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ASC General Meeting

**Third Thursdays at Chintimini Senior Center:
2601 NW Tyler Ave (& 27th) in Corvallis
Next Meeting: Thurs., Jan. 18, 2018, 7-8:30 pm**

January 2018 Program

Peter Kappes presents: Ice Baby (Penguins!):

Investigating how sea ice influences reproductive success and population dynamics of Adélie Penguins breeding on Ross Island, Antarctica

Life history theory predicts that natural selection should result in individuals optimizing lifetime reproduction. Demonstrating this is extraordinarily complex, however, as multiple physiological, environmental and competition factors interact over an individual's lifespan. To disentangle these effects, Peter is using a 20-year mark-resighting data set of known-age Adélie Penguins to investigate patterns in individual age-based fecundity and lifetime reproductive success over a range of sea ice conditions. These results are the basis for a population model of the Ross Island, Antarctica Adélie penguin metapopulation.

Peter Kappes grew up near Charlottesville, Virginia and majored in biology at the University of Virginia. Subsequently, he has accumulated years of field experience in multiple, fascinating projects around the world, including working as an on-board observer in the Alaska fishing industry, studying endangered suckers at Upper Klamath Lake, Piping Plovers on Cape Cod, Nazca and Blue-footed Boobies in the Galapagos and many more. These projects put him in a position to watch birds, as well, and Peter is a stalwart of Benton County birding.

At OSU, Peter is working with Dr. Katie Dugger and the Penguin Science team studying the (<https://www.penguinscience.com/>) population dynamics of Adélie penguins breeding on Ross Island, Antarctica.

Doors open at 6:30 pm for refreshments and visiting. The chapter meeting commences at 7:00 pm, followed by Peter's presentation at 7:30.

Next Month's Speaker: February 15: John Shewey, Birding the Border Country: Lake, Harney, Humboldt and Washoe Counties

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Photo by Liam Quinn

ASC General Meetings

**Third Thursdays at Chintimini Senior Ctr:
September – May
2601 NW Tyler Ave (& 27th) in Corvallis**

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Field Trip Schedule

Our Saturday morning local field trips meet the second Saturday from September through June at the Benton Center (756 NW Polk) parking area, behind the Samaritan Square Buildings, 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 ASC Facebook page, the Willamette Valley ListServ, <http://birding.aba.org/maillist/OR5>, 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 trip: January 13, Snag Boat Bend Unit of refuge. Flat trail, but probably a lot of wet grass.

Conservation Update

National Monuments: What's Up with Trump reducing Cascade-Siskiyou?

In Oregon: Oregon Caves, John Day Fossil Beds, Newberry National Volcanic, Cascades-Siskiyou

The Antiquities Act of 1906 establishes the authority of President by proclamation to establish protections for "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest." Absent Congressional action, immediate protection of resources-at-risk became possible. The Act constrains size for each based on object to be protected. 129 monuments are currently managed by 8 different agencies. Over the years many monuments have been reclassified as National Parks, and some moved to state control. They have ranged in size from a single urban building to hundreds of square miles in Alaska and marine ecosystems off the Hawaiian and Mariana Islands.

Adjustments to Monument Size:

The Antiquities Act does not grant Presidential specific authority to rescind, reduce, or alter established monuments. Because prior adjustments have not been legally challenged, no precedent yet exists to pre-judge the result of the several current legal challenges focusing on two Utah Monuments—Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante. These lawsuits focus on protection of prehistoric artifacts and their sacred value to tribes, arguing that reductions are constitutionally unlawful and exceed presidential authority. Congress has already acted to adjust boundaries of GS-E, so a reduction in size there overrides Congress. The Trump Administration also argues establishment objects don't require such large federal set-asides. By splitting these Utah monuments into multiple smaller monuments it avoids the legal risk of attempting to entirely dissolve established monuments.

Cascade-Siskiyou:

The Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is the first U.S. National monument set aside solely for the preservation of biodiversity. Originally established

in 2000 by President Clinton, President Obama added 48,000 acres to BLM administered 86,700 acres in 2017. The area includes nearly 100 identified dwelling and root-gathering sites of the Klamath, Modoc, and Shasta peoples. A controversial federal land management plan now in use demonstrates that the Executive branch has committed to the continuance of land management projects.

Science Needs a Discerning Media

Much media time has been spent on sensational claims and political intrigues regarding the rich and famous and well-connected. Behind shouted headlines, environmental losses will become the irreparable losses of our future.

A year ago nationwide protests briefly stopped the Keystone XL pipeline, while this week its older cousin Keystone pipeline just leaked close to a quarter million gallons of crude oil. Meanwhile, a natural gas pipeline from the Klamath-California border may soon feed the Coos Bay economy, where a large portion of the gas will be burned to liquefy the rest for export. This facility will become one of Oregon's largest CO₂ emitters.

Evidence to the contrary, political and agency leaders in Curry County again insist on expediting salvage logging on federal lands impacted by this year's Chetco Bar Fire. Overlooking the significant private lands salvage logging that provides both jobs AND taxes to the local economy, this puts at risk the more dispersed and valuable recreational and fisheries values of the Chetco basin, while disrupting a tax- and labor-free federal forest recovery.

In forests and politics, counteracting the insistence of dogma and inherited beliefs with critical thinking and observable and replicable data is becoming more difficult with a press steeped in a tradition of presenting two sides, regardless of either's validity.

Even locally, forests on city, county and trust lands are thinned for income while being touted as restorative. Only dogma says forest manipulations will benefit wildlife and make them more resilient in the face of fire, wind, disease and drought. Most often, besides carbon sequestration loss, thinning makes forests more



stagnant, less complex and diverse, and more subject to uniform, and thus more catastrophic, change, and thus, less resilient.

The political assault on science now reaches into our futures, with current proposals to tax funding an advanced education. In the end, this is an assault on knowledge – and on a free and discerning press.

Jim Fairchild, Conservation Chair

President’s Corner

Population size, genetic diversity, and extinction

The cover of the 17 November issue of *Science* features a photograph of Martha, the last surviving passenger pigeon, who died in 1914. The photo draws attention to a paper in which a group of 24 authors used genomics of the passenger pigeon to explore relationships between population size, genetic diversity, and extinction.

At its heyday, the passenger pigeon was the most abundant animal on earth, with some two to three billion individuals. Conventional wisdom holds that organisms with low population size are at risk of extinction because they lack genetic diversity needed to adapt to changing environmental conditions. Did passenger pigeons, with their huge population size, lack genetic diversity? Based on DNA sequence analysis of museum specimens, our 24 authors found the answer to be no; the large population was genetically diverse.

Why, then, did the bird go extinct? Failure to adapt to changing environmental conditions, conclude the 24. Could human evolution have been responsible? Our population size now exceeds the maximum obtained by the passenger pigeon, by a factor of three or more, with no end in sight. Humans are genetically diverse, but will that be enough to spare us as a species from the numerous environmental threats we face?

Chris Mathews, ASC President

Hesthavn News

ASC owns, and our volunteers manage, the Hesthavn Nature Center at 8590 Oak Creek Drive. Our 5.75 acres of meadows, plantings, forest and creek are full of wild-life from deer and bats to chickadees and jays. It is also laced with easy trails and picnic tables the community is welcome to enjoy. Please take care, especially in removing your trash, and treat our natural and enhanced facilities with care so we can all enjoy them for generations to come.

And if you have a little time and interest in working in Nature to help us maintain a beautiful natural space,

please contact our Hesthavn Chair, Ray Drapek, at ray-drapek@gmail.com, to volunteer.

We have a Barn and Yard work party on Saturday Jan. 20th from 10 am to 2 pm, and a weed work party on Jan. 28th from 10 am to 2 pm.

Ray Drapek, Hesthavn Chair

Atop the Nest Box

2017 shows relatively little change in our Bluebird Trail nesting activity. Here is the data for 2017 and 2016 at Linn and Benton County bluebird trails for a comparison. The boxes representing our data can change from year to year. Some locations have varying number of boxes, some boxes are removed or added and a few sites may be removed or added. We are seeing more bluebirds in residential sites in Philomath and north Corvallis. We do not know all the sites with nest boxes. If anyone knows someone having bluebird activity on their property but is not reporting to us, please advise them that we would like to include them in our reports.

	2017	2016
Nesting attempts	227	223
Nesting failures	36	30
Number of 1 st broods/pair	127	127
Number of 2 nd broods/pair	57	64
Number of 3 rd broods/pair	7	2
Total eggs laid	1166	1127
Eggs hatched	942	883
% of eggs that hatched	80%	78%
Number of chicks fledged	816	765
% of chicks fledged	87%	87%
Average of chicks fledged/box	6	5

Our monitors are a combination of private home owners, and volunteers who may or may not have their own boxes, but visit boxes on other private and public lands.

Monitors this year in Benton County are Bev Clark; Andrea & Greg Foster; Bill & Lynda Hohenboken (Lone Star Ranch), Elsie Eltzroth (Stonybrook), Lori Dodds, Alan Taylor & Carole Steckley (South Benton Co.), Peggy Meade (Philomath), Deb Savageau, Marcia Cutler, Nancy Hyde & Faye & Keven Yoshihara (Soap Creek), Nancy DeMasi & Greg Anderson (NW Albany), Matt Lee and Sue Powell (Finley NWR & Lester Ave), Clairmonde Harris, Maurice Woods, Sandy Thixton, Randy Comeleo, Nicole Hurley (OSU Sheep Farm), Sandy Whitney, Pat Blair, Judy Findley, Paula Anderson, Bob & Janet Larkin, Lisa Millbank, and Rita Snyder. **Monitors in Linn County** are Raylene Gordin, Diane Kaldahl, Mary Boyd, and

Don Thompson. **A Marion County** husband and wife, Stephanie Hazen and Ray Temple, also report to us.

Rita Snyder

Another Bluebird Lady

There are hundreds of *Bluebird Ladies* and many *Bluebird Men* across the United States and Canada who faithfully maintain Bluebird Trails by monitoring nesting boxes for environmental or birding organizations.

I read the Western Bluebird report by Julie Gibson in the November issue of the CHAT with interest. We have Bluebirds nesting in Stoneybrook Village where I now live. Just the other day I was again recognized, by a friend, as the Bluebird Lady from long ago. I coordinated the Audubon Society of Corvallis (ASC) Bluebird Trail from 1976 until I retired in 2008. During that time, volunteers had placed hundreds of nest boxes for the Western Bluebird in appropriate habitat from Alpine to Dallas, North Albany to Wren.

I was grateful to Raylene Gordin when she assumed the role of coordinator of this important and exceptional educational program for ASC. Raylene is in charge of banding Bluebirds, retaining a cadre of volunteers to monitor boxes, recording and sending the nesting data collected to the USGS, ASC, and other birding societies. She has added nest boxes in Linn County and monitors many on her trail where she lives.

Here in Benton County, it is time to recognize another hard working volunteer on the Trail. I introduced Rita Snyder to Bluebirds in 1988 when I observed a flock foraging in the ancient White Oak trees on her property. Her curiosity about the nest boxes we had been monitoring nearby led to her husband building and installing six, or more, on their small acreage. For at least the last fifteen years, Rita has taken over all obligations and tasks for maintaining nest boxes in Benton County which I had previously monitored. Not one to ever seek attention, she has worked behind the scenes to support the local Western Bluebird Trail. In so doing, she has definitely earned the honorary title of *Bluebird Lady*.

Elsie Eltzroth

Education News

Winter Wildlife Field Day 2018

Big thanks to Finley NWR volunteer and forester Mike Albrecht for responding to our request for hundreds of hard-to-find pine cones for a take-home activity at the coming March 10 Winter Wildlife Field Day at Finley. He persisted and came up with precisely what we will need for the backyard bird feeders our young guests

can make.

More thanks to Shawn Barnes of Barnes Forest Improvement LLC in Cottage Grove for supplying the majority of the cones (in ready to use condition), and to forest landowner Jerri O'Brien of Corvallis for the remaining cones from her property. It just goes to show how broadly our community supports education and fun in the great outdoors.

While the planning team of talented and dedicated volunteers is making great progress, there are still several vacant volunteer positions for the fourth annual Winter Wildlife Field Day at Finley on Saturday, March 10, 2018! Many folks will be needed for the big event, which drew 450 participants last year. Please contact Teri Engbring at ASC meetings or via email (on back of CHAT) to volunteer.

Teri Engbring, ASC Education Team

Field Notes

11/24/17 – 12/28/18

Due to unavoidable schedule conflicts brought on by a busy season, this will be a very brief and sketchy column. I hope to have a better one next month!

Despite period seasonally cold weather, this month one of our earliest "spring" wildflowers was spotted: a very early Snow Queen (*Synthyris reniformis*) began to bloom sw. of Philomath by 15 Dec (Jim & Karan Fairchild).

Abbreviations and locations: NWR = National Wildlife Refuge, STP = sewage treatment ponds. Jackson-Frazier Wetlands is in north Corvallis near Chelidelin Middle School. Luckiamute State Natural Area is along the Willamette River northwest of Albany. Philomath STP is south of Philomath and requires access permission. Teloh-Calapooia Park is in south Albany near Linn-Benton Community College, Talking Water Gardens is in NE Albany. Cabell Marsh, McFadden Marsh, and North Prairie are locations at Finley NWR.

Observations

Five "**Aleutian**" **Cackling Geese** were on the Philomath STP 27 Dec (Deanna Emig).

A few **Cinnamon Teal** continued through the period at Philomath STP and at Talking Water Gardens. A **Long-tailed Duck** and two **Redheads** continued along with other more common wintering ducks at the Philomath STP 29 Nov (Hendrik Herlyn). A **goldeneye** along Bruce Rd 24 Dec (Erik Knight) was later identified as an immature **Barrow's Goldeneye** (Hendrik Herlyn) which stayed through the end of the period, often associating closely with a female **Bufflehead**.

About 1000 **Tundra Swans** were in their usual

wintering spot along American Drive near Halsey 13 Dec (Delores Porch). Eight **Trumpeter Swans** were on Cabell Marsh 24 Dec (Erik Knight).

Flocks totaling over 400 **Wild Turkeys** were massed in the lower Soap Creek Valley 26 Dec (Ran Foster), one of several places where the population seems to be exploding in recent years.

A **Clark's Grebe** was on the Linn Co. side of Detroit Lake 1 Dec (Russ Namitz).

A pair of **Anna's Hummingbirds** were regular visitors in Andrea & Greg Foster's NW Corvallis yard through late December. This species might start nesting soon. An apparent adult male **Black-chinned Hummingbird** visited a NW Corvallis yard occasionally during the week leading up to 20 Dec, but was usually chased away by the resident Anna's Hummingbirds before Len & Judy Maki could get a photo.

Virginia Rails and **Soras** were reported at Talking Water Gardens through the period. A flock of 47 **Sandhill Cranes** flew south over the Griggs area NW of Lebanon 5 Dec (Jeff Harding).

A **Pacific Golden-Plover** was still near Shedd 25 Nov (Lars Norgren).

25 **Wilson's Snipe** were in pastures near the OSU dairy 25 Dec (Aaron & Sara Liston).

A lone **Turkey Vulture** flew over E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area 26 Dec (Bill Proebsting).

An **Osprey** fished over Foster Reservoir 24 Nov (Ben Phalan).

A **Red-tailed Hawk** carried a stick to a nest under construction in NW Corvallis 25 Dec (Nancy Stotz).

A **Long-eared Owl** flushed along Finley Refuge Rd. near the Woodpecker Loop Trail on the evening of 7 Dec (Jarod Jebousek). Three **Short-eared Owls** were SW of Tangent 25 Nov (Lars Norgren). One was near the North Prairie at Finley NWR 10 Dec (Rana Foster). Twelve were in the conservation wetlands along Diamond Hill Rd. SW of Brownsville 20 Dec (Jeff Fleischer). A **Burrowing Owl** continued SW of Tangent through 28 Nov (Kris Ebbe).

A **Red-breasted Sapsucker** visited a pine in Stonybrook Village 26 Dec (Julie Gibson).

A **Gyrfalcon** first seen between Peoria and Halsey 20 Dec (Jeff Fleischer) was reported intermittently in SW Linn Co. through the period. **Peregrine Falcons** and **Prairie Falcons** were also seen regularly in the open grass fields of western Linn Co. through the period.

Black Phoebes were seen through the period at Finley NWR, often around the pond by headquarters. Two **Say's Phoebes** were near Shedd 14 Dec (Kaplan Yalcin).

A **Northern Shrike** continued at Philomath STP into early Dec.

Isaac Denzer photographed a **Cassin's Vireo** (very

rare for the season) at Marys River Park in Philomath 9 Dec.

About 200 **Horned Larks** were along McLagan Rd. SW of Tangent 1 Dec (Lars Norgren). About 25 were near the S end of Blueberry Rd. near Peoria 9 Dec (Nancy Stotz).

Ten **Western Bluebirds** foraged in mistletoe clumps in oak trees on Bald Hill 25 Dec (Julie Gibson).

A **Northern Mockingbird** turned up in a holly bush SE of Albany 12 Dec (Bruce Dugger).

Eight **Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches** were atop Marys Peak 7 Dec (Hendrik Herlyn). A male **Common Redpoll** visited a feeder near Teloh-Calapooia Park 17 Dec (Jim Smith). Many observers continued to report **Pine Siskin** flocks in the Corvallis area.

A **Palm Warbler** briefly visited Mark Baldwin's yard in NW Corvallis 1 Dec. A **Townsend's Warbler** visited Don Boucher and Lisa Millbank's yard in NE Corvallis 15 Dec. Andrea and Greg Foster also had one visiting by 26 Dec.

A **Swamp Sparrow** continued through the period in the north unit of Luckiamute SNA, along with other more common wintering sparrows.

A young male **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** turned up in NW Corvallis, spotted by Carrie Burkholder, who managed to get photographs of the bird on 23 Dec (Tom Olson).

The blackbird flock wintering at Philomath STP includes a few **Tricolored Blackbirds**, which were noticed from 13 Dec onward. A few were also found in a blackbird flock SE of Albany from 24 Dec onward.

Ten **Western Meadowlarks** were along the Campus Way bike path 27 Nov (Don Boucher). Seven were in the North Prairie at Finley NWR 10 Dec (Rana Foster).

Next month: 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 25 Jan.

CBC 2017 Results Summary

The Corvallis CBC was held on Tuesday Dec. 19, 2017, along with a serious rainstorm and cold front. This led to persistent, all-day rain, particularly heavy between about 10 and 2:30. Perhaps, as a result, the number of species seen was only 118, which is the lowest total since 2004. Though I haven't computed all the totals yet, most teams reported fewer birds seen, particularly during the heavier rains. There were only a few bad misses, but not many unusual bird species. An unexpected bonus was a Rose-breasted Grosbeak which showed up on a feeder after the count, but still within

The Dec. 2017 Second-Saturday Field Trip to Talking Water Gardens

Photos by Teri Engbring



Brown Creeper

the count-week period (Dec. 16 – Dec. 22).

Good birds were:

Snow Goose, Ross's Goose, Canvasback, Redhead, Greater Scaup, Common Goldeneye, Prairie Falcon, Burrowing Owl (seen on private property), Lewis's Woodpecker, Tree Swallow (Finley NWR), Lapland Longspur (seen on private property), Tri-colored Blackbird (Philomath Sewage Pond, previously reported on OBOL), Loon species – observed by an very experienced birder, seen flying in the distance, and Say's Phoebe – count week

Misses include (cw = count week):

Trumpeter Swan – cw, Greater White-fronted Goose, all Grouse species, all Grebes, except for Pied-billed, Green Heron, Virginia Rail – cw, all Gulls, except for Herring and Glaucous-winged, Barred Owl – cw, Pileated Woodpecker – cw, Northern Shrike, any of the less common sparrows (e.g., Chipping, Swamp, etc.), and Red Crossbill

For comparison's sake, here are the Corvallis CBC species totals, starting from 2002:

2002 - 112	2008 - 127	2013 - 122
2003 - 112	2009 - 122	2014 - 128
2004 - 118	2010 - 129	2015 - 132
2005 - 120	2011 - 130	2016 - 124
2006 - 127	2012 - 128	2017 - 117
2007 - 125		

Marcia F. Cutler, CBC Coordinator

Community Notes

Willamette Valley Bird Symposium

The 4th annual Willamette Valley Bird Symposium (WVBS) will be held on **Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Oregon State University CH2M HILL Alumni Center from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Check-in begins at 8 a.m. The symposium brings together professionals, students, and amateurs from the Willamette Valley to celebrate birds. WVBS provides an opportunity for valuable conversations among bird enthusiasts of all ages and backgrounds.

Highlights include a keynote lecture by Pepper Trail: "Solving Crime with Feathers: The Casebook of a Forensic Ornithologist", student research presentations, demonstrations of avian research techniques, networking opportunities, and live raptors from Chin-timini Wildlife Center. Lunch and refreshments will be provided (vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options

available) Learn all about the event at Willamettevalleybirds.org.

Registration is available only online at: <https://willamettevalleybirds.org> and must be completed before January 11 for early bird prices, \$15 for students and \$20 for general admission. After Jan 11, registration is \$30. Registration ends January 21st. Free parking

will be available near the Alumni Center in the Reser Stadium lots.

The symposium began with a partnership of Oregon State University and the American Ornithological Society. ASC and our OSU affiliate, the Bird Nerds, are also sponsors and participants.

Mamo Waianhuea & Teri Engbring

Board Meeting Summary

Summary of December 2017 Meeting of ASC Board of Directors

1. The Board voted unanimously to increase the Education Committee budget to \$3,000 for the rest of the 2017-18 fiscal year. Education programs are proliferating with dedicated leadership and an increase in volunteer numbers!
2. The Hesthavn Nature Center will experience a thorough clean-up & rodent defensive-offensive on January 20th, from 10 am to 2 pm.
3. The open meadow habitat at Hesthavn will be maintained through judicious tree sapling eradication.
4. An internship program, developed in partnership with OSU & Finley Wildlife Refuge is planned to begin in early Spring 2018.

The next Board Meeting will be at 7 pm, January 11th, at Natural Grocers, 1235 NW 10th St.

Linda Campbell, 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 location.

Membership Corner

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Carolyn Coyle
Thomas Gilg
Kori Hutchison
Ted Rockwell & Family

Membership Renewal

To renew your membership online, go to the ASC website (www.audubon.corvallis.or.us/join.shtml)

and renew via Paypal, or you can mail a check to ASC at PO Box 148, Corvallis, OR 97339.

Email Notifications Regarding Weather Conditions

We encourage members to contact Karan Fairchild to get on the ASC listserve to receive emergency email notifications about meeting cancellations related to weather, updated information about ASC events, field trip locations and volunteer work parties. Send an email to our listserve administrator, Karan Fairchild, and request to be added to the listserve: alderspr@peak.org

Have You Changed Your Contact Information?

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

Suzanne Ortiz, ASC Membership Chair

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Chat Articles

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

Audubon Society of Corvallis

Calendar

Jan 11	ASC Board meeting, 7 pm at Natural Grocers
Jan 13	Field Trip to Snag Boat Bend NWR Unit
Jan 18	ASC General Meeting at Chintimini Sr Ctr
Jan 20	Hesthavn Barnyard Work Party, 10 am-2 pm
Jan 25	February CHAT stories due
Jan 25	Field Notes submissions due
Jan 27	Willamette Valley Bird Symposium at OSU
Jan 28	Hesthavn Weeds Work Party, 10 am-2 pm

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