



East Cascades Audubon Society

2012 Annual Report

Our mission: The East Cascades Audubon Society is organized for the charitable, educational, and scientific purpose of bird study and conservation through engaging the public in volunteer field studies, through educational programs, and by supporting projects that further the knowledge and appreciation of birds and their habitats.

This passion for birds and birding fuels the East Cascades Audubon Society to take action, inspire others and engage in projects that promote a better understanding of the natural world. We believe that our actions and activities can make a difference in our community and our world.

From the President

To all East Cascades Audubon Society Members and our friends:

This is the third Annual Report written about the organization. I hope it is a useful document for our members and any others who are interested in the ECAS projects or would like to delve deeper into the data or activities that have been generated during the past year. It is done in a spirit of transparency and reflection.

2012 continued the transition to standardized procedures and bookkeeping with the adoption of Quickbooks for budget and accounting. (A copy of the final Profit and Loss statement can be found at the end of this document.) Treasurer Jan Rising and out-going Secretary Mary Oppenheimer are to be thanked for their many hours of expertise and effort in bringing this about.

I would also like to thank the many people who contributed time and energy making this past year one of success and completion. I especially would like to thank outgoing Board members Damian Fagan and Mary Oppenheimer for their many contributions to the organization. New Board members Anne Gerke (secretary), Ken Hashagen(vice-president), and Jon Putnam were elected in November joining re-elected member Kevin Smith and continuing members Tom Crabtree, John Gerke, Jan Rising(treasurer), and Tony Kutzen. I look forward to leading in this current year and am always cognizant that it is the work of many that makes it easy to do the work of one. I anticipate a year of continued ECAS leadership, being a strong voice for birds and birders in Central Oregon and our region.

For the birds,

Sherrie Pierce
Board President

Focus on the Mission

An updated version of the Strategic Plan was created at an April retreat and adopted by the Board in September. This document is designed to provide guidance for the years 2013-14. Many of the prior strategic plan objectives had been met, and ongoing and new activities were included. A copy of the plan can be found on the ECAS website.

Members and supporters contributed time, energy and enthusiasm towards fulfilling our goals of engaging in science-based projects, supporting educational activities, and working on habitat enhancement projects. The standing committees of Conservation, Education and Science provided leadership, research and outreach, advising the Board on many issues and spearheading projects.

Membership in our local chapter of ECAS exceeds **three hundred** individuals. Recruitment of new local members is ongoing through contact in the community, publicity, and partnerships throughout the region.

Over 5000 volunteer hours were logged in 2012. With big counts of folks on the Spring and Fall NAMCs and the Winter Raptor Surveys, **over 500 volunteers** reported time spent on event and program support, conducting bird surveys, leading field trips, monitoring nest boxes, and improving habitat. Individuals made a difference through their commitment to conservation and by sharing a passion for birding with others in the community. ECAS members also support a Green Policy of recycling, carpooling and reducing paper waste.

Science and Conservation Projects

- **Lewis's Woodpecker Nest Boxes** – There is continued success in helping this species have a stable nesting area. Project leader Diane Kook reported in July that out of the seven areas there were twenty active boxes raising young with eight boxes still to fledge.
- **Winter Raptor Surveys** – After completing its eighth year of collecting data, over 180 routes now exist covered by 150 volunteers surveying 11,000 transected miles in Oregon and Idaho. Coordinated by Jeff Fleischer, this is one of the oldest and largest raptor surveys in the country.
- **Green Ridge Raptor Migration** – The 2012 migration count was a cooperative effort between ECAS and the High Desert Museum. Project leader Kim Boddie reported that with increased staffing from the HDM a total of 22 days of counting were recorded. 1538 raptors were counted.
- **Camp Polk Meadow Survey** - Volunteers conducted avian surveys for Deschutes Land Trust in their restoration project. Bird data is collected throughout the year, with a special emphasis on nesting and migration seasons. ECAS also provided a \$1000. grant for purchasing native plants for the Camp Polk Meadow restoration project.
- **North American Migration Count (NAMC)** – These Spring and Fall events continue to gather bird migration data. Historical data has been computerized and provides an important information base. Project leader Chuck Gates coordinates the statewide project.
- **Kestrel Nest Boxes** – This past year saw a new partnership with the Peregrine Fund, hoping that the information gathered by project leaders Don McCartney and Jim Anderson will contribute to insights about the decline in Kestrel populations in many parts of the country. Volunteers continue with nest box placement, maintenance and bird banding.



- **Bluebird Nest Boxes** – Retiring project leader Rachel Cornforth reported that 2012 was the most successful nesting year in the project’s history. 172 eggs produced 100 nestlings, topping a previous high of 68. This data is reported to Cornell University.
- **Oregon Vaux’s Swift Survey** – Bob Johnson and Mary Ann Kruse led the local effort to count Vaux Swifts and report this data to the larger research project coordinated by National Audubon. Swifts were counted at 2 locations in Bend.
- **Summer Lake Shorebird Survey** – The annual survey of breeding shorebirds was held in June coordinated by project leader Steve Dougill. Marty St. Louis, Refuge Manager and 2012 ECAS Conservationist of the Year, was the onsite coordinator.
- **Lake Abert IBA Coalition** – Steve Dougill continued to lead this ECAS partnership program to survey and gather data on bird migration and populations related to this unique ecosystem

Other notable efforts and expenditures resulted in the following:

- **Habitat Restoration** was completed at Cabin Lake accomplished by a combined work party coordinated by ECAS volunteers.



- An ECAS-funded **Malheur Information Kiosk** was installed in Frenchglen.



- In partnership with the City of Bend, an informational kiosk map of the area was installed at the **Hatfield Lakes sewage ponds**.



- The Conservation Committee provided valuable research and recommendations leading to position statements on wind energy installations and PVC mining claim markers.
- As a memorial to the late Dean Hale, the Summer Lake bird blind was finished on the inside and a plaque commemorating his love of birds and dedication to conservation will be placed there in spring 2013. Dean and friends originally constructed this viewing blind.



GIS/Geodatabase Project

In August the ECAS Board voted to support a volunteer project to establish a Global Information System (GIS) database for ECAS. Developed by member Kevin Black-Tanski, it would allow existing data from any ECAS supported citizen science project to be put into a geodatabase. This information would then be available to the broader membership and any partners interested in accessing it. This project will be overseen by Kevin and supported by ECAS funds as needed. A grant to purchase relevant equipment was submitted to the Norcross Wildlife Foundation and approved. This is an exciting area and will involve volunteers in a meaningful application of so much work for the benefit of avian conservation.

Education and Events

Enjoyment and education are two key components for introducing birds and conservation to a wider audience. A variety of field trips, educational programs and community events continue to be part of the ECAS offerings to members and the general public. A number of volunteers make these programs possible.



Field trips include:

- **Wednesday Morning Birders** – mid-week outing led by Howard Horvath and Judy Meredith
- **Birding by Ear** – Spring-time walks in Sawyer park led by Dave Tracy
- **Seasonal full day trips** to surrounding areas led by ECAS bird experts. Eleven trip were held in 2012.

Educational programs:

- **Birding for Preschoolers** – Monday morning in Drake Park led by Mary Yanalcanlin. 354 children attended from July 2011 through June 2012.
- **Fledgling Fun** – once a month afterschool program for K-6th graders. eight programs were presented during the 2012/2013school year.
- **School requested** visits and field trips. Programs were requested by seven schools and attended by 850 students.
- **School Feeder Programs were continued at REALMS school in Bend and added at Bend's Ponderosa Elementary**
- **Birder's Night** – Third Thursday monthly regular ECAS business meeting with a program for all interested in birds.
- **Senior Citizen Outreach** – Kevin Smith presented birding programs at seven retirement centers with more planned in 2013.
- **Eagle Watch** – Yurt staffed by volunteers with materials and activities for the two day event in February at Lake Billy Chinook Overlook Park.
- **Earth Day** – Booth of fun and information as part of the April community celebration
- **Oregon Audubon Council** members met in April and Mary Yanalcanlin demonstrated the Fledgling Fun curriculum.

Community Events:

- **Bird-a-Fun** is a fund-raising event, challenging local birding teams to find the most species in a twenty-four hour period. Funds raised are dedicated to educational programs.
- **Project Inside::Out** was joined as part of the City of Bend's City Walls for City Hall Arts project. Artist Mary Marquiss was our partner and created a beautiful painting for the event.
- ECAS maintains a **Facebook** page and invites those interested to become a "friend". There is a link on the website, ecaudubon.org. Also on the website visitors can link to a variety of resources and information, most notably the **BIRDING TRAILS OF OREGON** computer site developed and maintained by ECAS member Chuck Gates. Available at various community outlets, **CENTRAL OREGON BIRD CHECKLISTS** are available from ECAS.
- A partnership project with the **High Desert Museum** was initiated. It will present cavity nesters, especially the Lewis's Woodpecker and the forest ecosystem in a storyboard display at the museum. Diane Kook and Damian Fagan are the consultants to the undertaking.

Notable Events:

The 2nd annual ECAS-sponsored WOODPECKER WEEKEND was held in June



2012. Renamed the DEAN HALE WOODPECKER FESTIVAL after the late Dean Hale, ECAS member and birder par excellence, the event proved to be very popular with over 100 participants. Designed to be a fun time for all, local guides and volunteers made the DHWF very successful both for birders and as a fundraiser. Plans are underway for the DHWF to take place in June 2013.

The always popular **ANNUAL EVENT AND FUNDRAISER** took place November 10th. Serving as the ECAS yearly business meeting and election of officers, over 200 people attended, enjoying food and drink, entertainment by Kevin and Debby Black-Tanski and a great birding program by Eagle expert Frank Isaacs. Fundraising resulted in excess of \$5000.



ECAS
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January through December 2012

	Jan - Dec 12	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
40000 Contributed Support				
40100 Donations - Individuals	2,420	1,550	870	156%
40200 Donations - Corporate	1,185	1,184	1	100%
42100 Grants & Awards	0	7,000	(7,000)	0%
43000 Donated Goods & Services	1,719	0	1,719	100%
45001 Other Contributions	0	0	0	0%
Total 40000 Contributed Support	5,324	9,734	(4,410)	55%
51000 Program Income				
51100 Annual Event	4,936	5,600	(664)	88%
51200 Bird-A-Fun	660	1,500	(840)	44%
51300 Woodpecker Weekend	4,530	2,500	2,030	81%
Total 51000 Program Income	10,126	9,600	526	105%
52000 Membership Dues				
52100 Membership Dues - Chapter	6,190	6,000	190	103%
52200 Membership Dues - Nat Audubon	20	0	20	100%
Total 52000 Membership Dues	6,210	6,000	210	104%
53000 Interest Income				
53200 Interest Income - BOTC	25	75	(50)	34%
53230 Interest & Dividends - Calvert	361	600	(239)	60%
53260 Interest Income - COEC A	1,040	1,040	(0)	100%
Total 53000 Interest Income	1,426	1,715	(289)	83%
54000 Other Income				
54100 Sales Income	600	200	400	300%
54450 Cost of Inventory Sold	(284)	0	(284)	100%
56000 Dean Hale Memorial Fund	1,180	0	1,180	100%
Total 54000 Other Income	1,497	200	1,297	748%
Total Income	24,581	27,249	(2,668)	90%
Expense				
70000 Administration				
70210 Accounting Fees & Expenses	1,807	500	1,307	361%
70310 Office Supplies & Equipment	265	400	(135)	66%
70350 Postage & Mailing	(117)	200	(317)	(58)%
70370 Printing	450	500	(50)	90%
70410 Office Rent	0	0	0	0%
70415 Storage Unit	358	0	358	100%
70630 Board Expense	450	690	(240)	65%
70710 Insurance	598	1,244	(646)	48%
70730 Memberships & Dues	0	150	(150)	0%
70750 Software, Web & Email Host	143	600	(457)	24%
70770 Advertising & Marketing	0	250	(250)	0%
70810 Misc. & Other Expenses	1,590	400	1,190	398%
70830 Taxes	127	150	(23)	85%
Total 70000 Administration	5,671	5,084	587	112%
72000 Fund Raising				
72350 Postage & Mailing	430	1,000	(570)	43%
72370 Printing	141	25	116	564%
72610 Annual Meeting	2,053	2,450	(397)	84%
72810 Misc. & Other Expenses	178	250	(72)	71%
Total 72000 Fund Raising	2,803	3,725	(922)	75%
74000 Programs Conservation				
74810 Misc. & Other Expenses	163	300	(137)	54%
74910 No. Fork, John Day	1,000	1,000	0	100%
74920 Partnerships	1,300	2,000	(700)	65%
74930 Hatfield Kiosk	2,933	2,250	683	130%
Total 74000 Programs - Conservation	5,395	5,550	(155)	97%

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Accrual Basis

ECAS
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January through December 2012

	Jan	Dec 12	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
76000 Programs - Education, Adult					
76810 · Misc. & Other Expenses		125	200	(75)	63%
76910 · Birder's Night		1,081	1,250	(169)	86%
76920 · Woodpecker Weekend		790	535	255	148%
76930 · Checklists		225	450	(225)	50%
76940 · Field Trips		0	150	(150)	0%
76941 · Dean Hale Memorial Project		801	0	801	100%
76950 · Adult Program, Other		0	0	0	0%
Total 76000 Programs Education, Adult		3,022	2,585	437	117%
78000 Programs Education, Youth					
78100 Awards/Grants to Individuals		0	1,000	(1,000)	0%
78310 Office Supplies & Equipment		166	100	66	166%
78500 · Travel		26	510	(484)	5%
78670 Volunteer Expense		0	200	(200)	0%
78810 · Misc. & Other Expenses		14	600	(586)	2%
78910 Fledgling Fun		615	1,000	(385)	61%
78920 · Middle/High School Program		1,459	1,500	(41)	97%
78930 · School Feeder Program		219	1,000	(781)	22%
Total 78000 Programs - Education, Youth		2,498	5,910	(3,412)	42%
80000 · Programs - Science					
80810 · Misc. & Other Expenses		120	500	(380)	24%
80910 Lewis's Woodpeckers		240	300	(60)	80%
80920 · Winter Raptor		2,970	5,920	(2,950)	50%
80930 · Green Ridge		104	200	(96)	52%
80940 NAMC		2,155	2,500	(345)	86%
80950 · Summer Lake		202	375	(173)	54%
80960 Glaze Meadow		0	700	(700)	0%
80970 · Lake Abert		294	1,600	(1,306)	18%
Total 80000 Programs - Science		6,085	12,095	(6,010)	50%
Total Expense		25,474	34,949	(9,475)	73%
Net Ordinary Income		(893)	(7,700)	6,807	12%
Other Income/Expense					
Other Income					
90600 · Unrealized Gains and Losses		11,427	0	11,427	100%
Total Other Income		11,427	0	11,427	100%
Net Other Income		11,427	0	11,427	100%
Net Income		10,534	(7,700)	18,234	(137)%