**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 for more info.

**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 aid to Audubon Society of Lincoln City in presenting educational and rewarding Special Events to resident and non-resident family members of all ages. What a great way to give back to the people and community that supports you and your business!

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**Winter & Spring Events**

**Friday 13th, 7-8pm**

**Evening Talk:**

Dr. Rob Suryan, OSU Hatfield

Homebases & Far-Off Travelers: Seabirds on Our Coast and Beyond.

Libary Seminar Room, Cazin Library
Hatfield Marine Science Center
2030 SE Marine Science Dr
Newport, Oregon

**Saturday 14th, 8AM**

**Audubon Field Trip**

at Siletz Bay. Meet at SW 51st in Taft.

Free. FMI contact Dick @ 541-765-2241.

**Saturday 14th, 4-6pm**

**COAST SOCIETY**

(for current Coasters)

Rogue Brewery
2320 OSU Drive
Newport, Oregon

**Saturday 11th, 8pm**

**Audubon Field Trip**

at Devils Lake. Meet at “D” River Wayside. Free. FMI contact Dick @ 541-765-2241.

**Fri, Sat, Sun 1st-3rd**

**Wings & Waves Festival**

at Lincoln City Cultural Center. Enjoy kayaking field trips, birding lectures, raptor show, live music, prizes, constructing the world’s largest bird nest, and much, much more. Free! FMI call 541-992-0440.

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**From the Nest**

**The Kingfisher**

Lincoln City Audubon Society & Oceanlake 6th Graders

Kick off the 2009 Great Backyard Bird Count

Fifty-eight 6th graders, birds, and no rain perfectly combined to kick off the 2009 Backyard Bird Count at Siletz Bay in Lincoln City on Saturday, February 12. Students teamed up to observe, identify, and record their bird observations under the guidance of Lincoln City Audubon Society volunteers, teachers, and parents. The students had prepared for the field trip with two hours of classroom lessons coordinated by Lincoln City Audubon Education Coordinator, Caren Willoughby.

Students were rewarded with some exciting bird sightings: a pair of Eagles working on building a nest; a Great Blue Heron and a Great Egret challenging each other for the same fishing hole; flocks of Pigeons; both

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cated with her husband, Jack, a mem-
ber of our founding Board of Directors, to the Corvallis area. Kathleen brought lots of experience after years as a pro-

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Dick Demarest, birder extra-

ordinaire, led our Audubon chapter field trips to great local birding sites once a month for the past year. We’ve had some outstanding trips and seen some amazing birds, but attendance has been slight. Everyone is welcome, so please come and help us get the word out. This newsletter includes the sched-

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

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In View
Flock by Any Other Name
by Lori Hollingsworth

Flock is a general term applied to a group of birds, however, with a variety of species there are very specific and interesting, if not humorous, terms.
A group of warblers is known as either a bouquet, a wreath, a fall, or a confusion. Crows gather in murder, a congress, a horde, a muster, or, my favorite, a cauldron. Sparrows can be found in fritters, quarrels, ubiquitous, or crews. A group of kinglets may be called either a castle, a dynasty, a court, or a princedom. The Northern Flicker gathers in a Petterson, a menora, or a gathering.

There are, lots more. There are bands, casts, a party, or a scold of jays, a worm of robins, a tangle or a topot of towhees. There are descents, drummings or galTINGS of woodpeckers, and a group of owls may be referred to as a hazzar, a glaring, a parliament, a stooping, or a wisdom of owls.

So, sharpen your pencil and wax eloquent when next you consider a short story or poem and make use of these eloquent terms.

Nearly 60% of the 305 species found in North America in winter are on the move, shifting their ranges northward by an average of 35 miles. Audubon scientists have analyzed 40 years of citizen-science Christmas Bird Count data — and their findings provide new and powerful evidence that global warming is having a serious impact on natural systems.
Northward movement was detected among species of every type, including more than 70 percent of highly adaptable forest and feeder birds.
Only grassland species were an exception — with only 38 percent mirroring the northward trend. But far from being good news for species like Eastern Meadowlark and Henslow’s Sparrow, this reflects the grim reality of severely-depleted grassland habitat and suggests that these species now face a double threat from the combined stresses of habitat loss and climate adaptation.
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The familiar black and white form is the smaller of the two. The Hairy is larger as well. The difference in the bill can be told by its shape: a Hairy has a beak smaller than the width of its head while a Downy has a beak larger as well. The Downy Woodpecker

Birds and Climate Change: On the Move

What the Birds are Telling Us

Birds are among the most adaptable of wildlife - as long as they can find suitable habitat, they are able to travel substantial distances north, inland, or to higher latitudes. That is one of the things that makes them sensitive environmental indicators - alerting us to ecological disruption, species disappearing habitat is taking an alarming toll.

Silez Valley is the perfect location for kids to learn about birds! Within short walking distance, the students were able to explore three completely different habitats to discover the great bird diversity we have within Lincoln City, observed Willoughby. In the classroom, the students prepared by learning about bird anatomy, bird behavior and how to use field guides and binoculars, but seeing the birds in the wild, really brought these concepts home.

Observations by the Ocanalke 4th graders will be entered in the Great Backyard Bird Count, an annual national citizen science project coordinated by Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Results from Lincoln City and the rest of the nation are available on line at www.birdsource.org/GBBC. This is the third year that Lincoln City Audubon Society has helped local elementary students participate.

“Education is an important part of the Audubon Society mission, and we are committed to bringing understanding and awareness of birds and the environment to everyone, particularly students, “ says President Jack Doyle.

If you are interested in having Audubon volunteers bring science and environmental education programs to classrooms in Lincoln and Tillamook schools, please contact Lincoln City Audubon Education Coordinator Caren Willoughby at 541-992-2809.

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