President’s Message

— Tim Johnson

Volunteers Make Salem Audubon Buzz

Like busy bees, Salem Audubon volunteers are very active this time of year. There are so many ways volunteers enable our chapter to accomplish its mission of Connecting People with Nature.

The Ankeny Hill Nature Center is a prime example. Salem Audubon has lead responsibility for fundraising, including grant writing. We will be applying for a couple of grants to develop the six educational nodes this spring. See a related article in this issue. Harry Fuller successfully applied for a grant for a Motus radio bird tracking system to be installed this spring. Volunteers will help apply for additional grants to help support other opportunities at the Nature Center.

During the week of May 21 to 28, Salem Audubon and our Nature Center partners will sponsor the “Celebrate Migratory Birds” event at Ankeny Hill Nature Center. Salem Audubon will lead bird walks and develop and staff tables on various topics, including woodpeckers and grassland birds. Other informational tables may be included, depending on the talents and interests of our members.

Volunteers also help deliver a variety of nature education programs. Salem Audubon regularly receives requests from schools and community groups for our Traveling Education Program programs. The number of these requests has been increasing recently. We have a particular need for volunteers in our Build a Nest Box and Bats programs. You don’t have to have teaching credentials or training to teach in this program. We have developed materials and can mentor new instructors. See a related article in the January Kestrel.

There are many additional volunteer opportunities at Salem Audubon, all focused on accomplishing our mission of Connecting People with Nature. The reasoning is that the more people have a personal connection with birds, wildlife, and native plants and their habitat needs, the greater chance we have to protect and preserve these precious natural resources. If this mission resonates with you, please consider getting more involved in supporting our many chapter programs and activities. - Continued page 2
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Many Thanks

We all know Melissa Young in her capacity as editor of the Kestrel. It’s with mixed feelings that I report that Melissa has decided to retire from this position. I’m sad that we are losing Melissa and happy that she can free up some time for other pursuits. Melissa tells me her first issue was in September 2012. She responded to an ad in the Statesman Journal and was interviewed by then club President Michael Babbitt and Laurie Buswell, our office administrator. Fortunately, they had the good judgment to “hire” her. Fortunately for us, Melissa tells me she will find other ways to remain involved in Salem Audubon. Look for her on a future field trip.

Never Be Complacent
About Living in Oregon

It is easy to become used to the amazing scenery and beautiful birds all around us in Oregon.

But we should never be so complacent as to say “Oh, it’s just another Great Blue Heron” as it swoops overhead and lands not ten yards away.

As a photographer, capturing birds in flight is both my passion and avocation. And as the new editor of The Kestrel, sharing bird photographs and stories (yours more than mine) will be a great pleasure.

Your content ideas with us are important to us. Please contact me if you have something you would like to share.

Mike Williams
wmspix@gmail.com

Election of Board Members — Time to raise your hand

by Tim Johnson

Much of what you value about Salem Audubon is done by members like you. More than half of our members volunteer some of their time during the year to help Salem Audubon accomplish its mission of connecting people to nature.

Serving on the Board of Directors is one vital function supported by our members. We ask members to volunteer a few hours per month to help with chapter leadership. It’s an essential role for a membership-led organization like ours. It can also be a gratifying and fun experience.

At the May Birder’s Night meeting, we will hold our annual election of the Board of Directors. Directors serve a two-year term and meet monthly to steer the direction of the chapter. Typical Board tasks include setting or adjusting organizational policies, evaluating potential opportunities, approving expenditures, and driving new organizational directions. Planning for and supporting the educational activities at the Nature Center will be a primary focus for the Board this year.

All members are asked to attend the May Birder’s Night election of directors to show support for those willing to serve on the Board for the coming term and consider taking a turn at being on the Board.

Please contact me if you have questions about becoming a Salem Audubon Board member. Tim Johnson: 503-507-8552, tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com.
Education Nodes at Ankeny Hill Nature Center

--Samatha Bartling, Visitor Services Manager, Willamette Valley NWR Complex

An ‘Education Node’ is an educational, interactive, and adaptable learning space for students, youth groups, families, and the public while visiting the Ankeny Hill Nature Center. These spaces will provide a hands-on learning experience that encourages and fosters a connection to nature, public lands, and cultural traditions. These spaces incorporate a variety of personal learning styles and education techniques to accommodate a diverse audience; from a walk along the trail where participants are learning along the way to spending 20+ minutes at a designated stop getting an in-depth view of a particular topic to having hands-on free time to explore and play with natural objects.

The Ankeny Hill Nature Center, located at Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge, is the perfect place for the surrounding communities to gather, learn, and explore with its various habitat types, rich biodiversity of wildlife and plants, and accessible and welcoming community space. The six education nodes are located throughout the Nature Center, including along the Little and Big Loop trails. They can be used in succession or individually, providing flexibility and accommodating different types of groups, field trip lengths, age levels, and learning capabilities. These nodes are not static and are designed to be adaptable, encouraging repeat visits and providing visitors and program participants with new information and experiences with each visit. Below are descriptions of each node, the design, and the educational topics to be implemented.

1. Nature Explore Area
2. Story Walk
3. Animal homes/Native Habitats
4. Wetlands
5. Kalapuya
6. Pollinator Garden

Nature Explore Area – implemented in 2021

The Nature Explore Area is just that, a space to explore nature. Located near the Gehlar Hall people arriving at the site will be drawn to this interactive space. Modern-day children do not readily get the opportunity to interact with the components of nature freely and safely due to the rise in technology, changes in approaches to parenting, and lack of nearby nature spaces.¹

This designated space allows for such opportunity and encourages it by providing materials (such as sticks and logs) and interactive elements (such as bridges and tunnels). Children have permission to get dirty, observe plants, birds, and bugs, and build social and leadership skills.

**Story Walk: A Home atop Ankeny Hill – in-progress 2021**

The Story Walk, A Home atop Ankeny Hill, is an opportunity for visitors to learn more about the Refuge, its habitats, wildlife, and what they can do to help protect it. This Education Node invites people out onto the more significant loop trail around the nature center, bringing them through multiple habitats and out to the other nodes located along the trail. The signs are versatile because although topics build on each other as you travel from one sign to the next, they are also straightforward enough to work individually. They are designed to be small interpretation signs, 10x10 inches, to provide a simple and welcoming experience. Signs will also be available in Spanish. The signs incorporate two animal ambassadors, Dana the Dragonfly and Dusky the Dusky Canada Goose, both representative of the Refuge and the nature center, providing a fun and memorable experience. An associated activity booklet further expands this education node’s learning opportunities and interactive component.

Examples from Siletz National Wildlife Refuge (Oregon Coast NWR Complex), USFWS.

Developed Story Walk signs ready for implementation at Ankeny Hill Nature Center.
Animal Homes/Native Habitats – *needs implementation*

The Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge provides quality vital habitats that local native residents and migratory species need to survive. These habitats are homes for wildlife, providing food, water, shelter, and space. Animal homes are excellent demonstrations of wildlife's various adaptations, making them unique and suitable for specific habitats. This education node will highlight several species' homes, adaptations, and places in the food chain. The design will incorporate natural and human-made elements to showcase the variation and complexity of the animal-built homes. Visitors will be able to interact with this node in various ways. A life-size 6-ft wide eagle nest model will be constructed for visitors to experience and observe the incredible size and structure eagles create. Other bird nest examples, such as ground nests and nests in snag trees, will also be implemented. An ‘insect hotel’ will also be available to observe insects’ social constructs and life cycle patterns. A real-life decaying log could be implemented with plexiglass allowing for the observation of the decomposition process, an essential part of the circle of life. Educational activities will also be collected and developed specifically for this node, incorporating additional features for classrooms and youth groups to use with their students.

Eagle Nest: Cleveland Zoo; Bird Nest Box: Westminster Teak; Insect Hotel: Pinterest

Wetlands (located within the David B. Marshall Outdoor Classroom) – *needs implementation*

Wetlands are truly the heart of ecosystems, providing food and water for thousands of organisms, big and small. This educational node will be located within the David B. Marshall Outdoor Classroom at Peregrine Marsh. This open-air classroom will also be a gathering place for groups and families. Situated along the edge of Peregrine Marsh, a recently restored wetland, it will be the perfect place to connect and educate people about the importance of wetland habitats. This educational node will allow educators to implement scientific method field activities such as water quality labs and pollution filtration demonstrations. This education node could include visual and auditory components and structural features (such as a drop-down ramp or dock into the wetland).

Outdoor classroom example: NISD Outdoor Learning Center

Wetlands Lab: Greenville Journal
Kalapuya – needs implementation

The lands that are now Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge are the ancestral lands of the Kalapuya. They today are members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians. Since time immemorial, the Kalapuya have been stewards of the land, living sustainably through seasonal food harvest and cultivation. We want to create an education node that honors the Kalapuya, their land, and their people. This education node will be designed and implemented in partnership with the Tribes. One idea for an interactive and education node would be to recreate a life-size camas oven that allows visitors and students to use a digging stick to harvest and then prepare the camas bulbs. The replicas would need to travel to and from the site with volunteers or program leads or be incorporated into a Discovery Backpack. The camas oven itself could be permanently constructed within the node footprint. The upland and wet prairie fields surrounding this node are restored to what the Kalapuya would have worked hard to maintain and cultivate.

Pollinator Garden – needs implementation

Pollinator gardens are a great way to provide for the pivotal needs of local pollinator species and demonstrate how implementing pollinator-friendly plants is doable for residents at home. Native plant species provide habitat for pollinators while also bringing beauty and purpose to your front and back yards, porches, balconies, and neighborhood spaces. Visitors will be able to see how a pollinator garden benefits the pollinators, the ecosystem, and the benefits pollinators provide to us – such as food production. The Willamette Valley has a long history of food production (connecting back to the Kalapuya) and agriculture. Pollinators’ important role can be shared here. The Pollinator Garden will be implemented next to the building, next to the outdoor classroom, providing a real teaching opportunity. Bee hotels, native plants, and pathways through the garden will all be a part of the experience. This will also be a great location to implement artistic elements to the site, such as sculptures that highlight the native pollinator species and where they nest. Metal insects with accurately scaled anatomy will offer yet another teaching opportunity. Botanical labels will be underneath most native plants, aiding in identification. The implementation and maintenance of this node is a wonderful opportunity for volunteer support. The OSU Master Gardeners and the Xerces Society are possible partners to help design and implement this node.
**Birder’s Night**

**MAY 2022 BIRDERS NIGHT**

Salem Audubon’s May Birders’ Night will be a live hybrid event on Zoom.

**“Rainbird Adventures - Birding CA and AZ”**

Paul and Roxy Evans will present an overview of bird photographs from their winter seasons in southern CA and Tucson, AZ. The spectacular images of the amazing birdlife in this region are a fascinating collage of the wide variety of birds seen and enjoyed here. Among the species we will hear about are the Roadrunner and Vermilion Flycatcher and some exotic hummingbirds.

Paul and Roxy are Salem Audubon members, widely traveled to birding hotspots, and sure to provide fine photos and good ideas of places to bird.

- **In-Person:** Broadway Commons, 1300 Broadway Street NE, Salem.
- **Date:** Tuesday, May 10, 2022
- **Meeting Time:** 6:30 - 8:00 pm, access at 6:00 pm
- **Location:** Mexico Room 304, Use the elevator to access. Parking is east of the building.

**How to Join the ZOOM Webinar**

1. As a participant, you do not need any special software or hardware. Participants will not require a microphone or camera. You will not need special ZOOM software.

2. All participants will need to “Pre-Register” in advance of the event by clicking on a link provided in the Kestrel, on the Salem Audubon website, and the SAS Facebook page.

   The link to pre-register for Birder’s Night is: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fk429GBoRm2eUAtZv1GUCQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fk429GBoRm2eUAtZv1GUCQ)

3. Once registered, you will immediately receive a confirmation email that will include the link to join the meeting. You will receive a reminder email on the day of the program. At the start time for the program (or a few minutes before), you can click on the meeting link using a PC, Mac, or smart device to enter the Zoom session. It’s that easy.

4. No special software or equipment is needed. Viewers will not require a camera or microphone. Communications from viewers to the Master of Ceremonies, Tim Johnson, will be through the “Chat” function: You will find the “chat button” on your computer screen, click on it, and then type in your question/comment, whether it be a technical problem you are having or a question for the speaker during the Q&A at the end of the talk. Tim will dispense advice on technical issues through “Chat” during the program. He will read the submitted questions to the presenter at the end of the program.

5. For any technical questions, please email Tim Johnson tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com. For other questions, email Harry Fuller, Chair, Birder’s Night Committee, atowhee@gmail.com.

**Missed one of this season’s Birder’s Night Program? Catch It on YouTube!**

All of this season’s Birder’s Night programs to date (September 2020 through May 2021) have been recorded and are available on YouTube. To tune in:

1. Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)
2. Search for “Salem Audubon Society”
3. Find the program you want in the list of SAS YouTube videos

If you wish to subscribe (no charge) you will receive a notification of any new programs as they appear.
Is This for Real?

Ivory-Billed Woodpeckers Back in the News

By Harry Fuller

The Ivory-billed Woodpecker used to be the largest woodpecker in North America. It may still be. There have been no widely accepted sightings or hearings of this species in the U.S. or Cuba so far this century. Until, maybe, now. Three widely acclaimed efforts to find living ivory-bills in the early 2000s disappointed the bird world.

The last widely accepted evidence of the ivory-bills’ survival in the U.S. came from James Tanner’s fieldwork in a Louisiana forest in the 1940s. To satisfy the need for lumber during World War I, that forest was soon logged. Apparently, our species has always been a danger to this woodpecker.

Mark Catesby did the first color drawing of the bird in the 1730s. Of the bird, he wrote:

“The bills of these Birds are much valued by the Canada Indians, who make coronets of them for their Princes and great warriors, by fixing them round a wreath, with their points outward. The northern Indians are having none of these birds in their cold country, purchase them off the southern people at the price of two, and sometimes three buck-skins a bill.”

Thus, people’s business and the ivory-bills are ever at odds. As agriculture grew, farmers cut most of the old-growth forests in the southern states. This woodpecker lost its habitat.

By 1840 the bird’s dependence on old forests was clear. That year Thomas Nuttall published his Manual of the Ornithology of the United States. It says, “More vagrant, retiring, and independent than the rest of his family, he is never found in the precincts of cultivated tracts; the scene of his dominion is the lonely forest amidst trees of the greatest magnitude.”

A 1933 National Geographic feature on American woodpeckers said of the ivory-billed: “So far as is known, its range was formerly confined to the Southern States... From nearly all this vast domain, it has disappeared. We know of a very limited number in Louisiana, and there are still some in Florida.”

There was a population in Cuba at least until the 1980s.

A team of field biologists has reported on three years spent in an undisclosed forest tract in Louisiana. They say they have images and sound recordings of Ivory-billed Woodpeckers using current technology. As well, there are claims of visual encounters. Project Principalis and the National Aviary in Pittsburgh sponsored this fieldwork.

Want to learn more about the Ivory-billed Woodpecker and its possible resurgence?

Click here for the announcement of their findings: https://www.aviary.org/new-findings-released-in-the-search-for-the-ivory-billed-woodpecker/

Click here for National Aviary’s summary of this species’ history: https://www.aviary.org/conservation/project-principalis/history-of-the-ivory-billed-woodpecker/

Click here to read the full, pre-publication version of the research report before it has been peer-reviewed: https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.04.06.487399v1.full
Salem Audubon Society Online Wildlife Webinars

Salem Audubon Society (SAS) will be offering the following wildlife related webinar in May 2022. You must register in advance to attend any of the webinars. Mike Unger is the instructor for the webinars. Check the SAS website, or future Kestrels for further information on these webinars.

New Butterflies of Oregon ($5) – Sunday, May 8, 2022 @ 1:30 PM – Butterflies are hugely popular as watchable wildlife. This webinar looks into Oregon’s butterflies with emphasis on butterflies seen in the Willamette Valley. We begin with an introduction to butterfly biology, life cycles, and classification. We then explore five of the six families including the skippers, beautiful swallowtails, the vibrant, energetic whites, oranges, and sulphurs, gossamer wings and brushfoots. Join us in our exploration of the continent’s butterfly fauna. Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Xis9D4ynQ6eiow7sZxyhA

NOTE: You must register in advance for this webinar. The registration link is shown above in additional to the SAS website (under “Upcoming Events”) – https://salemaudubon.org/

Upcoming Field Trips

Compiled by Cynthia Donald

Salem Audubon field trips are open to the public, and we have a mix of experienced and new birders. Our field trips are an excellent way to become familiar with Oregon birds, experience new places, and meet new friends. We don’t charge for our trips, but there may be a small fee involved, such as a parking pass, depending on our destination. Carpooling is encouraged to reduce our carbon footprint, and if you do carpool, please contribute to your driver to help cover costs. If you would like to lead a field trip, have places in mind to go, any suggestions or questions, please contact Cynthia at (480)283-4515 or at planres@outlook.com.

SAS SHORTS are abbreviated versions of our popular field trips. These trips are in the local area, typically last 1 to 2 hours, and cover up to 2 miles on generally even surfaces. New and experienced birders are welcome! Please arrive before the start time as these trips will begin precisely at the listed time.

Some of our field trips meet at the Airport Park and Ride, located on the east side of Airport Road, between Mission and State streets, next to the State Motor Pool, and just south of the bridge over Mill Creek. Take Mission Street to Airport Road (the first signal light east of 25th Street), turn left, and proceed north one block to the park and ride. There are no facilities at this location.

SAS MONTHLY FIELD TRIPS

Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 8:00 am – Minto-Brown Island Park

(Upcoming – Sunday, June 5 at 7:00 am and Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00 am)

Leaders: Mike Unger (503)930-8998, Tim Johnson (503)507-8552, Paul Evans (317)922-7908

May is the month when neo-tropical migrants arrive, drenched in color, and compete for nesting areas alongside resident birds. The understory of deciduous woodlands and evergreen stands are magnets, with nearby berry hedgerows providing food and bugs for these travelers. Warblers, vireos, thrushes, and wrens are drawn to the green understory with the end of the Indian Plum bloom. Bewick’s Wrens can be early nesters at the base of trees and roots with Spotted Towhees and Song Sparrows, while California Scrub-Jays and Steller’s Jays build their nests above. White-crowned Sparrows and Lazuli Buntings prefer the tight weedy grasses with perches. Savannah Sparrows are drawn to the renovation grassland with Giant Lupine. Black Twinberry provides nectar for Anna’s and Rufous hummingbirds. Soon Warbling Vireos, Lazuli Buntings, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Black-throated Gray, Wilson’s, Yellow and Orange-crowned Warblers will be joined by flycatchers in their dawn songs. As expected, the Osprey arrived in April. Bald Eagles, hawks, owls, and herons have been nesting since February or March. As we take the walking loops, we will watch for cavity nesters, including swallows and Vaux’s Swifts.

Meet at 8:00 am at Parking Lot #3 (the last parking lot in the park). Dress for the weather, bring water, snacks, and binoculars! Trails may be uneven, so wear appropriate footwear and plan for considerable walking. We plan to be finished around noon.

Directions: From River Road South, turn west at the signal at Minto Island Road and proceed to the last parking lot. Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle and confirm anything inside is out of sight.
**Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 8:00 am – Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge**

(Upcoming – Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00 am and Saturday, July 16 at 7:00 am)

Leaders: Mike Unger (503)930-8998, Tim Johnson (503)507-8552, Paul Evans (317)922-7908

This refuge is a spectacular birding spot in May due to the availability of water in back ponds, ditches, and fields. This is the home of returning and nesting American Bitterns, Green Herons, and Soras. The interior of the refuge is now open, and we will walk the loop watching for sparrows and migrants like Yellow-breasted Chats, flycatchers, and warblers. Pullouts are valued for hedgerows, ditches, and thick shrubs. Grassy brush areas are productive for songbirds and woodpeckers. Oak stands, snags, and woodland areas can yield nesting raptors. Recent arrivals, including grosbeaks, vireos, flycatchers, warblers, and swallows, are all beginning their nesting process.

**Meet at Ankeny Hill Nature Center (AHNC) Parking Lot at 8:00 am.** There are facilities at this location, and the trails are now open! We will start here before visiting Pintail Marsh and other locations. Bring water, binoculars, and a snack. Trails can be uneven, so please wear appropriate footwear. We anticipate finishing by noon.

**SAS-SHORTS**

**Tuesday, May 10 at 9:00 am – Willow Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Leader: Dominic Valenti (503) 507-7008

We will walk the 1.32-mile trail around the treatment ponds, which will take us about 1.5 hours to complete. The bird species present here change dramatically along with the seasons. Gone will be the gulls and many of the ducks and sparrows that hang out here in the winter. But they will be replaced by a variety of spring arrivals such as swallows, flycatchers, Black-headed Grosbeak, Western Tanager, and Yellow, Wilson’s, and Black-throated Gray Warblers. We will also be on the lookout for Green Heron, Virginia Rail, and Sora, birds often present but infrequently seen.

We hope to see you there!

Meet at the public parking lot located off Windsor Island Road in Keizer. This is about 1/3 mile north of the intersection of Windsor Island Road and Lockhaven Drive. The parking lot will be on your right, just before the main entrance to the treatment plant, which is closed to the public.

**Monday, May 16 at 8:00 am – Illahe Hills Country Club**

(Upcoming – Monday, June 20 at 8:00 am)

Leaders: Paul Evans, Roxy Evans. Please contact the leader at paulevansdo@gmail.com to confirm your registration for this trip

Illahe Hills Country Club has been graciously hosting limited guided bird walks. Walks are open to Illahe Hills CC members, their guests, and limited Salem Audubon Society guests through registration with the leader. The course is close to Minto Brown Island Park and abuts local farms. Over 90 bird species have been recorded to date. Ospreys, Bald Eagles, and Great Horned Owls nest here and are regularly seen. New birders are welcome!

Registered participants should meet in front of the Country Club entrance at 8:00 am. Please park in the main parking area, not in front of the clubhouse! Dress for the weather and bring water, sunblock, a hat, and binoculars. Restroom facilities are available. We will be finished before 11:00 am. Please contact the leader at paulevansdo@gmail.com to confirm your registration for this trip.

Directions: From Salem, proceed south on River Road to Country Club Road South and turn right (west) on Country Club Road South. Proceed a short distance, and the country club with ample parking area will be straight ahead.

**May 21 – May 28, All Day – Spring Migratory Bird Day (week) — Ankeny Hill Nature Center**

A new event celebrating the many birds that pass through our area with the arrival of spring. Guided field trips, presentations, information tables will be available. For more information see the Salem Audubon Society website in coming weeks.
Friday, May 27 at 9:00 am – Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge

Leader: Harry Fuller (791) 312-1735

Established in 1965 as part of the Willamette Valley NWR Complex, Baskett Slough is primarily managed to provide wintering habitat for the Dusky Canada Goose, a subspecies of Canada Goose with very limited summer and winter ranges. This refuge also provides wetland and woodland sanctuary for migrant and resident wildlife, including Fender’s Blue Butterfly, once thought extinct but rediscovered here! We are meeting at the Rich Guadagno Trailhead, just off Coville Road, near the center of the refuge. Rich, a former manager at this NWR, perished on September 11, 2001, on United Flight 93. Walk and experience the flora and fauna that call this part of the refuge home. From the overlook, you can see wetlands throughout the southern part of the refuge. Continue on the loop trail through oak woodlands, listening for many passerine species. Raptors frequent the area as well in all seasons. Shorebirds migrate through this area in good numbers, and they may be evident.

Meet at the Rich Guadagno Trailhead Parking Lot on Coville Road at 9:00 am. Restroom and picnic facilities are available. Bring water, binoculars, a snack, and dress appropriately for the weather. Trails may be uneven, so please use appropriate footwear. We will finish around noon.

Directions: From Salem, take Hwy 22 west to 99W. Proceed north to Coville Road and turn west (left). Continue to the trailhead, which will be on your right. Restroom and picnic facilities are available.

UPCOMING SUMMER BIRDING FESTIVALS

10th Annual Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival, Thursday, June 2 through Sunday, June 5, 2022, Sisters, OR

From the website https://landaudubon.org/event/10th-annual-dean-hale-woodpecker-festival/

The Festival takes place June 2-5, 2022. Online registration opens on April 9 at 8 am PDT. The Festival is headquartered in beautiful Sisters, Oregon, and is a great opportunity to explore new areas and meet other local birders, with a good chance of seeing 11 species of woodpeckers.

This is a very popular festival, and most tours fill very quickly, sometimes within a day of registration opening. This year, participants have a choice of fourteen guided tours in search of 11 different woodpecker species and 200 other birds that make central Oregon a birding hot spot.

East Cascades Audubon Society (ECAS) sponsors the Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival, which offers a fun, friendly, casual atmosphere that is all about the birds. The trips are affordable, limited in size, and guided by two local volunteers. The proceeds support ECAS education and conservation projects. Proof of Covid 19 vaccination and masking up in the carpools are required.

Tour details, registration, and more information are at http://www.ecaudubon.org/dean-hale-woodpecker-festival Questions can be directed to Gordon Wetzel at DHWF2022@gmail.com.

New Members Join Salem Audubon Society

Angel Mendoza  Susan Murray
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Grace McCabe  Heidi Carter
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Butterflies of Oregon

A Salem Audubon Society Online Webinar
Tuesday, May 8  1:30 – 2:30 PM
Register now at: https://bit.ly/347Sy3
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Salem Audubon Society’s

YouTube Channel

Salem Audubon Society (SAS) YouTube channel will host the Birder’s Night presentations as well as some of the birding webinars.

To access the channel, go to YouTube.com and enter “Salem Audubon Society” in the search box then click search icon .

This will bring you to the SAS YouTube channel. You can also subscribe to our YouTube channel by clicking on the “Subscribe” button on the page. Once you subscribe to our channel, any new videos it publishes will show up in your Subscriptions feed.

For more information or any questions about our new YouTube channel, please email Mike at

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Audubon Reserve Work Parties
Every Wednesday 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Plant and nurture native trees and shrubs. Attack invasives and help keep our Reserve looking great. Maintain trails. Eliminate litter. BYO work gloves; tools provided or bring your favorites.

FREE! No background check required! On-the-job training! Possibilities for advancement!

Coffee and conversation after at Urban Grange, on Edgewater St.NW

Call Lee Slattum, (503) 364-9325, with any questions.

Audubon Nature Reserve
Eola Drive, off Edgewater, in West Salem
http://www.salemaudubon.org/salem-audubon-nature-reserve.html

See our Facebook Page at
www.facebook.com/Audubon-Nature-Reserve-1636890073202471

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**Upcoming Events & Trips**

**Mark your calendar!**

**Field Trips**

Wednesday, May 4, 8:00 AM  
Minto-Brown Island Park, Salem

Tuesday, May 10, 9:00 AM  
Willow Lake Wastewater Plant, Keizer

Monday, May 16, 8:00 AM  
Illahe Hills Country Club, Salem

Sunday, May 22, 8:00 AM  
Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge

**Friday, May 27, 9:00 AM**  
Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge

**Online Nature Webinar**  
Butterflies in Oregon  
Sunday, May 8, 2022 @ 1:30 PM  

**Birder’s Night**  
Tuesday, May 10, 2022  
Broadway Commons, Salem

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