



Audubon Society of Corvallis the **CHAT**

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General Meeting

October 17, Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church
8th and Monroe

Grassland and Woodland Birds of the Willamette Valley

Our October ASC program speaker is ASC member and 2013 Homer Campbell awardee Joel Geier. Joel is professionally engaged as a hydrogeologist, but as you can see from the following description of his program, which Joel provided, he is a passionate birder and conservationist.

*Chris Mathews
Vice-President, Program Chair*

From Joel Geier:

As bird conservationists here in Corvallis, when we hear the phrase “Endangered Species list,” we first think of the success stories for Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, and Trumpeter Swans, and the ongoing efforts to restore fragile populations of Whooping Cranes and California Condors. We’re also keenly aware of efforts



Joel Geier

to protect Northern Spotted Owls and Marbled Murrelets threatened by logging in the Coast Range and Cascades, Western Snowy Plovers threatened by beach-goers along the Pacific Coast, Greater Sage-Grouse threatened by wind farms on Steens Mountain, and Dusky Canada Geese threatened by nest predators on the Copper River Delta in Alaska.

With the delisting of the Bald Eagle in 2007, the Northern Spotted Owl became the only ESA-listed birds that still nests within a few miles of town, with a few pairs hanging on in ASC’s “backyard,” McDonald-Dunn Forest. We’ve turned our attention as conservationists to owls, murrelets, plovers, and sage-grouse – species that nest mainly in places

where very few of us spend much time.

But meanwhile a crisis has been brewing for birds that nest in ASC’s “front yard”: the open fields and oak-dotted hills of the Willamette Valley. Last October, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed to list the Streaked Horned Lark (our endemic subspecies) as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and to designate Corvallis airport as critical habitat.

The Streaked Horned Lark is just one of several types of grassland or oak woodland birds that have declined severely in recent decades. The Oregon Vesper Sparrow (endemic to the valleys of western Oregon and Washington, with nesting strongholds on Bald Hill Farm and in Soap Creek Valley) is down to just two or three thousand birds range-wide, and is the focus of a population inventory by the American Bird Conservancy.



*Streaked Horned Lark photo
by Rod Gilbert, USFWS*

Western Meadowlarks, Common Nighthawks, and Chipping Sparrows – all familiar birds for children walk-

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ing to rural schools in the early 1900s – have also become scarce, while Lewis’s Woodpeckers and Lark Sparrows have disappeared as nesting species. Western Bluebirds have made a comeback thanks in large part to Bluebird Trails volunteers, but our endemic subspecies of White-breasted Nuthatch, the “Slender-billed” Nuthatch, is now extirpated in Washington and declining here in Oregon

How did grassland and woodland bird species wind up in such desperate straits, right in our collective front yard? What can we do to help protect these species around Corvallis?

I’ll explore these questions in my presentation for ASC on October 17th. We’ll look at factors that might be contributing to the decline of these species, such as loss of native vegetation, shifts in regional agriculture, changes in landscaping aesthetics, and even well-intended “green” initiatives to plant more trees. We’ll also peek at some results of recent field research to try to understand the habitat needs of these species, and how they respond to restoration efforts and different types of agricultural management.

Finally, we’ll discuss ways that you can help to protect and restore habitat for these imperiled birds in the mid-Willamette Valley. Landscape scale is critical for our most imperiled species, so we’ll also talk about ideas for how to bring neighbors and community groups on board with the idea of landscape-scale restoration of oak woodland and grassland habitat.

See you there!
Joel Geier

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 Chris Mathews at mathewsc2@comcast.net or 541-754-1172.

Directions

The monthly chapter meeting is in Dennis Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 114 SW Eighth Street.

Field Trip Schedule

Local Monthly Second Saturday Field Trips

Our Saturday morning local field trip meets the second Saturday of from September through June at the Benton Center parking area, behind the Cannery Mall, 777 NW 9th St., Corvallis at 7:30 am. This field trip is geared towards beginning birders and birders new to Oregon’s mid-valley area. Contact Bill Proebsting at proebstw@gmail.com or 541-752-0108 with questions. Check the Midvalley List-Serv, www.midvalleybirding.org/pipermail/birding/, the week before the field trip for updates. Weather may alter plans. Watch the weather forecast and dress appropriately. Return to Benton Center by noon.

Upcoming Field Trips

October 12. E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area

Bill Proebsting

President’s Corner

The Changing Season—we can still enjoy it!

Some friends hoped to visit our place, in order to watch some of the forest birds forage on the many fruits, seeds, and insect life of the early fall season. It would be a weekend day outside of Corvallis, away from the hubbub of home game football, and in the quiet woods.

Sometimes plans go astray.

After decades of enjoying the long driveway to our home through someone’s 120-year-old forest, that landowner has begun clearcutting their forest. And why shouldn’t they, we’ve always understood this is industrial forestland. Our friends will drive through a mess, but will still be walking through our forests and prairie, well away from that rapidly altered habitat.

Had we neglected to note this would be the start of deer season? Yes, but some of our neighbors are kind enough to allow posting that says there are homes nearby, to further limit the hazards of stray bullets. And we have spare safety-orange vests that we trust will deter any case of mistaken identity. We should be safe.

So what else could get interfere with a day following forest birds? Remnants of an errant typhoon? A record-setting early season rainfall? A windstorm? Answer yes to all three, and it might be time to choose between snuggling up at home, or putting on the raingear and looking for tracks and scat, mushrooms and freshly fallen lichens, or following male rain beetles as they trace the pheromone plume to the flightless females.

The birds are still here, but we find them differently, in different places. Just the looking can bring a new observation, an insight, and an enjoyment of the changing season.

Jim Fairchild

Hesthavn News

Need a project?

I often announce dates and times for Hesthavn work parties at the ASC general meetings. But if you are interested in helping out at Hesthavn and cannot make my work parties there are plenty of other options. Other people have taken up projects of their own choosing and work at Hesthavn at their own convenience. For example, Susan Brown (with help from others) takes care of the native gardens next to the barn and generally keeps the barn and its displays in good shape. Julie Gibson has been working to convert an ever-expanding patch in the upper meadow from pasture grasses to native plants. Ann and Doug Brodie worked this last summer on several painting and staining projects around the barn. Jim Fairchild has been doing needed maintenance to keep the rainwater collection system functional.

Karl Hartzell and Will Wright installed the sliding door on the tool shed. Joel Geier at one time placed a nice display of native grasses next to Ray's trail. These folks completed their projects on their own time and often at their own initiative. I should note that this isn't a comprehensive list of projects that individuals have completed and some of these folks have done much more than what is mentioned here. I will be focusing more on some of these projects in future issues of the *Chat*. If you are at Hesthavn and see something that you think needs to be done let me know ... especially if you are willing to make it happen yourself! If you think you might want to help out on some of these other projects let me know or contact the person doing the project. Or if you want to work on something on your own time but are not sure what, drop me a line!

Ray Drapek

Hesthavn Education News

Audubon Society Nature Programs

September–January 2013

Please join us for a fun-filled 2-hour Nature program each month starting in September! These programs will cover specific topics and are great for homeschooled children as well as those who just love to get out and explore nature. Each program is only \$5.00 per family and includes a craft, games, hands-on nature exploration, science experiments, amazing things to touch, and much more!

Ages are from 4-12.

Where: Hesthavn Nature Center: 8590 Oak Creek Drive Corvallis, Oregon - right next to the access to McDonald Forest.

Please RSVP by emailing hesthavneducation@gmail.com with the name and age of your child, and which program you'd like to attend.

September: Feathered Friends

2-4 p.m. September 28

We will be exploring the bird world by getting up close and personal with bird feathers, bones, skins, skulls, and much more! Learn about birding, try binoculars, discover bird calls and take a walk to find these amazing creatures. Hesthavn has many bird feeders so we are sure to see and identify many common species.

October: Survival Skills

2-4 p.m. October 26

We will learn the basics of survival! Try your hand at making fire without matches, build a shelter, learn what do do in the presence of a predator, be prepared with a safety kit and learn what to do if you get lost! Lots of hands-on activities and some very good information.

November: Art in Nature

2-4 p.m. November 23

We will be exploring different art techniques and mediums. Paint with natural dyes, build a sculpture, and create collages. Bring a T-shirt for leaf printing and learn how to find patterns in the natural world! If you love art and nature, this is the program for you.

December- No Program - Happy Holidays!

January: Eco-Explorers

2-4 p.m. January 25

Learn about native Oregon habitats as we explore a riparian area, prairie, and forest. We will compare and contrast each habitat, look for signs of life and experience a bio-blitz! This program is full of games and adventures, as well as a few science experiments.

Michelle Shula

Field Notes

8/30/13 – 9/26/13

The general area covered by the field notes is a rough circle centered on Corvallis, extending just past Lebanon, Monroe/Harrisburg, Marys Peak and the nearby Coast Range, and Monmouth/Dallas.

While the particularly dry spring and summer left area wetlands very dry at the beginning of the period, a strong thunderstorm on 9/6 refilled the wetlands and streams. Shorebirds were still numerous, while waterfowl migration started to pick up. By the end of the period, most neotropical songbirds were well on their way out of our area, while overwintering songbirds were arriving in good numbers.

Observers: Don Boucher (DB), Howard Bruner (HB), Randy Campbell (RCa), Pam Comeleo (PCo), Marcia F. Cutler (MFC), Preston Filbert (PF), Jim Fairchild (JFa), Karan Fairchild (KFa), Mary Garrard (MG), Joel Geier (JG), Oscar Harper (OH), Michael Heher (MH), Hendrik Herlyn (HH), Carol Hiler (CH), Adrian Hinkle (AH), Christopher Hinkle (CH), Tim Johnson (TJ), Frank Kolwicz (FK), Spencer Mair (SM), Lisa Millbank (LM), Molly Monroe (MM), Nancy Neary (NN), Kim Nelson (KN), Pam Otley (PO), Bill Proebsting (BP), Doug Robinson (DR), Steve Seibel (SS), Jamie Simmons (JS), Brandon Wagner, Will Wright (WW)

Location abbreviations: Ankeny = Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge, EEW = E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, Finley = William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge, LSNA = Luckiamute State Natural Area, Philomath STP = Philomath sewage treatment ponds, Stewart Lake = pond at Hewlett-Packard campus in Corvallis

One of the major events this period was the passage of many thousands of **Greater White-fronted Geese**, mostly at night, from 9/21–9/25. **Cackling Geese** were noted at Peoria during the third week of September, and were still sparse by the end of the period. 11 **Wood Ducks** were at Stewart Lake 9/16 (JS). **Gadwall** were seen at Ankeny 9/14 (BP). Flocks of common wintering ducks such as **Mallard**, **Northern Shoveler**, **Northern Pintail**, **Green-winged Teal** and **American Wigeon** were reported from most large wetlands, but most **Cinnamon Teal** have left our area. A single **Greater Scaup** was found at Philomath STP (WW), in the company of much more common **Lesser Scaup**. **Ring-necked Ducks** were just beginning to arrive, as were **Ruddy Ducks**—5 were at Philomath STP 9/3 (WW). 20 **Common Mergansers** were on the river between Corvallis and Riverside Landing on the Willamette R 9/6 (DB), and a few flocks of **Hooded Mergansers** were in a backchannel at Bowers Rock State Park 9/7 (DB).

California Quail were the only gallinaceous birds reported this period, in part due to grouse and turkeys keeping quiet during this season.

2 **Western Grebes** visited the Philomath STP 9/6 (WW). 10 **Eared Grebes** and 2 **Horned Grebes** were at Philomath STP 9/15 (DR, HH, OH). 20 **Pied-billed Grebes** were spotted at Ankeny 9/12 (TJ).

American White Pelicans were reported from Ankeny and Finley regularly this period, with 10 at Finley on 9/24 (MH), and **Double-crested Cormorant** numbers were slowly increasing.

Ankeny's wetlands yielded a very good count of 8 **American Bitterns** 9/12 (TJ). A **Green Heron** was still along Dunawi Cr in SW Corvallis 9/26 (LM). Look for the **Great Egrets** and **Great Blue Herons** hunting voles in open fields.

Birders noted kettles of **Turkey Vultures** slowly migrating out of our area, although they continued to be seen regularly through the end of the period. The last reported **Osprey** was over Finley 9/26 (SS), though there may be a straggler or two. A **White-tailed Kite** was spotted by many observers at the Finley prairie. While numbers of **Red-tailed Hawks** already seem a bit higher, numbers of **Bald Eagles** should also start to build over the next couple of months. 3 **Red-shouldered Hawks** were along Campus Way 9/22 (DB, LM).

A dead **Virginia Rail** appeared along Oak Creek Dr 9/16, presumably it had an accident during its nocturnal migration. Numbers of **American Coots** should continue

to grow over the next period.

Killdeer numbers seem to be rising. 2 **Semipalmated Plovers** were spotted at Ankeny 9/1 (TJ), and 2 were at Philomath STP 9/5 (WW). 8 **Spotted Sandpipers** flew southward along the Willamette River 9/6 (DB). **Pectoral Sandpipers** passed through in good numbers this fall, with 4 at Ankeny 9/1 (TJ) and 5 at Philomath STP 9/22 (WW). **Western Sandpipers**, **Least Sandpipers**, **Long-billed Dowitchers** and **Greater Yellowlegs** remained fairly common throughout the period. 4 **Lesser Yellowlegs** were found at Ankeny 9/1, and 5 were there 9/12 (TJ). One unusual **peep** found at Philomath STP 9/20 was never definitively identified (HB). More **Wilson's Snipes** turned up this period, with 6 noted at Ankeny 9/1 (TJ). 44 **Red-necked Phalaropes** were at Philomath STP 9/3 (WW), but only one was there 9/15 (HH, OH).

6 **California Gulls** joined the ducks and shorebirds at the Philomath STP 9/3. A juvenile **Sabine's Gull** 9/15 was a rare but not entirely unexpected bird, as a few do show up inland during fall migration most years (DR). 2 **Caspian Terns** visited Finley's Cabell Marsh 9/22 (SM, WW).

Although most of them will soon depart the area for the winter, 150 **Band-tailed Pigeons** were feeding on acorns and cascara berries, with a few interruptions from a hunting Peregrine Falcon 9/24 (MM).

At Riverside Landing, on the river between Corvallis and Albany, a pair of **Great Horned Owls** were calling early in the evening and a family of **Western Screech-Owls** called for much of the night 9/6 (DB).

The last reported **Common Nighthawks** included 1 over the foothills SW of Philomath 9/1 (KFa) and 1 over the Willamette River between Corvallis and Albany 9/6 (DB).

Near the end of the period, spectacular numbers of **Vaux's Swifts** were swirling into the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house chimney near OSU. A "birdnado" (so called by the frat residents) of 1922 were recorded 9/22 (MG, MFC), and 2000 were estimated to enter the chimney 9/27 (CH).

A late **Rufous Hummingbird** was still being seen at Mulkey Hill W of Corvallis 9/24, but the **Anna's Hummingbirds** will soon have feeders all to themselves once more.

Some **Belted Kingfishers** are moving away from nesting

areas and can be seen on smaller streams and open wetlands.

A **Lewis's Woodpecker** was seen at a traditional wintering site on Bald Top at Finley 9/10 and close to the headquarters 9/12 (MM); hopefully at least one will stick around. **Acorn Woodpeckers** gathered acorns and chased away Western Scrub-Jays throughout the period. A **Downy Woodpecker** began to visit a suet feeder in SW Corvallis this period (NN). A young **Red-breasted Sapsucker** continued to beg from its parent 9/26, but was quickly chased away by the parent (LM). A yard among large fields near Independence had an unexpected visit from a **Pileated Woodpecker** (BW).

Merlins were arriving this period, including 1 in SW Corvallis 9/5 (LM), 1 along Campus Way 9/22 (DB, LM) and one seen repeatedly at the Philomath STP at the end of the period (WW). **Peregrine Falcons** were reported regularly, usually from Ankeny, Philomath STP and Finley. A Peregrine at Finley engaged in a seemingly light-hearted mock battle with a White-tailed Kite, in which both birds took turns pursuing the other (SS). More **American Kestrels** should arrive over the next period.

A **Willow Flycatcher** was at Peoria during the third week of September (RCa). The last *Empidonax* flycatchers reported were 2 likely **Pacific-slope Flycatchers** at LSNA 9/22 (JG). 1 **Western Wood-Pewee** stopped at Stewart Lake 9/9 (JS), also the last report for this species. **Black Phoebes** continue to establish themselves at area rivers and wetlands, and stick around throughout the winter.

2 **Hutton's Vireos** gave a field trip group a close look at Coffin Butte 9/15 (DB, LM). The only **Warbling Vireo** noted this period was a single bird at Stewart Lake 9/4 (JS).

American Crows were gathered into large, social flocks of dozens to hundreds of birds this period, and also seemed to be flying to communal roosts in the evenings. **Gray Jays** visited suet feeders at Mulkey Hill W of Corvallis 9/23 (PCo). **Western Scrub-Jays** and **Steller's Jays** continued to pack away acorns for winter storage.

Large numbers of **Violet-green** and **Barn Swallows** were making their way through our area this period, with flocks of hundreds or even thousands of birds. A few **Cliff Swallow** stragglers were at LSNA 9/22 (JG). The only report of **Tree Swallows** was from Peoria in the first week of September (RCa).

Downslope movement of **Chestnut-backed Chickadees** was apparent this period, as these and **Black-capped Chickadees** foraged together in mixed forests. Large flocks of **Bushtits** could often be seen eating poison-oak fruits this period. A **White-breasted Nuthatch** figured out how to get inside a feeder to get a few remaining seeds at Finley headquarters 9/24 (MM).

Marsh Wrens were still singing from fog-blanketed McFadden Marsh at Finley 9/11 (WW). A **Pacific Wren** showed up among the **Bewick's Wrens** at LSNA 9/22 (JG), and many more will turn up in lower-elevation woodlands and parks over the next period.

Golden-crowned Kinglets began to move downslope to the valley floor by the end of the period, and Ruby-crowned Kinglets will arrive next period. **Varied Thrushes** began their downslope migration in September. They appeared on the eastern foothills of Marys Peak (700') in the last week of the period (JFa, KFa), and in Corvallis 9/26 (KN). A highlight of this period were the calls of migrating **Swainson's Thrushes** as they migrated during the night, especially in the first two weeks of September. **American Robin** numbers will soon rise as the wintering population arrives, and **Western Bluebirds** should increase a bit with the addition of some eastern Oregon birds.

A singing male **Wrentit** showed up in downtown Corvallis 9/1 (PO); he's very likely a young fellow seeking a territory and a mate.

An **American Pipit** flew over Albany 9/8 (DB), and they were numerous in a mint field near Finley 9/11 (WW). They were reported fairly often by the end of the period.

Cedar Waxwings were abundant throughout the period, with many flycatching on warm days and feasting on wild and domestic fruits during cooler weather. 150 were at Stewart Lake 9/16 (JS).

The most unexpected warbler reported this period was a single **Tennessee Warbler** at Oak Creek entrance to McDonald Forest 9/23 (DR); this species is not reported every year, but some may be confused with Orange-crowned Warblers. Single **Orange-crowned Warblers** were noted at LSNA 9/22 (JG) and in Albany 9/25 (PF); it's possible that this was the same one that overwintered at that site last year. **Yellow Warblers** were still being reported at Peoria during the first week of September (RCa) and 1 bright female was at Stewart Lake 9/13 (JS). **Yellow-rumped Warblers** were becoming more common this period as wintering birds continued to arrive. A **Black-throated Gray Warbler** was at LSNA

9/22 (JG). While **Common Yellowthroats** could be found throughout the period, numbers had really declined by the end of the period. **Wilson's Warblers** are typically not seen after mid-September, and the latest report this year was one bird at LSNA 8/30 (JG).

Chipping Sparrows were noted at Ankeny 9/14 (BP) and at the Corvallis BMX Track Park 9/23 (LM); most are now gone, although a few may overwinter. Sedentary thicket-dwelling sparrows, such as **Spotted Towhees** and **Song Sparrows** are sharing their blackberry fortresses with some newly-arrived neighbors. A **Golden-crowned Sparrow** turned up just W of EEW 9/12 (JG), but within a couple of weeks, they were widely common. The first reported **Fox Sparrow** was singing just W of EEW 9/12 (JG). The first **Lincoln's Sparrow** was reported from Ankeny 9/14 (BP), and another was found at Peoria the next week (RCa). Numbers of **Savannah Sparrows** may thin out a bit, but many will overwinter in the grassy margins of fields. **White-crowned Sparrow** and **Dark-eyed Junco** numbers are being augmented by migrant birds. **Lapland Longspurs** are very uncommon but recorded annually; single birds were noted flying over Philomath STP and Finley 9/17 and 9/18 (DR), and 1 was at Philomath STP 9/26 (AH, CH).

The last **Black-headed Grosbeaks**, usually females or juveniles, left our area this period. 1 was in NW Corvallis 9/5 (JS), 3 were at Monmouth 9/6 (FK), and this species was noted at Peoria in mid-September (RCa). A possible late **bunting** (very likely a Lazuli) was still at LSNA 9/22 (JG).

Very few blackbirds were reported this period, aside from flocks of **Red-winged** and **Brewer's Blackbirds**. In early September, **Brown-headed Cowbird** and **Bullock's Oriole** were noted in Peoria (RCa); both species were on their way out of our area, although a few cowbirds might be found in winter.

The only report of **Purple Finches** were 2 at Ankeny 9/12 (TJ), and while they may have been under-reported, numbers of this species can fluctuate dramatically from one winter to the next like other nomadic finches. Similarly, **Pine Siskins** were only reported at Peoria in early September (RCa), and may be abundant or almost absent this winter. **American** and **Lesser Goldfinches** continue to feed on seeds of native tarweeds, weedy lettuces, and garden sunflowers. A flock of about 40 **Evening Grosbeaks** flew over downtown Corvallis 9/20 (LM).

Please post your reports to midvalleybirding.org, send them to lisaaves@peak.org, or leave a message at 541-753-7689 by 10/24/13.

- Lisa Millbank

Atop the Nestbox

While we wait on our final counts for the 2013 nesting season, let me tell you about bluebird trail activities.

Within the next few weeks, we will submit our banding data to the USGS bird banding lab. After that, we will have our fall social gathering, which is a good time to recap the events of the nesting season, brainstorm future events, ask questions and share stories.

By the end of the year, we will renew our federal and state permits and reserve a meeting hall for next spring's workshop. Much advertising needs to be done for the workshop, and I would love to relinquish that duty to anyone who is interested, trail volunteer or not. It wouldn't take much to do a better job! In February, we will meet to plan the workshop and then start handing out flyers. A lot of work goes into the spring workshop in March. In addition to a slide presentation, many wonderful displays are featured, and attendees come with excellent questions and fascinating stories. We usually recruit a couple of new monitors who will be trained during the early part of the nesting season.

The bluebirds begin nest building in late March to mid-April, so we need to make sure the nest boxes are ready before then (i.e., cleaning out mouse nests and wasps, and making sure the boxes are weatherproof and predator-resistant).

As we go about the business of checking nests, each monitor brings his/her hopes and aspirations to their section of the trail. Miracles unfold and sorrows ensue. Incoming calls from the public are handled and new landowner participants join the trail.

As summer heat approaches, weatherproofing materials are removed from the boxes. By mid-August, only a few broods are still in progress. Most bluebird families are roaming the countryside and will soon begin to forage berries as insects become less abundant.

We take a moment to relax and reflect on the gifts of the season. We review our field notes and prepare our data. As wet weather approaches, we make sure our nest boxes are repaired, replaced and weatherproofed for the bluebird families that we expect to seek shelter in them on cold and stormy nights. And the cycle begins anew...

If this sounds like your cup of tea, we would love for you to join us! 541-258-6625, gordin@centurytel.net; 541-752-6457, rsnyder14@msn.com.

Raylene Gordin

Book Chat

Book Chat For October 2013 Issue

New Book and Raffle Table Team Member Marie Martin has joined the Book and Raffle Table crew. Marie is known to the ASC community through her participation in many of the 2013 field trips she has enjoyed since retiring from her work as a pharmacist earlier in the year. Marie is looking forward to playing a larger role in various Audubon activities and sees her participation with the Book and Raffle table as a good way to meet more of our birding community.

More copies of Susan Haig's book about condors in the Northwest will be available at the October meeting. People who were excited about Susan's presentation at our monthly meeting in September purchased all our available copies so we have ordered another supply directly from OSU Press. We're working on an agreement with OSU Press that will enable us to buy limited copies of their publications written by local authors directly from the Press.

Sally Shaw

Board Meeting Summary

ASC Meeting

- Directors voted to affirm the decision of Board members present at the Summer Board meeting (which did not constitute a quorum) to accept the newly revised Policy Statements. The motion carried unanimously.
- An additional motion was passed unanimously that allows the President and Conservation Chair to give the Chapter's written support to issues that are in line with ASC's mission statement, but which require a more timely response than monthly board meetings can accommodate.
- Becky Garrett has agreed to take over the Refreshment Committee leadership. Thank you for stepping up, Becky! Call her (number on the back page) if you can lend a hand. And thank you Gail Nickerson for your years of awesome brownies and other goodies!
- Spencer Mair has agreed to take over as Editor of the *Chat* – thank you, Spencer! And thank you, Anne Schroder, for your faithful service!

Linda Campbell

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 meeting location.

Welcome New Members

Lawrence Barden
Frank Heasley
Christina & Mike Stanley
Erin & Lansing Stout
Tiffany Young

Reminders:

Do you need to renew your ASC membership? Please mail your renewal check to: ASC PO Box 148, Corvallis OR 97339. If there are no changes in your contact information, you can also renew your membership by going to the ASC website and renewing through Paypal: www.audubon.corvallis.or.us/join.shtml

If you have moved or changed your email address, please forward your new contact information to Suzanne Ortiz at ortizsv@gmail.com.

Suzanne Ortiz

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Chat Articles

The Chat editors welcome monthly articles from all members of the Audubon Society of Corvallis. Please submit articles to the Chat editor by the 4th Thursday of the month. Always submit text using Microsoft Word.



White-breasted Nuthatch photo by Matt Lee

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Oct. 10	Board Meeting at Hesthavn—7:00 pm
Oct. 12	Second Saturday Field Trip—7:30 am, E. E. Wilson
Oct. 17	General Meeting—7:00 pm
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