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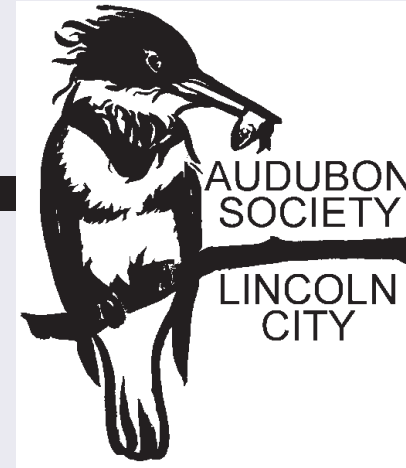


Never judge a book by its cover, runs the adage. But pick up a copy of BirdLife International's soon to be published *Important Bird Areas Americas*, and the jacket imagery speaks volumes. A globe showcases the outline of the huge New World land masses, and the surrounding oceans juxtapose images of globally threatened birds—from Trinidad Piping-guan Pipile pipile to Peruvian Plantcutter Phytotoma raimondii—with pictures of people, from grinning Ecuadorian children to assiduous Colombian fishers. 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 terns—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 Schei (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 directories have followed for Africa (2001), Asia (2004) and now the Americas. and government bodies.

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 Directory's lead Editor.

(Article excerpted from <http://www.audubon.org/bird/iba/documents/AmericasIBAsWBWSep09.pdf>, where you can also read more about the book and the BirdLife organization.)



THE KING'S CORNER

Ever wonder how this newsletter gets put together four times a year? Well it is all because of one person, Ernie Rose. He does the layout, finds articles that may be of interest to us and hounds me for this column which is always the last thing he needs. Not only does he edit this newsletter but he puts together our website, as well. ASLC thanks you for your services, Ernie.

In this issue, you will find a schedule of field trips we have put together for your viewing pleasure. Missing from our trips will be our leader for the past 3 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 two times a year. The group is headed up by Lynn Herring 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

The Kingfisher

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Central Oregon Coast - Garibaldi to Yachats

Fall 2009

Coastal Oregon is Wild about Birds

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 Oceanlake 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 Caren Willoughby at tcwilloughby@charter.net or 541-992-2809 if 5th grade teachers in your school are interested in discussing this further.





"Birds of Cascade Head" at the Blackfish Café: Lincoln City Audubon Society's Fall Fundraiser

Birds of Cascade Head features Jack Doyle's photographs of the birds he's been watching from his Cascade Head Ranch neighborhood. Doyle is best known in the area for his landscape photographs from Cascade Head, but his bird photographs have won top awards at the annual Great Backyard Bird Count photography contest. Twenty of Doyle's 16 x 20 framed color photographs are on display October 3 - December 31, 2009 at the Blackfish Café. All bird images are for sale at \$65 each, and all sale proceeds benefit the Audubon Society of Lincoln City. Blackfish Café and the Audubon Society welcome you to a champagne reception to meet the photographer at the Blackfish Café on Sunday October 18, 3:30pm -5:00pm. Reception is free. Donations to the Audubon Society are welcome.

Food and Water

by Lori Hollingsworth

Providing habitat for birds is simple, encourages a healthy population, and provides hours of bird watching enjoyment.

Birdbaths provide water and bathing. Think of that . . . drinking the water you bathe in! That should be enough to renew your determination to keep the birdbath clean regularly.

Keep in mind that birds are afraid of bathing in water that's too deep so refill to a depth of one to one and half inches with cool fresh water. Birdbaths should be located at least three to four feet from anything that may camouflage a predator.

During the winter, water is especially important. Either break the ice in the morning, use an immersion water heater, or provide a fresh shallow bowl of water.

Feeders should be stocked with fresh, quality seed and cleaned out, especially after a rain, to remove spoiled and sprouted seed. Clean feeders with a mild detergent and rinse well.

There are many recipes for bird food, here's a good one:



Birdee Cornbread

Preheat oven 400°

Combine the following:
 1 cup yellow cornmeal
 1/2 cup cracked corn
 1 or 2 finely ground eggshells
(lightly toast eggshells in 250° oven a few minutes, don't brown)
 1 cup flour
 4 tsp baking powder

Stir in with spoon:
 1 cup milk
 1 egg, beaten
 1/4 cup bacon drippings

Pour into a 8x8" pan.
 Bake 20-25 minutes. Cool.

Cut into cubes
 and feed the birds!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

▼ Fall/Winter Events

OCT

Sunday 18th, 3:30-5:00pm ~ Blackfish Café and the Audubon Society of Lincoln City welcome you to a free champagne reception. *"Birds of Cascade Head"* features Jack Doyle's photographs of the birds he's been watching from his Cascade Head Ranch neighborhood. Twenty of Doyle's 16 x 20 framed color photographs are on display at the Blackfish Café. All are for sale at \$65 each, and sale proceeds benefit the Audubon Society of Lincoln City. Donations to the Audubon Society are welcome.

Thursday 29th, 3:30pm ~ Matthew Johnson of the USGS Forest & Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center presents *"Inter-seasonal movements, winter range use, and migratory connectivity of Black Oystercatchers"* in the Guin Library Seminar Room at the OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center.

NOV

Monday 2nd, 5:30pm ~ Audubon Society of Lincoln City Board Meeting ~ OCCC, Public is welcome to attend.

November 6th-8th ~ Oregon Audubon Council -- Fall Conservation Meeting hosted by Lane County Audubon Society. The goals of the meeting are to bring together Oregon Audubon chapter leaders to discuss conservation issues of concern and select OAC priority issues for the coming year. In addition, the meeting will provide an opportunity for chapter leaders across the state to get acquainted. Each chapter may send up to two authorized voting delegates to OAC. For more information, contact: Lynn Herring, OAC Secretary, lynnhe@comcast.net, 503-635-8030; Maeve Sowles, President, Lane County AS, president@laneaudubon.org; 541-343-8664.



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Audubon Society of Lincoln City Free Birding Trip Schedule November 2009 - March 2010
(more info: 541-992-0440)

Nov 7th - Sat. 9-11am
SILETZ BAY
 meet at end of 51st St in Taft

Dec 12th - Sat. 9-11am
NESTUCCA WILDLIFE REFUGE
 Christensen Rd Parking Lot, off Hwy 101 in Cloverdale

Jan 9th - Sat. 9-12am
YAQUINA BAY
 Hatfield Marine Center in Newport

Feb 5th - Fri. 9-11am
SILETZ BAY
 meet at end of 51st St in Taft

Mar 13th - Sat. 9-11am
DEVILS LAKE
 meet at "D" River Wayside on Hwy 101 in Lincoln City

Binoculars and field guides provided for use during trips if needed, first time birders welcome

Turtles at Chinook Winds Golf Course

by Rich Hardman

Last year we observed two large adult turtles in the ponds at Chinook Winds Golf Course, owned and operated by the Siletz Tribe. We regularly see a large, 9 or 10 inch Western Painted Turtle, and have occasionally seen a similarly sized Western Pond Turtle.

A year ago in July, I was fortunate enough to see the Western Painted Turtle spend several hours in the afternoon on a sunny southern slope search for the ideal place to prepare a nest. She, a female it turned out, tested a number of spots and finally picked one. She spent more than an hour slowly digging a pear-shaped nest 7 or 8 inches deep in fairly hard soil. Then a few minutes before dark, over a period of 30 minutes she laid a total of 20 eggs in the nest, carefully and slowly arranging each one to her liking before laying the next one.

After consultation with the turtle experts at ODF&W we learned that these eggs would

hatch in September or October, but due to the cool climate here, the juvenile turtles, about the size of a quarter, would overwinter in the nest living on the remains of the egg-sacs, and exit the nest when warm enough in the spring. We protected the nest and watched and waited, but never saw any sign that the turtles emerged from the nest.

To my surprise, in July, I again saw the same Western Painted Turtle test-digging in the same area as last year's nest. After several hours, she again laid about 20 eggs in this new nest, not 2 feet from last year's nest.

Curious about why we saw no signs that last year's hatch ever emerged from the nest, we eventually excavated it to see what we could find. To our surprise we found at least 14 eggs, 13 of which had hatched. Only one shell had any egg-sac

present. Since there were no baby turtle remains in the nest, it is our best guess that they successfully hatched and emerged from the nest and are now living in the nearby pond, where they will spend several years hiding from predators such as Herons and Bull Frogs, until they grow larger. Now we're hoping for the best from the new nest.



▼ 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.