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*American Kestrel*  
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### President's Message

— Tim Johnson



As I write this message, a wildfire continues to burn out of control in the Santiam Canyon. Sadly, some members and friends have lost their homes. Others are still in jeopardy. Towns have been destroyed. Lives have been lost. It is a very sad time for our community. It is hard to think of things other than the wildfires and the coronavirus and their devastating effects on our lives, but I have updates on a few chapter activities to share with you.

Our chapter committees continue to find new and creative ways in these difficult times to carry out our chapter's mission of connecting people with nature. In September, our first virtual Birder's Night was held. We had some technical difficulties but are learning as we gain experience with Zoom. We had 27 attendees at Mitch Rohse's fabulous presentation on his Zambia Safari. The virtual Annual Meeting resulted in the election of four Board members. Maureen Leong-Kee was re-elected to another two-year term, and Cynthia Donald, Michael Williams and Jenny Ammon were elected by members to their first two-year term. Thanks to all our Board members for their willingness to support our chapter through their role as stewards of our chapter. If you would like to get involved in this noble work, please let me know.

Our new "Pod" bird walks have been popular. Cynthia Donald, our new Field Trip Committee leader, is organizing some more Pods, including to new locations. These small group, pre-registration bird walks are currently being led by Paul Evans and Harry Fuller. Cynthia will announce upcoming Pod bird walks through periodic emails to members. Note: because of their limited size, the Pod bird walks are available only to Salem Audubon members.

Mike Unger continues to come up with new and interesting topics to cover in his webinars. See the related article in this month's newsletter for the new lineup. Many of these webinars are free.

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*President's Message continued*

There is some good news on the conservation front. National Audubon, our parent organization, reports that In August a federal court overturned a harmful reinterpretation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act that had upended decades of enforcement. This decision represents the next vital step on the path to restoring our nation's declining bird populations and is a major victory for birds and the environment. Meanwhile, our chapter Conservation Committee continues to track legislation and sign onto letters that support the Audubon Oregon Conservation Council's conservation priorities. If you would like more information on these priorities, please let me know. You can reach me at [tim@salemaudubon.org](mailto:tim@salemaudubon.org).

## Board Member Profile: Mike Williams

Salem Audubon Society recently enjoyed the great fortune of welcoming to its membership, and its board of directors, a returning Oregonian. After learning, working and teaching in many parts of America, Mike Williams has returned to Salem. Mike is an environmental photographer whose work emphasizes the beauty and diversity of the world we all share. Primarily focusing on the variety of life and landscape of the Pacific Northwest, he continues the work of his professional career as a visual communicator and educator, encouraging others to appreciate the planet and support efforts to reverse climate change.

Mike began his career as a photojournalist here in Salem, and rose through the editorial ranks of newsrooms in New Mexico and Mississippi before becoming a visual media professor. Following faculty and administrative appointments at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Ohio University, and the University of Maryland at College Park, he completed this phase of his career recently retiring from the University of Kansas. He and his wife, Sarah, moved back to Salem in May.

Mike continues his involvement in higher education, serving as a consultant while also producing professional work in media entrepreneurship, innovative publication development, and other creative efforts that illustrate the critical link between people and the planet. An avid bird photographer, he is often found in the Ankeny or Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge waiting for the next great image.

Some of his creative work can be seen at his portfolio website, <https://mikewms.com/>.

Welcome back, Mike, to Salem and to Oregon, we are so glad you returned.



*Ever watchful with her camera ready, Reserve neighbor Twila sent us a photograph of one of the Osprey juveniles standing on the edge of the nest flapping its wings. All this exercise will ready it to take longer and longer training flights to build the strength and skill needed for its fast-approaching solo migration*

*Reserve Chairman Lee Slattum,  
August 27, 2020*

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

Attack invasives and help keep our Reserve looking great.  
Nurture native plants and shrubs. Maintain trails. Collect litter.  
BYO work gloves; tools provided or bring your favorites.  
BYO mask and maintain social distancing for safety's sake.

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

Coffee and conversation after.

Call Lee Slattum, (503) 364-9325, with any questions.

Audubon Nature Reserve  
Eola Drive, off Edgewater, in West Salem

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

See our Facebook Page at  
<https://www.facebook.com/Audubon-Nature-Reserve-1636890073202471/>

## Birder's Night

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – 6:30 PM

### — Jeff Harding – Conservation Birding: It's Your Duty to Go A Zoom Presentation



Jeff and Patricia Harding at La Reserva Natural Orquideas de la Sociedad Colombiana de Orquideología, near Jardín in Antioquia, Colombia

Traveling birders can become a powerful force for conservation, supporting community-based ecotourism projects by going there. Unless local people recognize the value to them of land set aside for a nature reserve, they are unlikely to support conservation. By spending our tourism budget with community-based lodges and using local guides, we can provide incentive for conservation, and support local ornithological study. It's not just the tourism dollars: local people are impressed that foreigners would travel so far to see what they have. Their governments note that the world is paying attention to their natural diversity and conservation programs. As Miguel Portura, an indigenous guide in Mitú, Colombia says, "It makes me proud that people come from abroad to discover how we live here". Folks in undeveloped countries have invested in ecotourism projects with the hope that we will support them by showing up; it's our duty to follow through and enjoy the experience.

The presenter, Jeff Harding, has been enjoying such birding vacations multiple times per year, most years for the last two decades, and will share some of his experiences and insights with lovely images from travel in Central and South America, Africa and

Asia. Jeff has been an active birder in the mid-valley since the 1970s. Currently he is an eBird reviewer for Linn and Marion County, as well as for Colombia.

Birder's Night is a monthly program presented by Salem Audubon focusing on enjoying, learning about, and preserving wildlife and the environments which sustain them. **Our current Birder's Night differs from all previous ones, however, in that it will be delivered virtually, as a ZOOM Webinar, due to the dangers of meeting in a large group posed by COVID-19.** The future depends on the rate of increase in COVID-19 in Marion County. We will continue to use Zoom Webinar to host Birder's Night until it is safe to meet in person again.

How to Join Our ZOOM Webinar:

1. As a participant, you do not need any special software or hardware. Participants will not require a microphone or camera. You will not need special ZOOM software.
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 ([www.salemaudubon.org](http://www.salemaudubon.org)), and on the SAS Facebook page. The link for pre-registering for the October 13 Birder's Night is [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_oHaa5F-RfGvP5fZcVUiuA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oHaa5F-RfGvP5fZcVUiuA).
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.
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, communications from viewers to the Hosts, Tim Johnson and Mike Unger, will be through the "Chat" function: You will find the "chat button" on your computer screen, click on it, and then type in your question/comment, whether it be a technical problem you are having or a question for the speaker during the Q&A at the end of the talk. Tim will dispense advice on technical problems through "Chat" during the program. Submitted questions for the presenter will be read at the end of the program.



Blue-winged Mountain Tanager, Colombia



Black Caracara and Black-headed Parrots, Colombia



Scaly-breasted Woodpecker, Colombia

*Birder's Night continued*

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". 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 any technical questions, please email Tim Johnson, [tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com](mailto:tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com). For other questions, email Eugenia Becker, Chair, Birder's Night Committee, [heronflight99@gmail.com](mailto:heronflight99@gmail.com).

## Get to Know the Red-tailed Hawk

Have you spotted a large raptor lately, either perched in a tree, on a power pole along I-5 or up soaring in the sky? Chances are the bird was a Red-tailed Hawk, by far the most common bird of prey in all North America. They are found throughout the United States and Canada, and into Mexico and Central America. Many birds, including the birds here in Oregon, are year-round residents. However, some Red-tailed Hawks do migrate south to warmer climates like Southeast Arizona for the winter—they see an uptick in hawk abundance starting in October. Their



*Red-tailed Hawk by Joan Gellatly*

habitats include riparian woodlands, mountains, deserts, agricultural fields, urban areas, and everything in between (if there are elevated perching sites for hunting), making this species the most commonly observed hawk in the US.

Red-tailed Hawks are highly variable in appearance, but generally they have brownish upperparts and paler underparts, and usually a dark belly band and patagial bars on the leading edges of the inner wings are visible. The red tail for which this species is named, along with a dark sub-terminal tail band, are visible from above. However, Red-taileds can also be jet black, rufous, white, and come in light and dark morphs! Rest assured though, even if you spot one of these other confusing races, if you call out "Red-tailed Hawk" there is still a 90% plus chance that you are correct.

You've probably heard the raspy [Red-tailed Hawk call](#) in the wild, and most certainly, you've heard one in a movie or TV show. It is commonly used to represent the sound of nature, and any other hawk (or eagle!) no matter the location.

*Sources: Birdsoftheworld.org, Allaboutbirds.org, Whatbird.com, eBird.org, and personal observations.*

Many thanks to Matt Griffiths of the Tucson Audubon Society as he created most of this article.

## Salem CBC Webinar – Christmas Bird Count Tips and Techniques

**Saturday, November 21, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

**Online webinar using Zoom**

FREE! This free workshop will provide participants with numerous techniques, tips and suggestions to help make your next CBC (and general birding) experience the best it can be. Adding even a few of these to your annual CBC outing will enhance your team's outcome with an increase in both species and numbers – making the count more accurate, more useful and hopefully more fun! We will focus on winter bird identification during the workshop. We will also cover the Salem CBC and its history and what to expect as well as an overview of count day. FREE!

Reservations required. Please register using the link below: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_TOKrih-STum\\_ol2f12ZU2w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TOKrih-STum_ol2f12ZU2w).

For more information, call Tim Johnson at (503) 507-8552.

## Salem Audubon Society Online Birding Webinars October and November 2020

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

**Sparrow ID (\$10) – October 3 from 10:00 AM to Noon** – Often skulky and elusive, these “little brown jobs” are often overlooked in the field. As part of this webinar, you will learn how to find and observe sparrows in their preferred habitat. We will discuss foraging behaviors as well as the significance of bill shape and size and tail length in relation to identification. We will also focus on vocalizations. This webinar covers 22 species of sparrows, towhees, and longspurs that make Oregon their home. Registration Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9015980524269/WN\\_Q7TtI43wTL2INicXTc83Pw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9015980524269/WN_Q7TtI43wTL2INicXTc83Pw)

**Track the Birds You See using eBird on your PC (Free) – Thursday, October 15 @ 6:30 PM** A brief overview of eBird, how to set up your eBird profile, how to log a bird checklist into eBird, we will also discuss how to share a checklist and how to add photos and audios. You'll also learn how to view your data to see your County, State, Country, ABA and World lists and hear how eBird data is reviewed and used, making it possible for every level of birder to use eBird. All checklists count – you're not just birding, you're doing a survey. Note: This webinar is based on using your computer for eBird! Registration Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_MFZFkB0qRAOTOsDMtQybnA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MFZFkB0qRAOTOsDMtQybnA)

**Using eBird to Find Birds You Want to See (Free) – Thursday, October 22 at 2:00 PM** You'll learn how to find out what birds are being seen near you or anywhere in the world, how to see where a particular species is located, see what species are present at a particular time of year, how to get daily or hourly alerts for rare birds or birds you “need” to see and check out games within eBird to help you learn the birds near you or where you are going. Note: We will be using both a computer and the eBird app. Registration Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ODMyBpN6S7edPtLrx26ltw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ODMyBpN6S7edPtLrx26ltw)

**Oregon Ducks and Geese (\$10) – Sunday, November 8 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\\_K8IDQVKBQfaRtRqhrNHXfa](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_K8IDQVKBQfaRtRqhrNHXfa)

**Christmas Bird Count Tips & Techniques Webinar (Free) – Saturday, November 21, 11:00 AM** This free workshop will provide participants with numerous techniques, tips, and suggestions to help make your next CBC (and general birding) experience the best it can be. Adding even a few of these to your annual CBC outing will enhance your team's outcome with an increase in both species and numbers – making the count more accurate, more useful, and hopefully more fun! We will focus on winter bird identification during the workshop. We will also cover the Salem CBC and its history and what to expect as well as an overview of count day. Registration Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_TOKrih-STum\\_oi2f12ZU2w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TOKrih-STum_oi2f12ZU2w)

**Where to Go Birding in December (Free) – Monday, November 23 at 2:00 PM** One of the most common questions we get asked is “When is the best time and place to go birding in the Willamette Valley and Oregon?” Well, it is hard to say which month is the best, because there is something unique during every season! This month we will look ahead to December and discover some of the birds to look for, where to go around Salem and other areas of the state. Registration Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_OJMAZukRdK9PtGYfknzUA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OJMAZukRdK9PtGYfknzUA)

## Upcoming Field Trips

— *Compiled by Cynthia Donald*

Greetings! We have exciting news! First, we have three (3) new field trip leaders – Paul Evans, Harry Fuller and Dominic Valenti. If you see them, please welcome and thank them for stepping forward.

Second, Mike Unger began sending out “virtual” field trip reports in August via email. These reports are from scouting trips some of our trip leaders make to our regular spots so members can repeat these walks on their own and have an idea of what was seen, heard and expected but missing. Mike has also developed webinars focusing on birding places.

Third, we officially started our SAS Pod Bird walk program in September. This consists of offering bird walks limited to five (5) participants plus the leader(s). Our goal is to enjoy birding in small groups while remaining as safe as possible following mask/social distance guidelines from the CDC and the State of Oregon. At this point, the walks are limited to Salem Audubon members and we are offering at least one walk every week during September and October. Notice for each walk is sent via email with a registration link. If you are signing up for these, please do not use the link more than once unless you are signing up for more than one person. We’ve had people do this and the form logs it as an additional attendee thus removing what would otherwise be an open spot. Synopses of our Pod Reports are below.

### September 3, 2020 – Pintail Marsh with Paul Evans

Four enthusiastic participants!  
Approximately 2 hours, from 10:15A-12:15P, walking 2.1 miles.

**Highlights:** Peregrine Falcon, Pectoral Sandpipers, large numbers of Greater Yellowlegs with some Lessers, seen from Pintail Marsh parking lot. Green-winged and Cinnamon Teal and Black Phoebe in or near shallow creek at Egret Marsh. Lots of ducks and swallows.

Number of taxa: 46

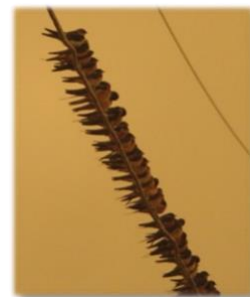
### September 9, 2020 – Baskett Slough with Harry Fuller

Four enthusiastic participants!

The air quality was better than in Salem, and the sky was a bizarre orange (photo right).

**Highlights:** First American Pipits of the season, Violet-green and Barn Swallows galore, passing Dunlin flock, Common Yellowthroat, Northern Harrier, Turkey Vulture, lots of American Goldfinch enjoying thistles.

Number of taxa: 31



Traditional field trips, which will resume when conditions allow, are open to the public, and we usually have a mixture of experienced and novice bird watchers. These trips are a great way to become more familiar with the birds of Oregon, and you will find some great new places to go birding and possibly meet some new friends. There is no fee for the trips, but we do encourage carpooling to try to reduce our impact on the environment, with riders helping to cover the cost of driving. If you have a suggestion for field trips or have any questions, contact Cynthia Donald at [planres@outlook.com](mailto:planres@outlook.com) or (480) 283-4515. Check the Salem Audubon web site and Facebook page throughout what remains of summer and into fall for current information. Good birding, and stay healthy!

## Effects of Fire on Birds

— *by Dan Gleason*

The fires currently rampaging across Oregon (and elsewhere) have caused tremendous devastation to thousands of people and forests and destruction of thousands of homes and structures. With such great loss, recovery will be long and arduous. For thousands of people not directly in the path of the flames, the smoke has been difficult to deal with. The air quality in many neighborhoods has been in the hazardous level that can cause respiratory problems. The air quality index readings only go to 300, but the actual readings have been in the 400-500s. (visit [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov) to check the air quality where you live.)

We know that human risk from smoke is great, but how do fire and smoke affect birds? The effects are not as clear cut as we might expect.

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*Effects of Fire on Birds continued*

Loss of habitat is of concern for many birds. However, most birds are highly mobile and many can escape the flames, especially those that can fly at high altitude, and the nesting season, which makes birds stay in one place, has ended. There is some evidence that low-flying birds may, at times, be overcome by very dense smoke. It's unclear if such incidents are caused by birds whose health was damaged beyond survivability or if they became disoriented and were unable to escape the smoke and flames.

Habitat loss is real but overall, we might better refer to it as habitat change rather than loss. Very, very intense fire can cause very great destruction, but most fires with a few areas of large destruction have many regions of lesser or minimal damage. Fire can be spotty, leaping over some places, leaving "islands" that may be relatively unscathed or less scarred. These islands, if large enough, may provide some refuge for many species and will help to reseed and regenerate the return of nearby areas. Some fire clears the accumulation of debris and undergrowth. Such conditions may be beneficial to the overall health of the forest if one takes a longer view. For instance, some conifers are fire-dependent and need fire to survive as a species. The heat of the fire causes some of the cones to open so that the seeds can be released.

In the case of birds, some species may need to find undamaged habitat to survive. For other species, a fire, once it cools, may provide opportunities that weren't previously available. Insects will quickly invade fire-damaged areas. Next spring, many of these insects will be numerous and provide a great food resource for birds. Some flycatchers in those areas will have an abundance of food and open areas perfect for them to forage more easily. The trees, or portions of trees damaged by fire will be infested by wood-boring insects who will lay their eggs in the bark or tree wood. The larvae of these insects are attractive to many birds, especially woodpeckers. Black-backed Woodpeckers are attracted to burned areas just for this reason. Western Bluebirds and other birds are also attracted to burns because of the insects that provide a rich source of food. Many cones that have been opened by the heat will still hold many seeds that are now easier for birds to obtain. Birds such as crossbills and White-headed Woodpeckers feed on these seeds in the Ponderosa Pine forests when they are fire-impacted.

Heavy smoke from forest fires contains a large amount of particulate matter that can accumulate in the lungs of humans and other mammals and may cause scarring or inflammation leading to respiratory problems. But it is unclear how much damage is caused to birds by smoke. Obviously, intense, thick smoke near a fire has the potential for harm just as in mammals.

But birds have a very different respiratory system than do mammals. In mammals, the air pathways branch in the lungs into smaller and smaller vessels until eventually becoming very tiny sacs, called alveoli, that are each surrounded by blood capillaries. It is here where oxygen passes from the lungs into the blood and where carbon dioxide leaves the blood, entering the alveoli to be breathed out at the next exhale. Air comes in and exits the mammal's body by the same route. Small particulates in the smoke can become lodged in these alveoli, scarring and damaging these tissues, impairing the ability of the lungs to function well.

Birds do not have this in and out flow and instead have a constant one-way flow of air. Their lungs are small in comparison, and do not expand and contract as do mammalian lungs. Instead, air travels continuously through the lung, not in and out, via tiny vessels lying side by side with blood capillaries. As with the alveoli of mammals, gas exchange occurs here as the walls of these vessels touch. In this continuous flow air system, particulates pass through the lungs with little chance to accumulate and cause damage. The air passageways in birds are connected on either side of the lungs to larger air sacs throughout the body that, along with body wall contractions, help facilitate the flow of air. These air sacs do not provide any of the gas exchange. It is in these air sacs where particulates may settle, but it is unclear what damage this may cause. So, heavy smoke may be disorienting, but it is not well known how much impact directly affects a bird's health. Studies that show some health impact are studies done on domestic poultry that cannot escape heavy smoke. Studies on wild birds is, for the most part, lacking so we know little about smoke damage to them, unfortunately. (Here's an opportunity for graduate student research, perhaps?)

Some birds such as ducks and grebes may survive fire by remaining on lakes or streams. Some evidence shows harm to some of these birds where they have taken flight and possibly become disoriented and trapped on the ground, unable to reach, or perhaps see the safety offered by the water. (There was a news story on Friday or Saturday about a Blue River Fire official, named Rainbow, that rescued a young grebe on the ground near her fire rig, and she got it back into the river in hopes it will survive.)

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*Effect of Fires on Birds continued*

Fire will have an immediate impact on many birds but they may not be as harmed as mammals and other animals that cannot flee a large fire. For those of you feeding backyard birds, continue to provide fresh food and fresh water, maintaining the freshness even more than in normal conditions

Water can be especially important. With heavy smoke, ash can settle out of the air and water sources, such as birdbaths, can quickly accumulate ash. Replace the water frequently to prevent such accumulation. This will help keep the birds from ingesting incidental ash and significant ash deposits may somewhat acidify the water. Seed in your feeders should be fine, just keep a good fresh supply.



At the store we are hearing of greatly increased numbers of birds, and we (Barbara & Dan) are experiencing this personally as well. We have had a large increase in some bird species using our feeders, to the point that Barbara purchased two more long tube feeders to put out. Now all those perches are attended by goldfinches, mostly, plus the perches of the old feeders, too. There are probably 60 finches using our feeders and birdbath this week!

One other thing I should point out with the heavy smoke. Many of you use the window stickers that we sell at WBU to help prevent birds from flying into your windows. These stickers work because they reflect ultraviolet light which birds see and we don't. The reflected UV light allows the bird to see "something is there" instead of simply looking at your yard's reflection or at clear glass. With heavy smoke in the air, ultraviolet light is greatly reduced or mostly filtered out. (Notice how yellow the light looks because the blue end of the light spectrum has been filtered out.) With little or no UV light, there is nothing to be reflected by these window stickers and their effectiveness is dramatically reduced or eliminated and thus you may see an increase of window strikes by birds. As the air clears the effectiveness of these stickers will return. We placed a feeder ON the window, which now also makes birds more aware that there is something there...plus the feeder in that location creates wonderful entertainment for our indoor cat!



Dan Gleason is a retired faculty member of the Biology Department at the University of Oregon. He has served on many Boards, including Lane County Audubon Society, Oregon Field Ornithologists, WREN and volunteers at Cascades Raptor Center in Eugene, providing instruction about birds to their staff, volunteers and public. Dan has been actively involved in environmental education throughout the Eugene area leading field trips, workshops and volunteer guide training. He and his wife, Barbara, are owners of Wild Birds Unlimited in Eugene.

**Notes**

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### Bird & Wildlife emergency contact:

Turtle Ridge Wildlife Center  
 (503) 540-8664  
[www.turtleridgewildlifecenter.org](http://www.turtleridgewildlifecenter.org)

## 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). However, there are virtual events available:

**October 2 - 3, 2020 – [BirdFest & Bluegrass](http://ridgefieldfriends.org/birdfest-bluegrass)**  
[ridgefieldfriends.org/birdfest-bluegrass](http://ridgefieldfriends.org/birdfest-bluegrass)



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## Upcoming Events & Trips



Mark your  
calendar!

### Field Trips

Tentatively Scheduled to resume 2021

### Birder's Night

Tuesday, October 13 – 6:30 PM

See link on page 3

### Online Birding Webinars

October and November

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Salem CBC Webinar –  
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