



EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY

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The CHATTER June 2023

A Volunteer Opportunity

Hey birders:

As an ECAS member you already know what a great bird club this is. We have worked hard to provide activities for our members such as birding field trips, educational programs, conservation activities and advocacy.

NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP.

I have been chair of ECAS's Membership Committee for 13 years and will be retiring from this position at the end of 2023. I moved to Eugene almost three years ago and ECAS needs a chairperson who lives in Central Oregon who is able to participate in club activities.

I will remain at my position until the end of 2023 and will be able to orient the next leader to all aspects of our membership work. Please contact me

at ecaudubon@gmail.com or ecasmp@ecaudubon.org and we can chat about what this volunteer position involves.

Jan Rising



Photo by Harry Johnson

Birders' Night

If you have missed Birders' Night, you can view past talks on the [ECAS YouTube channel](#).

June, July, August: Nothing scheduled, Go birding.

September 21: A History of Oregon Ornithology: From Territorial Days to the Rise of Birding by Alan L. Contreras.

Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival 2023 Update

The Social and Keynote featuring Dr. Matt Orr and Dr. Kurt Trzcinski of OSU with Steve Shunk speaking about East Cascades Woodpeckers as Keystone Nesters will be held Friday, June

2. This promises to be a fun and informative evening at the Five Pines facility in Sisters with door prizes, a local author, charming Board Members and more! Find this event at ecaudubon.org: go to Events, choose Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival, then follow the prompts to Get Tickets.

Details for the June 8 Birding Basics: Field Experience:

Attention Novice Birders and Birders New to Central Oregon!

June Birding Basics: Field Experience

Woodpeckers and Other Birds of the Varied Shevlin Park Habitats

A series of free field experiences is being offered by ECAS, especially for new birders, birders who are new to Central Oregon, and those who want a refresher course. For six months, January - June, ECAS is sponsoring two-hour opportunities to learn about a variety of Central Oregon birding locations, topics, skills, and resources. Sign-ups via Member Planet will be available at the beginning of each month for the first 20 people who sign up. Please cancel your reservation if you find you are unable to attend.

Details for the June 8th Birding Basics: Field Experience:

Topic: Woodpeckers and other birds of the varied Shevlin Park Habitats (& bird books display) **Location:** Shevlin Park, Bend Meeting spot: North side parking lot near Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park. Meet at the nearby picnic shelter in the meadow (just beyond the port-a-potties in the parking lot).

Group leaders: Lynda and Skip Paznokas

Date/Time: Thursday, June 8, 8:00 a.m. until approximately 10:00 a.m., with an optional extension. Meet at 7:45. If you want a longer look at the bird books, they will be available starting at 7:30 in the picnic shelter.

Focus: In June, the star of the show at Shevlin Park is the Lewis's woodpecker. We will look for these unique birds throughout our walk. In the varied environments of the park, we may see pygmy nuthatch, hummingbird, black-headed grosbeak, red-naped sapsucker, red-breasted sapsucker, violet-green swallow, tree swallow, dipper, robin, lesser goldfinch, Steller's jay, flicker, bald eagle, hairy woodpecker, mountain chickadee, and more. We will also discuss the history of Shevlin Park.

Additional resource: A wide variety of bird books will be on display on such topics as bird behavior, backyard birding, reference, regional field guides, etc. Note: Bird books will be on display starting at 7:30 and will be discussed at the beginning of the morning.

What to expect: We will be walking 1-2 miles on level ground. However, after the main part of the field experience, people have the optional opportunity to extend their time, looking for more birds on the ridge with the guides. Expect a steep climb up and steep climb down from the creek to the ridge with loose rocks.

Bring: Binoculars will enrich your experience. Loaner binoculars will be available. Dress in layers for the unpredictable weather of Central Oregon. Remember a hat, water, and sunscreen. You might want hiking sticks if you're adding the ridge part of the walk.

Optional: paper/pen for notes and a camera.

Who should sign up? All ages are welcome. There is a limit of 20 participants. ECAS members and non-members are welcome. Leave pets at home.

To register: Use this link for registration, which opens June 1. <https://mp.gg/5m00p>

If you have questions, email Lynda Paznokas Lpaz@bendnet.com or Gordon Wetzel gordonwetzel@gmail.com. Please cancel your reservation if you are unable to attend.

Opportunities for Volunteers in Harney County

In the coming months there will be several bird-counting events that may interest you. Sign-ups for these "Community Science Trips" are available at: <https://audubonportland.org/get->

[involved/community-science/](#)

Camping provided/group-based:

June 21-24: Interior Snowy Plover Survey

August 16-19: Fall Shorebird Survey

August 30-September 3: Blitzen River Mussel Survey

Camping provided/individual-based:

July 15-September 15 (weekly): Greater Sandhill Crane Recruitment (volunteers can stay for 1-week or more, depending on their availability)

On-your-own project:

March-August: Project IBiS

GOOD BIRDING!



Golden Eagle by
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