



Pine Siskin

The Siskin

Newsletter of Siskiyou Audubon Society, Josephine County, Oregon

Siskiyou Audubon Society meets on the second Thursday each month from September through May, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 400 at Grants Pass High School, 830 NE 9th Street, Grants Pass. The Society is Chapter #T61 of National Audubon Society. Meetings are free and open to the public. At 6 p.m. we set up the classroom for the meeting, taking careful note of the arrangement when we arrived. Then we enjoy refreshments and socializing, a birding discussion and Society business, followed by the program. Then we put the room back the way we found it and adjourn. In December we have a Christmas Potluck Dinner Party, and in June, a Potluck Picnic. We hope you will join us!

Chapter Meeting, Thursday, September 14, 2017 – 6 to 8:30 p.m.

As this is the first meeting of our new “season” in Audubon, please welcome our new President Pat Webb, who joins the rest of the Board of Directors, Vice-President Shirley Bredahl, Secretary Margaret James, Treasurer Phil Hicks, Directors Peter Good, Susan Perry and Susan Bush.

Program: ‘Climate Change: A Bird’s Eye View’ by John Alexander

Recent research suggests that the challenges bird communities already face are exacerbated by climate change. As climate change brings shifts of habitats, birds can be among the first to tell the story of climate trends. Just like the canary in a coal mine, they may alert us to what is happening and what the future holds. If we are paying attention.

John D. Alexander is the Executive Director and co-founder of the Klamath Bird Observatory. He has been working to integrate bird conservation with natural resource management in the Pacific Northwest since 1992. He is focused on applying bird conservation science as a tool for advancing ecosystem conservation regionally, nationally, and internationally. His expertise includes participatory action research; ecological monitoring and research; science delivery for overcoming land stewardship challenges; and development of applied science tools and teaching materials for natural resource management



John Alexander

professionals, community members, and students of all ages.

We hope you will join us for this bound-to-be fascinating program.

Field Trip - Friday, September 15, 2017 – 8 to 11 a.m.

Meet at Whitehorse County Park in the Picnic Shelter parking lot. Leader Fran Taylor. Details on Page 4.

Don’t Miss our October and November Meetings!

12 October: “Mostly Penguins ” by David Baker

9 November: “Cardinals” by John & Joy Taylor

Watch for the October/November issue of *The Siskin* newsletter for all the details.

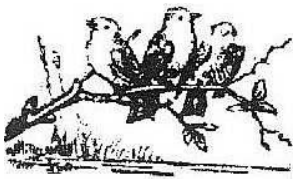
Fall Nest Box Clean-out Season

September is here and it’s time to clean out the birdhouses that were used for breeding last spring. Anytime from now to next February is a good time to do it. Take out and burn or compost the old nest. Don’t just drop it underneath, or predators may be alerted to the nest location. Scrape the insides, and make any necessary repairs. The birds will appreciate having a clean nest box for refuge on a cold winter night, as well as to provide secure nesting next year.



Our Mission . . .

is to promote the welfare of birds and other wildlife through habitat enhancement and education. Our primary focus is on our local community, our local schools, and issues of the Pacific Northwest.



Chapter News

Welcome to a new season of Siskiyou Audubon Society. As we resume monthly Chapter meetings, we welcome the new Officers and Directors who were elected in May: President, Pat Webb; Treasurer, Phil Hicks; Directors Peter Good and Susan Bush. At the June potluck picnic, a plaque of honor was given to Susan Bush for her years of service as President. The Directory on Page 7 lists the current Board of officers & directors.

The Board of Directors met on August 17th to lay plans for the coming season. The Treasurer reported that we have enough money in the bank, our insurance premiums and other bills are paid, and Grants Pass High School will again allow us to use Room 400 for our monthly meetings. Correspondence was reviewed, past events were reviewed and future plans made. The meeting was adjourned after 1-1/2 hours of productive discussions, after which was a social gathering. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19 at 11 a.m. at the home of Phil & Marsha Hicks, and all Society members are welcome to attend.

Our Kids' Nest Box Building program has really taken off. Events were held all summer, and will continue into the fall. We have to budget our kits and lumber, and volunteer stamina, and so we have to make plans well in advance. We now wear bright vests while doing these events, so participants will know of whom to ask questions during building. Since the last issue of *The Siskin*, we have held 5 "KNBB" events: Siskiyou Field Institute's "Birds & Brews" festival on June 3, where about 12 kids built nest boxes; at Pottsville on Father's Day weekend in June (148 kits built into houses over 2 days); at Valley of the Rogue State Park on July 1 (15 boxes built) and again on August 26 (12 boxes built), the State Park sessions part of their "Junior Ranger" park programs; and at Stewart State Park on July 29 where kids built 18 boxes. We have two events coming up: Saturday, Sept. 23 "Saturday Parkways Festival" in Grants Pass, and "Smile Night" at Lorna Byrne Middle School in Cave Junction, part of their family-visit-the-school night. To volunteer to help kids build, please get in touch with Lee Webb or Phil Hicks.

We purchased wood enough to get us through early next year, and then we received a donation of lumber from Sydney Maplesden, the Patio Furniture Guy at G.P. Growers' Market. THANK YOU, Mapco Ind.! We have enough lumber on hand now to prepare about 800 kits and houses. THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS, who make this possible.

Siskiyou Audubon Society will again be hosting bird watching field trips. The first will be Friday, September 15, the day after our Chapter meeting. Fran Taylor will lead at Whitehorse County Park from 8 to 11 a.m. Details on page 4. Remember the First Wednesday Bird Walks put on by Rogue Valley Audubon Society at Agate Lake in Jackson County. These are great ways to learn the birds we live with.



Susan Bush, Phil Hicks & Susan Perry
Siskiyou Audubon Society Birdhouse Mentors

Siskiyou Audubon Kids' Nest Box Building at Siskiyou Field Institute "Birds & Brews" Festival at Deer Creek Center, Selma June 3, 2017



Young builders decorating their nest boxes.

Pop Quiz

~ by Fran Taylor

Hint #1	A compact diving duck with a sloping forehead and peaked rear crown. Males are black, gray, and white. Females are brown with a delicate face pattern. The legs and feet are gray-blue and the iris is yellow.
Hint #2	In flight, they appear large-headed with a thin neck and a short, round body. These ducks are silent except in display, when a low whistling note is uttered. Females make a soft, rolling "trrr."
Hint #3	They are often in small flocks and pairs, sometimes flocking with scaup; other times with dabbling ducks. They may also be found in smaller bodies of water such as beaver swamps, ponds, and bays. Fast flyers, they undertake longer migrations than most other diving ducks.
Hint #4	They breed across northern North America, from southeastern and east-central Alaska and central British Columbia eastward through northern Canada & the northern U.S. to the Atlantic. Some breed in northeastern California, southeastern Arizona, southern Colorado, Iowa, & Illinois.
Hint #5	Females nest in flooded or floating emergent vegetation in sedge-meadow marshes, swamps and bogs surrounded by woody vegetation. They lay an average of 8-10 eggs.
Hint #6	These ducks dive in shallow water to feed on the tubers, seeds and leaves of moist-soil and aquatic plants (pondweeds, water milfoil, hydrilla, sedges, grasses, wild rice, etc.). They also eat aquatic insects, snails and clams.
Hint #7	Scientific name is: <i>Aythya collaris</i> Answer on Page 6



American Robin

More Chapter News



Early birds gather in Susan Bush's back yard for the 2017 Potluck Picnic
L-R: New President Pat Webb, Marsha Hicks w/Maggie, Joy Taylor, Susi Perry, Carter Bush, John Taylor, Phil Hicks, Carrol Coombs, Lee Webb

Potluck Picnic on June 8th
Officers and Directors for the 2017-2019 term were sworn in at the Potluck Picnic on June 8 at Susan Bush's home. Susan was awarded a plaque and a gift for her years of service as President. Alan Ome took some fine photos of the event.



Phil Hicks presents plaque of honor to outgoing president Susan Bush while the Society looks on

Kids' Nest Box Building Father's Day Weekend 2017 - June 17 & 18 at Pottsville Pioneer Days Photos by John Taylor



Susan and her Plaque of Honor

"KNBB" at Stewart State Park July 29th Phil Hicks photo.



Kids built 148 nest boxes over the two-day event.



18 Nest boxes built by these Junior Rangers.



A builder/artist at work



Events, Field Trips, Festivals, . . .

Rogue Valley Audubon Society

Rogue Valley Audubon Society bird walks are open to the public. Bring your own binoculars, food and water. Carpooling and sharing fuel expenses are encouraged. Please, no dogs. Prepare for the weather; wear sturdy shoes and expect some walking on most trips. Dates and times are subject to change, so before any trip, either check the web site www.roguevalleyaudubon.org or call Field Trip Chair Nate Trimble at e-mail: nateltrimble@hotmail.com.

Wednesdays: September 6, October 4 & November 1

First Wednesday Bird Walk - Agate Lake - 8:15 a.m.

On the first Wednesday of each month RVAS takes a bird count at Agate Lake. Experienced leaders organize the count, and birders with any level of expertise are invited to join in this citizen science effort. The walk covers approximately 1-1/2 miles. It begins at 8:30 a.m. and lasts about 2-1/2 hours. Meet at the main parking area on the EAST side of the lake, the far side from the boat ramp. Bring binoculars, field guide, and spotting scope (if you have one). Mud boots are a good idea. Each month, results of the count will be logged into eBird.

Any questions, contact leader Murray Orr by phone 541-857-9050, or email at worr2@charter.net.



Leader Murray Orr (on right) walks with Larry at Agate Lake - 2017

Rogue Valley Audubon Society



Puget Sound Bird Fest – Edmonds, Washington Friday - Sunday, September 15 - 17, 2017

The City of Edmonds, Washington hosts this 3-day event, which includes speakers, guided walks, land and water-based field trips, exhibits, and educational activities for children and adults. For Details and to Register, visit www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org or phone 425-771-0227.

Save the Dates:

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7 - 8, 2017

**18th Annual Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
'BirdFest and Bluegrass'**



Visit

ridgefieldfriends.org/birdfest
to learn more and download
the 2017 event schedule.

New Documentary on Audubon Airs Soon

On Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 8 p.m., Southern Oregon Public Television is premiering and pledging a brand new PBS documentary, "Audubon," on the life and times of John James Audubon.

The 31st Oregon Shorebird Festival

Friday September 1, 2017 - Sunday September 3, 2017

at Oregon Institute of Marine Biology, 63466 Boat Basin Rd., Charleston, Oregon

The Cape Arago Audubon Society brings you the Southern Oregon coast's premier birding event. Join birders from around the country for birding and habitat tours. These include a pelagic trip more than 30 miles offshore, paddling trips by kayak and canoe, and land-based field trips throughout Bandon, Coos Bay and Charleston.

Speakers include Noah Strycker who will share highlights from "Birding Without Borders," his adventures while breaking the world-wide Big Year record in which he found over 6,000 bird species. Other activities include art and photography displays and classes.

Registration begins 4 p.m. on Friday. For more information, contact Harv Schubothe, Cape Arago Audubon Society, 541-297-2342 or harv@greaterbandon.org. For prices and specifics, and to register online or by mail, visit the festival website www.oregonshorebirdfestival.org.



Marbled Godwit

. . . Classes & Outings

Wild Birds Unlimited

Wild Birds Unlimited, at 961 Medford Center (off Biddle Road & Stevens St.), hosts monthly educational talks and some field trips. The store has limited seating, and field trips are limited to 15 people, so please visit the store or call in advance to reserve a spot for a talk or a walk: 541-772-2107. For more information, visit <https://medford.wbu.com> on the internet.

September Educational Talk
Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6 - 7 p.m.
“Birds, Beauty, Art, & Nature”
presented by **Shannon Rio**

This visual and auditory presentation teaches about our local birds while exploring how they got their common and Latin names. Why is a Killdeer called a Killdeer and what does its scientific name tell us? Using stories, scientific facts, photography, bird sounds and even poetry, Shannon will provide a fun opportunity to learn about the birds that live all around us.

Shannon Rio is a wildlife educator and president of the board of the Klamath Bird Observatory. As space is very limited, please come in or call to reserve your seat, 541-772-2107.

Wild Birds Unlimited Field Trip
Wednesday, September 13, 2017
With **Leader Erin Linton**

Meet at the store at 10 a.m. and carpool to N. Mountain Park in Ashland. Wear appropriate, layered clothing and boots that can go through mud and water. Bring binoculars, along with a field guide and notebook/pen to record species seen, as desired. This will be an easy walk for beginners to advanced birders. Ages 12 yr. and up. Registration is required – phone 541-772-2107.



Killdeer

Photo by Tom Koerner
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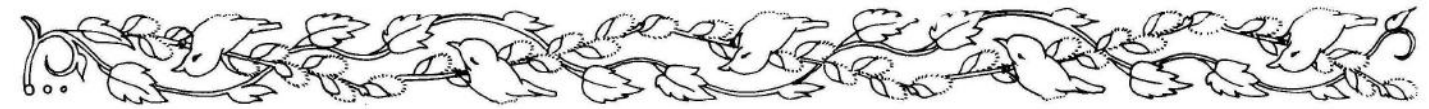
Pannaria malmi
Photo by Scott Loring

Siskiyou Field Institute Class
“Rare Lichens of Oregon” with Instructor: Scot Loring, Ph.D.
Saturday-Sunday, September 16-17, 2017
at **Deer Creek Center, Selma**

Oregon is home to many rare and sensitive lichen species. Many are also of conservation concern in adjacent states. Come and explore their uniqueness and beauty in both the field and lab with an author of the recently published book Rare Lichens of Oregon. Learn how to identify them in the classroom and view local sites in the nearby mountains and valleys of the Klamath-Siskiyou region. Specimens covering the vast majority of species included in the book will be on hand for examination. Thousands of photos not included in the book will also be available to participants. We will also cover some species in the recently published companion, Rare Bryophytes of Oregon. Tuition is \$150.

Save the Date: October 21
for ‘Edible Mushrooms of the Southern Cascades’ with Instructor: Mike Potts

For more information on these and other classes, visit www.thesfi.org. Siskiyou Field Institute is located at 1241 Illinois River Rd., Selma, OR 97538, and can be reached by phone at 541-597-8530 during office hours, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



R.G.Bell

Siskiyou Audubon Society Kids’ Nest Box Building

Audubon Members and Volunteers, come out to help with these kids’ building events. Parents and teachers, bring your kids to learn about cavity-nesting birds, practical tool use, and teamwork.

Saturday, September 23, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Grants Pass Saturday Parkways Festival
(Volunteers, arrive at 9:30 a.m. to set up.)

Held at Gilbert Creek Park on Hawthorne Avenue in northwest Grants Pass, this is a City festival to promote outdoor activities and good health. Kids visit a host of different activities and earn stamps on their “bingo” card, which they later use to get a free ice cream. Last time, 77 kits were built out to houses by kids!

Wednesday, October 25, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
“Smile Night” at Lorna Byrne Middle School, Cave Junction
(Volunteers, arrive at 4:45 p.m. to set up.)

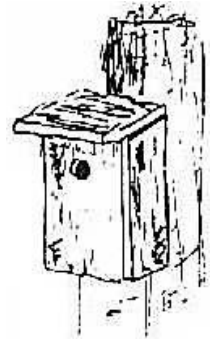
This family visit to Lorna Byrne is a science-based recreation night. Kids have several different activities, including our nest box building. We expect to have 30 to 40 kids. To carpool to the event, phone Lee, Phil or Fran.

Bird Walks

Siskiyou Audubon Society will resume taking monthly bird walks in Josephine County. Carpooling and sharing fuel expenses are encouraged. Prepare for the weather, wear sturdy shoes and expect to walk on most trips. Bring your own binoculars. Please, no dogs. Walks will be limited to 15 participants, so please register by the day before with trip leader Fran Taylor, who can be reached at 541-955-2934 or by email at avnwmn@budget.net.

Friday, September 15: 8 - 11 a.m.
Whitehorse County Park

Meet in the park’s picnic area parking lot. Be prepared to pay the \$5 per car day-use fee, or have a Josephine County Parks sticker in your car window. We’ll walk the park area first, then move down to the Rogue River at the BLM Whitehorse boat ramp. We’ll hope to see woodpeckers, ground birds, bush birds and perhaps some waterfowl. We will be finished by 11 a.m.

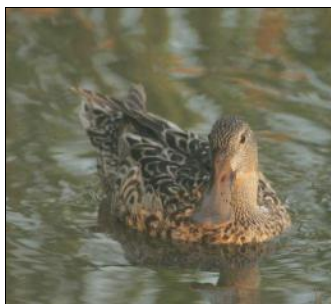


Letharia gracilis
Photo by Scott Loring

Let's Talk Birds

Fall migration is underway. We are still seeing a few Rufous Hummingbirds in the valleys, but they are females and juveniles moving south. The males were gone by mid-July.

There are still a few Swallows around the western Rogue Valley, but most of the summer nesting birds have moved southward into the Sacramento Valley, where they will feed over harvested rice fields and other pastureland. Tree Swallows are the first to arrive in the Rogue Valley in spring and they are the first to leave. Violet-green Swallows are a bit later to arrive and so later to depart. The other Swallow species (Cliff Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow) are generally between these two species for arrival and departure. Violet-greens and Barns from the northern nesting areas migrate through here in the late summer and fall, starting about this time of the year, but not Tree Swallows. Swallows will continue to migrate through the Valley or over the nearby mountain ridges into early to mid-October. As an example, I found about 1,500 Violet-green Swallows perched on power lines at Pacifica on the 24th of August several years back. ~Dennis Vroman



Northern Shoveler Hen
by Steve Hillebrand
from the US Fish & Wildlife Service
National Digital Library

The neo-tropical migrants are on their southward migration, but some female Western Tanagers are still here – eating grapes to bulk up for their departure in October for wintering grounds in southern Mexico and Central America. September is the last chance this year to see many of the warblers – Orange-crowned, MacGillivray's, Common Yellow-throat, Yellow Warbler, Townsend's, Hermit and Wilson's, for example. Most are heading south to Mexico, Baja, Central America and northern South America for the winter and will be gone by October. Osprey will still be here in

September, but will be leaving soon for the edges of Mexico and into South America.

Birds to be arriving include many of the waterfowl that have been breeding in the far north – Greater White-fronted Goose, Cackling Goose, the teals, Northern Shoveler, American Wigeon (& Eurasian), and Ring-necked Duck among them. Returning raptors include Northern Harrier and Merlin. American Robins are showing up, as are Dark-eyed Juncos (Oregon Juncos) and Black-capped Chickadees, but Chipping Sparrows will soon be gone. Savannah Sparrows will be back from Alaska and the far north, as will the Wilson's Snipe.

A number of birds will be passing through here on their way from the far north to the southlands including Vaux's Swift and Greater Yellowlegs, and possibly even Sandhill Crane. So be on the lookout for all kinds of birds during September. As Dennis Vroman once said, "During migration all bets are off."



Sandhill Cranes
www.freerepublic.com

~Fran Taylor

"Birding Across America by Train" John & Joy Taylor's May 2017 Trip

Siskiyou Audubon Society members John & Joy Taylor took a birding tour across the northern U.S. via Amtrak Vacations in May. This is the story of their trip:

We flew to Albany, New York where we met with 12 other birders plus the tour guides, Michael O'Brien & Louise Zemaitis. This is the same couple of expert leaders who took us on our Cape May tour in 2014 and our trip to Belize in 2015.

From Albany we drove in two 15-seat vans to the Adirondack League Club, which owns (since 1890) a large piece of wilderness land in New York State's Adirondack Park. We spent the next three days birding there in the Adirondack mountains. It was cold and rainy, but we bundled up and came away with some good birds nonetheless, including Swamp Sparrow*, Blue-headed Vireo*, Red-eyed Vireo, and Alder Flycatcher*.

Having returned to Albany, we boarded our first train, sleeping overnight and arriving in Chicago the next morning. There we transferred to another train, again sleeping overnight, and winding up in Minot, North Dakota the next morning.

Traveling in three vans this time, we birded the plains around Minot, dealing with ferocious winds and more cold. Despite these conditions, we really enjoyed the birds: Upland Sandpiper*, Chestnut-collared Longspur*, Wilson's and Red-necked Phalaropes, Wilson's Snipe*, and Sedge Wren.

Back on the train again from Minot to the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State, the train passed through some lovely scenic vistas, passing alongside Montana's Glacier National Park. We headed to Olympic National Park and took the road up Hurricane Ridge. Our tour guides told us to be on the lookout for the Sooty Grouse,

which was known to be seen from the road, and sure enough, we spied the female standing right off the road. Later on, on our way back, we saw the male grouse in display for the female. What a treat!

We spent the next day combing the shores of the peninsula and found the Harlequin Duck, Hooded Merganser, Marbled Murrelet, Rhinoceros Auklet, and Pigeon Guillemot.

The new birds to add to our life list from this trip are those above with an asterisk (*) and: Common Nighthawk, Black Merlin, Eastern Wood-pewee, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Clay-colored Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, and American Redstart. All told, everyone enjoyed the tour despite the inconveniences of weather and insects.

~The Bird Watchers - John and Joy

[Editor's Note: The "Black Merlin" referred to by the tour guides is the dark race in the northwest of Merlin.]



POP QUIZ ANSWER:
Ring-necked Duck




American Redstart

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Now I see why the hummingbird nectar goes down so fast!
Hairy Woodpecker helps himself
Photo by Fran Taylor

Volunteers are needed for Kids' Nest Box Building Events

Sat. September 23rd in Grants Pass

& Wed. October 25th in Cave Junction

Details on Page 5. Sign up with Lee Webb or Phil Hicks. Thanks!

Date Book – September & October 2017

Fri. - Sun. Sept. 1-3: 31st Oregon Shorebird Festival, Charleston

Wed. Sept. 6: Rogue Valley Audubon Society First Wednesday Bird Walk at Agate Lake, Jackson County, 8:30 a.m.

Wed. Sept. 13: Wild Birds Unlimited Field Trip to North Mountain Park in Ashland, 10 a.m.

Thurs. Sept. 14: Siskiyou Audubon Society Chapter Meeting 6 p.m.

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