



## Klamath Basin Audubon Society

# The Grebe

October/November  
2017

TOGETHER GREEN, ACT TODAY, SHAPE TOMORROW

## President's Message

Isn't it wonderful to have a big change in our weather to begin October? Gone are the smoky days of having to stay inside and gone are those hot temperatures fueling the many fires across our state.

With so many weather issues across our country with Henry and Irma plus the wildfires, I got to wondering about the wildlife, especially birds and how they survive in all this turbulence. Recently I received some interesting articles in my email box from Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon about the devastation in the south. One article written by Ken Kaufman (2014) was about Hurricane Irene. He tells how resilient birds can be during these big storms and refers to a radio tagged whimbrel that flew all the way through Irene and

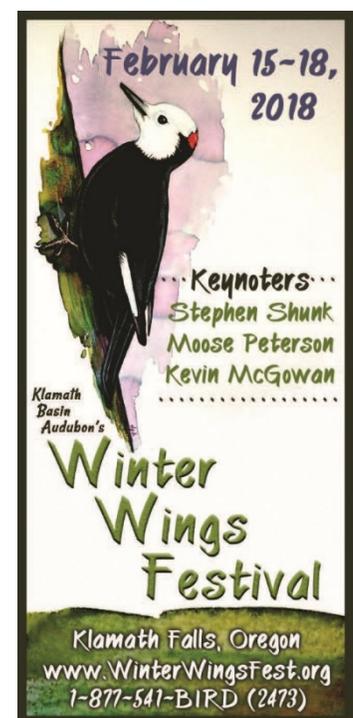
survived. Other articles talked about birds that sense the storm is coming and leave the area while others are blown several thousands of miles away and end up in different states or countries. And in Texas, many small islands changed drastically during these big storms, some disappear entirely and others were piled high with sand, rocks and debris burying any plant life that the birds previously used.

I look forward to more news about the recovery process for the many nature areas in Texas, Florida and Louisiana.

I would like to thank Jason Journey for being our program presenter in September. He gave a good presentation about waterfowl ID. We all know how hard it is to identify the many types of ducks we see flying around. He had great examples of the differences in ducks and by looking at their size, shape, eyes and beaks we can hopefully become better at identifying them. Geese and swan

are a little easier as there aren't as many types but again they can be tricky. Now that fall is here, we can all get out there and practice identifying waterfowl.

Beth Phillips,  
KBAS President



## Meeting Schedule

### Board Meetings

Where: Chamber of Commerce, 205 Riverside Dr. Ste. A

When: First Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 3 pm - 5 p.m.

### General Meetings

Where: Fisher Nicholson Realty Office, 403 Main St.

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month

Time 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

October Topic: Akimi King, USFWS Biologist "Monarch Fever"

Just a reminder that we have changed our meeting day to the second Tuesday of each month. Come join us October 10<sup>th</sup>, bring a friend or neighbor and introduce them to the joy of birding in the basin.



# Winter Wings Festival 2018

by Diana Samuels

Key volunteer planning for the 2017-18 Winter Wings Festival key volunteer meeting kicked off on August 30<sup>th</sup>. This group of about 18 plans and organizes the festival before the general volunteers join in February. Most of the key volunteer positions are filled but we are still recruiting for two folks to take on two positions. Contact Anne Wenner or Diana Samuels if you are interested in either of these.

### HELP NEEDED:

Off-Campus Logistics Coordinator  
(September – February)

- Plan new off-campus field trips at Winema Lodge and Crystal Wood Lodge in conjunction with coordinator
- Develop an activity schedule and checklist for any speakers, food delivery, meal times, transportation needs, etc.
- Develop contingency plans for potential problems (snow, etc.)
- Be available to troubleshoot any problems that arise during these new field trips
- Arrange for any special equipment to be delivered and returned for the next activity where it's needed

*Skills Needed: Good planning and organization skills, ability to work with a variety of volunteers that will be onsite and supporting the new events (transportation, hospitality, leaders)*

KBAS Sales Table Coordinator  
(January - February)

- Inventory sales items
- Order new items as needed or as suggested by the coordinators
- Review and update procedures for tracking the sales
- Work with the volunteer coordinators to recruit volunteers
- Go over procedures with volunteers
- Manage the set-up/take down of the sales table items at Oregon Tech
- Serve as a resource for visitors
- Coordinate the sales of raffle tickets if held
- Provide Treasurer with cash and sales/ticket counts

*Skills Needed: Good organization skills, basic knowledge about Klamath Basin birding, like interacting with the public*

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2017 WINTER WINGS FESTIVAL  
FEBRUARY 15-18, 2018

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## October 10

### 6:30 PM KBAS Meeting

Akimi King, Fish and Wildlife Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has caught "Monarch Fever" and would like to share it with you! Please join us on October 10 at 6:30PM.

Presentation: Life of a Monarch & Bugs and Thugs in the Garden **OR** Monarchs and Milkweeds: What You Can Do to Help

She has been working with schools, garden clubs, nurseries, businesses, agencies, Southern Oregon Monarch Advocates, volunteers, and many community partners to establish habitat for monarch butterflies and pollinators in southern Oregon and northern California. Come and catch the Monarch Fever and together we can have a positive long-term impact on western monarch populations. In milkweed seed cleaning activity and you will be able take home some seeds!



### SNACKS FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

We need some volunteers to bring snacks for our meetings. We aren't picky eaters so anything will be fine, from crackers and cheese to cookies or vegetables and fruit. If you are interested in helping, please contact Beth at 530-908-3412 or [pidgeco@gmail.com](mailto:pidgeco@gmail.com)

#### For all field information

Contact: Gary Vequist  
Field Trip Chair

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to register, ask questions, have suggestions or can lead a field trip.

NOTE: Please check the KBAS website for updates on additional field trip information:

[www.klamathaudubon.org](http://www.klamathaudubon.org)



## Volunteer Planting Day and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

October 27, 8:45 AM

### Klamath Lake Land and Trust

Please Join Klamath Lake Land Trust on Friday, October 27 at 8:45 am for a Volunteer Planting Day and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Details: On October 27th please meet at the Klamath Lake Land Trust office, at 212 South 9th Street, at 8:45 am. We will depart for the Sprague River Property at 9:00 am and arrive on site approximately 10:00 am. We have 250 native plants, which we would love to have your help planting. If you plan to assist with planting, please bring gloves and a shovel if you have them. At 11:30 AM we will proceed with the ribbon cutting ceremony and walk the newly planted trail to the Sprague River. We will be serving lunch at approximately 12:00 noon and we plan to depart around 1:00 PM. If you would like to meet out at the property, please call the office for directions (541) 884-1053. The property is located on Drews Road between the towns of Sprague River and Betty.



# Upcoming Programs

## November 14 (Tuesday) Meeting

- Cavity Nesting Birds after a Fire, by Teresa Wicks
- Come with your latest bird sightings
- Be prepared to identify bird sounds and songs as Jamie Blankenship, education chair, will be testing our skills

## Great Outdoor Alliance Fall Nature Programs at the Klamath County Library:

### Bats of the Klamath Basin

October 26, 5-7PM

Come learn about the bat species found in the Klamath Basin. We'll discuss how you can help with bat conservation, citizen science projects, and ways to identify local bats. This event will be followed by an October 28<sup>th</sup> bat walk on the Link River Trail from 6-7 PM.



## National Audubon Society Report #2:

### JUNIOR AUDUBON CLUBS by Mary Ellen Sargent

Question for you: Do you have an Audubon Junior Club pin or certificate? At the end of this article, I'll provide contacts for you to share your stories.

Junior Audubon Clubs started in 1910 and reached a high point in the mid-1960's. The program then declined in the 1970's, got merged with adult programs and was replaced in the mid-1980's with the AUDUBON ADVENTURES program that continues today. Amy Weidensaul, Audubon Pennsylvania, presented research as to the effectiveness of the older program at the National Audubon conference in July, in Utah.

According to Amy, the goals of the Junior Audubon were: 1) introduce children (ages 8 to 12) to the wonder of the outdoors, whether it is in the neighborhood or school yard; 2) encourage children to be observant of nature through sight, hearing, taste, and smell; 3) teach children the interdependence between plants, animals and humans through soil, water and climate; 4) show children about man's interference with nature and the cost to natural resources, and 5) help children to use and conserve resources. The main vehicles of presentations were through

classrooms, Scouts (Boy, Girl, Camp Fire) and local clubs (with volunteer mentors), utilizing bird banding, field trips, formal demonstrations and discussions and creating bird habitat. Up to 11 million children were impacted by this program through 1960.

What Amy found that adults who went through this program as children spent much more time in the outdoors and got involved in the environment earlier in life. Often, a favorite place that was lost to development was the impetus to get involved. Mentors/leaders were important to developing the peer-to-peer social learning of the real world, exposing children to nature. Children loved getting materials and being a part of a national organization, with over 38 pins available as evidence of involvement.

What about today? National Audubon does not have a formal national program, but encourages local chapters to reach out to the community to form partnerships to bring children to nature. There is the Nature in the City Program, the Audubon Adventures program ([www.audubonadventures.org](http://www.audubonadventures.org)), both of which urge children to look, listen and participate. The emphasis is on short time exposures and teaching nature as a new language. The challenge today is how to build interest in our youth when they may not have exposure at home or in school. The Black Swamp Bird Observatory ([www.bsbo.org](http://www.bsbo.org)) has a developed program. Portland Audubon ([audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/jr-audubon](http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/jr-audubon)) has resources. There are many local chapters that have children's programs. Some of the things KBAS is doing is partnering with Great Outdoors Alliance (Theresa Wicks, [greatoutdoorsalliance@gmail.com](mailto:greatoutdoorsalliance@gmail.com)) with proposed classes at the library

and YMCA; hosting children's activities at the Winter Wings Festival each February; issuing grants to teachers for nature related classroom and transportation activities, and partnering with the Klamath Basin Wildlife Refuges. Our education chair, Jamie Blankenship ([jimesue27@yahoo.com](mailto:jimesue27@yahoo.com)), our President, Beth Phillips ([pidgeco@gmail.com](mailto:pidgeco@gmail.com)) and Vice President, Molly Russell ([russellx1@msn.com](mailto:russellx1@msn.com)) are all interested in hearing from our members with ideas to reach out to our youth. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or a trip leader or presenter to a group of children, please contact one of the above.

Now for the beginning question: If you have any pins, certificates or stories about the Junior Audubon Club, contact one of the above. You can present your story at a general meeting or through the Grebe: we'd love to hear from you!

**Saturday, October 14  
10AM - 3 PM**

**Klamath Basin National  
Wildlife Refuges**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Refuge Week  
Celebration 2017**

**Tule Lake Visitor Center**

Family Fun Activities:

Arts and Crafts

Archery for Kids 7 and Up

Live Birds of Prey

Bird Banding

Demonstrations

Free Lunch Included

For more information call the Refuge Headquarters 530-667-2231

4009 Hill Road, Tulelake, CA

Registration form due Friday,  
October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Dear Oregon Audubon  
Council members:**

I'm delighted to announce the OAC



will gather in Yachats OR for our 2017 Fall Conservation Meeting.

Please Save This Date: The Fall OAC meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 11** in the Overleaf Resorts Conference Room. The OAC Field Trip will be on **Sunday, November 12**.

We have blocks of rooms reserved at the Overleaf Resorts as well as at the Fireside Motel, their sister property next door. Both facilities are Ocean Front with excellent views and together offer a diversity of room types/prices.

Please save these dates and look for more details soon!

Sincerely, Meg Ruby, Secretary

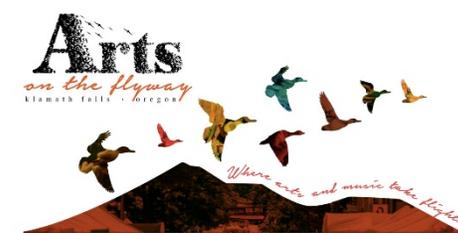
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**Arts on the Flyway Report**



Arts on the Flyway was a fun day even though very chilly in the morning. It is always great to meet new people at these events and encourage them to come to our meetings or field trips. Greater Outdoor Alliance had their table across the street from us where they helped children identify birds, their habitat and type of food they eat with finger weaving. Teresa always has great kid activities. Thank you to the following people for helping at our table that day: Molly, Gary, Marilyn, Jamie and Myki.

**Field Trip:**

**Klamath River Canyon**

**October 21, 2017**

Mary Ellen Sargent is leading a field trip on Saturday (October 21, 2017) to the Klamath River Canyon near Keno. This will be a short birdwatching walk (1 ½ mile round

trip along a level, dirt road) next to Klamath River (behind the Keno Dam). The trip will meet at 9 AM at the USFWS Offices (near Moore Park). The USFWS parking area is at 1936 California Avenue in Klamath Falls. We will car pool to Keno where the adventure will begin. This is a good time of year for birding along the shrub and forest habitats that stretch along this section of impounded. The trip will conclude by noon. Any questions please contact Mary Ellen at [sargentme5@aol.com](mailto:sargentme5@aol.com)



## Monarch Presentation at the Refuge

A huge thank you to Ladell and Tracy at the Tulelake National Wildlife Refuge. August 29th they gave a presentation on their Monarch butterfly project. We saw caterpillars, chrysalis and 2 newly hatched monarchs. We also saw a caterpillar transform into a chrysalis right before our eyes in about 10 minutes. They also tag their butterflies to see if any make it to their winter home in San Diego. Be sure to check out the habitat at the Visitor's Center by the entrance in the small gravel area. If you missed them this year they will be back next July.



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