President’s Message

KBAS had a very productive Planning Meeting on June 20th with 14 in attendance.

We spent some time discussing how we can make our web site more user friendly as well as having more information available with frequent updates on events, meetings, field trips etc. Molly Russell, Debra Davis and Diana Samuels will be meeting this summer to work on the changes needed. I’m excited to see a new and improved KBAS website.

We also talked about short and long range goals for our group and agreed that one was to increase our membership and what kind of reward to give out to new members. We are challenging our members to bring one new person to our first meeting in September. As a thank you to new members, we will be giving them a copy of the Klamath Basin Birding Trail book.

Our KBAS picnic at Van Hulzen’s on August 5 would be a good time to invite a friend or someone from Audubon that hasn’t come in a while, you might even offer to pick them up.

This will be the last issue of the Grebe compiled by Shirley Alley. We have appreciated her many creative talents in putting our newsletter together six times each year for the past several years and making it look fabulous each time. Please give Shirley a “Thank you” call or email.

Have a great summer and hope to see you at our KBAS picnic, (see details inside the Grebe).

Beth Phillips,
KBAS President

Meeting Schedule

Board Meetings
Where: Chamber of Commerce, 205 Riverside Dr. Ste. A
When: First Wednesday of the Month, except September which will be held on September 5.
Time: 3 pm - 5 p.m.

General Meetings
Where: Fisher Nicholson Realty Office, 403 Main St.
When: 2nd Tuesday of the Month
Time: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
September Topic: Jason Journey, Miller Island State Wildlife Refuge

The board has decided to change our general meeting day from the 2nd Thursday to the 2nd Tuesday. We did this to see if more folks would be able to attend on Tuesday rather than Thursday as many other groups meet on Thursday. Write this change down on your calendar as a reminder. Next meeting: Sept. 12, 6:30 pm - 9 pm.
KBAS Board

The following list of this year’s board officers and committee chairpersons. Their emails and phone numbers are listed on page 9.

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Winter Wings - Diana Samuels, Anne Wenner

Winter Wings Festival 2018
by Diana Samuels

Announcing the three 2018 Winter Wings Festival Keynoters

Stephen Shunk
Thursday, Feb. 15

On Thursday, Stephen Shunk kicks off the keynote series with a talk on his favorite charismatic family of birds, Woodpeckers. Steve’s long-awaited Peterson Reference Guide to Woodpeckers of North America was released in May 2016, and he will gladly sign yours at the festival.

Moose Peterson
Friday, Feb. 16

Moose Peterson, our featured Nikon photographer, has shot nearly 900 bird species in his 40 years of photography. Come along as he shares some of these amazing birds, their stories, and the unique place they hold in our wild heritage in his Friday night keynote.

Kevin McGowan
Saturday, Feb. 17

On Saturday night we welcome Dr. Kevin J. McGowan from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in New York with his Bird Behavior keynote. Kevin is an avid birder as well as a professional ornithologist, and has traveled extensively to watch and study birds. Kevin created the original All About Birds online bird guide and currently writes online courses in the Lab’s Education program.

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If you have other program suggestions for 2017, please contact Anne Wenner or Diana Samuels.

2017 Winter Wings Festival
February 15-18, 2018
Program schedule available mid-November 2017

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INFO@WINTERWINGS.ORG
A Trip to the Far Side of Crater Lake National Park
August 12, 2017

Joint field trip of the Klamath Basin Native Plant Society and the Klamath Basin Audubon Society

Leader: Marshal Moser

As of about noon on Sunday, 7/30/2017, The Blanket Creek Fire was burning in the area where the Thousands Springs Field Trip is planned off the SW corner of Crater Lake National Park. It is a lightning caused wildfire and was only 3% contained. If the fire is not out completely out, smoke and all, by Wednesday, August 9, 2017, the trip will be cancelled by email. Be watching (or contact Marshal)! Anyone in doubt or with questions should feel free to contact me, Marshal, at my personal cell phone or personal email below.

Cell Phone: 541/880-4629
E-mail: MarshalMoser@gmail.com

In addition to mountain views and meadows, we will see impressive stands of timber including of a large variety of higher elevation trees of the Cascades, west slope shrubs, and herbaceous plants. Potential woody plants include Subalpine, Red & White Fir; Douglas Fir; Mountain & Western Hemlock; Ponderosa, Lodgepole, Sugar, & Western White Pine; Engelmann Spruce; Incense Cedar; Mountain Ash; Golden Chinkapin; Vine Maple; Subalpine Spirea; Crater Lake Currant and others; Red Elder; Pacific & Dwarf Dogwood; etc. Most of the herbaceous plant blooms peaked in July (but the mosquitoes declined with them). We hope to still catch some things blooming and, at least, the fruiting structures of ladies tresses and other orchids; monkey flowers; false hellebore; fireweed; lupines; Indian paintbrushes; pearly everlasting; phlox; Pacific Bleeding Heart; etc.

Animal life potentially includes higher elevation birds such as Western Tanager, Clark’s Nutcracker, Gray Jay, Townsend’s Solitaire, Varied and other...
thrushes, Red Crossbill, etc. The mammals are mostly crepuscular or nocturnal, and, although we will be in habitat of the Pine Marten and the rarer Fisher, we will have to be very lucky to see them. We have a slightly higher chance of seeing other mammals of the summertime high forests such as Elk, Blacktail Deer, and Black Bear. We will most certainly see a few of the daytime mammals, mostly rodents, including Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel, Yellow Pine Chipmunk, Chickaree, and Yellowbelly Marmot.

Meeting Place, and times: August 12, 2017- If you wish to carpool from Klamath Falls, meet at the Klamath County Museum at 8:15 AM, 1451 Main St., Klamath Falls, OR. Otherwise, meet at Kla-Mo-Ya Casino at 9 AM on the west side of the parking lot (Hwy 97 side), ~25 miles north of Klamath Falls on US 97. Trip to end roughly by 1:30 PM Beckie's Café in the village of Union Creek on Rt. 62, where you can join those who wish to eat lunch at this delightful little restaurant. Home from Beckie's on your own. (con’t)

What to wear: Clothing for hot and dry, to cool and wet. The weather in the mountains which can be cooler and wetter than the lower elevations of the Basin. Footwear that can get wet is best but not critical; there are some spring heads, small creeks, and possible fens and/or boggy areas but we will probably avoid the wetter areas except for those who wish to get wet (water temps in the 40's!).

Agency Lake, Shoreline Birding August 26

Meet at Hensel Park (boat launch) on Modoc Point Road at 8:00 AM.

We will car pool to two other locations on Agency Lake for land based birdwatching. Then we will stop at Wood River Wetlands for a ½-mile walk (each way) on the level dike road. Those that bring kayaks can paddle to the Wood River Bridge and meet up with the land based party at the bridge to share notes. We will eat our snacks and drinks at the bridge. Participants can return at their own leisure and are free to continue their hiking or kayaking. 4 hours

Leaders Tom Essex and Gary Vequist

Running Y Resort Birding Tour September 2, 2017

Meet at the Running Y Golf “Pro” shop overflow parking lot at 8:00 AM. We will carpool to birding stops near the pro shop, the 5th hole pond, Cinnamon Teal Drive entrance and Skillet Handle Birding Trail. We will have two leaders Gerry Hill and Gary Vequist. We will all travel together to these birding stops. There will be a short hike on the Cinnamon Teal Bike trail. Our final destination (stop) will be the Skillet Handle Birding Trail. A leader will stay with those that wish to mainly setup next to the road to birdwatch. Another trip leader will lead a two mile hike on the ridge route and back on the gravel road - talking, walking and birding. Gerry is planning to scope out all hotspots seeking a big day before our trip date. 3 hours.
September 23, 2017
Arts on the Flyway

KBAS will be participating in the Arts on the Flyway again this year. It will be held on September 23rd at Veteran’s Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will need help setting up and break down as well as helping at our tables and bird walks. This event was a big success last year for Klamath Falls with many different activities and groups. Jamie Blankenship, our Education chair, and I are co-leading this event, if you are interested please let us know. Beth 530-908-3412, pidgeco@gmail.com or Jamie at jamesue27@yahoo.com.

For further information about this event go to www.artsontheflyway.com

Upcoming Programs

September 12
Meeting

Jason Journey from Miller Island State Wildlife Refuge

October 10
Meeting

Akimi King, Fish and Wildlife Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has caught “Monarch Fever” and would like to share it with you! Please join us on October 10.

Presentation: Life of a Monarch & Bugs and Thugs in the Garden OR Monarchs and Milkweeds: What You Can Do to Help

She has been working with schools, garden clubs, nurseries, businesses, agencies, Southern Oregon Monarch Advocates, volunteers, and many community partners to establish habitat for monarch butterflies and pollinators in southern Oregon and northern California. Come and catch the Monarch Fever and together we can have a positive long-term impact on western monarch populations. In milkweed seed cleaning activity and you will be able take home some seeds!
Education

KCC classes presented by Theresa (Bird) Wicks

Theresa is the Program Director for the Great Outdoor Alliance. She is an excellent birder and presenter. To register go online to

https://www.klamathcc.edu/Community.

BIOX 700N 01 Beginning Birding
8/23/17 5:00 - 7:00 pm

This course provides a brief introduction into how to identify birds, how to use binoculars and field guides, and the diversity of birds in the Klamath Basin. We will also talk briefly about helpful birding apps and ways to get involved in national community science efforts. We will see multiple photos of local birds. No prior experience necessary. An optional field trip to a location to be determined will be on the Saturday after the class.

Cost: $19

BIOX 700N 02 Birding by Ear
9/13/17 5:00 - 7:00 pm

This course provides a brief introduction to bird vocalizations, including types of vocalizations, what birds are saying, and the incredible diversity of sounds and songs made by birds around North America. We will then focus in on the songs of several common birds of the Klamath Basin. We’ll listen to recordings of bird songs during the course and talk about tips for learning songs. We’ll also see multiple photos of our local birds. No prior experience necessary. An optional field trip to Rocky Point/Upper Klamath National Wildlife Refuge will be on the Saturday after the class.

Cost: $19

Community Hikes August 2017

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For more information, visit our website at: greatoutdooralliance.wildapricot.org, or contact Bird at: greatoutdooralliance@gmail.com or 541-450-7500

Junior Birder Science Camp

A science camp for your inner birder!

August 9-12, 2017
9:00 - 4:00
Locations: Moore Park, Tule Lake, Pelican Guard Station

At this birding and science camp we will learn about avian ecology, conservation, and data collection. We will explore the birds of the Upper Klamath Basin, participate in a nationwide Citizen Science program, and create an informational display to share with the community.

This camp is $15 for the 4-day camp. We will meet at the South Portal each field trip morning. On Moore Park days we will meet in Moore Park. For more information, or to register, go to greatoutdooralliance.wildapricot.org or contact Bird at greatoutdooralliance@gmail.com. The Great Outdoor Alliance is an equal opportunity provider.
National Audubon Society Report #1: Gillmor Sanctuary
by Mary Ellen Sargent

Have you ever traversed I-80 in Utah’s salt flats and wondered where did all the highway’s raised bed come from? Answer: the Gillmor Sanctuary’s (partial) causeway to Antelope Island. At the National Audubon Society’s Conference held in Park City, Utah, July 14-16, 2017, this sanctuary and other saline habitats were discussed. Here’s a brief history of National Audubon’s only sanctuary in Utah. It is approximately 3000 acres of saline flats interspersed with wetlands bordering the Great Salt Lake west of the Salt Lake airport. Originally owned by the Gillmor family, the site was appropriated in the late 80’s by the state to transport gravel from Antelope Island via a huge conveyor belt running miles along a man-made causeway (see picture below). After the highway was finished, the altered land was returned to the family, and in the mid-90’s National Audubon presented a plan to the family for the sanctuary. Since that time, Ella Sorensen has been the manager of the site, spearheading much restoration and research. For 25 years, she has watched saline obligate species, such as Wilson’s Phalarope and American Avocet, and others, such as Eared Grebe and American White Pelican decline as the Great Salt Lake recedes. On field trips to the closed preserve, participants learned of restoration efforts for Snowy Plover, a threatened/endangered species. Drought, water diversion, and declining water quality were also discussed. On hand to identify birds was Kenn Kaufman, noted birder and author, who keynoted the Audubon banquet.

In the picture, Ella is to the left and Kenn is to the right. Other species of note: Eastern Kingbird, Spotted Sandpiper, White-faced Ibis, Long-billed Curlew, Burrowing Owl, Lark Sparrow, Loggerhead Shrike, Franklin’s Gull, California Gull, Short-eared Owl, Snowy Egret, Sage Thrasher, Sandhill Crane. If you are interested in saline water habitats, read the latest edition of the Audubon magazine or go to www.audubon.org/westernwater.
Klamath Lake Land Trust Restorations

Klamath Lake Land Trust (KLLT) has some updates from recent restoration projects. The 316-acre property along the Sprague River has had levees removed, over 15,000 riparian plants planted, native grass reseeding, and now development of a trail bed that will be planted this fall, along with interpretative signs. Below is a picture of a red winged blackbird and a western meadowlark using an aspen tree recently planted by the trust.

Below is a picture of the trail bed that runs along an old irrigation canal and creek down to the Sprague River. Please contact KLLT if you have ideas for the trail or want to volunteer to help plant in the fall.

KLLT’s newest property, 15 acres along the Sprague, also had restoration activities last week, with 1250 willows and riparian shrubs planted, and the fence on the way to being repaired, with land trust partners Lomakatsi Restoration Project, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and The Klamath Tribes. All restoration occurred via boat!

Fly fishing casting lessons along the Sprague River. Note the Gearhart Wilderness in the far background now confirmed with this report.
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KBAS is a chartered chapter of the National Audubon Society.

The Board of Directors meets 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Chamber of Commerce offices, 205 Riverside, Klamath Falls. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For address changes, please contact both National Audubon Society and KBAS, Attn: Myki Spindle, mykispin@gmail.com

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