



# The Kingfisher

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## ▼ The King's Corner



*One of our chapter goals is to better engage with members throughout the region we represent, from Garibaldi to Yachats on the Oregon coast. We'd like to hear from you about opportunities or needs for field trips in your area or classroom presentations in your local school. We'd also like to reach out by holding some of our monthly board meetings around the counties so if you'd like to see us in your locale, let us know. Our primary means of communicating with you is by the semi-annual newsletter. We'd like to serve you better by sending more timely info on local birds, education, and field trips via email. If you'd like to receive e-news, with timely information about our chapters activities, send your email address to Jody Picconi, our membership chair, at [jodypic@aol.com](mailto:jodypic@aol.com).*

*It appears that I will be serving another year as your chapter president. My search for a replacement was not successful, so you are stuck with me for another year.*

- Jack Doyle, ASLC President



## Natalie Joy's Golden Opportunity

At the April 2015 ASLC Board meeting, Natalie Joy presented her Girl Scout Gold project to build three raptor platforms. Natalie is a Taft High School Senior, and hers will be the first Girl Scout Gold Award project at Taft in more than 20 years. Natalie's Gold Award required that she develop and plan a significant community service project; gain approval from the Girl Scouts and Pacific Power and Light; recruit, train and supervise people working on the project; plan and order the materials and find the equipment; construct the platforms; and communicate the process and results to the Girl Scouts and the public. Congratulations to Natalie on her Girl Scout Gold project.



Exposed power equipment poses a significant electrocution danger to large raptors, especially during the nesting season, and Pacific Power and Light's effort to correct this hazard by providing safe nesting platforms is important to raptor survival. Natalie's raptor platforms were built to Pacific Power and Light standards and PP&L paid for the materials. Congratulations, Natalie!

## Migratory Bird Counts by dawn v

Ahh, it's so wonderful to have birds migrating back here to the northwest. Is there anything more pleasurable than listening to bird songs from the break of dawn till the darkness of dusk? Of course not.

This spring's North American Migratory Bird Count in Lincoln County resulted in 9 teams counting a total of 129 species on the 2nd Saturday of May.



Individual count was 8,245 birds thanks mainly to the large numbers of MURRE and CORMORANT at Pirate Cove as well as good-sized groups of PACIFIC LOON flying by while counting the Murre.

Special thanks to Deb Holland who birded a number of areas that we didn't have covered and graciously allowed me to use her Saturday eBird

reports for the count. She saw our only RUFFED GROUSE, MOURNING DOVE, and WESTERN SCRUB JAY, among others. Desi and I were delighted to have a SORA out in the open at Eckman Lake - it was a life bird for me. ASLC had a huge group on their bird walk (38 people), and saw our only DOWNY WOODPECKER (thank you Caren Willoughby for compiling). Linda and Johnny Fink, the 4-county wonder-team, added our only RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER, WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE, AMERICAN DIPPER, and NASHVILLE WARBLER. Ernie Rose walked his neighborhood and saw our lone WOOD DUCK.

This is truly a fun count and I hope more of you can come over to the coast and help us out this fall on the 3rd weekend of September for the next North American Migratory Bird Count- mark your calendars and come join us!

A big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers!

## Join Audubon Society of Lincoln City (ASLC), and take part in the education and appreciation of the birds, wildlife, and their habitats along mid-coastal Oregon

As a **Paid Member**, your donation aids in supporting our environmental education in the school systems and our citizen science programs. It enables us to participate in restoration and public advocacy projects throughout the central Oregon coast.

**Be a Volunteer**, and help implement the goals of our Society, including field trips, research, education and public events. To volunteer your time and service, call ASLC at 541-994-9330.

We are a non-profit organization. As a **VIP Sponsor**, you and your organization will be recognized as a tremendous help to Audubon Society of Lincoln City in presenting educational and rewarding Special Events to family members of all ages.

**Come, join us as we explore and discover the many splendors of the natural world around us.**

**Your membership makes the following ASLC efforts possible:**

- Monthly Guided Bird Walks
- Kayak/Canoe Field Trips
- Special Guest Presentations
- Kids' Classroom Presentations
- Free Field Guides/Binoculars (loaned during field trips/walks and classroom presentations)
- Monthly meetings open to Public
- Semi-Annual Newsletter (Jun, Dec)
- Website: [www.lincolncityaudubon.org](http://www.lincolncityaudubon.org)
- Staff attendance to quarterly state meetings to help co-ordinate legislative efforts in the protection of Oregon's wildlife and habitat
- Phone service for bird and animal hotline connection and information

**Give us your support today. Call ASLC at 541-992-9720 or donate on [www.lincolncityaudubon.org](http://www.lincolncityaudubon.org)**

## Walking Lincoln City's Wide Open Spaces

The City of Lincoln City and Audubon Society of Lincoln City offer family friendly birding field trips this summer in Lincoln City Open Spaces. ASLC volunteers will be leading a series of 8 bird walks through the diverse birding habitats of Lincoln City's Open Spaces from May through August. All trips are free with binoculars and field guides provided to those who need them. These Open Spaces field trips will start at 9am and last about two hours. Nearly all the walks are 'easy' and adjacent to convenient parking.

Open Spaces bird walks are sponsored by the Lincoln City Open Space Program. As part of encouraging public enjoyment and awareness of the Lincoln City Open Space sites, the program is supporting the printing of a graphic guide to birds that kids and families may see at these sites.

For more detailed information and maps of the sites, see the Lincoln City Open Spaces web site.

<https://www.facebook.com/lincolncityopenspace>

<http://www.oregoncoast.org/open-spaces/>

<http://lincolncityopenspaces.blogspot.com/>

[http://www.lincolncity.org/index.asp?SEC=876A2A99-6CF5-44FB-8FDE-0D46B08E522F&Type=B\\_BASIC](http://www.lincolncity.org/index.asp?SEC=876A2A99-6CF5-44FB-8FDE-0D46B08E522F&Type=B_BASIC)



Looking at the Knoll from Roads End beach

Field trip sites and dates are listed below.

Driving directions to each site are listed at this site and also on the ASLC field trip calendar.

<http://www.lincolncityaudubon.org/>

Audubon-led Public Bird Walks in Lincoln City Open Spaces and Parks 4/29/15

### **June 12, Friday ~ Devils Lake St Park/boardwalk /# 12**

Diverse habitat including river, wetlands, lake, forest and forest edge. Easy

### **June 27, Saturday ~ The Knoll**

Second growth cedar, spruce, fir, forest edge and upland meadow. A longer hike with some steep uphill/downhill, but great views over ocean and toward Siletz Bay.

### **July 17, Friday ~ The Villages at Cascade Head/# 1**

Diverse habitat including forest edge, upland forest, wetlands, ocean beach. Easy/Moderate

### **July 25, Saturday ~ Friends of Wildwood Trail**

Forest and wetlands with cedar and hemlock, some forest edge. Easy

### **August 6, Thursday ~ Spring Lake Trail**

Forest and wetlands with cedar and hemlock, pond, some forest edge, and open brush. Easy

### **August 20, Thursday ~ Devils Lake State Park/Boardwalk/D River**

Diverse habitat including ocean beach, river, wetlands, lake, forest and forest edge. Summer residents and early fall south bound migrants. Easy

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Summer and Fall Events



2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm ~ Audubon Society of Lincoln City (ASLC) Meeting in Aces Grill at Chinook Winds Golf Resort. Because time and location can change, call 541-992-9720 for latest updates. These meetings are open to the public.

## JUL

**Saturday, July 11, 9-11am ~ Mark Elliott leads this birding event at the Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area.** Meet in the interpretive center parking lot. We will see nesting colonies of Common Murre, Bald Eagle, Black Oystercatcher, Cormorant, Brown Pelican, and Pigeon Guillemot. This is a busy time of year for the birds. Dress for the weather. No prior birding experience is required and binoculars and guidebooks will be provided. From Highway 101 in Newport turn west on Lighthouse Drive. Follow road to parking lot by interpretive center. Call 541-992-9720 or visit our website for more information.

## AUG

**Saturday, August 8 ~ Birding the Bayocean Spit/Tillamook Bay.** The spit is surrounded by scenic Tillamook Bay and there will be sightings of migrating shorebirds using this area as a stopover. From Highway 101 in Tillamook, turn west on 3rd Street/Three Capes Scenic Loop and go 3 miles to Bayocean Spit. Turn right, follow the gravel road 1.5 miles to the parking lot. No prior birding experience is required and binoculars and guidebooks will be provided. Call 541-992-9720 for start time which is pending tide.

## SEP

**Saturday, September 12, 12-2pm ~ Kayaking/canoeing and birding in the Salmon River Estuary.** We'll depart from the Knight Park boat ramp. Arrive a little before so that you can unload and unpack ahead of time. If conditions are as good as we hope, you may want to stay on to explore other areas of the estuary on your own. Binoculars and field guides will be provided for participants who need them. Bring weather-appropriate clothing and foot gear that you can wear to 'beach walk' as well as get into and out of your vessel. You will need to provide your own gear - kayak or canoe, personal flotation device (PFD)/life vest (mandatory), and whistle (also mandatory). All participants must wear a PFD at all times when you are on the water. You should also be able to swim as you ARE responsible for your own safety. Be sure you have an invasive species permit for your vessel if it is 10 feet or longer (mandatory).

## OCT

**Saturday, October 10th, 9-11am ~ join ASLC field leader Mark Elliott for birding at Whalen Island and Clay Myers State Park Natural Area.**

Clay Myers Natural Area is a birding hot spot. Our birding experts say that Whalen Island is THE place for October coastal birding! Beginning birders are welcome. Binoculars and guidebooks are available for those who don't have their own, and carpooling is usually an option. Directions: from Lincoln City travel north on 101 about 15 miles to Pacific City turnoff. Turn left and travel about 2.8 miles to a stop sign with a Shell station on right. Turn left, travel over bridge and turn right onto Cape Kiwanda Dr. Passing the Pelican Pub on left-hand side, travel about 4.6 additional miles to launch site. You'll come to a 4-way stop. Continue north to and through Tierra del Mar. About 1.5 miles after Tierra del Mar, you will turn left at brown sign reading "Whalen Island Clay Myers." Park in parking lot next to restrooms. From the North in Tillamook, travel about 10.5 miles south on Hwy 101 to the turn off. Turn right onto Sand Lake Rd toward Cape Kiwanda/Pacific City and travel an additional 4.3 miles to a stop sign. At the stop sign, turn left towards Pacific City/Sand Lake and travel 3.4 miles to brown sign reading "Whalen Island/Clay Myers." Turn right and park in the parking lot next to restrooms. If you pass through Tierra del Mar, you have gone too far!



## NOV

**Saturday, November 14, 9-11 am ~ join Mark Elliott and Jack Doyle in this birding adventure at the River House, in the Cascade Head Scenic Area.** Bird expert Mark Elliott will lead the bird walk while Jack Doyle will discuss photographing the birds on and around the beautiful Salmon River.

**Directions to the CHR, River House from coastal Hwy 101:** at the junction of Hwy 101 and Three Rocks Road North, travel west toward the ocean for 2.3 miles. At the "Y" in the road, turn right on to Savage Road and follow it to the end. It'll bring you down to the mouth of the Salmon River and to the Cascade Head Ranch River House.



## DEC

**Christmas Bird Count** - details to be announced at a later date. See the website for more information or call 541-992-9720.

## JAN 2016

**Saturday, January 9th 2016, 9-11am ~Join trip leader Mark Elliott for birding at OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center Nature Trail.** This time of year there will be an abundance of waterfowl and birds of prey. Birds in the bush are always a surprise as well. From Newport take the first exit south after crossing Yaquina Bay Bridge and drive on SE OSU Drive following signs for the Center. Park at the east side of the Visitor Center. No prior birding experience is required and binoculars and guidebooks will be provided. Call 541-992-9720 if more information is needed.



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for more news and activities of the  
Audubon Society of Lincoln City

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## WILD ABOUT BIRDS

Spring is always the time when Audubon teachers, Laura Doyle and Caren Willoughby, find their way into classrooms filled with fifth graders. Early on we wondered what kind of reception we would receive walking into the classroom with feathers on our heads.

The world of birds is new to them and it is not surprising how quickly these young birders learn. Their minds are eager to accept new information, and classroom teachers supplement other activities around the topic. Most students have not had the chance to look at a bird guide or hold a pair of binoculars in their hands. With the tools to identify field marks and a good understanding of bird topography, they quickly are able to locate birds in the guide.



Students are given the chance to ask “the Bird Ladies,” as we are now called, about homework. The phrase “something I want to know about birds” leads to some pretty interesting questions and the answers are complex. Try your luck answering some of the following questions:

- How do birds sleep?
- Do birds have ears?
- Do birds talk to each other?
- Do birds hibernate?
- How do birds make eggs?
- How high and how long can they fly?
- How do birds grow feathers back that they have lost?

## BIRDS IN MY BACKYARD

by Jody Picconi

I have lived by the water all my life. In southern California I lived by the ocean and in my job as a golf course superintendent there were lakes on the course. I knew when my wife and I moved to Oregon we had to be near the water. We found a place along the Salmon River and only 5 miles from the beautiful Pacific Ocean.

What I love about being by the water is the abundance of wildlife, especially birds. There is such a variety of animals from large to small in the habitat close to my house.



Since I joined the Audubon Society of Lincoln City, I have become better at identifying the many species of birds we have in our area. Going on the monthly field trips has really helped me. The experienced birders have taught me how to ID

birds in flight, by field markings, and their habitat.

As the seasons change so do the birds. There is not a day that goes by I don't look for birds in my back yard. I am like a kid at Christmas and I can't wait to see what birds will come to my feeders. Right now the smallest birds, Anna's and Rufus Hummingbirds, are here. They are fun to watch and I have three feeders that I need to fill every 3 days. All day long I watch them fight for a spot to drink the sweet nectar. While two are fighting others will take advantage and slip in for a drink. I will never get tired of watching them flutter about.

While changing the feeder the other day, I had the feeder in my hand, and this little guy flew right up to my face. I held the feeder up for him and he started drinking out of it. They are very bold and don't appear to fear anything. When given the chance I will take photos of this small bird in action. They have such beautiful colors. The Anna shows more magenta, while the Rufus shows more red/orange/yellow. I think it depends on their moods. I look forward to feeding these little guys all year. Backyard birding is a very cool way to spend the day.

**2015 ASLC Annual Meeting Notice**

**When:** 5 PM, June 19, 2015 (Friday)

**Where:** CHR River House, Salmon River/Savage Road, Otis, OR

(\*Directions to CHR River House from coastal Hwy 101: At the junction of Hwy 101 and Three Rocks Road North, travel west toward the ocean for 2.3 miles. At the "Y" in the road, turn right on to Savage Road and follow it to the end. It'll bring you down to the mouth of the Salmon River and to the Cascade Head Ranch River House.)

Annual meeting includes election of board members, election of board officers, and members' votes on proposed by-laws revisions. ASLC's quorum is 25 members in person, by mail, or by proxy! Members can vote in person by attending the meeting; by sending in the ballot below to ASLC, PO Box 38, Lincoln City OR 97367; by emailing the ballot below to ASLC Acting Secretary [laura\\_doyle@charter.net](mailto:laura_doyle@charter.net); or by proxy. For proxy: our by-laws say you must communicate in writing that you are voting by proxy, although you may send your written proxy by email to ASLC Acting Secretary [laura\\_doyle@charter.net](mailto:laura_doyle@charter.net). Mailed/emailed ballots or proxies must be received by noon, June 19.

**PROXY Delegation: I give my proxy to:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Acting Secretary, ASLC  
OR  
\_\_\_\_\_ name of person holding my proxy  
\_\_\_\_\_ signature \_\_\_\_\_ printed name

**ASLC 2015 Annual Meeting Ballot**

**Board of Directors Election:** The ASLC board recommends the following slate of ASLC members be re-elected as board members:

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| ___ Jack Doyle (current board president)    | ___ Ernie Rose (current newsletter chair)      |
| ___ Mark Elliot (current field trip chair)  | ___ Dave Smith (current board treasurer)       |
| ___ Jody Picconi (current membership chair) | ___ Caren Willoughby (current education chair) |
| _____ write-in _____ write-in               |  |
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**Board of Directors Officers Election:** The ASLC board recommends the following slate of board officers:

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| ___ President, Jack Doyle (current) | _____ President, write-in      |
|                                     | _____ Vice President, write-in |
|                                     | _____ Secretary, write-in      |
| ___ Treasurer, Dave Smith (current) | _____ Treasurer, write-in      |

**By-laws Revision:** The ASLC board recommends approval of the proposed by-laws amendments: see p. 2 for complete text of proposed amendments

\_\_\_\_\_ Approve all  
\_\_\_\_\_ Approve except articles/sections \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

**The ASLC board recommends approval of these by-laws amendments to allow greater flexibility in annual meeting procedures, committee structure, and in recruiting and retaining board members and board officers.**

| <b>Article/ Section</b>            | <b>Proposed</b>   | <b>Current</b> (Full text of ASLC By-laws (rev. 2006) is available at <a href="http://www.lincolncityaudubon.org/about.html">http://www.lincolncityaudubon.org/about.html</a> .)  |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Article 4</b>                   | <b>Allow more flexibility and use of current technology in annual meeting procedures</b>  |   |
| 4/1                                | The annual meeting of the members of ASLC shall be held on such date as may be determined by the Board, at which time Officers will be elected.   | The annual meeting of the members of ASLC shall be held on such date <b>in April</b> as may be determined by the Board, at which time Officers will be elected.   |
| 4/4 (a) meeting notice timing      | Members will be notified at least two weeks in advance of the meeting date.   | If the notice is given in person or by first class mail, it shall be given not less than fourteen(14)nor more than thirty(30) days before the date of the meeting; if mailed by any other class of mail, it shall be given not less than thirty(30) nor more than sixty(60) days before such date.  |
| 4/4 (b) meeting notice method      | Notice may be given in-person at ASLC public and membership meetings, by mail, by email, ASLC website announcement, social media, and public media published in Lincoln and Tillamook Counties.   | Such notice is given when deposited in the United States mail, with postage there on prepaid, directed to the member at her/his address, as it appears on the record of members or, he/she shall have filed with the Secretary written request that notices to her/him be mailed to some other address, then directed to her/him at such other address. |
| 4/5 news paper notification        | Remove: never been used and covered in 4(b); renumber sections 4/6,7,8 as 4/5,6,7   | In lieu of the procedure described in Section 4, and so long as ASLC has more than fifty (50) members, notice may be served by publication in a newspaper published in the county in the state in which the principal office of the corporation is located, once a week for three (3) successive weeks next preceding the date of the meeting.          |
| 4/6 Quorum required for businesses | The lesser of either twenty percent (20%) of all voting members <b>or fifteen (15)</b> voting members shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting of the members of ASLC. The members may be present either in person or by proxy. | The lesser of either twenty percent (20%) of all voting members <b>or twenty-five (25)</b> voting members shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting of the members of ASLC. The members may be present either in person or by proxy.   |
| <b>Article 5</b>                   | <b>Board of Directors: Eliminate bylaws requirement that board members are limited to three consecutive terms. If term limits are desired in the future, these could be set by the board as a board policy.</b>                                   |   |
| 5/4                                | Members of the Board shall be elected for terms not to exceed two (2) years.  | Members of the Board shall be elected for terms not to exceed two (2) years. No elected individual shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive two-year terms, except under the following circumstances:<br>(related to mid-term appointments and to out-going board president)   |
| <b>Articles 6, 8</b>               | <b>Officers (6) and Committees (8): Eliminate requirement for specific standing committees and the board officer duties associated with these required standing committees</b>  |   |
| 6/4/(d)                            | Remove  | and (d) chair the Nominating Committee.   |
| 6/6/(d)                            | Remove  | and (d) chair the Budget/Finance Committee.   |
| 8/1                                | Standing Committees of ASLC may be established by the ASLC Board of Directors as needed.  | The Standing Committees of ASLC shall be the committees as established by these Bylaws. There shall be three Standing Committees: a Budget/Finance Committee, a Development Committee, and a Nominating Committee.  |
| 8/1 (a)                            | Remove and renumber 8/1 (b),(c) as 8/1 (a),(b)  | (a)The chair and members of each Standing Committee shall be appointed by the President.  |
| 8/2                                | Remove and renumber 8/3,4,5 as 8/2,3,4  | Detailed description of each standing committee including chairperson, duties, requirements   |