Birders’ Night
There won’t be an August Birders’ Night Program. On September 15th join us at the Environmental Center as LeeAnn Kriegh, author of *The Nature of Bend* and *The Nature of Portland*, shares bird photos (many from ECAS members) and the best and funniest bird-related stories she uncovered while researching and writing her two books. If you don't know the full and controversial story of the grave-stealing ornithologist after whom our native solitaire is named, or the inspiring story of the grieving mother who turned her attention to Song Sparrow research, you're in for a treat. Zoom connection information will be sent out later. And check out any of the precious program on the ECAS website. Most are available as YouTube presentations. If anyone has suggestions for future programs, please contact Gordon Wetzel at gordonwetzel@gmail.com.

**August 27 Community Bird Walk with Think Wild, Shevlin Park**
Think Wild Community Bird Walks in collaboration with ECAS are family-friendly opportunities to learn more about the native bird species in the area and about fascinating natural spaces in and around Bend. There are openings for the first morning walk at 8am; register on the [Think Wild website](http://thinkwild.com). The group will meet at the Shevlin Park Aspen Hall parking lot. The walk will last for approximately one hour. Don't have binoculars? Think Wild has them to borrow. You can reach Sadie by phone at 541-933-5437.

**Bluebird Box Monitoring**
ECAS’s Bluebird Nest Box project needs a new volunteer to monitor 15 Bluebird nest boxes for next season. The area is located between Sisters and Tumalo on Deschutes National Forest land, part of an old forest fire burn and is mostly level ground. The nest boxes are set back via short walks from drivable gravel and dirt roads. This 22-year-old bluebird trail is the only ongoing bluebird project in Central Oregon that is monitored weekly during the nesting season. The season is from April to the end of July. Records are kept for each box and the information is reported to the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology on an annual basis. The tasks involved are: recording which species of bluebird, Mountain or Western is nesting in each box, counting eggs and recording nestling success or failure. At the end of the season the boxes are cleaned out. The person who has been monitoring the 15 boxes will train interested volunteers. Please call Carolyn.
Rochelle if interested, 541 815 4540 or email: ecaudubon@gmail.com and put Bluebirds in the Subject.

New Website Volunteer
A dedicated group of ECAS volunteers have been working to develop a new website for ECAS. They have chosen a local company, Astir, to be the professional developer and maintainer. The committee has put in countless hours getting the current web content ready for the transition and once that happens, a volunteer will be needed to be the liaison between ECAS activities, documents and photos and the professional web maintenance person. No web development knowledge is necessary, but anyone with some prior experience would find this job easier. However, training will be provided. If you would be interested in helping with this please contact ECAS at ecaudubon@gmail.com.

Summer Reading
And finally, in this hot weather maybe you need something to read. If you missed a recent Central Oregon Birders Online (COBOL) post by inveterate observer of all things natural, David Vick, here is a link to the Audubon article by Kenn Kaufman about the changes in birding over the past 50 years, Birding Changes.

Upcoming Events
Mark your calendars for a couple of fun events that should appeal to all members of our community.
Discover Nature Festival: September 17 at Alpenglow Park, SE Bend
Festival of Nature (formerly Eagle Watch): in Culver September 24

GOOD BIRDING!