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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring & Summer Events

Monday 1st, 5:30pm
Audubon Board Meeting
OCCC, Public Welcome

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

Saturday 13th, 8am
Yaquina Head Visitors Center
NW Lighthouse Dr, Newport

Tuesday 16th, 3-5pm
Siletz Bay Bird Tour
For Oregon State Federation
of Garden Clubs

Monday 6th, 5:30pm
Audubon Board Meeting
OCCC, Public Welcome

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

Monday 3rd, 5:30pm
Audubon Board Meeting
OCCC, Public Welcome

Saturday 11th, 9am-1pm
Nestucca Wildlife Refuge
Christensen Rd. and Hwy 101,
Cloverdale

Monday 7th, 5:30pm
Audubon Board Meeting
OCCC, Public Welcome

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.

With a donation of \$20 for individual, or the family amount of \$30, you will enjoy annual membership to both the local and national Audubon Societies and will receive a year's subscription to *Audubon* magazine.

Call 541-992-0440 to sign up.

Volunteers

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

A special "thank you" is extended to the city of Lincoln City for being our primary sponsor of the Wings & Waves Festival this year.

Did you know that our chapter includes more than 300 members? Our membership is spread from Garibaldi to Yachats on the Oregon coast. Tillamook has 35 members, Lincoln City 60, Newport 51 and Logsden 1. We have members in 24 different Lincoln and Tillamook County towns.

One of our chapter goals this year is to better engage with members throughout the region. 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 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 this quarterly newsletter.

We'd like to serve you better by sending more timely info on local birds, education, and field trips via email. Currently we only have email addresses for 10 of our members. If you'd like to receive e-news about local birds and our field trips, send us an email at audubon-lc@charter.net. Most of the directors on our chapter board will be completing their three year terms this year so we will have board openings. If you would like to become more involved, please let me know at audubonlc@charter.net.

- Jack Doyle, ASLC President

The Kingfisher

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Central Oregon Coast - Garibaldi to Yachats

Spring 2009



Explore Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge by Canoe or Kayak

Back by popular demand! The US Fish and Wildlife Service invites you to explore Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) during a series of twelve guided canoe and kayak trips during June, July, and August 2009. On these outings visitors will spend about one and a half hours paddling through the heart of Siletz Bay NWR as they learn about the natural history of some of the plants, wading birds, waterfowl, and other wildlife that inhabit the estuary.

Siletz Bay NWR includes some of the most scenic estuarine habitat along the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway. On either side of the Highway 101, starchy skeleton trees jut forth from the estuary and are reminiscent of a time when the salt marsh was diked. Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, and occasionally Bald Eagle can be seen roosting at the top of these snags. A variety of estuarine dependent birds including Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, and many species of waterfowl can be seen foraging in the tidally influenced waters. The refuge also provides nursery grounds for Coho and Chinook salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat trout.

Siletz Bay NWR was established to protect salt marsh, brackish marsh, tidal sloughs, mudflats, coniferous and deciduous forestland, and the wildlife that depends on these unique habitats. Don't miss your chance to go out for an interpretive tour of Siletz Bay NWR!

Participants must provide their own canoe or kayak for each trip. For your safety and that of others you are asked to dress appropriately for paddling in all weather conditions. Water and snacks are encouraged.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can provide binoculars and field guides to use during the trip if needed. Space & parking is limited; therefore you must call ahead to make a reservation. The tours will take place at the following dates and times:

Tuesday, June 30	7:30-9:30am
Tuesday, July 28	5:45-7:45pm
Saturday, July 11	4-6pm
Wednesday, July 29	7:15-9:15am
Sunday, July 12	4:30-6:30pm
Thursday, July 30	8:45-10:45am
Monday, July 13	5-7pm
Tuesday, August 11	4-6pm
Tuesday, July 14	5:30-7:30pm
Wed., August 12	4:45-6:45pm
Monday, July 27	5-7pm
Thursday, August 13	5:30-7:30pm

Participants will meet at the Siletz Moorage (82 Siletz Hwy, Lincoln City, OR 97367) at the time listed for the date (*note: launching is included in the times above*). From Lincoln City go south on Highway 101, just before crossing the Siletz River bridge, turn left (east) onto the Siletz highway and follow until reaching the Siletz Moorage on the right (south). From Newport go north on Highway 101, cross the Siletz River bridge and make the first right (east) onto the Siletz highway and follow until reaching the Siletz Moorage on the right (south).

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For further information or to make a reservation please see the Oregon Coast NWR Complex website: www.fws.gov/oregon-coast, or telephone McKenzie Reeves directly at 541-270-5606 or via email at mckenzie_reeves@fws.gov.
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2009 WINGS & WAVES

Our Wings & Waves festival came and went but not without leaving lasting memories. This inaugural, family event brought expert and novice birders together in what proved to be a well-rounded, three-day program.

Kicking off the festival was its Friday reception for the "All Things Birds" Art Exhibit and Sale. As guests mingled and took in the fine art, photography and sculptures displayed in the Lincoln City Cultural Center gallery, they also strolled into the auditorium where they were serenaded by guitarist Grant Hoyt performing his original bird songs, like the song, Ravens and Crows. A few other



favorites were "Ivory Bill" and "Red Tail." Wine flowed, and finger foods were devoured. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Bright and early Saturday morning, kayakers readied themselves for a very interesting and enjoyable bird trip along the Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge, led by Dawn Grafe of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Other birders gathered themselves to compete for the \$500 contest for the most bird species counted in Lincoln County. And, Dick Demarest guided a number of seasoned and fledgling birders on a walkabout around Lincoln City. "At our first stop, D River Wayside," said Demarest, "we scanned the ocean for migrating loons finding Common Loon and Pacific Loon. A squadron of Brown Pelicans flew by. We saw Double Crested and Pelagic Cormorants. We walked to the D River Open Space finding Northern Flicker, Chestnut-backed Chickadee and an immature Bald Eagle. As we walked over the bridge to West Devils' Lake State Park, we flushed a Green Heron. On the State Park boardwalk, we were able to get good looks at Orange-crowned Warblers, Common Yellowthroats, and Song Sparrows. Walking



to Devil's Lake we were able to find Red Crossbills, Black-throated Gary Warbler, Anna's and Rufous Hummingbirds, and Red-winged Blackbirds. We were able to see about 30 species during the 2 hours we spent looking." If each of the species spotted during these events was a trinket of gold, Lincoln City could have been a gold mine!

From mid-morning to mid-afternoon, Wings & Waves Festival offered speakers for birders at all levels of skill and interest. Those who missed these speakers missed a wealth of easily accessible and fun birding info by a charming group of presenters. Guests stayed riveted to their chairs as they took in one speaker after another in the Cultural Center's newly renovated auditorium. Burt Guttman, professor at Evergreen State College in Washington state; Dan Gleason, president of the Oregon



Field Ornithologists; Dawn Grafe of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services in Newport; Brian Woodbridge, Wildlife Biologist of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service out of California; and, Roy Lowe, Project Leader for Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex, presented revealing and colorful topics on birding and environments, at all levels.

Meanwhile, outside, Karen White and Lincoln City school groups continued building a nest that even a well-oversized eagle would be proud of. The nest building started Friday and finished around noontime on Sunday. It continues to sit on the north lawn of the Lincoln City Cultural Center, easily seen from Hwy 101. Jody Picconi was also outdoors inviting children of all ages to birdhouse building. And, rounding off our outdoor events on Saturday was the unforgettable kayak birding trip on Devils Lake, led by Caren Willoughby and Laura Doyle. The excitement hit an incredibly high crescendo when high winds and rain decided to participate in the event. Ahh, yes, such is Oregon's coastal climate!

We'd be remiss to not mention that Dan Hunter's team won the \$500 Bird Count Contest. Congratulations, Dan!

It's no wonder why the Ty Curtis Band won 2nd Place in the Blues Foundation's 25th International Blues Challenge in Memphis! These guys shattered the walls and rocked the floor so much that everyone couldn't help but dance throughout the whole two-hour concert. They were awesome; they had everyone dancing their hearts out! And if that wasn't enough to get the ole heart pumping, the Salmon River Band kept the momentum pulsating with some Golden Oldies. "The lead singer Ryan could sing for any rock and roll band, old or new, what a great voice. With Russ on lead and Randy on rhythm, along with Matt on the drums and Brent on bass... they had everyone out of their chairs hitting the dance floor." What a night!



Dawn Grafe and fellow kayakers were up early, once again, Sunday morning for a bright and peaceful birding trip along the Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Winding canals through the refuge provided an abundance of close encounters with many birds. It was definitely a highlight of the festival. Dick Demarest and guests took to the streets of Lincoln City to reveal more of the city's bird species. And, it was fun seeing the "child within" grown-ups climb into the completed bird nest on the north lawn.

COASST (Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team) gave an introductory presentation of what they do and how individuals can get involved, and later followed that by a training session on walking the beaches and how to record the dead birds found along the way.

To many, Sunday's highlight appeared to be the live birds of prey demonstration presented by Karen Hoyt, founder and Director of Sky Hunters Environmental Education. Mesmerized by the alertness and perceived wisdom seen in the eyes of the raptors, one easily understood why they steal the show. But, a most wonderful dimension to the presentation was the compassionate understanding of the species by Hoyt. She was their mother hen. She knew how to get them to present their finest regality.

All in all, the events were exciting, colorful, and educational. But the festival didn't stop its offerings there. Artists and craftspeople, from throughout Oregon, displayed their sculptures, painting, birdhouses, and more, throughout the weekend. They brought color, they brought additional high quality to the festival. It's nice to know that many said they would return next year.

And, as a final note, we were indebted to our sponsors. Individuals and businesses who believed in our vision and chose to help make it a reality. We thank all the following for their support and contributions: Alex Chitty, Jack Doyle, Terry Jensen Construction, Pat Maveety, Jim & Evelyn Phelps, NW Natural, The CoHo Inn, Pelican Shores Inn, Pro-Build, Pacific Power, Chinook Winds Casino Resort, Jan David Design Jewelers, Motel 6, North Lincoln Sanitary Service, Mulligans Sports Bar, and Galucci's Pizzeria . . . and special thanks to the City of Lincoln City.

It is now time to look forward to and begin work on 2010 Wings & Waves Festival. We hope you will join us.