



The CHATTER September 2023

Birders' Night

Birders' Night returns on September 21: A History of Oregon Ornithology: From Territorial Days to the Rise of Birding by Alan L. Contreras. Contreras has books published by Oregon State University Press including Birds Of Oregon which he co-edited, A History of Oregon Ornithology, and the more personal Afield: Forty Years Birding the American West. Contreras was a mentor to renowned birder Noah Stryker when Noah was a teenager.

7pm at the Environmental Center and on Zoom. The link is [Birders' Night 9/21/23](#)

Annual Membership Event in October

The East Cascades Audubon Society has scheduled their Annual Event for Sunday October 8th at 4pm at Worthy Brewing. You will have an opportunity to meet new Board officers and nominate a member from the floor for addition to the ballot! ECAS is hoping that you will join us for this special event to socialize with fellow birders, enjoy some tacos and beverages, and learn more about birds from Harry Fuller and Chuck Gates. The taco bar will be sponsored by ECAS: you buy your beer or drink of choice!

Food: Worthy Brewing will be whipping up a fantastic taco bar for us, including the following: Pork Carnitas, Barbacoa Beef, Green Chili Chicken, Seared Rockfish, Sweet Potato & Poblano, Corn/Flour Tortillas, Spanish Rice, Spiced Black Beans, Cabbage Slaw, Pickled Vegetables, Chips & Salsa, Radish, Cotija, Lime Crema, Lime Wedges, and Cilantro.

Where: The Hop Mahal room at Worthy Brewing at 495 NE Bellevue, Bend OR

When: Doors open at 4:00pm. Come early, have a drink, and hang out with your fellow ECAS birders. Dinner will be served around 5:00. After dinner, there will be a short business meeting followed by a presentation.

Crooked River Wetlands Bird Walks

The first Saturdays of the month: **September 2**. 7:45am meet/8am start. No registration required, a few golf cart ride seats and some loaner binoculars available. 4035 NW Rimrock Acres, Prineville. Sponsored by CRW and Prineville Bird Club. www.cityofprineville.com/wetlands/page/events

Deschutes Land Trust Bird Walks

September 16, 8-11am at the new DLT Paulina Creek Preserve with ECAS board member Duke Tufty and Merrill Maiano. Registration opens August 16. www.deschuteslandtrust.org/hikes-events/hikes/bird-walk-11

Green Ridge Raptor Count

Fall is in the air and so are the migrants. This year East Cascades Audubon Society's Green Ridge raptor survey will be conducted only on the weekends of Oct. 14th-15th and Oct. 21st-22nd. We plan on returning to our regular schedule of mid September to mid October next year. Portland Audubon's field trip will be on the 23rd of Sept. and Think Wild's field trip will on Oct. 11th. As usual, others will be coming up to the site for migration as the sprit so moves them. Directions can be found on ECAS's most excellent website but signs will only be posted on scheduled weekends. Eventually, the raptors have to go. If you have to go, there will be a porta potty on site from Sept. 20th till Oct. 25th. If you want to come up, just show up, no need to sign up. Info is at ecaudubon.org/projects/green-ridge-raptor-survey/

Mindful Birding Trips

Sevilla Rhoads will offer a series of 3 mindful birding sessions in late September and early October on several Deschutes Land Trust properties. The capacity is 10 attendees for each session; the trips will require ECAS and DLT waivers. Be sure to review the field trip policy related to registration changes and no-shows before signing up. A registration link via Member Planet will be sent out when details are confirmed

Sage-grouse VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

This is a good time to update you on volunteer activities for sage-grouse restoration at ECAS's Brothers Project. ECAS was approached by a private landowner near Brothers for assistance in sage-steppe restoration primarily aimed at helping increase greater sage-grouse. With funds from the landowner, ECAS, private

persons, and Deschutes County we have embarked on a several year project to develop methods and tools to increase GRSG numbers in the area. We are concentrating on the brood rearing time in spring and summer when GRSG chicks and hens are consuming large numbers of native wildflower forbs and the insects that are attracted to them. We are looking for ECAS volunteers help to assist us in getting about 1000 wildflower plugs grown in containers into the soil in late October thru mid-November when some moisture returns to the soil. We have erected a one acre plot in sage-steppe where we will concentrate our efforts. We have 3 local nurseries growing native-to-site wildflowers from seeds we have collected which we will plant this fall. We will need names and emails for those who wish to help. The gravel and dirt approach roads are Subaru-worthy. You will need to bring gloves, long pants, and your favorite planting spade. Holes will need to be 6-8 inches deep in good soil. We will put 2-4 cups of water on the plantings. The planting areas are 200 yards from the road on flat terrain. We will notify volunteers 7-10 days ahead of time depending on weather. We will assemble at the Brothers Rest Stop. Time on site will be 2-3 hours. Location is 4 miles north of Brothers. Bring beverage and snacks for yourself. We may need to schedule more than one planting session. Due to impacts on the private land we may limit numbers of volunteers on any given day. Respond to this email to register - garrett@bendcable.com



GOOD BIRDING!