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General Meeting

Thursday, February 17, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church

A Year of Corvallis Audubon Field Trips

A presentation by Rich Armstrong, with photos by Cheryl Welchel

Rich Armstrong has been the Corvallis Audubon Field Trip leader for the last several years and has taken members and friends to see cool birds of all sorts, from bitterns and phalaropes to orioles and kingbirds. This month he'll try to inspire you to go on ASC field trips, with some photos by Cheryl Welchel to show the possibilities. Expect to see some good stuff!

Dr. Armstrong has been a birder for 20+ years, and has found many interesting birds in the Corvallis area since moving here 6 years ago. Rich received a PhD degree from Stanford University in Nuclear Inorganic Chemistry in 1974. He served 6 years in the Army, including 3 years as Professor of Chemistry at West Point, and 15 years in Army Reserves and National Guard as a Nuclear and Chemical Officer. He worked 20+ years for Texaco and was one of the inventors of extended-life antifreeze that has been in all GM, Caterpillar, and many others for 10+ years.

Doors open at 6:30 pm for refreshments and visiting. The chapter meeting commences at 7:00 pm, followed by the guest lecture at 7:30 pm. Questions about the series can be directed to Dave Mellinger at David.Mellinger@oregonstate.edu or 541-757-7953.

Directions

Note: Old meeting room

For February ONLY, the General Meeting will be in the old meeting room of the First Presbyterian Church, 114 SW Eighth Street.

Dave Mellinger

New Education Chair

ASC is pleased to announce that we have a new Education Chair! Michelle Croft moved to Corvallis about a month ago and promptly contacted us about getting involved with education at ASC. Michelle comes to us from the Utah State Park system, where she was an education specialist and park naturalist. She has 7 years experience working in nature education with various park, refuge and Audubon chapters in Ohio and Utah. The education committee, after their meeting with her, stated that "We were all very impressed with her dedication to nature education, experience, enthusiasm, creativity and initiative". Welcome, Michelle!

And a very big thank you to Marcia Cutler, for her many years as Education Chair for ASC. Marcia has kept the education programs going and put in countless hours as a volunteer. She plans to continue as a member of the Education Committee, which will be meeting monthly.

Karan Fairchild



Common Merganser photo by Matt Lee

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East Thornton Lake Natural Area



Western Pond Turtle photo by Steve Reed

The East Thornton Lake Natural Area (ETLNA) is a unique landscape known for its varied habitat with exceptional wildlife and bird watching opportunities. The City of Albany acquired the 27 acre site in November 2010 with the help of The Trust for Public Lands and strong support from the scientific, educational and conservation communities. The City intends to establish this site as The East Thornton Lake Natural Area and Kalapuya Interpretive Center with trails, pavilion, kiosks and a small rustic park with a nature based children's play area. <http://www.cityofalbany.net/parks/etlna/>

ETLNA is located ½ mile from the confluence of the Calapooia and Willamette Rivers in N. Albany and holds great potential to become Benton County's newest outdoor classroom. Thornton Lake is an oxbow of the Willamette River, which backflows into the lake during the rainy winter months. The lake was continuous with the Willamette R. during the 1996 and 1997 flood events.

Because of its proximity to the river confluence and rich plant & animal diversity, the area was used historically by the Kalapuya peoples, an antecedent of the Confeder-



Green Heron photo by Steve Reed

ated Tribes of Grand Ronde. There is a high likelihood that artifacts still exist on the land which is now part of the Thornton Lake site. The property was also part of the original Jesse Quinn Thornton Land Claim of 1850. J.Q. Thornton came to Oregon on the Oregon Trail in 1846 and was appointed as a Supreme Court Judge of the Provisional Government. In 1847, Thornton traveled by sailing ship around the Horn to Washington D.C. where he lobbied Congress to make Oregon a Territory (and anti-slavery). He is credited with coining the State motto, "She Flies With Her Own Wings". He and his wife were both educators with ties to Willamette & Pacific Universities. Their original homestead was located off of West Thornton Lake Road.



Belted Kingfisher photo by Steve Reed



Great Blue Heron photo by Steve Reed

An area of exceptional biodiversity, this site includes: upland prairie-(will be restored as oak savannah), wooded riparian, freshwater emergent marsh and aquatic lakebed. These distinct habitats provide homes for a vast array of resident and migratory birds and wildlife. River otter, red fox, Green Herons, and the rare freshwater floater mussels can be found here. It is also one of the few homes for nesting populations of both the Western Pond and Painted turtles which are listed as "critical" on the Oregon Sensitive Species List. It is also noteworthy that Thornton Lake is home to several aquatic plant species of restricted oc-



Spotted Sandpiper photo by Steve Reed

currence elsewhere in Oregon such as *Brasenia schreberi* and *Potamogeton zosteriformis*. The latter has only 11 recordings in the entire state and only one (from 1939) for Benton County.

The Thornton Lake area has been a part of Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Count (Airlie-Albany sector). In recent years, nearly 50 species of birds have been identified in the Thornton area alone. Ten of these are listed as Priority Species with the Oregon Conservation Strategy. Preservation and restoration of the Thornton Lake habitat will protect many existing bird populations and may lead to re-establishment of other species currently in decline.

The City of Albany must raise \$1 million by October 2011 to complete the purchase of the East Thornton Lake Natural Area property. While most of the funds will come from grants, at least \$100,000 must be raised through private cash donations. If you would like to donate directly to the city of Albany, please contact the project manager Ed Hodney at ed.hodney@cityofalbany.net or 541-917-7769. Contributions are also being accepted through one of the project's partners, the Calapooia Watershed Council. Please visit their website to donate at <http://www.calapooia.org/east-thornton-lake-natural-area/>

Volunteers are also needed for fundraising and to help preserve and restore the site's known habitat for sensitive species including the native Western Pond and Western Painted turtles, Red-legged frog, native upland and aquatic plants, freshwater mussels and native fish.

Visit the project web site at <http://www.cityofalbany.net/parks/etlna/> to volunteer and to see more of Steve Reed's amazing wildlife photos.

Annette Higinbotham

Field Trip Schedule

Monthly Year-Round Saturday Field Trips

February 12: Meet at the Benton Center at 7:30 am

March 12: Meet at the Benton Center at 7:30 am

Our Saturday morning local field trip meets the second Saturday of every month at the Benton Center parking area, 757 Polk Ave, Corvallis at 7:30 am. This field trip is especially interesting for beginner birders and birders

new to Oregon's mid-valley area. We spend a lot of time identifying local birds by sight and song. We visit the valley national wildlife refuges—Finley, Baskett Slough, and Ankeny, as well as other birding areas throughout the year. Contact Rich Armstrong at richarmstrong@comcast.net or 541-753-1978 with questions.

Rich Armstrong

Spring Weekend Field Trips - 2011

ASC offers five weekend field trips to a wide selection of Oregon locations. Four of them are three-day trips covering Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The other - to Malheur National Wildlife Refuge - covers Thursday through Sunday. All trips are led by Fred Ramsey, with Jim Faulkner and Tom Penpraze driving and providing substantial guiding expertise. Except for the Malheur trip (where we stay at the Malheur Field Station, now with an operational mess hall), we stay in motels and eat in restaurants. Enterprise 12-passenger or 15-passenger vans transport us. We have a maximum of 8 participants in each van so that everyone has a window seat. Expenses are shared.

BANDON and the South Coast - March 18-20. This is a warmup trip specializing in coastal birds - loons, grebes, cormorants, etc. It is too early for puffins, but there are some very special birds available: Red-shouldered Hawk, Black Phoebe, and Allen's Hummingbird head the list. We hope to repeat last year's gull bonanza. A single flock of about 60 gulls sat obligingly close enough to study differences between the eight (!) species present. And there are some surprises ... Elephant Seals are often seen basking at Simpson's Reef. Maximum tour size: 16 persons.

KLAMATH BASIN - April 22-24. This trip hits the tail end of the massive migration of ducks, geese, and shorebirds which pause in the Klamath Basin wildlife refuges before continuing north to breeding grounds. Four refuges offer a variety of habitats. The south end of Upper Klamath Lake nets several species of grebe with some doing their unique dance across the surface. And a Sunday morning walk through Moore Park picks up the earliest songbird arrivals. Maximum tour size: 24 persons.

ROGUE VALLEY - May 13-15). Here we hit the songbird migration in full swing. A hike to the top of Upper Table Rock presents a magnificent wildflower display as the trail winds through Oregon's little piece of California chaparral. Here we find the chaparral specialties Oak Titmouse, California Towhee, and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. We sample some of Ashland's famous restaurants and then attend a performance of *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Maximum tour size: 16 persons.

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MALHEUR National Wildlife Refuge - May 26-29.

Our signature trip, and the 40th year led by Fred. The refuge is Oregon's most famous birding area, but this tour also hits many great spots going over the Cascades, following the Crooked River, and coming back through the High Desert. We usually see over 100 species each of the four days and around 175 species overall. Maximum tour size: 32 persons.

SUMMER LAKE and a return to **KLAMATH** - June 17-19. Our 2010 tour scored a rare Oregon Swift Trifecta: Black (Salt Creek Falls), White-throated (Fort Rock), and Vaux's. Add Snowy Plover, Common Poorwill, American Bittern, and Yellow Rail and you understand that this is a special conclusion to the spring offerings. Maximum tour size: 21 persons.

Come join us! Signup sheets for these trips are available on the Field Trip table at all of the general meetings. Also, you may sign up by sending an email to Fred at framsey5@comcast.net. But here is a new twist: confirming a reservation on any one of these trips requires a \$50 deposit by February 28. The deposits will be refundable only if a replacement exists on the waiting list.

Fred Ramsey

Hesthavn News

A new crew of volunteers is gearing up for the season and we hope that many of you will join us! We can use help for jobs ranging from filling the bird feeders, to weeding, to helping maintain the water system. Our first work party of the year will be Feb 19 from 9-noon. Students from OSU are working to fulfill an assignment for a class and we need mentors and supervisors as well as someone to provide a snack. Can you help us this month or in the future? If not this month, let us know when and how you can volunteer (building maintenance, landscape work, cleaning). We will contact you when another opportunity arises. Please send your name, phone number and email to volunteerasc@gmail.com. Hope to meet you at our gorgeous nature center!

*Ann Brodie, co-chair (with Marjean Austin),
volunteer coordinator*

Atop the Nestbox

The Fall 2010 issue of the Prescott Bluebird Recovery Project newsletter had some very interesting articles. I would like to share one by Karen Russell regarding the potential danger to bluebirds posed by the use of pelletized fertilizer. Karen reported a situation in which adult bluebirds were seen taking fertilizer pellets into a nestbox, presumably feeding them to their nestlings. It was assumed that the adults probably ate some of the pellets as well. Later, all the birds (adults and nestlings) were found dead in the nestbox. Necropsy revealed pellet material in their stomachs. Karen goes on to say that pellet fertilizer must be watered in well, in order to dissolve it into the soil, or

it should be worked into the soil so it is not visible to the birds. She suggests that bluebird banders and monitors inquire if their property owners use pelletized fertilizers and warn them of the potential hazard to bluebirds.

Some of our bluebirds have begun to localize around their previous nesting territories in preparation for the upcoming nesting season. Many are roosting in their boxes. Over the next 1-2 months, we need to start checking our boxes and cleaning out any mouse nests, wasps and other surprises so the boxes will be available to bluebirds and other cavity-nesters. This would be a good time to make sure the boxes are in good repair.

I would like to thank our 3 new volunteers, Michelle Croft, Whitney Mitchell and Kai Goodwillie for their interest in the bluebird trail. We hope they will attend the 2011 Spring Bluebird Workshop on March 19th at the Corvallis Public Library from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. All are welcome!

Raylene Gordin

Field Notes

28 DECEMBER 2010– 24 JANUARY 2011

Highlights of the month were **Ash-throated Flycatcher**, **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**, **Gyr Falcon**, **Prairie Falcons**, **Cassin's Vireos**, **Bullock's Oriole**, and **Thayer's Gull**.

Abbreviations and Locations: mob = many observers. Observer names are noted in parentheses after their reports. Philomath means the Philomath Sewage Treatment Ponds. EEW = E. E. Wilson Wildlife Area north of Corvallis.

A **Snow Goose** was on campus (K Fairchild, A Booth) and 3 were at Finley (M Monroe) 1/6. 45 **Trumpeter Swans** were in Southern Polk 1/23 (J Geier). A **Redhead** was at EEW 1/14 (J Geier). **Greater Scaup** were on the Rylas Rd Pond and at Elliott Ponds 1/2 (RA) and at Toketie 1/6 (J Geier). From Finley around South Corvallis Austin Booth counted 15 **Eurasian Wigeon** 1/3. Up to 7 **Canvasback** were seen on HP Pond.

Gulls put on a show again. **Thayer's Gull** was seen at the dump on 1/3 and 1/6 (J Geier) and 4 were there with 2 **Western Gulls** 1/8 (D Robinson). **Mountain Quail** were along a ridge near Coffin Butte 1/17 (J Geier).

A **Golden Eagle** was over Dunn Forest 1/19 (R&P Comeleo). A **Merlin** flew past EEW 12/30 (RA), another off Bellfountain 1/19 (M Cutler), another in Albany 1/25 (D Boucher), and 1 at EEW 1/26 (J Geier). A **Prairie Falcon** was on De Armond Rd in Polk 1/14 (G Andrews) and 2 were found on Airlie CBC 1/2. A **Gyr Falcon** was near Tangent 1/23 (S Seibel). **Barred Owls** were seen near the Ryals Pond (RA) and on EEW (J Geier) 12/31.



*Ash-throated Flycatcher photo by
Marcia Cutler*



Cassin's Vireo photo by Doug Robinson

The **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** continued all month at EEW (mob). A highlight of the Airlie CBC was 7 Gray Jays. An **Ash-throated Flycatcher** was discovered in South Corvallis 1/4 (N&S Richardson). It was seen by others over the next couple days and this may be the 1st winter record for Oregon. **Black Phoebes** continue to be around – Butterfield wetland 1/5 and near downtown Corvallis 1/17 (L Millbank) and 1 on Airlie CBC 1/2. A **Northern Shrike** was at EEW a few times during the period (mob) and 2 were at Ankeny 1/15 (A Booth) and 1 at Basket Slough 1/23 (A Booth). The possible **Loggerhead Shrike** was refound in Peoria and was determined to be a Northern Shrike (R Campbell).

A **Bullock's Oriole** was coming to a feeder in NE Corvallis 1/8 (R Enck). A **Cassin's Vireo** was in Corvallis 1/8-9 (L Millbank, D Robinson).



Bullock's Oriole photos by Doug Robinson

Up to 4 **Swamp Sparrows** were at EEW in early January (J Geier, J Simmons) and 1 was at Thornton Lake 1/23 (Tristen).

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Please send your reports for the next issue by 20 FEBRUARY.
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Benton County Birding-2010

2010 was a good year for birding in Benton County, in my opinion. Without actually trying until the very end I made it to 204 birds for the year in Benton! This would have broken the old record of 202 set by Trent Bray in 2000, except Doug Robinson slaughters that record every year including a high of 240. Someone told me I should claim the amateur record, since Doug is really a professional birder. The main reason for the good year was the higher than normal number of rarities. There is probably no greater thrill in birding than finding one's own rare bird, and then having many others see your bird.

I, with others, found 8 fairly rare to rare birds. Nanette, Paula Vanderheul, Gail Andrews, and I found a Pacific Golden-Plover at Finley in May. Of course it helped that we got Doug Robinson out there to verify it was indeed Pacific. Tristen & I found a Short-billed Dowitcher at EEW as I was helping Tristen with his passion for birding. Tristen & I also found 2 Common Terns at Philomath and managed to get others out there to see them even though they only stayed a few hours. Leading a Corvallis Audubon field trip I found an adult Parasitic Jaeger at Philomath. This shows that if you go on enough field trips you should get lucky someday. Laura McCoy & I found a Surf Scoter at Elliott Ponds. Paula, Mary Garrard & I found a cooperative Thayer's Gull at Toketie next to the dump (birders always go to the nicest places - dumps and sewage ponds). Mary Garrard & I found a Ross' Goose across from Philomath ponds - Mary's 200th Benton bird. My 204th and last bird of the year was a Clay-colored Sparrow that Nanette & I found scouting for the Corvallis CBC. Of course it helped that we got Rich Hoyer out there to verify it was indeed Clay-colored. This shows that if you go on enough CBCs you should get lucky someday. And amazingly the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker that Nanette, Tristen, and I found at E. E. Wilson on the Arlie CBC last year came back again for many more to see this year.

A birder with my limited skills cannot make it to 204 without the help of others finding rare birds and reporting them fast. Doug Robinson leads Benton every year and his finds were a big part of my 204. I saw his Horned Grebe, Clark's Grebe, Redhead, Red-breasted Merganser, Black-bellied Plover, Baird's Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Red Phalarope, Mew Gull, and Short-eared Owl. I also saw Joel Geier's Dusky Flycatcher, Molly Monroe's Say's Phoebe & Golden Eagle, A. Hinkle's Snow Bunting on Mary's Peak, and probably others I have forgotten.

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If only I had been able to see all the birds Doug found that I tried to see it would have been even more amazing. I missed his Northern Goshawk, Williamson's Sapsucker, Whimbrel, and more.

I also went looking for but did not find Gail Andrew's Mountain Bluebird, 2 different Lark Sparrows, 2 different Mockingbirds, a Rose-breasted Grosbeak we missed by 1/2 hour, a Sage Thrasher we missed by less than 1/2 hour, Farrand's Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, and a White-headed Woodpecker.

The frustration is those private property birds one cannot go look for. This year these included Ruff, Common & Red-throated Loons, Lapland Longspurs, American Tree Sparrow, and Barrow's Goldeneye.

If I had known it was going to be a good year for rarities I would have worked harder for Spotted Owl, Grasshopper Sparrow and Common Nighthawk, which I did not get but probably could have.

There was no drama this year as I realized in early December I was already at 199 with some likely fairly easy birds left, and I got to 203 with 2 weeks left in the year. The good news is that Benton County is easy to bird because it is small, but of course that means it is limited – no coast to Cascades like Lane. If you live in Corvallis you can only go about 12 miles north to E. E. Wilson and the dump. You can go about 12 miles south to Finley, and maximum is 20 miles south to Monroe Sewage Ponds. You can't go east at all, just to the Willamette River! Even going west you can only go about 26 miles to the top of Mary's Peak or to Alsea and areas southwest of Alsea.

There are many good places to bird in Benton County at various times of the year. Just to name a few: the many parts of Finley, 4 sewage ponds (Philomath, Elliott, and lesser known Monroe and Corvallis), E. E. Wilson, Mary's Peak, Willamette Park, McDonald Forest, Alsea Falls area, anywhere along the Willamette River or Alsea River, Bald Hill, Fitton Green, Bezell Memorial Forest, Fort Hoskins, and more. If only there were some shorebird habitat and places for gulls besides the dump where they can be very hard to see. Plus we need more deep water as I have still not seen a loon in Benton County.

Looking at the list of birds seen in Benton indicates that if you bird regularly and go to the right places at the right times you should see about 160 birds without any rarities.

So if you love to bird, but don't want to do the long trips, you might consider a Benton County list. Or if you already have a Benton list, but want a new challenge, then you might try a Benton County big year. With some excellent local birders including ornithologists from OSU who bird a lot, and with our local listserve (list@midvalleybirding.org) that alerts everyone quickly to what is being seen, it is easier to find those rarer species that don't stay very long. You could be the next to find something spectacular like the Ash-throated Flycatcher Benton just had in early

January. We enjoy the challenges of Benton County and hope others will as well.

Rich Armstrong

GreenTip OF THE MONTH

Here are some handy laundry tips:

1. **DRYER TIP:** Include a few tennis balls in each dryer cycle. The tennis balls not only cut drying time by 25%-50%, but also fluff the clothes to a delicate softness, and towels will be especially fluffy.
2. **GUM ON CLOTHING;** Use egg whites to remove gum on clothing. Brush egg white onto gum with a toothbrush. Let sit for 15 minutes and then launder on the items normally.
3. **PERSPIRATION STAINS /ODOR:** Soak the stained shirt overnight in equal parts ammonia and water and add a few Tbls. of liquid dish soap. Then wash the shirts as usual.
4. **INK STAINS;** Try putting rubbing alcohol on the stain- it disappears! This must be done before washing.
5. **GREASE STAINS;** Sprinkle a generous amount of cornstarch or baby powder over the grease stain, allow it to sit for a couple minutes, then brush the powder off. The powder absorbs the grease and it brushes off with the powder. Good luck

John Gaylord

Mystery Bird Sounds at HP

Recently while walking the HP perimeter sidewalk on the west side closest to the Railroad, we heard loud shrill agonizing bird screams. We were puzzled- what kind of large bird is that? What is happening to it? Then the next week, we heard the very same cries for help in the same place. Very strange indeed. And again the following week, etc. We drove behind the cinema and waited with the window open. We did not have to wait very long, there it was again! These yelps were coming from the Pacific Power Substation. To what critter/s are these automated cries directed and why?

I contacted Pacific Power and Tom Gauntt, Media Spokesman provided the following information. "PP uses a commercial bird expeller purchased off the internet. This has been in place at the Circle substation for about three years and there has not been a bird related incident at this substation in that time. Simply, it emits distressed bird noises that makes other birds stay away. PP uses such devices on substations that due to vegetation or known habitat have a high likelihood of bird issues. PP also uses similar devices at power plants where birds can get into harm or disturb operations."

Andrea J. Foster

IMPACT

Developmentally Disabled Youth Group to Join ASC in Finley Plant

The February 26 annual ASC/ Finley planting will have a new youth group participating. The group called "IMPACT" is a group of youths 10 to 20 years old who have some sort of developmental disability. OSU has a very active class to work with youth of this age and condition with particular emphasis on physical activities. The program is so popular, there is a two-year waiting list to join. OSU students working on degrees in related fields are key helpers in the class. Professor Jeff McCubbin, OSU, is one of the key faculty leaders in the program and is delighted to have some of the class participate in the ASC/ Finley planting. This is a way to include these folks in a local community event. ASC member Karl Hartzell, will be the coordinator for the IMPACT group while at Finley. Please consider joining the group on Saturday morning 10:00 AM on Feb 26 at Finley. Hope to see you there.

John Gaylord

Oil and Birds

Louisiana's Coast 6 Months into the BP Disaster

Last October, Audubon released a report on the status of birds, oil and the Louisiana Coast. Its findings are the result of recent field surveys conducted by a team of Audubon colleagues. They returned to Louisiana nearly six months after BP's Deepwater Horizon disaster began spewing oil into the Gulf to assess the health and overall condition of birds and coastal habitat, visiting some heavily oiled sites, and some that received little or no oiling. The report is available for FREE online or in print through the Chapter Services Office (up to 5 copies per Chapter on a first-come, first-served basis; please indicate number of copies desired): 800-542-2748 or chapter_services@audubon.org.

Open ACS Board Meetings

ASC Board of Directors meetings are open to all ASC members, and the board encourages you to come and see what we do. Our monthly board meeting is on Thursday one week before the General Meeting. See the calendar on the last page of The Chat for the meeting location.

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Birding Class Schedule

Prices. \$12 per person for one class, *or* \$20 per person for both classes. These classes are held in conjunction with the Corvallis Environmental Center's Avery House Nature Center and the classroom sessions are held at the Avery House at Avery Park. To register, contact them at 541-753-9211 or ahnc@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org

Classes are taught by Lisa Millbank and Don Boucher. For class information contact Don Boucher 541-753-7689, bouchdon@peak.org

Birding in the Willamette Valley

We'll learn identification skills, how to choose field guides and binoculars, and birding sites. We'll spend time outside with the birds at the peak of springtime.

2-week class:

Wednesday, June 1: Classroom Session, 7 to 9 pm. Avery House Nature Center

Saturday, June 4: Field Trip, 9 am - noon. Avery Park

Wednesday, June 8: Classroom Session, 7 to 9 pm. Avery House Nature Center

Saturday, June 11: Field Trip, 9 am - noon. Finley National Wildlife Refuge

Birding by Ear

Would you like to know your local bird songs and calls? Learn to listen and remember bird sounds. Beginners, take "Birding in the Willamette Valley" first.

2-week class:

Wednesday, June 15: Classroom Session, 7 to 9 pm. Avery House Nature Center

Saturday, June 18: Field Trip, 9 am - noon. Willamette Park

Wednesday, June 22: Classroom Session, 7 to 9 pm. Avery House Nature Center

Saturday, June 25: Field Trip, 9 am - noon. Jackson-Frazier Wetland



Black Pheobe photo by Matt Lee

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Calendar

- Feb. 12 Second Saturday field trip, 7:30 am
- Feb. 10 February Board meeting 7 pm at Fred Ramsey's home. For directions, please phone 541-753-3677
- Feb. 17 February General meeting
- Feb. 19 9-12 noon Hesthavn work party
- Feb. 20 Field notes submission deadline for March Chat
- Feb. 24 Article submission deadline for March Chat
- Feb. 26 Planting event at Finley
- Mar. 12 Second Saturday field trip, 7:30 am



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