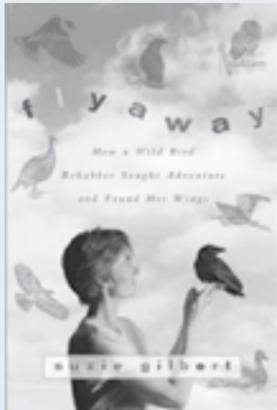


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Flyaway – How a Wild Bird Rehabber Sought Adventure and Found Her Wings

by Suzie Gilbert ~ Publisher: Harper Collins 2009



Ever wonder what happens to birds that get injured? Well, this book will tell you about all the people across the country who devote countless hours ensuring that birds are given the chance to survive.

Through this very personal account of one person's quest as a bird rehabber, you will travel along that path. Be prepared to learn, in detail, what happens to birds of all kinds when they end up at a person's home for dedicated caring.

This book sails along with a style that is hard to describe, one minute you are getting a detailed description on the various chemicals that can kill birds, followed a few

pages later with Suzie explaining what life altering experience she had as a 16-year-old while in boarding school.

I found myself laughing aloud one minute, and a few minutes later having tears run down my cheeks while reading this book. I guarantee that you will learn something about birds; but this is not a text book, it's a personal life story that just happens to be associated with birds.

- Reviewed by Jack Doyle

(Your Audubon Society of Lincoln City bought 4 copies of this book and they will be available next month at these towns' libraries: Tillamook, Lincoln City, Newport and Toledo)

Members

As a **Paid Member**, your donation supports our environmental education and citizen science programs, and enables us to participate in restoration and public advocacy projects throughout the Central Oregon Coast.

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Volunteer Members are the backbone of our organization. Without them, the implementation of organizational tasks could not be possible. In fact, the organization itself could not exist.

As a **Volunteer Member** of Audubon Society of Lincoln City, you will enjoy taking part in creating successful Special Events, Educational Programs for young and old, and Field Trips for all ages.

You don't have to be a paid member to volunteer your services. All you need is the time and effort to help others enjoy birding and the great outdoors.

Sponsors

If you enjoy wildlife and outdoor activities as much as we do but don't have the time or energy to put into volunteering your services, consider being a VIP Sponsor.

As a **VIP Sponsor**, you and your organization can provide tremendous financial aid to Audubon Society of Lincoln City in presenting educational and regarding Special Events to resident and tourist family members of all ages. What a great way to give back to the people and community that supports you and your business.

Make a donation today.



The King's Corner

What a great time of year to be watching our Oregon coast birds. Last month our Audubon chapter had a spectacular field trip to Yaquina Head Lighthouse. Thousands of Common Murre were nesting on the rocks below the lighthouse. This bird only nests in a few places along the Pacific coast and we're lucky that one of the locations is in our backyard. Maybe because there are so many of them that we take it for granted and do not appreciate how special they really are.

Common Murres spend their entire lives out in the ocean. They nest on top of rocks in colonies, and do not build individual nests but stand very close to each other and lay their eggs. The eggs take about a month to hatch which means that they should be hatching about now. Eagles patrol the area and can be seen taking a few of the birds on a regular basis. If you have never seen the Common Murre in this location, now is your chance.

We've observed Black-headed Grosbeaks and many other birds at our feeders this time of year. They, along with our other birds, have had babies. The young birds always amaze me because they look as big as their parents, but are all big fuzz balls. The Barn Swallows built a nest above our bedroom window, and we watched the young ones as they grow very rapidly. In about a week they had grown enough to leave the nest and start to fly but not good enough to feed themselves. What a relief it must be for the parents when these guys start to feed themselves. In a few more weeks they will have all left and we will have to wait another year for them to return. Meanwhile it will be time to clean out the nest and wash off the poop from the porch. Remember to enjoy this time of year because it will be over much too soon. - Jack Doyle, ASLC President

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Rescuing Wildlife

WILDLIFE CENTER OF THE NORTH COAST (WCNC)
is the only wildlife care hospital on the Central and North Oregon coast
and provides professional medical care for all native wild birds and animals

If you encounter injured or orphaned wildlife:

- Be aware that any wildlife species can cause injury or transmit disease to you.
- If you cannot safely capture it, call WCNC for assistance.
- Note the exact location found.
- Place it in a ventilated cardboard box in a warm, quiet area.
- Keep human contact to a minimum.
- Call pager: 503-338-3954. Leave your phone number and wait on the phone until the number is registered by a sound. It is possible to call the facility at 503-338-0331, but they may not be near the phone - they always answer the pager. For this same reason, please do not use e-mail to inform WCNC of an emergency, use the pager!

Do not attempt to care for the wildlife yourself. Offer it water, but please do not give it any food.

If you find young wildlife that you think is abandoned, make certain it is truly orphaned. The parents may be nearby but not visible. Call before removing any young wildlife from its location. Every year many baby birds and mammals die not because of our human destructiveness, but because of our good intentions.

People "rescue" fallen robins, "lost" deer fawns, "beached" seals and many others while the poor animal's parents could only watch from a safe distance.

The parental duties of a bird, deer, seal, or whatever are very strenuous and time consuming and so they leave the babies behind in safety while they go out foraging.

Fawns will lay quietly for hours and have no scent, so they are safe from predators. A mother seal may leave her pup on the beach for a couple of hours while she fishes nearby. The pup will lay still and emulate a rock until mom returns. Even bothering these animals while they are waiting for mom can be dangerous to them.

The seal pup, for example, driven into the water by curious onlookers may become lost or eaten by a shark. If you find a baby bird or mammal that looks to be in good shape, leave it alone unless it is in immediate danger.

If you have the time, withdraw to a distance and watch to see if the parent returns. If possible, call a wildlife rehabber before moving the animal. In many cases you can even remove the danger rather than the animal - drive off a cat or other predator, for example, or urge people to stay away from a beached seal. If you must rescue a bird or mammal, please handle it as little as possible. Cuddling a bird and making baby talk sounds to it may seem soothing to you, but it is terrifying to the bird. This kind of stress can kill the patient outright, or make its treatment and recovery more difficult.

Put the patient in a covered box with air holes. Keep it in a quiet place at a comfortable temperature. Don't keep opening the box to check the bird or show all your friends and neighbors. Get the bird to a rehabber as soon as possible.

(This article was reprinted, with permission, from the website of Wildlife Center of the North Coast. "WCNC" is a volunteer based non-profit Oregon corporation with IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. Its mission is to rehabilitate injured, sick, orphaned and displaced native wildlife with the goal of releasing healthy, viable wildlife back into the appropriate habitat. For more information, call 503-338-3954, or email: director@coastwildlife.org.)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

▼ Summer Events

June 29 through Sep. 7. OceanQuest '09 at the OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center Visitor Center has a deep-sea theme. Daily events include:

11am: Guided Tour of the Yaquina Estuary: This paved, handicapped accessible trail follows the bay side of the Marine Science Center along the Yaquina estuary and ends near the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

1:30pm: OceanQuest'09. This PowerPoint presentation focuses on the process and results of deep sea research. This 30 minute presentation includes underwater acoustics and videos.



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July 25-26. Portland Audubon has a Birding Weekend to Lane County interior and coast starting early Saturday morning and ending Sunday afternoon. Fee: \$35/person (not including lodging, food, and transportation); Audubon membership not required. For details, contact Paul Sullivan (503-646-7889; ptsulliv@spiritone.com or <http://www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/weekends>).

Monday 7th, 5:30pm ~ Audubon Society of Lincoln City Board Meeting ~ OCCC, Public Welcome

Tuesday 7th, 9am-1pm ~ Nestucca Wildlife Refuge ~ Christensen Rd. and Hwy 101, Cloverdale

Saturday 11th, 4-6pm ~ Guided Canoe and Kayak Trip at Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) with US Fish and Wildlife Service ~ meet at the Siletz Moorage (82 Siletz Hwy, Lincoln City)

Sunday 12th, 4:30-6:30pm ~ Guided Canoe and Kayak Trip at Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) with US Fish and Wildlife Service ~ meet at the Siletz Moorage (82 Siletz Hwy, Lincoln City)

Monday 13th, 5-7pm ~ Guided Canoe and Kayak Trip at Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) with US Fish and Wildlife Service ~ meet at the Siletz Moorage (82 Siletz Hwy, Lincoln City)

Tuesday 14th, 5:30-7:30pm ~ Guided Canoe and Kayak Trip at Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) with US Fish and Wildlife Service ~ meet at the Siletz Moorage (82 Siletz Hwy, Lincoln City)



Monday 27th, 5-7pm ~ Guided Canoe and Kayak Trip at Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) with US Fish and Wildlife Service ~ meet at the Siletz Moorage (82 Siletz Hwy, Lincoln City)

Tuesday 28th, 5:30-7:30pm ~ Guided Canoe and Kayak Trip at Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) with US Fish and Wildlife Service ~ meet at the Siletz Moorage (82 Siletz Hwy, Lincoln City)

Wednesday 29th, 5:30-7:30pm ~ Guided Canoe and Kayak Trip at Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) with US Fish and Wildlife Service ~ meet at the Siletz Moorage (82 Siletz Hwy, Lincoln City)

Thursday 30th, 5:30-7:30pm ~ Guided Canoe and Kayak Trip at Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) with US Fish and Wildlife Service ~ meet at the Siletz Moorage (82 Siletz Hwy, Lincoln City)

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Saturday, Aug. 8 & Sept. 12. Bird Guide, Inc. has an 11 hr pelagic trip from Newport to Perpetua Bank. Cost: \$160. These trips fill fast, so register soon. For info about this and other pelagic trips, contact Greg Gillson (greg@thebirdguide.com), or <http://www.thebirdguide.com/pelagics>.

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August 28-30. 23rd Annual Oregon Shorebird Festival. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Cape Arago Audubon Society, Oregon Field Ornithologists, South Slough NERR and many other sponsors will have a full weekend of activities planned for birders of all skill levels. The festival is headquartered at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston, OR. Activities include expertly guided land-based field trips to Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, New River and the Coos Bay area. And for those who want to experience birding on the water, The Bird Guide, Inc. will offer two pelagic trips: a long 8-hour trip on Saturday and a short 5-hour trip on Sunday. Expected seabirds include albatross, jaeger, shearwater, phalarope, auklets, and more. Evening programs on birds will feature Geoff Keller "My Most Memorable Field Recording Experiences" and Jim Danzenbaker "A Workshop on the Nuances of Shorebird Identification." To register for the festival or for more information please visit our website at <http://www.fws.gov/oregoncoast/shorebirdfestival.htm> or contact Dawn Grafe at 541-867-4550.

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