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American Kestrel, juvenile
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President's Message

— *Tim Johnson*



As the year draws to a close, it is a good time for reflection and for looking ahead. This year has been like no other. I suppose one could say that about every year. However, this year was particularly challenging, what with the political turmoil and pandemic. The coronavirus was a game changer in so many ways. It is not the kind of thing one can plan for. The only real option is to learn to adapt. Our chapter adapted in many ways. We all learned to carry on in new and creative ways. Since so much of what our chapter does involves group gatherings, the pandemic put some serious limitations on many of our normal activities.

However, finding new and creative ways to gather together, we were able to continue with many of our core programs and activities, including with modified Field Trips ("pods"), some of our Education Programs, Birder's Night Speaker Programs, the ongoing restoration work at the Nature Reserve and the continuing development of the Ankeny Hill Nature Center. Mike Unger set up a new YouTube channel for the chapter where we can stream recordings of many of our birding classes and Birder's Night meetings, expanding our outreach capabilities to the greater community.

Considerable progress was made on the **Ankeny Hill Nature Center**. Much of the infrastructure needed to open the site to the public was accomplished this year, thanks in large part to one of our Nature Center partners, the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The Service obtained the necessary funds and took the lead on landscaping, building access roads, security gates, a Volunteer Base Camp, hiking trails with interpretative signage, a new Nature Explore Area, and other interpretative elements. The Service contracted for the design and installation of a water treatment system. Classroom tables and a podium were fashioned from wood that was harvested from a large oak that had died and needed to be removed from the site. Salem Audubon contributed funds for many of these projects. Salem Audubon took the lead on creating a new website for the Nature Center, thanks to the hard work of Mike Williams. I continue to represent Salem Audubon on the management team for the Nature Center. Depending on the spread of

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the coronavirus this winter, we hope to be able to open the site to the public shortly after the first of the year, and to hold a celebration later in 2021. Design and construction of the Dave Marshall Outdoor Classroom will follow.

Financially, it was a challenging year, too. We were not able to hold any of our normal fundraising activities. However, thanks to a generous outpouring of support from our members and friends, we managed to get through the year with only a \$5,000 draw on our endowment funds to cover operating expenses of \$42,411. In my capacity as Treasurer, each month I provide a detailed financial report to the Board of Directors. I am in the process of developing a year-end financial report and proposed budget for the new fiscal year. If you would like to receive the year-end financial report, please let me know. If you have an accounting background and would like to help Salem Audubon with managing our financial affairs, I would very much like to talk with you about that.

Salem Christmas Bird Count will be another challenge this year. We will comply with Governor Brown's current guidelines on the day of the count. Backyard feeder counts are relatively safe and will be encouraged. Our field teams will need to be small, each team representing no more than two households. Experience has taught us that we can have effective teams of only two people, if at least one of the team members is able to identify the bird species, the other person can be the recorder. Our normal Count Down gathering will take place on Zoom on the day following the count. We will continue planning for the count, and adjust as needed, depending on how rapidly the coronavirus is spreading and the Governor's Guidelines at that time. Please see a related article in this issue.

Be safe.

Raptor Identification – Salem Audubon's most popular webinar is coming up! Saturday December 5, 2020 and Saturday, January 23, 2021 – both classes 10:00 AM to Noon

The most popular class (Raptor ID) that the Salem chapter of the Audubon Society holds locally is coming up on **Saturday, December 5 and Saturday, January 23, 2021**, and reservations are required. Last year, two workshops were necessary to accommodate the number of people interested in this subject.

Mike Unger, the webinar instructor, said the webinar "Exploring Raptors: Birds of Prey" will be an online event this year using the Zoom platform. The webinar fills up quickly every year.

The webinars are being held from **10:00 AM to noon on Saturday, December 5 and Saturday, January 23**, will help participants learn about raptors that call Oregon home. The raptors discussed include hawks, eagles, vultures, osprey, falcons, and harriers. The webinar will highlight the best sites in the area to look for these raptors and offer participants tips for identifying these birds of prey.

Participants will learn how to distinguish a Red-tailed Hawk vs. a Red-shouldered Hawk. Find out how fast falcons can fly and why vultures never get sick when they ingest dead carcasses. In this webinar, participants will learn how to ID raptors by sight and sound.

Cost for each webinar is \$10 per person and includes handouts for future reference.

You can register for the **December** webinar using this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cOiQGVdtQOCDPIZFx1M5zg

Register for the **January** webinar using this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HbCKgTh5SOWw17T2HARzwQ

If you have any difficulty registering for the webinar or have any questions, please email Mike at

salemaudubonsociety@gmail.com

Birder's Night

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM – Join the Zoom Webinar - Instructions Below

— *Thailand and Its Birds*



Come join Chuck and Dorothy Gates and Jeff and Donna Nordstrom (photo left) as they take you with them on a virtual journey to the mystical world of **Thailand and Its Birds**. Their goal is to provide information and incentive for you to plan and execute your own trip to the Land of Smiles. The team will explain the ins and outs of organizing a trip including securing guides or tours, travel information and other logistics. They will tell you how they got there, what they did in-country, where they traveled, and what they learned. The presentation will also include a video taken by the team of the incredible birds of Thailand and end with a slide show on the culture, nature, points of interest and people of Thailand. Altogether, they hope to relate their general opinion that Thailand is one of the best birding/cultural destinations on the planet. After the show, they think you'll agree.



Emerald Dove

Chuck and Dorothy Gates have traveled throughout the U.S. on birding adventures and list their favorite locations as Magee Marsh (OH), SE Arizona, Rio Grande Valley, Salton Sea, Dauphin Island (AL), Alaska and Maine. Their out-of-country birding adventures have included trips to Mexico, Honduras, Belize, Ecuador (including the Galapagos Islands), the Caribbean, and of course, Thailand. Chuck is a founding member of the East Cascades Audubon Society (formerly the East Cascades Bird Conservancy) and is active in many ECAS projects. He is the creator and curator of the Birding Oregon Website and the Co-creator of the soon to be released Central Oregon Bird Nests, Eggs, and Young website. Chuck and Dorothy are both retired educators.



Scarlet-faced Iocichla

Jeff and Donna Nordstrom have also traveled throughout the U.S. as well as birding internationally. In the United States, favorites include Oregon, Hawaii, Arizona, South Dakota, California (Salton Sea) and Virginia. Their overseas birding adventures have included trips to Thailand, Mexico, Italy, Costa Rica, Belize, Ecuador (including the Galapagos Islands), Puerto Rico, Canada, and Australia. They are planning another adventure to South Africa in 2021. Donna retired from the school system and Jeff retired after 40 years in retail grocery.

Please join us for an informative evening with the Gates and the Nordstroms.

How to Join Our ZOOM Webinar:

1. As an audience member, you do not need any special software or hardware.
2. All participants will need to "Pre-Register" in advance of the event by clicking on a link which will be provided in the Kestrel, on the Salem Audubon website, and on the SAS Facebook page. The link for pre-registering for the December 8th Birder's Night is: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Hd0ehSQNSbmrIVP89_Uopg
3. Once registered, you will immediately receive a confirmation email which will include your **personal** link to use to join the meeting. Please keep track of it and do not use another person's link. You will receive a reminder email on the day of the program which will also have your link. A few minutes before the program's start time, pull up your invitation on a PC, Mac, or smart device, click on the meeting link and enter the Zoom session. It's that easy.

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4. As an audience member/participant, your microphone will be automatically muted during the program and your camera will also be disabled to avoid background noise and distractions. During the program, Tim Johnson and Mike Unger will be available through the "Chat" function to help you with any technical problems: Find the "chat button" on your computer screen, click on it, and then type in a description of your problem. In addition, use "Chat" to type in questions for the speakers during the program. Questions submitted for Chuck Gates or the Nordstroms will be read to them by a Birder's Night Committee member during the Q & A.
5. As at our regular programs, we will have a "Sharing Session" after the formal program and Q & A. Those who stay for Sharing will all have their microphones and cameras activated. Those without a microphone can participate through "Chat". (Note that all iPads have a built-in microphone and camera.) This is the chance to experience the social and community side of Birder's Night, seeing fellow members and hearing about their birding sightings, experiences, and queries.
6. For technical questions, please email Tim Johnson, tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com. For other questions, email Eugenia Becker, Chair, Birder's Night Committee, heronflight99@gmail.com.

A Wonderful New Way to Catch Birder's Night Programs: YouTube!

Mike Unger has been working hard to establish a new outlet for Birder's Night! He has established the Salem Audubon Society's YouTube Channel. Simple to use: (1) Go to <http://www.youtube.com/>. (2) Search for Salem Audubon Society. (3) Find the program you want in the list of SAS YouTube videos. If you wish to subscribe (no charge) you will receive a notification of any new programs as they appear. As of now, the September, October and November Birder's Nights are on the channel, as well as many of Mike's earlier webinars. Thank you, Mike, for all the hard work of arranging this!

Framed Duck Stamp Prints**— By Tim Johnson**

Since the Federal Duck Stamp Program's inception in 1934, proceeds from duck stamp sales have raised approximately \$800 million dollars, which have been used to protect more than 5.7 million acres of wetlands habitat for wildlife as well as helping to maintain ground water supplies, filter pollutants and store flood water. It has become an important conservation tool. The Program is now known as the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Program.

Duck stamps have become a collectable, and many have been framed with a number and signed print of the original artwork.

Pictured here is an example of a framed Cinnamon Teal stamp print created by Gerald Mobley, donated by the Thomas'.

The value of these framed duck stamp prints varies depending on their condition and rarity.

Thanks to generous donations by Salem Audubon members, we have 27 of these professionally framed and matted prints along with the associated duck stamp. They are in good to great condition. These could make for excellent wall hangings or gifts.

If this is of interest, please contact me and I can show you the collection. You may be interested in purchasing one or several of these framed prints. Proceeds will benefit the Ankeny Hill Nature Center. For more information, contact me at tim@salemaudubon.org.



Salem Christmas Bird Count – Saturday, December 19, 2020

— *Tim Johnson, compiler*

The Salem Christmas Bird Count (Salem CBC) takes place on **Saturday, December 19**. The Salem CBC area is a 15-mile diameter circle centered roughly at the Oregon state capitol building. There are around 2,500 such count circles throughout the Americas and 54 in Oregon. This will be the 58th consecutive count for Salem.

Information from the annual Christmas Bird Counts improves our understanding of the long-term trends of bird populations and the effects of climate change. More information can be found about the Christmas Bird Count at www.audubon.org/conservation/Christmas-bird-count.

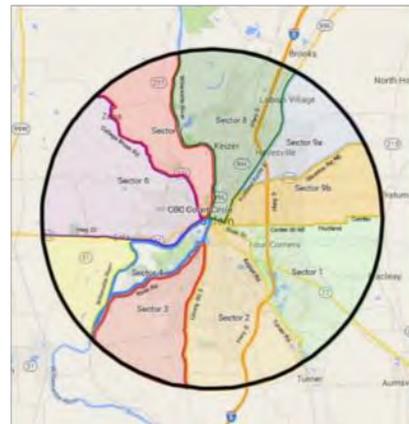
The goal for the Salem CBC is like a census, we attempt to obtain a species count for all the birds in the circle. We attempt to accomplish this by having as many feeder counts and field teams as possible, organized such that we provide thorough coverage of all the habitats in the circle. Last year we had 42 feeder counts and 72 participants on 29 teams. We recorded 109 bird species and 40,727 individual birds.

You can participate in the Salem CBC in a couple of ways:

- **Count birds at your feeder on December 19.** Your feeders must be inside the Salem CBC circle. You can spend as much time as you have available counting your birds. You can include your yard birds or birds that fly over your yard in that count. To participate, please send me an email with your name, phone number and address. I will respond with a form for recording the birds you see. The form includes the protocol you will be asked to follow. If you submitted a feeder count last year, you will automatically receive a form for this year's count.
- **Participate on a field team.** Field teams have their own unique area to cover inside the Salem CBC circle. That area can be a nearby park, a favorite birding hotspot, or a usual walking route. The possibilities are endless. The only limitations are that your count must take place on December 19, inside the Salem CBC circle, and not an area already being covered by another team. You will work with me or one of the sector leaders to ensure that your area is unique and that no one else is already assigned to cover that area. You will be provided with a form to record your team members' information, your team's bird observations and team effort metrics (distance and time spent birding).

The coronavirus pandemic is necessitating several changes to how the Salem Christmas Bird Count (Salem CBC) will be conducted this year. These changes primarily effect how the field teams will be organized. The field teams must comply with the Governor's COVID-19 guidelines. At the writing of this article, that means no more than 6 people on a team (a team can be comprised of one person), from no more than two households. Wearing masks and maintaining social distancing is another requirement.

I hope you can join us this year. Please contact me with questions at tim@salemaudubon.org or (503) 507-8552.



For a scalable version of the CBC map, please visit: salemaudubon.org

Salem Audubon Society Online Birding Webinars December 2020 and January 2021

Salem Audubon Society (SAS) will be offering the following birding related webinars. **You must register in advance to attend any of the webinars.**

Exploring Raptors: Birds of Prey (\$10) – Saturday, December 5 at 10:00 AM

This webinar will help participants learn about raptors that call Oregon home. The raptors discussed include hawks, eagles, vultures, osprey, falcons, and harriers. The workshop will highlight the best sites in the area to look for these raptors and offer participants tips for identifying these birds of prey. Participants will learn how to distinguish a red-tailed hawk vs. a red-shouldered hawk. Find out how fast falcons can fly and why vultures never get sick when they ingest dead carcasses. In this workshop participants will learn how to ID raptors by sight and sound.

Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cOiQGVdtQOCDPIZfX1M5zg

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Oregon Ducks, Geese and Swans (\$10) – Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 1:30 PM

Most people think of Mallards when they think of ducks, but there many other ducks that make Oregon home. Do you know which ducks are dabblers and which are divers? We answer this and other questions as well as learn how to identify and classify these ducks, geese, and swans. Join us for a look at another type of water bird.

Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HYZSwYU6QI-n7GtKFC1MZA

Exploring Raptors: Birds of Prey (\$10) – Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM

This webinar will help participants learn about raptors that call Oregon home. The raptors discussed include hawks, eagles, vultures, osprey, falcons, and harriers. The webinar will highlight the best sites in the area to look for these raptors and offer participants tips for identifying these birds of prey. Participants will learn how to distinguish a Red-tailed Hawk vs. a Red-shouldered Hawk. Find out how fast falcons can fly and why vultures never get sick when they ingest dead carcasses. In this webinar participants will learn how to ID raptors by sight and sound. Registration Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HbCKgTh5SOWw17T2HARzwQ

Exploring Keizer Rapids Park and other nearby hotspots (Free) – Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Keizer Rapids Park is a nice natural area with nearly 120 acres of land. It is a particularly good bird watching area as it has gallery forest, the Willamette River, and open fields. Its many diversified habitats make it nice for birds including sparrows, finches, and towhees, but many other birds can be found here including waterfowl, raptors, woodpeckers, and creepers. Kingfishers and an occasional Bald Eagle can be seen near the river. 120 bird species have been observed in this park! We will discuss the best methods and approach to see all the birds this hotspot has to offer. We will also cover a few other hotspots including Willow Lake Water Treatment Plant, Country Glen Park and Spongs Landing County Park. This is a free webinar.

Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aFQqOgenQVmorEN5WGgIEw

For more information or if you have any difficulty with registration, please email Mike at salemaudubonsociety@gmail.com.

Field Trip Notes

— *Compiled by Cynthia Donald*

Happy Holidays! We wrapped up our POD trips for 2020 and are planning to resume them at some point in 2021. A huge “Thank You!” to all our leaders.

The Field Trip Committee met over Zoom on November 13, 2020 and determined that we will continue to wait and see how COVID progresses (or doesn't) before returning to any pre-COVID bird walks. We hope to be able to offer POD trips in January but that all depends on what's happening in our state and the restrictions in place. I will have an update for the January Kestrel. Stay tuned!

Here are synopses of our final walks through November 11, 2020.

October 19, 2020 – Champoeg State Park with Dominic Valenti

40 species, with Western Bluebirds and Acorn Woodpeckers on display, but there were plenty of surprises as well. It was a great day for raptors: a male/female pair of Northern Harriers, Bald Eagles (juvenile and adult), Red-tailed Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, and American Kestrel were spotted. There were many Yellow-rumped Warblers seen at the very birdy B Loop campground, and a Western Meadowlark was heard but not seen in the open fields. And, to top it all off, we were able to pick out a lone Pine Siskin in a mixed flock of small birds in the B Loop campground, and a pair of

Varied Thrush along the paved trail that connects the B Loop with the Oak Grove day-use area.

Here's a link to Dominic's eBird list

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S75111520>

October 21, 2020 – Ankeny NWR with Harry Fuller

42 species. Likely spooked by an eagle, all the small geese lifted from the fields to the west of Pintail Marsh, about 1030AM. There among all the dark Cacklers was the one snow-white Snow Goose. Other unexpected birds:

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Canvasback, one at Eagle Marsh and one at Pintail, 2overhead Barn Swallows at Pintail Marsh in late morning, Purple Finches at parking lot for Rail Trail. Likely Merlin there as well. First called by another birder but the dark raptor had dropped out of the sky at high speed, zoomed past the waxwings and finches we were watching in the chokecherries and then sped away. Very merlinesque.

Here's a link to Harry's blog:

<https://atowhee.blog/2020/10/21/october-21-at-ankeny-nwr/>

October 26, 2020 – Willow Lake WWTP with Dominic Valenti

33 species. Chilly at the start, but we were immediately greeted by a small flock of Pine Siskin. Shortly after that, we paused on the trail alongside the wetlands to play Virginia Rail calls, and were delighted to quickly receive several calls in response! Excellent eye-level looks at both species of kinglets and found a Black Phoebe pair in the wooded area at the northern end of the property. On our way back, we observed both Mew and Glaucous-winged Gulls, American Wigeon, and a Great Blue Heron. The most surprising miss of the day: raptors...not even one! I have birded this site many times and in different seasons, and this was a first for me.

Here's a link to Dominic's eBird list

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S75449700>

October 28, 2020 – Lincoln City and points south with Harry Fuller

35 species. Our small field trip today gathered at Baskett Slough, then caravanned to Lincoln Count, birding south from the Hwy18 X US 101 intersection down to Depoe Bay. I thought our birding karma felt good--a small flock of Western Bluebirds was hunting near the Coville Road parking lot where we met, and a meadowlark was singing to the rising sun...and us. Three merganser species, four grebes, two loons, a wayward white-fronted goose and a couple of [alcids](#) made for a fine day.

Here's a link to Harry's blog

<https://atowhee.blog/2020/10/28/salem-audubon-goes-coastal/>

November 2, 2020 – Keizer Rapids Park with Dominic Valenti

33 species. Although it was a bit on the chilly side to start with, it turned out to be a beautiful sunny day for our walk. One of the first birds we observed was a male American Kestrel kiting over the field near the boat launch area. What a treat! Then we followed the trail into the woods,

where we first heard, and then eventually spotted, a Pacific Wren making its 'chimp' call notes from atop a fern just above the forest floor. We continued to the small pond in the middle of the park, where we were scolded by a Belted Kingfisher as we tried, unsuccessfully, to spot the Wilson's Snipe that were seen there a few days ago. However, we were able find a female Hooded Merganser on the river, and got to see 4 Red-tailed Hawks soaring at the same time. This gave us a chance to get nice views of the patagial bars on the leading edge of their wings, and one of the hawks appeared to be partly leucistic (some feathers were all-white and lacking any pigmentation). Overall, a very pleasant morning!

Here's a link to Dominic's eBird list

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S75760124>

November 4, 2020 – Silver Falls SP with Harry Fuller

4 species only. Gorgeous gorge and scenery, but few birds. No blog.

November 9, 2020 – Willamette Mission SP with Dominic Valenti

30 species. It was chilly to start our walk, but at least it was wind and rain free. The birding was slow to start with thanks to those cold temperatures, but it picked up by the time we made it to Mission Lake. There we saw a variety of waterfowl: Canada Geese, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, and Northern Shoveler. Two other noteworthy birds were Hermit Thrush (which we spotted just before walking out onto the fishing dock) and Sharp-shinned Hawk, which we saw while scanning for ducks. It flew across the lake and landed in a tree near a bunch of American Crow. This gave us a chance to compare their sizes, and led to a general discussion of the differences between Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks. In addition to the birds, Kathy was there to provide us with the names of many of the trees and shrubs we encountered.

Here's a link to Dominic's eBird list

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S76060230>

November 11, 2020 – Ankeny NWR with Harry Fuller

45 species. Only one surprise--two Tree Swallows feeding over Eagle Marsh! Lots of expected birds: 26 Tundra Swans, GW Teal most numerous ducks within sight, Merlin, and RS Hawk near Pintail Marsh. 45 species in 2.5 hours, nice morning. Salem Audubon field trip under COVID restrictions.

Here's a link to Harry's blog

<https://atowhee.blog/2020/11/11/veterans-day-sends-veteran-birders-to-ankney-marsh/>

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If you have a suggestion for field trips or have any questions, contact Cynthia Donald at planres@outlook.com or (480) 283-4515. I hope you are reading our leaders' accounts of their trips and safely wandering about at their locations, perhaps spotting some interesting behaviors and species. Happy Holidays to all.



Lincoln's Sparrow
By Harry Fuller

John Kirk Townsend

— by Harry Fuller

John Kirk Townsend was a Quaker born in Philadelphia, August 10, 1809. He became interested in birds as a young man and they dominated his life. In 1833, he collected a bird in Chester County, Pennsylvania. To this day, it is the lone specimen of the "Townsend's Bunting" that has ever been recorded. Last of an extinct species? An unusual hybrid?

Townsend spent between 1834-1837 crossing the North American continent and then staying on the Pacific Coast. He was with another naturalist, Thomas Nuttall, and a company of fur-trappers. Nuttall and Townsend were the first trained naturalists to cross the future United States on land.

Nuttall had quit his position as natural historian at Harvard University to come on the trip. Townsend was his protégé. Both men stayed some time on Sauvie Island where a small sign commemorates the fur trappers' fort but makes no mention of the two naturalists. Fort William was a fur trading outpost built in 1834 by the American Nathaniel Jarvis Wyeth, a Boston merchant and Nuttall's patron.

Once in Oregon, Townsend worked as doctor for the Hudson's Bay Company. Much of that time he was based at Fort Vancouver. Another doctor he met was Dr. William Tolmie who gave Townsend his natural history specimens that included their namesake warbler. Tolmie's name is half of the species' Latin binomial. There is a state park near Olympia, WA named for Tomie.

Among Townsend's avian discoveries while in Oregon: Townsend's and MacGillivray's Warbler, Vaux's Swift, Hermit Warbler, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Green-tailed Towhee, Black Oystercatcher (earlier visitors hadn't distinguished this species from other oystercatchers), see the photo to the right, and Black-footed Albatross. The latter was collected while sailing from Oregon to Hawaii. The Townsend's Solitaire was first collected for science by Townsend, and when Audubon illustrated it, he named the bird for its discoverer.

Townsend's terse and humorous account of the journey across America is contained in *Narrative of a Journey Across the Rocky Mountains to the Columbia Pacific*.

Having returned to the East Coast, Townsend died in 1851 (age 41) from effects of arsenic poisoning. Arsenic powder was used in those days for bird skin preservation. John Cassin died in 1869 from the effects of using arsenic as well.

"None but a naturalist can appreciate a naturalist's feeling—his delight amounting to ecstasy—when a specimen such as he has never seen before, meets his eye."

— John Kirk Townsend





“The Roost”: A new picnic/relaxing area under development near the Reserve parking lot. Everything used to create it exemplifies “Reuse”.



Wattle fence at edge of “The Roost” was woven by volunteers from Indian Plum saplings thinned from an overgrown area of the Reserve

Audubon Reserve Work Parties Every Wednesday 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Attack invasives and help keep our Reserve looking great.
Maintain trails. Weave a wattle fence. Help develop “The Roost”.

BYO work gloves; tools provided or bring your favorites.
BYO mask. Stay safe through outdoor social distancing.

FREE! No background check required! On-the-job training!
Possibilities for advancement!

Coffee and conversation after at BREW: Coffee and Tap House,
320 Edgewater Avenue in West Salem.
Call Lee Slattum, (503) 364-9325, with any questions.

Audubon Nature Reserve

Eola Drive, off Edgewater, in West Salem

<http://www.salemaudubon.org/salem-audubon-nature-reserve.html>

See our Facebook Page at

<https://www.facebook.com/Audubon-Nature-Reserve-1636890073202471/>

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Upcoming Events for 2020 - 2021

Many birding festivals have made the decision to cancel their events in 2020 due to the continued spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Look for festivals that may begin in 2021.

Salem Audubon Society has a new YouTube Channel

Salem Audubon Society (SAS) has a new YouTube channel. The new channel will host the Birder’s Night presentations as well as some of the birding webinars. Mike Unger who developed the YouTube channel said it will take some time to get all the content on the channel. He asked for your patience because it takes time to edit and prep the video presentations for publication on the YouTube channel.

As of now, the September, October and November Birder’s Nights are on the channel, as well as many of Mike’s earlier webinars that include *Use eBird to Find the Birds You Want to See*. The best way to access the channel is go to YouTube.com and put Salem Audubon Society in the search box and click on the “Search” icon. This will bring you to the SAS YouTube channel. You can also subscribe to our YouTube channel by clicking on the **SUBSCRIBE** button on the page. Once you subscribe to our channel, any new videos it publishes will show up in your Subscriptions feed.

For more information or any questions about our new YouTube channel, please email Mike at salemaudubonsociety@gmail.com.

SAS Membership Renewal Reminder

February 1 marks the annual renewal for your SAS membership. To renew your membership (or become a new member), complete the membership form on the back of this newsletter then mail or use a credit card or PayPal account on Salem Audubon Society’s website under the "Support Us" tab at salemaudubon.org.

Also, please consider changing your membership to the E-Kestrel. It saves you some money, and, as a bonus, the E-Kestrel usually arrives a little earlier than the printed version of the monthly newsletter. It also includes full-color pictures. All that you will need to do is indicate ‘eKestrel’ on your renewal/membership form.



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Field Trips

Tentatively scheduled to resume 2021

Birder's Night

Tuesday, December 8 – 6:30 PM
See link on page 3

Salem Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, December 19

Online Birding Webinars

Raptor Identification
December 5 and January 23
10:00 AM to Noon
See links on page 2

December and January Schedule
See links on page 5

Membership Form

Name

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**Required for E-Kestrel Membership*

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