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Never judge a book by its cover, runs the adage. But pick up a copy of BirdLife International’s soon to be published Important Bird Areas Americas, and the jacket imagery speaks volumes. A globe showcases the outline of the huge New World land masses, and the surrounding oceans juxtapose images of globally threatened birds—from Trinidad Piping-guan Pipile pipilo to Peruvian Plantcutter Phytotoma raimondii—with pictures of people, from grinning Ecuadorian children to assiduous Colombian fishermen. Flapping through the skies above this Earth of diversity is a flyway of long-winged birds heading into the white clouds of an uncertain future. The stylised birds might be tame—or perhaps macaws. It doesn’t seem to matter which. Instead, it’s their message that counts, and this leaps out from the frontispiece. “IBAs”, Peter Johan Schel (Chair, BirdLife Council) observes, “are defined by birds, but their fate will be defined by people.” The Americas Important Bird Area (IBA) Programme is a prodigious contribution towards defining this fate, and the Important Bird Areas ‘Directory’ its most ambitious output. In a region that contains 57 countries and territories, covers 40 million km2 and stretches from the Arctic to the fringes of the Antarctic, the logistics involved in identifying globally important conservation sites simply beggar belief.

Those with long memories ascribe the Programme’s genesis to the first-ever BirdLife world conference, held in Germany in 1994. Here, the fledgling BirdLife Partnership affirmed its global commitment to the IBA concept that had already been rolled out in Europe and the Middle East. IBA directives have followed for Africa (2001), Asia (2004) and now the Americas.

BirdLife Secretariat staff and national coordinators alike faced the technical and political challenges of processing IBA data from thousands of candidate sites, ensuring that the standardised global criteria were applied consistently from Canada to Chile, and managing the expectations of Partners and fieldworkers. “We were always walking the tightrope between quality and timeliness,” recalls Christian Devenish, the Director’s lead Editor.

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In this issue, you will find a schedule of field trips we have put together for your viewing pleasure. Mailing from our trips will be our leader for the past 5 years, Dick Demarest. He set a high standard for these trips, and we will be having some of the same ones he gave in the past. Dick did consent to do one trip this coming year and that will be on January 9th, meeting at the Hatfield Marine Center in Newport.

I will be attending my second Oregon Audubon Council meeting on November 6-8, 2009 in Eugene. This group is composed of all the Audubon chapters in Oregon and meets twice a year. The group is headed up by Lynn Her- ring of the Portland Audubon Society. Issues that are of mutual concern are worked on, and priorities are set by membership vote. You can read more about this meeting by visiting our website: www.lincolncityaudubon.com.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming field trips found in our Calendar of Events on page 3. Reluctant to say, past attendance has been rather poor. Your participation will ensure that future field trips will continue to be offered.

-Jack Doyle, ASLC President

Audubon Society of Lincoln City (ASLC), the Audubon chapter for Lincoln and Tillamook counties, is committed to increasing awareness of birds in the environment. Last year, as part of its effort to address this goal, it offered classroom sessions at Ozeanlake School in Lincoln City based on the Audubon Adventures “Wild About Birds” module. During the 2009-2010 school year, ASLC would like to introduce 5th grade students throughout Lincoln and Tillamook counties to the Audubon Adventures classroom experience.

Audubon Adventures is “one of the top ten most popular environmental projects in K-12 schools,” as quoted by the National Environmental Education Training Foundation. The Audubon Adventures program has been designed to address specific standards within the national language arts and science standards. The content and activities in “Wild About Birds” provide opportunities for students to achieve new understanding and to demonstrate their learning and skills in both science and language arts curriculum domains. More information about the specific national standards that “Wild About Birds” addresses is available.

The “Wild About Birds” offering includes two one-hour classroom sessions focusing on bird diversity and adaptation, bird anatomy and field marks, as well as bird habitat and behaviors. Students are able to use their knowledge about birds by practicing bird observation and identification. Audubon volunteers bring presentation material and equipment, student worksheet masters and visual aids, Audubon’s “Wild About Birds” magazine for each student, field guides, and binoculars for the students to use in the classroom. Classroom teachers would need to duplicate the student worksheet masters. If the school chooses to provide an outdoor bird walk following the classroom sessions, Audubon volunteers would assist by providing binoculars, field guides, and bird identification assistance.

This year ASLC is able to offer “Wild About Birds” to at most ten Lincoln and Tillamook County 5th grade classrooms. It would like to identify interested classes and complete planning and scheduling by October 30. For more information, contact Karen Willoughby at tcwilloughby@charter.net or 541-992-2809 if 5th grade teachers in your school are interested in discussing this further.
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