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ASC GENERAL MEETING

Chintimini Senior Center
2601 NW Tyler Ave (& 27th) in Corvallis
7 pm, Thursday, Sept.15

BIRDING IN PANAMA

Tom and Ginny Stevens have taken two recent trips to Panama to watch birds. In both cases, they were impressed with that beautiful country and its emerging accessibility and support for birders, including competent guides and birding tour services. Panama has a longer checklist than Costa Rica, 985 vs. 920, but is still seeking Costa Rica's cachet. The diversity of habitat within a relatively small country gives birders the opportunity to see many endemics, resident neotropical birds and migrants.

Although Tom and Ginny Stevens both grew up camping and spending lots of time in the outdoors, they did not begin bird watching until 2003, when they took an "adventure" tour in the Amazon basin in Peru, riding in a motorized dugout boat on the Madre de Dios and Manu Rivers. Having purchased two pair of good binoculars, and using them extensively on the week-long trip to see the myriad tropical birds and other wildlife, they were "hooked."

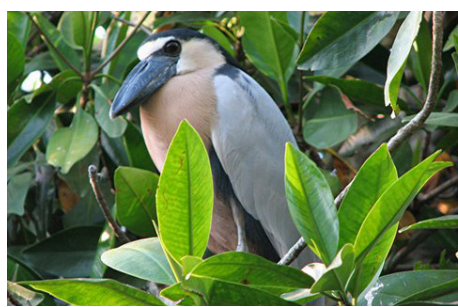
Since then Tom and Ginny have become regulars on ASC Oregon field trips, and have traveled both inside the U.S. and to several places in Central America and the Caribbean for birding. Social hour begins at 6:30, with the chapter meeting starting at 7:00 and the program starting about 7:30.

Questions? Contact Bill at proebstw@gmail.com.

Bill Proebsting, Vice Pres. & Program Chair.

NEXT MONTH'S ASC PROGRAMS:

October 20. Dr. Tom Spies, Chief Scientist at the USFS Forest Sciences Lab in Corvallis on "Historical dynamics and patterns of Coast Range vegetation and implications of managing for bird habitat."



Boat-billed Heron



Red-throated Ant-Tanager



Laughing Falcon



Flame-colored Tanager
Photos by Bill Proebsting

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

LOCAL MONTHLY SECOND SATURDAY FIELD TRIPS

Local field trips resume in September. Meet at the Benton Center parking area, behind the Cannery Mall, 777 NW 9th St., Corvallis at 7:30 am. This field trip is free and geared towards beginning birders, birders new to Oregon's mid-valley area and persons looking for a pleasant outing. Contact Bill Proebsting at proebstw@gmail.com or 541-752-0108 with questions. Check the Midvalley ListServ, <http://www.midvalleybirding.org/pipermail/birding/>, a couple of days before the field trip for updates. Weather may alter plans. Watch the weather forecast and dress appropriately. Return to Benton Center by noon.

Bill Proebsting

NEXT LOCAL FIELD TRIPS:

September 10, Bald Hill Park/Farm, Corvallis

October 8, location TBA

CONSERVATION CORNER

ALBANY SWIFT ALERT

Anyone interested in helping monitor use of the new Vaux's Swift Tower constructed in Albany's Swanson Park please contact Jim Fairchild at alderspring@peak.org or by mobile phone or text message at 541-609-0078. We'll be trying to schedule two monitors per evening through mid-to late September, until fall migration appears to have past. Monitors may also broadcast swift vocalizations to draw local swifts in flight to a potential roost site.

This is a prototype design, and if adopted this fall, additional swift roosts will be constructed up and down the west coast to support this declining species' populations.

FIRE-OBLIGATE ECOSYSTEMS IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY: A SUSTAINABILITY QUEST

It is fascinating and alarming to watch the convergence of prairie and forest restoration activities as predicted effects of climate change and continuing human population growth in the mid-Willamette Valley. Much as native prairie communities are sought and desired, wide-scale re-creation of these conditions appears increasingly impractical to me.

Most of us have come to understand the detrimental effects of broad-scale fire suppression efforts in the western U.S. In forests east of the Oregon Cascades, natural decade-scale fire return frequencies normally reduce surface fuel loadings to self-maintaining and fire-resilient forest communities. Thinning these fire-suppressed forests may "restore" such conditions. Thinning western conifer forests does not mimic the typical century-scale fires that reduced large swaths of landscape to standing snags with a fragile yet resilient soil community. Thinnings here instead minimize understory diversity and large dead wood recruitment, and promote more uniformity in age, size, spacing and species of trees, and create optimal soil conditions for a non-native understory development with unknown fire ratings.

Applying east-side thinning models to west-side deciduous forests holds both promise and threat. Oak woodlands

are a transitory stage towards either mixed conifer forest in the absence of fire, or towards oak savanna with fire. Similarly oak savanna and prairies are maintained always most practically and cheaply with fire. Where human habitation and increasing regulatory fervor restricts the presence of fire as a management tool, we are bound to rely on costly regular mechanical re-entries to re-establish these desired communities. There won't always be conifer saw logs and granting agencies to pay our bills.

In order to maintain desired fire-obligate natural communities, we must accept fire—even wildfire—as a normal and acceptable process in and around us. That acceptance would require greater education about and availability of fire as a management tool by landowners and residents, as well as stronger requirements for fire-resistant human infrastructure throughout the environment. And mostly we will need a commitment to pay for the maintenance of these desired communities.

Jim Fairchild, Conservation Committee Chair

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

MOLECULAR BASE FOR EVOLUTIONARY ADAPTATION

As a biochemist, I read *Science* magazine every week. Occasional articles are of interest to the birding community. Such an article was published on April 22, 2016: "A beak size locus in Darwin's finches facilitated character displacement during a drought," pp. 470–474, by S. Lamichhaney et al.

As Auduboners well know, Charles Darwin's observations of 14 species of finch in the Galapagos Islands during the voyage of the *Beagle* provided crucial underpinnings for his theory of evolution.

Much later Peter and Rosemary Grant supported and extended Darwin's ideas through their systematic observations of finches on the small island of Daphne Major in the Galapagos. Their work was of special interest to Kate and me, because we toured the Galapagos in 1999 and viewed 13 of the 14 Darwin's finch species. Our tour leader was the



Grants' son-in-law.

The present study originated from the Grants' observations of finch adaptation to a severe drought in 2004-2005. The beak size of medium ground finches declined, apparently to minimize competition with the large ground finch. The smaller-beaked medium ground finches survived because they were able to find and use food sources not used by the large ground finches. This trait was passed on to their descendants.

Now the Grants have teamed with molecular biologists to identify the gene responsible for controlling beak size. They determined the complete DNA sequences of sixty birds—ten each of the three species of ground finch and three species of tree finch. Analysis of the sequences pinpointed a gene called HMG2 as being principally responsible for determining beak size. The protein product of this gene is known to control transcription—the copying of DNA-coded information into RNA. The corresponding gene in humans, also called HMG2, is associated with variation in height, craniofacial distances, and primary tooth eruption. At the knowledge emanating from his observations, Darwin must be smiling in his grave!

Chris Mathews, ASC President

FIELD NOTES

7/27/16-8/23/16

"Fall" colors appeared unusually early, with big-leaf maples north of Corvallis turning mostly yellow by 29 Jul. This might seem surprising considering the fairly mild and moist weather in June and early July. Some biologists have suggested that early fall colors could result from early spring bud break, due to time-dependent leaf growth processes.

Even as "fall" colors were appearing, the weather turned hot and dry. Average daily high temperature of 87°F and two days (18-19 Aug) when thermometers rose above 100°F in Corvallis, and there was no measurable rain. Songbirds were often hard to find away from water sources, especially in the middle of the day.

Abbreviations and locations: HQ = headquarters, NWR = National Wildlife Refuge, STP = sewage treatment ponds. E.E. Wilson (State Wildlife Area) is north of Adair Village. Jackson-Frazier Wetlands is in north Corvallis near Cheldelin Middle School. Luckiamute State Natural Area is along the Willamette River northwest of Albany. The Philomath STP are south of Philomath and require access permission. Teloh-Calapooia Park is in south Albany near Linn-Benton Community College. Cabell Marsh, McFadden Marsh, and North Prairie are locations at Finley NWR.

REPORTS

Southbound migrant **Greater White-fronted Goose**

flocks were detected earlier than usual. Jeff Harding saw a flock circling over the confluence of the North Santiam and South Santiam Rivers 21 Aug, and Karen and Mike Lippsmeyer heard a small flock passing over their place s. of Monmouth at 1 AM the next morning.

The **Cinnamon Teal** flock at Philomath STP numbered 28 by 6 Aug, along with several **Northern Shovelers** and two **Northern Pintails**; a **Blue-winged Teal**, several **American Wigeon**, and two **Green-winged Teal** showed up there on 19 Aug (Hendrik Herlyn).

Three **Redheads** and a **Lesser Scaup** were at the Philomath STP 1-4 Aug (Isaac Denzer). On 6 Aug two **Redheads** were still there along with a **Ruddy Duck**, and on 10 Aug a **Ring-necked Duck** (H. Herlyn).

A **Pied-billed Grebe** at Baskett Slough NWR 5 Aug snatched a white feather from among a few blades of marsh grass, then swallowed it (Frank Kolwicz). Balls of even hundreds of feathers have been found in grebe stomachs by biologists. One hypothesis is that feather balls help to pad their stomachs from fish bones, also slowing down the passage of fish long enough to dissolve bones before they pass into their intestine.

A **Mourning Dove** at Finley NWR 11 Aug out-flew a pursuing **Sharp-shinned Hawk** (Howard Bruner).

Two **Common Nighthawks** flew above the 100 Road in Dunn Forest 5 Aug, with one still "booming" in display dives (Pam & Randy Comeleo). Three were near Airlie 10 Aug (Olin Allen).

30 **Vaux's Swifts** milled about over the Whiteside Theater in Corvallis late on 30 Jul (Jamie Simmons). Flocks entering the chimney to roost increased from 150 on 5 Aug to 230 on 13 Aug and 290 on 14 Aug (Randy Moore); 160 went in on 16 Aug and 70 on 22 Aug (Nancy Baumeister). A chimney of a private residence on Goodnight Ave in s. Corvallis had 50 to 100 swifts roosting nightly as of 23 Aug (Belinda Barnes). More than 700 entered the chimney of Wiegand Hall on the OSU campus, with 100 still in the air on 23 Aug (Nancy Baumeister). A new swift tower to replace the the old Albany fire station chimney is expected to be ready for migrants after 29 Aug, thanks to the efforts of Jim Fairchild and Larry Schwitters.

A lingering male **Rufous Hummingbird** displayed in Soap Creek Valley 7 Aug (Doug Bilisland). On 21 Aug a well-described female (or possibly juvenile) **Calliope Hummingbird** visited a Witham Hill feeder alongside a female Rufous Hummingbird, as a the resident male **Anna's Hummingbird** perched nearby (H. Herlyn, Oscar Harper).

Bugling calls near Airlie 10 Aug (O. Allen) likely marked a rare passage of migrant **Sandhill Cranes** along the west side of the Willamette Valley.

Six **Black-necked Stilts** were at the "narrows" along Coville Rd. at Baskett Slough NWR 29 Jul (Jim Kopitzke, Roy Gerig). A total of 16 were at this area and Parvipes Marsh 1 Aug (Alan Contreras).

A juvenile **Semipalmated Sandpiper** visited the Philomath STP 4-6 Aug, along with **Least Sandpipers** and a few **Western Sandpipers** (I. Denzer, Kai Frueh; H. Herlyn). **Baird's Sandpipers** included a flyby identified by voice at Philomath STP 4 Aug (I. Denzer), one feeding at Baskett Slough NWR 11 Aug (R. Gerig), and a juvenile photographed at Philomath STP 20 Aug (H. Bruner; H. Herlyn). Single **Sanderlings** turned up at Philomath STP 12 Aug (Jacob Mathison) and 20 Aug when a **Pectoral Sandpiper** was also present (Pam Otley).

20 **Long-billed Dowitchers** were at Baskett Slough NWR 29 Jul (John Thomas, Pam Reid). Migrant **Greater Yellowlegs** were seen through the period at local wetlands. A **Lesser Yellowlegs** was at the Philomath STP 1 Aug (I. Denzer).

A **Solitary Sandpiper** visiting Finley NWR 7 Aug was spotted by two visitors from central Oregon, Craig & Marilyn Miller. By the time Hendrik Herlyn got there, it was no longer "solitary" as two more had joined it. One was still there 9 Aug (H. Herlyn) and on 11 Aug (H. Bruner).

Eight **Red-necked Phalaropes** swam on the Philomath STP 10 Aug (H. Herlyn); one was there 20 Aug (P. Otley). A **Wilson's Phalarope** was still at Baskett Slough NWR 11 Aug (F. Kolwicz; R. Gerig).

A **Bonaparte's Gull** and seven **Ring-billed Gulls** were at the Philomath STP 1 Aug (I. Denzer). A few **Ring-billed Gulls** as well as **California Gulls** were there 6 Aug (H. Herlyn).

Four **American White Pelicans** circled over Cabell Marsh 7 Aug (H. Herlyn), as small groups continued to be seen on the mid-valley refuges through the season.

Four **Great Egrets** were at McFadden Marsh 28 Jul (Jon Hazen). A juvenile **Green Heron** practiced its hunting technique at Finley NWR 11 Aug (H. Bruner). **Black-crowned Night-Herons** in the mid-valley region included an adult seen flying near Silverton 20 Aug (Roger Freeman), one calling as it flew over Willamette Mission State Park 19 Aug (Andy Frank), and an immature bird at Luckiamute SNA on the evening of 26 Aug (p. obs.).

Osprey continued to attend to this year's young. While

kayaking from Corvallis to Hyak Park on 14 Aug, Lorraine Anderson and a friend saw one catch a fish out of the Willamette River. A female **Cooper's Hawk** in the Soap Creek Valley was also busy hunting for hungry fledglings by 30 Jul (D. Bilsland).

The recently established **Acorn Woodpecker** colony in the north part of E.E. Wilson was still active 4 Aug (Pam & Randy Comeleo). A wandering bird turned up deep in the Coast Range, four miles e. of Siletz 12-14 Aug (Signe Hurd). In mid-Aug Caleb Centanni noticed both **Acorn Woodpeckers** and a **Red-breasted Sapsucker** flying up from perches to catch flying insects w. of Monmouth.

A male **Downy Woodpecker** moved back to his "bachelor residence" in a nest box near Teloh-Calapooia Park in mid-Aug as breeding season wound down (Jim Smith).

A **Peregrine Falcon** flew over Philomath STP 10 Aug (H. Herlyn). One stooped repeatedly but unsuccessfully on juvenile **Purple Martins** over Soap Creek Valley 13 Aug (D. Bilsland).

Many **Western Wood-Pewees** were active in the north part of E.E. Wilson 4 Aug (P. & R. Comeleo). On hot afternoons in mid-Aug, these were often the only birds vocalizing. **Willow Flycatchers** were still calling at Minto-Brown Island Park 2 Aug (SAS field trip). A **Western Kingbird** was two miles east of Jefferson along the road to Scio 17 Aug.

A **Hutton's Vireo** foraged in a savanna restoration area where Douglas-firs had recently been logged off at Finley NWR 28 Jul (J. Hazen). Both **Hutton's** and **Cassin's Vireos** were active on Vineyard Mtn. 21 Aug (Paul Adamus).

A juvenile **"Streaked" Horned Lark** was with two adults north of Baskett Slough NWR 29 Jul (J. Kopitzke, R. Gerig).

Tree Swallows in the Soap Creek Valley appeared to be preparing for second broods 30 Jul, and were feeding young in the nest by 7 Aug (D. Bilsland). A second brood sw. of Philomath was close to fledging 30 Jul; **Violet-green Swallows** were all finished by then (Karan Fairchild) and beginning to mass in flocks, in preparation for migration. A flock of 300 **Violet-green Swallows** lined a utility wire at Luckiamute SNA 8 Aug. By far the most surprising swallow this season was an all-white, apparently **albino swallow** seen in the company of **Northern Rough-winged Swallows** over the Willamette River midway between Corvallis and Hyak Park 14 Aug (L. Anderson).

Both **White-breasted** and **Red-breasted Nuthatches** returned to feeders near Teloh-Calapooia Park during August (Jim Smith). **Golden-crowned Kinglets** were active on Vineyard Mtn. 21 Aug (P. Adamus).

Two **Western Bluebirds** hawked flying insects in Corvallis 9-11 Aug (Rana Foster). A bluebird family with three still-spotted youngsters were at Bald Bill Farm 15 Aug. Nocturnal migration of **Swainson's Thrushes** was underway by 18 Aug, when I heard their "weep!" calls from the sky near E.E. Wilson before dawn.

By 23 Aug juvenile **American Goldfinches**, **Lesser**



American White Pelican photo by Matt Lee



Goldfinches, and **House Finches** were visiting feeders near Teloh-Calapooia Park (J. Smith).

Yellow Warblers in Albany called against music coming from the River Rhythms festival in Monteith Park 11 Aug (R. Foster). Most of our regular nesting warblers including **Orange-crowned Warblers**, **Black-throated Gray Warblers**, and **Hermit Warblers** continued in their respective breeding habitats through the period, but detections waned in the hot weather. Brightly colored **Wilson's Warblers** were active in several places around Finley NWR 28 Jul (J. Hazen). A **Nashville Warbler** at Ankeny NWR 22 Aug (Jeff Harding) must have migrated or dispersed away from this species' montane breeding habitat.

Yellow-breasted Chats were heard calling regularly in E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area up until the end of Jul (Pam & Randy Comeleo). In late summer chats become much more quiet than in the spring months, and often give their presence away only by soft, kitten-like "mew" calls.

Two juvenile **Spotted Towhees** joined an adult at the Finley NWR HQ feeder 28 Jul (J. Hazen). A **Green-tailed Towhee** sang at Coffin Mountain Lookout sw. of Marion Forks 27 Jul (A. Frank).

An immature **Chipping Sparrow** turned up at the Philomath STP 1 Aug (I. Denzer); an immature **Brewer's Sparrow** was also reported but without details sufficient to rule out another young Chipping Sparrow. Hatch-year sparrows of these two species can be difficult to distinguish in brief views. Adult and juvenile **Chipping Sparrows** at Bald Hill Farm 15 Aug were still sticking together in family groups.

A research project to study dispersal of "**Oregon**" **Vesper Sparrows** (the imperiled subspecies endemic to western Oregon and Washington) succeeded in banding several dozen adults and young at Bald Hill Farm, which is one of the most important sites for these birds in the Willamette Valley. Family groups were still present on 14 Aug but seemingly were gone on 15 Aug (Bob Altman).

A summering **White-throated Sparrow** continued at Virginia Stanton's place s. of Philomath, as of 11 Aug. **White-crowned Sparrows** nesting at Luckiamute State Natural Area fledged second broods by the start of August. "**Oregon**" (**Dark-eyed**) **Juncos** began to be noticed more in locations on the valley floor by mid-August.

Western Tanagers continued through the period, but **Black-headed Grosbeaks** began to migrate out, starting with the adult males which normally leave first. The last male noted at Virginia Stanton's place s. of Philomath was on 11 Aug. All noted at Bald Hill Farm 15 Aug were females or immatures. **Lazuli Buntings** also began to leave, but a few stayed through the end of the period.

An Alligator Lizard stalked a grasshopper at E. E. Wilson Wildlife Area on the evening of 31 Jul (P & R. Comeleo)

Two **River Otters** cavorting at McFadden Marsh 28 Jul (J. Hazen) may have been part of what Howard Bruner inferred to be a family group on 11 Aug, when he heard two adult



White-crowned Sparrow photo by Sue Powell

otters give warning barks, and also noticed a **Muskrat** swimming with a mouthful of food.

Next month: Fall migration will continue with the departure of many neotropical songbirds, to be replaced by incoming sparrows and pipits. Please post your observations to the Mid-Valley birding list at midvalleybirding.org, e-mail them to me at joel.geier@peak.org, send by post to 38566 Hwy 99W Corvallis 97330, or call (541) 745-5821 by 20 Sep.

COMMUNITY NOTES

REMINDER: SEPT 17 BIG SIT AT FINLEY

As mentioned in the Summer CHAT, teen birders, Kai Frueh and Isaac Denzer, have an event to help local bird conservation groups Sept 17 at Finley.

"Come join us at the blind overlooking Cabell Marsh at the end of the Homer Campbell boardwalk at William L. Finley NWR on September 17th, 2016 from 6:35 AM to 7:35 PM (dawn to dusk). We will be there for 13 hours, but join us as long as you can.

To donate you can either come to the Cabell marsh blind, where we will have a donation box and pledge sheets. Or you can email us at Bentoncountybigsit@gmail.com for a downloadable pledge sheet, or for more information.

All of the money we raise will be evenly divided between these organizations: Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Audubon Society of Corvallis, Friends of the Willamette Valley National Wildlife Complex, and Friends of Malheur NWR. Thank you for your support!"

*Isaac Denzer and Kai Frueh
The Benton County Big Sit team*

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Lorie Bailey
Sarah Imholt

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To renew your membership online go to: <http://www.audubon.corvallis.or.us/join.shtml> & renew via Paypal, or you can mail a check to: ASC, PO Box 148, Corvallis, OR 97339.

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HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION?

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

*Suzanne Ortiz,
ASC Membership Chair*

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

AUG 1, 2016 ASC BOARD MEETING

After a potluck dinner, President Chris Mathews presided over the summer board meeting. Ray Drapek had a busy August planned with several volunteer groups working on projects. Jim Fairchild and

CORVALLIS FALL BIRD PHENOLOGY

Bird phenology records in the fall in Corvallis date from 1984. This list shows their arrivals through the fall of 2014. Birds with fewer than 3 records (57 species) were omitted from the list.

Avg. arrival	Species	# years	Earliest arrival
Jul01	Long-billed Dowitcher	5	May 8
4	Bonaparte's Gull	5	May 8
6	Least Sandpiper	9	Jun 7
9	Whimbrel (M)	3	May19
19	Caspian Tern (M)	9	May 8
19	Greater Yellowlegs (M)	18	Jun 25
20	Western Sandpiper	14	Jun 7
23	California Gull	7	Jun 27
27	Black-bellied Plover	6	Jul 18
29	Short-billed Dowitcher (M)	5	May 8
31	American Golden Plover	3	Jul 7
Aug 1	Great Egret	8	Jul 10
6	Semipalmated Sandpiper (M)	10	Jul 13
7	Lesser Yellowlegs (M)	19	Jun 28
7	Semipalmated Plover (M)	13	Jun 28
8	Green-winged Teal	5	Jul 14
8	Solitary Sandpiper (M)	16	Jul 11
11	Dunlin	4	Jul 16
13	Baird's Sandpiper (M)	14	Jul 16
13	Wilson's Snipe	6	Jul22
16	Brewer's Sparrow (M)	3	Jul 28
16	Red-necked Phalarope (M)	15	Jul 12
18	Long-billed Curlew (M)	5	Jul16
19	Northern Shoveler	11	Jul21
22	Stilt Sandpiper (M)	3	Jul27
25	Redhead	8	Jul 25
27	Northern Pintail	11	Jul 21
28	Black-throated Gray Warbler (M)	7	Aug 7
29	Gadwall	8	Aug12
30	Pacific Golden Plover (M)	7	Jun25
30	Pectoral Sandpiper (M)	20	Jul 20
Sep 2	American Wigeon	12	Aug 14
2	Marbled Godwit (M)	4	Aug 13
3	Common Tern (M)	5	Aug 30
6	Western Grebe (M)	6	Aug21
7	American Pipit	10	Sep 5
11	Lincoln's Sparrow	21	Aug 28
13	Ring-necked Duck	16	Aug 13
15	Fox Sparrow	22	Sep 3
15	Lewis's Woodpecker	19	Jul 27



Avg. arrival	Species	# years	Earliest arrival
16	Merlin	23	Jul 27
17	Golden-crowned Sparrow	26	Aug 29
19	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	21	Aug 12
19	Townsend's Warbler	19	Jul 26
20	Lapland Longspur	8	May 8
21	Eared Grebe (M)	15	Jul 24
22	Greater White-fronted Goose	17	Aug 23
24	Horned Grebe	13	Aug 12
25	Cackling Goose	11	Sep17
25	Cassin's Finch (M)	5	Jul 10
Oct 4	Canvasback	6	Aug 16
7	Hermit Thrush	12	Sep 2
7	Red-necked Grebe (M)	5	Sep16
9	Ruff (M)	4	Sep 7
11	Mountain Chickadee	3	Oct 1
12	Rough-legged Hawk	22	Sep 3
12	White-throated Sparrow	28	Sep 7
13	Surf Scoter	13	Sep14
15	Clark's Nutcracker (M)	9	Aug 27
21	Snow Goose	21	Sep10
22	Northern Shrike	22	Oct 2
23	Burrowing Owl	11	Oct 1
23	Palm Warbler	5	Oct 3
24	Eurasian Wigeon	19	May 8
25	Swamp Sparrow	6	Sep 28
27	Heerman's Gull (M)	6	Sep 30
30	Pacific Loon (M)	6	Oct 19
Nov 1	Tundra Swan	24	Oct 5
2	Snow Bunting	13	Oct 23
4	Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	15	Oct19
5	Prairie Falcon	4	Oct 9
9	Red-breasted Merganser (M)	3	Oct 25
9	Common Loon (M)	4	Oct 5
10	Cattle Egret (M)	3	Oct 25
15	Brant	6	Oct 25
15	Common Goldeneye	5	Nov 12
17	Harris's Sparrow	4	Oct 30
17	Trumpeter Swan	8	Nov 7
19	Ross's Goose	8	Nov 10

(M): Migrant

Compiled by Alan McGie

Chris Mathews will respond for the board on the Klamath Conservation Plan. The Vaux's Swift tower in Albany is finally getting completed. New brochures have been prepared. The next meeting will be at Hesthavn Sept 8 at 7 pm.

Gail Nickerson, Secretary

OPEN 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.

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CHAT ARTICLES

The Chat editors welcome articles from all members of the Audubon Society of Corvallis. Please submit articles to the Chat editor by the final Thursday of the month. Submit text using Microsoft Word and photos to: chateditors@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Sept 8	ASC Board Meeting, 7 pm, Hesthavn
Sept 10	Half Day Field Trip to Bald Hill Park
Sept 15	ASC General Meeting at Chintimini Senior Center
Sept 17	Big Sit Fundraiser at Finley
Sept 20	Field Notes submissions due
Sept 22	October CHAT submissions due
Oct 8	Field Trip, location TBA

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