



A series of FREE family and beginning birder-friendly outings connecting people to birds and nature. BIPOC, LGBTQ+, disabled, and beginning birders and bird-enthusiasts are welcome.

Join Teresa Wicks, Portland Audubon's Eastern Oregon Field Coordinator for 100 Birds of Summer, a series of family and beginning birder-friendly programs connecting people to birds and nature. Over the course of the summer, we'll aim to see 100 bird species, from forests to wetlands, and places in-between. But don't be fooled, this series isn't only for serious listers, we're going to create community while exploring the birds and ecosystems that Harney County has to offer. **Binoculars will be available.**

June - August

To sign-up for a program, visit [facebook.com/RestoreMalheur](https://www.facebook.com/RestoreMalheur). Accessibility information will be on the event listing.

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100 Birds of Summer

JUNE

Malheur Big Sit

Friday, June 3 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join Portland Audubon's Eastern Oregon Field Coordinator for our first ever Malheur Big Sit. This is an accessible, inclusive outing and BIPOC, LGBTQ+, disabled, and beginning birders and bird-enthusiasts are welcome. Bring chairs, blankets, or whatever your seating preferences are. Participants are encouraged to arrive any time between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., and to stay for as long as they are comfortable/interested. At 10 a.m. we'll break out doughnuts and warm beverages. We will have some gluten-free and non-dairy treats available as well. There will be space to spread out at Malheur HQ, and for shifting views and positions while you're birding with us. Lastly, we will have activities for youth available for the duration of the event. There are two bathrooms located at headquarters, including one handicap bathroom.

Delintment Lake Hike

Saturday, June 4 | 8:30 – 1 p.m.

Meet at Spark Collaborative Studio at 8:30 a.m. (parking available on Adams, east of Broadway). We will caravan to Delintment Lake, arriving around 9:30 a.m..

Length: Approximately 2-miles around Delintment Lake plus 2-miles on the Delintment Creek Trail, for a total of approximately 4-miles.

Families Gone Birding

Saturday, June 11 | 10 – 11 a.m.

This family-friendly bird walk will start at Malheur National Wildlife Headquarters in the parking lot. Children of all ages, and families of all kinds, are invited to come for a casual walk around Malheur National Wildlife Refuge headquarters. Families are invited to stay for a picnic after the walk.

Length: up to 1.5 miles

Birds, Bikes, and Brews

Saturday, June 25 | 8 - 10 a.m.

Cycling fans rejoice! On this outing we'll meet at Spark Collaborative Studios. We'll ride from there, south on Broadway, then ride a loop along Egan Rd, Hotchkiss, and the Harney Wildlife Parkway/Nature Trail. We'll conclude our ride with coffee at Bella Java.

Length: 6-7 miles

JULY

Birds and Beers

Friday, July 1 | 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Looking for a way to kick-off the holiday weekend? Join us on this relaxing evening bird walk. We'll meet at the bathrooms at the Radar Hill OHV trails. From there we'll walk up to three miles through juniper woodlands and shrub habitat, looking for shrub loving birds like Brewer's Sparrows and Blue-gray Gnatcatchers. We'll conclude our walk by 6:00, then head down the hill to Steens Mountain Brewing for some good food, beers, and good conversation.

Length: up to 3-miles

Mindful Birding: Pride Edition

Saturday July 9 | 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Spend the morning of Harney County's Pride birding at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters. We'll meet in the headquarters parking lot. Then we'll cover the basics of mindful birding and walk the paths of Malheur NWR Headquarters, observing the many bird species found there. This program is a great opportunity to bring out your sketch books, poetry skills, cameras, and an interest in connecting to birds and nature while creating community.

Length: 1.5 miles.

Strawberry Basin Hike

Saturday, July 16 | 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

We'll meet at Spark Collaborative Studio at 8 a.m. and caravan to the Strawberry Basin Trail in Malheur National Forest (approximately 90 miles, 2 hour long drive). We will start at the Strawberry Basin Trailhead and hike the 2.8 miles to Strawberry Falls.

Length: 6 miles out-and-back to Strawberry Falls, 7 miles roundtrip to Little Strawberry Lake.

Families Gone Birding

Saturday, July 23 | 9:30 - 11 a.m.

This youth and family friendly outing invites youth and families to come explore the Harney Wildlife Parkway/Nature Trail. We'll meet at the Egan Rd. Trailhead and walk at a casual pace and look for signs of baby birds and bird families along the nature trail. There will be some fun bird-themed activities for youth to do while walking and to take home.

Length: 1.5 miles roundtrip

Birds and Beers

Friday, July 29 | 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Many birders explore Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters near sunrise, or early in the day. We'll be changing things up with a little evening birding, looking for exciting birds that arrive as things start to cool down. We'll meet at the headquarters parking lot and bird for an hour before making our way to The Narrows RV park for a little birding, great conversation, food, and beers. We'll keep an eye out for Burrowing Owls, which are often seen in the area.

Length: 1.5 miles

AUGUST

Birds, Bikes, and Brews

Saturday, August 6 | 8 – 10 a.m.

For this "100 Birds of Summer" outing, we'll meet at Spark Collaborative Studio. From there, we'll bike up Broadway to Foley Rd and travel in a loop around the Silvies River. We will stop at several points along the way to scan riparian vegetation and agricultural fields for birds. Our outing will wrap up with coffees at Bella Java in Burns.

Length: 11 miles

Birds and Beers

Tuesday, August 19 | 5 – 8 p.m.

We'll meet at the Idlewild Picnic Shelter. From there, we'll hike through the forest and along shrubby areas where Green-tailed Towhees are often spotted. If campfires are allowed, we'll start a fire in the picnic shelter's fire ring and share in good conversation around the fire until 7:30 p.m.. Participants will need to bring their own food for dinner. This birds and beers event is BYOB.

Length: 4 miles

Mindful Birding

Saturday, August 27 | 8-10 a.m.

We'll meet at the entrance to Page Springs Campground and caravan to the parking area for The Wilderness Trailhead. Then we'll cover the basics of mindful birding and spend time casually and mindfully walking the trail up to the rim of Page Springs Campground, observing the many bird species found there. This is a great opportunity to bring out your sketch books, poetry skills, cameras, and an interest in connecting to birds and nature while creating community.

Length: 1.5 miles