 27 (FE, RA, SP).

Dunlin, Least Sandpipers, Greater Yellowlegs, Wilson's Snipe, Long-billed Dowitchers and **Killdeer** are still being spotted around the county and are expected. Eleven Dunlin were at Kirtland Ponds Nov. 21 (FL).

Bonaparte's Gulls were at Emigrant, Little Hyatt and Howard Prairie Lakes into early November and were seen by multiple observers (BH, FE). **Ring-billed Gull** flocks were being seen at multiple locations with a high count of 98 at Emigrant Lake on Oct. 31 (FL).

A **Barred Owl** was seen near Howard Prairie Nov. 12 (KS). Howard Prairie area is a popular spot for **Great Gray Owls** and there are multiple reports. For those who use eBird, there is a change in the way sensitive species such as Spotted Owl and Great Gray Owl are shown. Accurate locations can be used but they will not be visible publicly. This is to protect these birds from too much disturbance. See this article on the eBird homepage: <http://ebird.org/content/nw/news/sensitive-species-in-ebird/>.

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A late **Common Poorwill** was observed in Takilma on the evening of Oct. 26 (RC). Common Poorwills are known to go into torpor states that may be called hibernation. The Hopi called them “Holchoko,” or little sleeper. A 2004 study in Arizona found that the poorwills there entered a state reminiscent of small mammalian hibernation.

([https://www.uregina.ca/science/biology/people/faculty-research/brigham-mark/files/Woods and Brigham 2004 LITC.pdf](https://www.uregina.ca/science/biology/people/faculty-research/brigham-mark/files/Woods%20and%20Brigham%202004%20LITC.pdf))

A female **Costa's Hummingbird** has been coming to feeder in Merlin for the last several weeks (DV). The **Red-Naped Sapsucker** that has wintered near Picnic area B at Emigrant Lake Park was spotted for the third fall in a row Nov. 4 (KS, ES).

Black Phoebes are being reported in numerous locations around the county—always a delightful bird to watch as it forages. A **Say's Phoebe** was at the north end of Ashland Nov. 10. A number do overwinter in the valley but are less vocal and conspicuous than their cousins.

Winter is the time for **Northern Shrikes** to visit our area and one was at Agate Lake Oct. 29 (BH). A **Black-billed Magpie** was reported at the TNC Whetstone Savanna Nov. 6 (SE). Two **Clark's Nutcrackers** patrolled the backside of Mt. Ashland Oct. 30 (FL).

A smattering of **Horned Larks** has still been moving through the valley. In the winter, large flocks can often be observed in the Klamath Basin, especially in the fields along Straits Drain. Airport Road near Montague, Calif. is also a reliable wintering area.

Ruby-crowned Kinglets are with us now, foraging along with mixed flocks of chickadees, nuthatches and their comrades. Flocks of **American Pipits** are in the wet fields and lake edges. Many will be here until March.

Dennis Vroman struck gold again near the Grange Co-op in Grants Pass by finding a **Northern Parula**. At least three other Grants Pass birders saw the bird. This was near the same location where he found a **Kentucky Warbler** in September.

A **Harris's Sparrow** was at a feeder at a private home in SW Medford Nov. 15 (TP). A few **White-throated Sparrows** have also been reported from across the valley (KY, HS, KS).

A late **Western Tanager** was spotted along Tolman Creek Rd. Oct. 23 (DA). Five **Tricolored Blackbirds** were seen near Agate Lake Nov. 21 (RN).

Pine Siskins continue to be seen around the valley at various locations, often cavorting with **Lesser** and **American Goldfinches**. Maybe this winter a few **Common Redpolls** will join them.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this month's notes, including: Norm Barrett, Gary Shaffer, Howard Sands, Bob Hunter, Rene Allen, Sammie Peat, Shannon Rio, Romain Cooper, Forrest English, Russ Namitz, Janet Kelly, Karl Schneck, Kate McKenzie, Kristi Mergenthaler, Kimberly Young, Auker Guzzetta, Susannah Evans, Eric Setterberg, Tom Aversa and Violet.

All errors and omissions are my own.
Peace.

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 in 2017. 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 am and end before noon.

December Walk:
Wednesday, December 6

January Walk:
Wednesday, January 3

February Walk:
Wednesday, February 7

Great Blue Heron
photo by George Peterson



PROJECT FEEDERWATCH SCHEDULE

Coyote Trails (Medford) PFW

2931 S. Pacific Highway, Medford

Thursdays: Noon – 1:00 pm; open to the public

Dec 14, Dec 28, Jan 11, Jan 25,
Feb 8, Feb 22, Mar 8, March 22

Fridays: Noon – 1:00 pm; open to the public

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

North Mountain Park (Ashland) PFW

620 N. Mountain Ave., Ashland

Fridays: 9:00 – 10:00 am; counts done by one person;
not advertised to the public

Dec 8, Dec 22, Jan 5, Jan 19,
Feb 2, Feb 16, Mar 2, Mar 16

Saturdays: 9:00 – 10:00 am; open to the public

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

The Conservation Column

Every fall, the Oregon Audubon Council holds its Conservation Conference with representatives from Audubon chapters from around the state. This year the meeting was held in Yachats with eleven chapters in attendance. RVAS was ably represented by Linda Kreisman. Here is her report.

Status of progress on OAC 2017 Conservation Priorities

On November 11th I attended the annual Conservation Conference of the Oregon Audubon Council in Yachats. In the morning each Chapter gave a summary of their conservation efforts in 2017, and Bob Sallinger of the Portland Audubon Chapter gave a recap of overall progress on the goals that had been adopted for 2017. In the afternoon priorities were set for 2018.

Some interesting highlights from the local chapter reports were:

Lincoln City: The need to develop wildlife-friendly curriculum for the new Outdoor Schools to keep it from being totally dominated by information from timber interests

Klamath Basin: October aerial survey found the largest number of ducks and geese since 1939!!!

Portland: Wants to share their work with other Oregon chapters and be more helpful to us. May come to RVAS in January.

Salem: This spring ODF&W will start work on a Nature Center at Ankeny Hill

Umpqua: Ford Pond development as a natural area and the success of their Vaux's Swifts watch.

National: May re-organize so we can start to lobby.

Priorities for 2017 were:

Habitat/ Important Bird Areas: Public Lands Defense, Terminal Lakes (Klamath, Lake Abert, and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge), Oceans, Forests, and Grasslands

Species: Cormorants (Columbia R. and Coast), Greater Sage Grouse, Marbled Murrelet, and Condors

Hazards: Lead and Vineyards

Other: Climate Change, ODFW Funding Initiative, and State Bird

Of these priorities, the best progress was made on:

Malheur: The occupation has brought the collaborative work to national attention, and it is being effective. Portland Audubon has full-time, year-round staff on the Refuge for the next three years. RVAS should take advantage of their work.

Oceans: Paul Engelmeyer and his crew had a good year at Cape Perpetua and the 10-Mile Creek Preserve.

Forests: OAC had good success with Elliott Forest and securing forest land in the Marbled Murrelet IBA, but the Forest Practices Reform has stalled (probably a good thing with the Trump Administration).

Marbled Murrelet: State of Oregon appears to support up-listing from Threatened to Endangered – will finalize in winter 2018.

Vineyards: The task group from Umpqua, Salem and Corvallis have issued a report with suggestions for next steps, one of which is to work with the LIVE Certification Program to get bird habitat included. I can email a copy to anyone interested.

The State Bird issue was resolved with a compromise. Oregon now has a State Raptor (Osprey) as well as a State Songbird (Western Meadowlark).

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The worst “progress” was with the following:

Cormorants: The East Sand Island colony in the Columbia River collapsed in 2017, with thousands of birds abandoning their nests in one day and only 140 returning. Portland Audubon won its lawsuit, but the judge has permitted the cormorant killing by the Army Corps of Engineers to continue. There are now no legal pathways to stop the killing.

Greater Sage Grouse: The Federal (BLM) plans are under attack from the Trump Administration and Oregon failed to allocate adequate funding.

ODF&W funding is still \$70 million short of funding for non-game wildlife. The funding bill made no progress in the legislature. May try for a State Referendum next.

All the other 2017 Objectives were worked on without notable successes or failures.

OAC 2018 CONSERVATION PRIORITIES

Many of the 2017 priorities were carried over, with some additional areas of focus, especially related to defense of federal environmental laws and policies.

Federal Government:

Endangered Species Act

Migratory Bird Treaty Act (for more information, see the final section of this Conservation Column)

Public Lands – Forest Practices Act

FEMA Floodplain definition

Wildfires – fuels management and management of post-wildfire areas

Hazards:

Lights out Campaign (state-wide) (<http://audubonportland.org/issues/hazards/buildings/lo>)

Window strikes (<http://audubonportland.org/issues/hazards/buildings/tip>)

Pesticides

Species:

Marbled Murrelets

Lead and Condors

Sage Grouse

Grasslands – Vesper Sparrows and Streaked Horned Larks

Climate Change

Terminal Lakes: Klamath, Malheur, and Abert

Outdoor Schools: Curriculum development for 5th and 6th graders

Marine Reserves

ODF&W Funding

Bird Friendly Vineyards – Investigate LIVE certifications (<https://livecertified.org/>)

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Statement on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act from the National Audubon Society:

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) is America's cornerstone bird conservation law. Audubon led the charge to help pass the law in 1918, and it has since saved millions of birds and numerous species from the brink of extinction. Now signs are pointing to growing threats to this law, placing America's birdlife in danger.

The MBTA protects most of the nation's native birds by making it unlawful to kill, hunt, sell, or possess more than 1,000 species, along with their nests, eggs, and feathers, without a permit. It is credited with helping turn the tide against the plume trade and market hunting, which devastated bird populations in the early 20th century. Today, threats to birds continue, and the protections afforded by the MBTA are as vital as ever.

In recent years, the law has come under attack. Audubon rallied to oppose the "bird killer amendment" in 2015, which would have prevented any enforcement of the law. Legislation introduced last Congress would have given a free pass to deaths from industrial activities that incidentally kill birds, such as oil waste pits, power lines, and gas flares. Neither effort moved forward in the last Congress.

Audubon also supported a proactive approach to strengthening the MBTA by addressing these industrial activities more directly through a permit process. The process has since been suspended by the Trump administration.

In this current political environment, core laws like the Endangered Species Act and others are under increasing attack. Chatter about undermining the MBTA is growing, from the halls of Washington to the pages of the *Wall Street Journal*, and the threat to the law is expanding. These efforts could limit or end the protections for about 1,000 species of birds, from backyard birds like American Robins, to Red-tailed Hawks, and Common Loons, and declining species across the country like American Kestrels, Cerulean Warblers, and more.

We will be working hard to defend the MBTA. As we approach the law's one hundredth anniversary, we will be on guard to continue Audubon's proud legacy and keep the MBTA just as vital and effective in its next century. Please stay tuned for opportunities to take action.

Medford Christmas Bird Count

This year the Rogue Valley Audubon Society's Medford Christmas bird count will be on **Saturday, December 16.**

This important event gives everybody an opportunity to be part of the biggest citizen science effort in the New World. From December 14 through January 5, tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas take part in an adventure that has become a family tradition among generations. Audubon and other organizations use data collected in this longest-running wildlife census to assess the health of bird populations—and to help guide conservation action.

The area for the Medford Christmas Bird Count is a circle 15 miles in diameter, centered a mile or so west of the junction of Hwy 140 and Hwy 62 in White City. The circle has been carved up into 15 sections. Each section is entrusted to an experienced leader who makes the decisions as to times and routes. Some leaders welcome newcomers to their teams. Others may prefer to team up with experienced, hardy birders who can cope with difficult terrain and a fast pace. Hard-core birders go from dawn to dark in all weather, which is sometimes wet, foggy, and cold.

Those who live in the count circle and have bird feeders can do a feeder watch and add their sightings to the count. CBC feeder watch instructions and a tally sheet can be obtained by contacting Bob Hunter (contact information below).

Birds not seen in the count circle on the count day can still be included in the count if seen during the count week, which is from December 13^h through December 19th.

The teams will meet from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm to report how the day went and to tally the birds. **The meeting will be at Jackson Creek Pizza, 317 E Main St, Medford.** Everyone is welcome to come to the tally, even if you did not participate.

If you are interested in participating contact Bob Hunter at: bobhunter@embarqmail.com or 541-778-3310.

ASHLAND CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Saturday, December 30, 2017

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 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.

Birders who wish to count those birds that visit their backyard feeders are also encouraged to join the Ashland CBC lineup. Newcomers are always welcome to participate in this traditional citizen science effort. The Ashland CBC is coordinated by Carol Mockridge and Emmalisa Whalley. To join a counting group or for more information, contact Carol Mockridge at mockridge50@hotmail.com

RVAS Holiday Party

When: Saturday, December 2nd 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
bird habitat improvement projects in the Rogue Valley.
Specific projects will be announced as they are developed.

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 recent travel photographs and The Warblers are planning to fly in again and, for small cash inducements, will entertain us with avian melodies.

*** See full list of Auction items on the next page! ***

Holiday Party Auction Items

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Northwest Nature Shop
Siskiyou Field Institute
The Grange Co-op
Ashland Food Co-op
Bloomsbury Books
Branson's Chocolates

WINES AND OTHER GOODIES

Grizzly Peak Winery and Platt Anderson Cellars
Dagoba Chocolates
Rogue Valley Roasting Co. Coffee

ART

Hand-knitted shawls by Marge Maddux
Three oil paintings of ducks by Joan Brown
Five drawings by Nate Trimble
Watercolor painting by Barbara Massey
Meadowlark print by Erin Linton
Wood carving by Mike Guest
Ceramics by Cheryl Kempner and Bella DeLallo),

GIFT BASKETS

Peterson's specialty food, wines and products from an Italian kitchen
Breeze Botanicals

FUNCTIONAL ART

Tuscany Bench (46" L x 16" W x 18" H at 175 lbs.); flame-finished granite paired with a zinc-plated, hand forged iron base
Lenox Winter Greetings plates and carafe)

OVERNIGHTS

Lithia Springs Resort
Rocky Point Resort lakeview room with four hours of kayak or canoe

FIELD TRIPS

Botanical Walk with Jeanine Moy
SOU Ornithology Lab Exploration and talk with Stewart Janes
A Morning of Birding for four at the Ousterhout Farm
Full Day off I-5 Birding with Harry Fuller for up to seven
Klamath Basin Raptors with Dick Ashford for three

Bird-Centric Events from Around the Region

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DATE: Wednesday, January 31, 2018

TIME: 6:00—7:00 pm

PLACE: 961 Medford Center, Medford

COST: Free

PRESENTER Shannon Rio

ASHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Calling All Owls

Participants will learn the characteristics of owls that make them unique birds of prey. Participants will also learn to identify the calls of common owls found in Ashland and throughout Jackson County. Other less-common owl species will also be discussed. Slides will be utilized to illustrate the common and uncommon owls of our region. Paper, pen or pencil and a field guide for Western Birds will be helpful. *Please register online at ashland.or.us/register or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606.*

DATE: Wednesday, December 6

TIME: 6:30—8:00 pm

PLACE: North Mountain Park, 620 N. Mountain Ave, Ashland

COST: \$15

INSTRUCTOR Vince Zauskey has conducted bird surveys, led field trips and taught classes for North Mountain Park since 1999.

2018 WINTER WINGS FESTIVAL

Winter birds at their finest! Winter Wings brings together birders and photographers of all stripes to learn and explore with top notch professionals and enthusiastic local guides. The Klamath Basin is renowned for its massive wintering population of Bald Eagles, but is prime habitat for many other raptors including owls, as well as a stunning abundance and diversity of waterfowl. The 2018 Festival will feature three dynamic keynoters: Author and woodpecker specialist **Stephen Shunk**, wild-life photographer **Moose Peterson**; and author and instructor with the Cornell Lab, **Kevin McGowan**. **Registration opens December 16.**

DATE: Thursday, February 15 through Sunday, February 18, 2018

PLACE: Oregon Institute of Technology, 3201 Campus Drive, Klamath Falls, Oregon

WEBSITE: www.WinterWingsFest.org

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 and participating in society activities. 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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2017-2018 RVAS Program Schedule

December 2:

No program, Holiday Party!

January 23:

"The Ocean: Threats and Prospects"

Presented by Daphne Fautin and
Bob Buddemeier

February 27:

"Birds of Patagonia"

Presented by Brandon Breen

March 27:

Presentation by KS Wild, TBD

April 24:

"Lake Abert: Its Salinity and the Effect on
Its Birds"

Presented by Ron Larson



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