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FEBRUARY Virtual Program Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7:00 pm Dead Wood & Healthy Habitats



Northern Flicker
Credit: Frank Lospalluto

Dead wood – be it dead standing trees or snags, downed wood in streams and on land, or decaying wood with cavities – is important for wildlife habitat and vegetation communities. This joint program of the Native Plant Society of Oregon Siskiyou Chapter and Rogue Valley Audubon Society will feature two expert speakers.

Dr. Pepper Trail, naturalist and ornithologist, will discuss cavity-nesting birds and other wildlife. Eighty-five bird species nest in cavities in North America, including Wood Duck, Western Screech-Owl, and White-breasted Nuthatch, as well as all woodpecker species. Many of these cavity-nesting species, such as American Kestrel and Mountain Bluebird, are declining due to the lack of suitable habitat, and especially the loss of snags. Snags are also essential to many mammal species, including fishers, flying squirrels, and silver-haired bats.

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About the Speakers

Well-known local naturalist Pepper Trail has recently retired after more than 20 years as the ornithologist for the National Fish and Wildlife Forensic Lab in Ashland. He is the long-time conservation co-chair of the Rogue Valley Audubon Society and has been a leader in many regional conservation efforts, from the creation of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument to searches for the critically endangered Franklin's Bumble Bee.

Lance Wyss is the Restoration Biologist for Rogue River Watershed Council. He works with private landowners and public natural resources managers to design, implement, and monitor ecological restoration projects that include riparian rehabilitation and instream enhancement to improve stream processes, water quality, and plant and animal habitats.

IMPORTANT: This month's talk is sponsored by the Rogue River Watershed Council, Southern Oregon Land Conservancy, and Pollinator Project Rogue Valley. **To register for this free Zoom talk,** visit the following link and select the option for February 17, 2022: bit.ly/sisk-nps-talks.

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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.

NOTE: Until further notice, chapter meetings will be held on Zoom.

Costa's Hummingbird Visits Medford

By Kay Simmons

Resident bird lovers at Rogue Valley Manor in Medford have been delighted to have a male Costa's Hummingbird visit this winter. This is one of the smallest known birds, measuring just 3.5 inches in length. The male has vibrant purple feathers flaring out from its throat. The Costa's was first spotted by Lee Purkerson on Nov. 26, 2021, in the outside penthouse garden on the 11th floor of the Manor. The identification was confirmed by Gary Shaffer.

Costa's Hummingbirds winter in Mexico, so it is a surprise that this Costa's male is overwintering here. Gary Schaffer notes that Costa's are rare in Jackson County even in the summer, and he is not aware of a Costa's ever wintering in Jackson County before.

This particular Costa's Hummingbird has been a continuous visitor to the penthouse garden for almost 2 months. Residents have added a second heated feeder to ensure that the hummingbird has a continuous food supply. Gary and another resident, David Guzzetta, had previously been coordinating some birder visits to see the Costa's. However, as of Jan. 4, 2022, the Rogue Valley Manor is now closed to non-resident visitors to see the Costa's due to COVID.

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Gary Shaffer, Carolyn Auken and David Guzzetta at the Rogue Valley Manor penthouse garden. Costa's Hummingbird is on the last pot to the right.

Status of upcoming events

Field trips - Denman Bird Walk is back! March 2, April 6, May 4

January Chapter Meeting:
Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7:00 pm

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There is considerable interest in birds at the Manor. David Guzzetta and Carolyn Auker organize the Manor's birding newsletter for the Manor with a list of over 90 names. They note that the Rogue Valley Manor (RVM campus) is a Jackson County birding hotspot with 144 species identified on the campus. The Costa's was their 144th species.

Note: As of publication, this Costa's Hummingbird was last seen by Manor residents on January 20, 2022.

The 2021 Ashland Christmas Bird Count by Carol Mockridge and Emmalisa Whalley

The 2021 Ashland Christmas Count continued again in this time of COVID with 57 participants on Jan. 2, 2022. Both the species and the individual bird numbers were down from the last three years. The final count was 105 species (last year was 111) and 8,159 individual birds (last year 13,124). High winds, fog, snow, and low temperatures probably affected the numbers. The top three species seen were Dark-eyed Juncos at 1,027, European Starlings coming in at 825, and Cedar Waxwings coming in third at 673. At the Zoom recap meeting, both Area 5 and 6 leaders spoke of seeing surprisingly large flocks of waxwings flying overhead throughout the day.



Costa's Hummingbird
Credit: Gary Shaffer



Barred Owl
Credit: Kay Simmons

Area 1 leaders Dick Ashford and John Bullock continued to enjoy access to many private properties in the Cascade foothills. Dick saw a Rough-legged Hawk at the exact same spot and time of day as last year. The Area 2 "KBO Team" reported fewer waterfowl at Billing's Pond and the greenway, and no Wrentits or Wilson's Snipes that were regulars in past years. Area 3, led by Janet Kelly, counted at a frozen Ashland Pond and nearby greenway, where two Bald Eagles still managed to find a duck to eat. They missed several regular species but did report the only Wilson's Snipe and Marsh Wren.

Area 4, led by Rene Allen and Sammie Peat, braved a punishing wind that at least cleared the fog away. This allowed Kent Patrick-Riley to spot six Greater White-fronted Geese flying overhead. Their raptor list was commendable: Rough-legged Hawk, Turkey Vulture (seen by Vince Zausky in North Mountain Park), Cooper's Hawk, juvenile Bald Eagle, and Peregrine Falcon. "It was interesting which birds we didn't see: no Belted Kingfisher, Brown Creeper, Wrentit, Hermit Thrush, Ring-necked Duck, Cedar Waxwings, Common Goldeneye (found at Wingspread Mobile Home last year), Coot, Merlin, Hairy Woodpecker, or Brewer's Blackbird."

Carol Mockridge and Stewart Janes, birding some treacherous icy roads above the boulevard in Area 5, spotted two Townsend's Warblers on a feeder across from Glenwood Park. Bill Herring also had a couple at his feeders further up on Mountain Ave. Bob Quaccia "double dipped" this year and combined his Lithia Park CBC with his annual dipper count. Like last year, he found two American Dippers.

Area 6, led by Jamie Trammell, was alerted that a Barred Owl was in fellow RVAS Board Member Kay Simmons' neighborhood at the south end of Ashland (see photo on page 3). Long-time Area 7 leaders Linda and Peter Kreisman were disappointed when a pair of nesting Great Horned Owls disappeared a couple of years ago from a favorite stop at an old barn. "So, it was a delight to find that another pair has discovered this barn. Hopefully the mouse population has recovered from the first pair and they will have food for many years," Linda said.

Area 8 around Emigrant Lake began with wild weather, at 27 degrees and with 40 mph winds. Leader George Peterson recounted that the wind actually knocked over the scope. But between waves on the lake, they were able to see an Eared Grebe and Double-crested Cormorant. George said a very memorable sighting was at least 100 Western

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Great Horned Owls
Credit: Peter Kreisman



Meadowlarks migrating across a small field.

Up in the snowy woods and fields in Area 9, Bob Hunter reported that “the birds were quiet and scarce.” His highlight of the day was a juvenile Golden Eagle taking off from the side of the road and flying within a foot of the windshield. “They are very large birds!” he added.

Frank Lospalluto located the only Northern Saw-whet Owl, Williamson’s Sapsucker, and Canada Jay in Area 10 up on Mount Ashland. When he started it was 14 degrees, and he ended in a balmy 30 degrees.

A big thank you to all of the tenacious area leaders and participants who keep the Ashland Christmas Bird Count going no matter the challenges!

2021 Medford Christmas Bird Count Summary

By Bob Hunter

Another year where COVID has limited CBC participation, but we still managed to have a great count. We had 46 participants, plus the youngest count participant, 14-month-old Willow Trimble. Willow made sure that Nate Trimble and Sarah Rockwell didn't overlook any birds. Participation and effort were logged at 130.6 party hours and 496.83 miles.

There were 123 species tallied on count day, with 1 additional species (Loggerhead Shrike) seen during count week. There were 48,573 individual birds counted this year, up about 10,000 birds from last year. European Starlings were the most numerous birds counted this year at 15,879; American Robins came in second at 12,951.

It always amazes me that each year we still manage to get a high count for a bird species seen on the Medford count. This year we had 272 Bufflehead, the previous high being 205; 472 Acorn Woodpeckers, the previous high being 449; 45 Black Phoebe, the previous high being 35; and 170 Horned Larks, the previous high being 95. A count of 9 Rock Wrens tied the previous high, and a count of 2 Orange-crowned Warblers also tied a count high. The rarest bird of the count was the Costa's Hummingbird seen by Nate Trimble's team. This bird has been hanging around the Rogue Valley Manor all winter. 242 Red-tailed Hawks were seen, approaching the previous count high for them. Mourning Dove numbers of 232 seemed low, and again we had another count without any gulls. Gulls have been seen in 48 previous counts.

As usual, Stewart Janes' team covering the west side of the count circle had a team high of 86 species, including the count's lone Hutton's Vireo as well as the count's only Eurasian Wigeon. Norm Barret's team had the second most species (77), including the count's only American White Pelican, only the third time one has been observed in the Medford count. Jade Keehn's team covered the Agate Lake area and had the count's only House Wren – this is only the 5th time one has been observed in the Medford count. Only one pheasant was counted by Ron Ketchum's team in the Eagle Point area. Vince Zauskey's team



Stewart Janes and Amanda Alford off to a very cold start along S. Stage Road by recording 15 species in the Medford CBC. Photo by Carol Mockridge.

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the count's only Great-tailed Grackle, seen for only the 5th time in the Medford count as well as the count week Loggerhead Shrike (spotted by Janet Kelly). Pepper Trail's team found the only Great-horned Owl and Pileated Woodpecker (in the Kelly's slough area), and Frank Lospalluto and Kristi Mergenthaler found the count's only Tree Swallow. Norm's and Pepper's teams each found a Northern Pygmy Owl, which is always a great find.

Thanks to all the team leaders and participants for making the count safe and successful this year.



The Conservation Column

by Pepper Trail

Happy New Year! Well, perhaps not as happy as we might wish, with Omicron still surging and just about complete deadlock in Washington. But there are still juncos and kinglets and waxwings and wigeons to lift our spirits! And plenty of conservation work to be done.

Let's start off with a local issue. Ashland's Imperatrice property east of 1-5 is a gem, with over 800 acres of open grassland that is home to the largest population of Grasshopper Sparrows in southern Oregon – and perhaps the whole state. As many of you know, the property is currently leased for cattle grazing and closed to public access. But thanks to RVAS, the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy, and friends in Ashland city government, the cattle are only grazing the area below the irrigation ditch, away from the main areas used by the Grasshopper Sparrows. We have defeated various other destructive development ideas for the property over the years.

This fall, we learned of a new threat to the Imperatrice. The Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association (RVMBA), as part of a proposal for a sprawling expansion of Ashland's already extensive mountain bike trails, wants to put bike trails on the Imperatrice.

RVAS submitted a letter in opposition to this plan. Here is an excerpt, with links to the RVMBA proposals:

"It is the position of RVAS that the Imperatrice is no place for mechanized recreation. Quiet and contemplative activities are the only appropriate human uses of this property – and mountain biking, with its emphasis on speed and adrenaline, certainly does not qualify. The impacts of bikes speeding around even a single loop trail would extend far beyond the footprint of the trail, causing disturbance that would likely lead to the abandonment of the area by Grasshopper Sparrows.

The current proposal (at pp. 28-30 of: https://www.ashland.or.us/SIB/files/RVMBA_SustainableMountainBikeTrails.pdf) appears to focus on a loop trail encircling the property above the ditch, while also discussing a possible "dual slalom" track. More detail on the "dual slalom" concept can be found on pp. 14-22 of this document, as "2016 trails concept for Imperatrice": https://www.ashland.or.us/SIB/files/APRC/2021/TrailsMasterPlanReview_CreatedNov1_21/SMP_options.pdf. That "concept" included a whole network of trails, which would fragment the Imperatrice habitat and spread disturbance to every corner of the property.

This "dual slalom" concept is a nightmare. The illustrations on pp. 18-22 of the "2016 trails concept" show a huge and ugly footprint, designed for large competitive events, with extensive areas for parking and spectators. Even if this was located below the ditch, such massive development would completely alter the character of the Imperatrice, permanently mar the Ashland viewshed, and preclude appropriate conservation-centered management of this unique property."

At this point, this proposal seems unlikely to attract serious support. We will do all we can to make sure that stays true.

And here are updates on some of Audubon's statewide priorities, from the Oregon Audubon Council:

Priority # 1 – Defense of federal lands and environmental laws

The change in administration allows the conservation community to move from defense to offense. There is significant damage to be repaired from the last four years as well as opportunity to advance new initiatives.

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- **Migratory Bird Treaty Act:** The Biden Administration has reversed efforts to weaken the Migratory Bird Treaty Act by restoring incidental take provisions.
- **Spotted Owl Critical Habitat:** The Biden Administration has reversed efforts to weaken Northern Spotted Owl protections by restoring the vast majority of critical habitat designations that were removed under the Trump Administration.
- **River Democracy Act:** Kalmiopsis Audubon Society continues to help lead an effort to support passage of a law to protect the headwaters of several rivers in southwest Oregon from the threat of nickel strip mining—the Southwest Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act—and is working with a coalition to designate more wild and scenic rivers in our region and all over Oregon.
- **Double-crested Cormorants:** Portland Audubon continues to explore litigation related to the EIS allowing the killing of more than 120,000 Double-crested Cormorants annually which could place the small western population at significant risk.
- **Klamath Basin:** Funding was secured by Sen Jeff Merkley for the Klamath Basin (>\$160 million). It is not clear at this point how much of that money will go towards the refuge.

Priority #2: Klamath National Wildlife Refuge

- The Klamath faced one of the worst droughts on record in 2021 and it was anticipated that it would see one of the worst botulism outbreaks ever as a result in the Klamath. This followed a botulism outbreak in 2020 which killed an estimated 60,000 birds. However, a variety of factors which are still being analyzed resulted in minimal cases of botulism being documented in 2021. It is possible that the lack of water caused many birds to bypass the Klamath altogether on their Southern Migration.
- California Waterfowl Association was able to secure some water rights for the Klamath.

Priority #3: Malheur National Wildlife Refuge

- The refuge is advancing a new 6 year, \$6 million OWEB grant which includes development and implementation of a strategy to restore Malheur Lake. One of the strategies being given serious consideration but which needs significant additional exploration is installing levees in the lake to break it into smaller more manageable units. Audubon has not taken a position on this approach but did raise significant concerns that need more investigation.

Priority #4: Forests

- **Oregon Forest Practices Act (OFPA) Reform:** After more than a year of negotiations, conservation and timber interests did reach agreement on expanding riparian protections on private forests managed under the Oregon Forest Practices Act. The agreements include expanding riparian buffers for fish and non-fish bearing streams, protections for steep slopes and debris channels, expanded road standards, improved culverts standards, and also improved protections for beaver. The next step is to advance legislation in the 2022 legislative session to codify the agreements. The Governor has made this her top legislative priority for 2022. The State will also seek approval of an Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) within 6 years to cover salmon, steelhead and bull trout and five amphibian species. This represents the biggest advancement of OFPA in a couple of decades.
- **Legislation is advancing in the 2022 legislative session which would create a new Elliott State Research Forest Authority** under the State of Oregon with OSU managing (but not owning) the forest. The legislation put in place the new structure, a new board structure, accountability mechanisms, etc. Conservation groups are actively tracking this legislation including some Audubon chapters. Cascadia Wildlands, Coast Forest Watch OLCV, Oregon Wild, Wild Salmon Center, etc. are supporting advancing this legislation. Parallel work is also occurring to advance Elliott HCP and a Forest Management Plan. In general it is fair to say that after a number of bumps in the road, the Elliott process is effectively advancing forward with strong natural resource protections.
- **Western Oregon Forests Habitat Conservation Plan:** Several chapters are tracking the development of a Habitat Conservation Plan for the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests. In the fall, the Board of Forestry voted to continue work on this plan which is supported by the conservation community. A draft HCP was released for comments in March. Work is currently underway on a Forest Management Plan.

So, lots of work being done to make this a happy new year for birds and other wildlife. Now, back to the juncos and kinglets and waxwings and wigeons!

Field Notes for Jackson County January 2022

By Frank Lospalluto

*Even the upper end of the river
believes in the ocean.
William Stafford*

Most of the expected winter waterfowl have been observed this month around the valley with the arrival of some much-needed moisture. A **TRUMPETER SWAN** was heard calling as it passed over Siskiyou Summit the morning of Jan. 10 (VL). Two Trumpeters were on the Klamath River below the Klamathon Bridge Jan. 22(VL). So perhaps the same birds. **Tundra Swans** are back in the pastures along Table Rock Rd. at the big bend below Lower Table Rock, with up to 14 being reported (DG). Twenty five were seen near Mingus Pond Jan. 7 (RC).

A female **Eurasian Wigeon** has been out on Stewart Meadows Golf Course with a flock of American Wigeon first noted Jan. 7 (GS). A female **Surf Scoter** was observed below the Peyton Bridge East Trail at Lost Creek Lake Jan. 11 (HS).



Female Eurasian Widgeon with American Widgeons
Credit: Gary Shaffer

Three **Sooty Grouse** were observed near the Rogue River Trail North Shore at Lost Creek Lake Jan. 9 (KS). This is noteworthy in terms of elevation being below 2000 ft. Sooty Grouse are thought to mainly inhabit mountain areas in our region generally above 3000 ft. With the low snow levels early in the month, the birds may have been driven lower.

Horned Grebe have been reported numerous times from Lost Creek Lake area this month. A single bird was reported on Little Butte Creek in Denman Jan. 20 (JH). Twenty-three **Eared Grebe** were on Lost Creek Lake below the Peyton Bridge East Trail Jan. 11 (HS). A similar number was reported last winter when the Long-tailed Ducks were found out there.

A **COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD** was found in December at the Rogue Valley Manor in the Penthouse Gardens, and continued into January (GS). Access to view the bird was curtailed after Jan. 4 due to COVID concerns, but many people were able to 'tick' this bird. As it is, the bird has not been seen by residents since Jan. 20.

In what is apparently another new normal, an **American White Pelican** was seen flying over Kirtland Ponds by four observers Jan. 8 (SP, RA, TS, AC). Winter observations of this species have increased dramatically the last three winters. The **Black-crowned Night-Heron** roost at Whetstone Pond is active, with three or more birds being seen during the day there.

Turkey Vultures are also being reported this month as some birds do overwinter now. A few birds were reported in December and as we approach February more will be rocking into the valley. A lone **Osprey** was seen below Lost Creek Dam Jan. 8 (NB, GS, JL). **Rough-legged Hawks** continue to be reported from different locations. **Ferruginous Hawks** have been reported a few times this month, mostly from the Sams Valley area though one was seen Jan. 10 along I-5 near Talent (DI, SF).

Two **Williamson's Sapsucker** and three **White-headed Woodpeckers** were reported from Howard Prairie Lake area Jan. 22 (EB). Two **Red-naped x Red-breasted Sapsucker** hybrids were reported consorting together along the Bear Creek Greenway in Ashland Jan. 21 (VL). The Cascades in southern Oregon is a hybrid zone for these species, and in the winter any reported Red-naped Sapsucker should be documented carefully as we do see a few hybrids every winter in the valley.

Say's Phoebes were reported widely this month and as February approaches there may be an uptick as these birds start to migrate and pulse through our area. An exciting and beautiful bird to spot in any weedy pasture or backyard.

Two **Loggerhead Shrikes** were seen by multiple observers this month. One bird was a holdover from 2021 at Kirtland Rd. Ponds (JK). Another bird was along Campbell Rd. near the KDOV radio tower, found Jan. 4 (GS). Not many reports of **Northern Shrike** this winter but one was spotted Jan. 3 along Brophy Rd. (JK).

Five **Black-billed Magpies** greeted multiple New Year's Day birders at the Valley View Transfer Station where they are semi-regular. A single bird was spotted at Ashland Airport Jan. 2 (TS).

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Horned Larks were reported from the Medco A flats at Lost Creek Lake, with two seen Jan. 15 (JL, NB) and three Jan. 24 (TM). From a couple of photographs, I saw they are likely the Pacific NW endemic 'Streaked' Horned Lark subspecies that breed in the Willamette Valley. This subspecies was listed as threatened under the ESA by the USFWS in October 2013.

Forty-five **Tree Swallows** were reported from Lost Creek Lake Jan. 24 (TM). They have also been seen over the Denman area and Kirtland Rd. Ponds this month. Two **Barn Swallows** were over Whetstone Pond Jan. 20 (SH).

Five **Lark Sparrows** were reported from Sams Valley Jan. 13 (NB, JL, GS). Some Lark Sparrows overwinter but are very underreported. A scattering of **White-throated Sparrows** is being reported along Bear Creek and North Mountain Park. "*Oh-sweet -Canada...*"

A few **Tricolored Blackbirds** have been out near the cattle yards on Brophy Rd. as in most winters. And a small flock was along Irish Lane off Butler Creek per usual.

A **Great-tailed Grackle** was seen off Highbanks Rd. Jan. 3 (JK). Another bird was at Whetstone Pond Jan. 18 (HS). And another in White City Jan. 26 (GS). Check the fast-food parking lots out there, a bird for our times.

A few **Orange-crowned Warblers** have been seen along Bear Creek, and one was in a Central Point backyard Jan. 9 (CW). A couple of **Townsend's Warbler** have been reported from Ashland area, with one up in the watershed Jan. 8 (JD) and another on Park St. Jan. 19 (JB).

Thank you to all observers including: Janet Kelly, Gary Shaffer, Norm Barrett, Jim Livaudais, Rene Allen, Sammie Peat, Elliot Bury, Tanner Martin, Karl Schneck, Leslie Hart, Roxanna Tessman, Bob Hunter, Anne Goff, Timothy Sorby, Andre Carvalhaes, Kate Cleland-Siple, Howard Sands, Kristi Mergenthaler, Pepper Trail, Nate Trimble, John Alexander, Dave Garcia, Carol Wagenet, Joe Donaldson, Jim Hostick, Tom McEntee, Erin Linton, Erin Ulrich, Jennifer Bagshaw, Susan Harrison, Rachel Castro, Kay Simmons, Dave Irons, Shawneen Finnegan, and Violet.

BIRDCENTRIC EVENTS FROM AROUND THE REGION

Wild Birds Unlimited

Holy Water and McGregor Park Walk

Max McClarnon will be leading a bird walk to the Holy Water and McGregor Park. This area is north of Medford off Hwy 62, near the Lost Creek Lake/Dam and Fish Hatchery. Limited to 9 participants. All COVID protocols in place. Call the store at (541) 772-2107 or come in to register and get directions on where to meet.

DATE: Saturday, February 19

TIME: 9:00 am

COST: Free

Klamath Wildlife Refuge Day Trip

Erin Linton will be leading a bird walk to Klamath Wildlife Refuge. This will be an all-day trip so bring snacks, water, & lunch, etc. Limited to 6 vehicles. We will be staying in our vehicles on the auto tour while at the refuge. We will meet at the store at 7:30 am and won't be back until late afternoon. Call the store at (541) 772-2107 or come in to register and get directions on where to meet.

DATE: Saturday, February 26

TIME: 7:30 am

COST: Free

First Wednesday Bird Walk: March 2, April 6, May 4

First Wednesday Bird Walk has resumed at the Denman Wildlife Area. Walks begin at 8:30 am and end before noon. Jim Hostick is the leader. The gate will be open from 8:00 - 8:20 am. Participants need to purchase an ODFW Area Parking Permit at the ODFW Office, Sportsman Warehouse on Delta Waters and Highway 62 in Medford, or at Bi-Mart. We request that all participants be vaccinated for COVID-19.

Directions to meeting spot: We will meet at the entrance off Agate Rd. between 1/4 and 1/2 mile past the fire station on the left side of the road. Coming out Table Rock Rd., turn right on Antelope Rd. and go to the light on Agate Rd. and turn left. The fire station will be on your left at the corner of Ave. G and Agate Rd. Go 1/4 to 1/2 mile past the fire station and the gate will be on your left. Coming out on Highway 62 to Antelope Rd., turn left and go to the next light. Turn right and continue to the gate on Agate Rd.

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121st Christmas Bird Count Stats at a Glance

(courtesy of National Audubon)

- 2,355 species detected
- 44,583,127 individual birds detected
- Most species in the US: Matagorda County-Mad Island Marsh, Texas (224 species)
- Most species in Latin America: Mindo-Tandayapa, Pichincha, Ecuador (374 species)
- 142 count circles had over 150 species
- 2,459 circles counted
 - * 1,842 in the US
 - * 451 in Canada
 - * 166 in Latin America, Caribbean, and Pacific Islands
- 130,059.39 count hours
- 539,359.53 miles traveled
- 72,815 observers



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