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Newsletter of Siskiyou Audubon Society, Josephine County, Oregon

Siskiyou Audubon Society meets on the second Thursday each month from September through May, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Room 400 at Grants Pass High School, 830 NE 9th Street, Grants Pass. Room 400 is to the left as you enter the northernmost building on the GPHS campus. Enter the parking lot from either 8th or 9th Streets. In December we hold a holiday Potluck Dinner, and in June a Potluck Picnic. Coffee and refreshments are served at our informal meetings.

Christmas Potluck Dinner

Thursday, December 10, 2015, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Come celebrate the holidays with Siskiyou Audubon Society at John & Pat Etchells' home. We will again have a ham dinner, ham courtesy of Siskiyou Audubon Society. Members and guests, bring all the trimmings for the feast. Bring a dish to share, and bring your own table service – linens, cutlery, glassware. Coffee and water will be available. Please bring any other beverage you may prefer.

To reserve your place and get directions to the Etchells home, please email Pat at sisqaudubon@gmail.com or phone John at 541-218-7696. Come early, in the daylight, so you can find the house easily. In order for us to put on a large enough ham for everyone, our hosts need to know ahead of time how many are coming, so please be sure to RSVP.

Christmas Bird Count packets will be handed out to team leaders during the evening. If you have not yet signed up to count on December 19th, come to the party and join a team. A gift exchange game will be held, too. If you wish to play, please bring a wrapped gift (of about \$10 value), and we'll have fun opening and swapping them. We'll share photos – digital ones brought on a thumb drive or disc as a JPG file for the TV, or prints to pass around.

116th Audubon Christmas Bird Counts

* Grants Pass Circle - Saturday, December 19, 2015, Compiler: Margaret James *

Medford Circle - Same Day, Compiler: Bob Hunter

Roseburg / Sutherlin Circle - Same Day, Compiler: Matt Hunter

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Ashland Circle – Saturday, January 2, 2016, Compiler: Carol Mockridge

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Chapter Meeting, Thursday, January 14, 2016, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

In January we resume our regular monthly Chapter meetings, at Grants Pass High School in Room 400. From 6 p.m. to about 6:45, we set up the room, have refreshments and bird discussions and deal with any Society business. Please bring your own drinking vessel. Then we have the

Program: The Great Gray Owls of California, Oregon and Washington, by Harry Fuller

We'll explore the biology and breeding range of the elusive Great Gray Owl in our area. The tallest owl in North America, the Great Gray can be hard to find, as both birders and biologists can attest. We'll look at maps of their true breeding range on the Pacific Slope and explore what effects climate change may have on this species. This is the southernmost population of the species, even though it is found in both Eastern and Western Hemispheres. Much of the information about these Pacific Slope owls has never before been published.

Harry Fuller has been a leading birder and teacher on the Pacific Slope for 20 years, and is author of two birding books: Freeway Birding (2013) and Great Gray Owl: California, Oregon and Washington (2015), the

latter with over 100 photographs by co-author Peter Thiemann. Harry is a trip leader for Partnership for International Birding. He and his wife recently relocated to McMinnville. Contact Harry at:

www.towhee.net for birding Oregon & northern California; bird updates at: <http://atowhee.wordpress.com>, & Partnership for International Birding at: PIBirding.wordpress.com.



Harry Fuller in the field

Our Mission . . .

is to promote the welfare of birds and other wildlife through habitat enhancement and education. Our primary focus is on our local community, our local schools, and issues of the Pacific Northwest.

Chapter News

Siskiyou Audubon Society's November Chapter Meeting was held in our new permanent location, Grants Pass High School Room 400, in the Tech Building at the north end of the school campus. Member feedback from the November meeting was favorable.

The Board discussed ways of making newcomers feel more welcome at our Chapter meetings. A number of suggestions were made: to use bird identification posters in the meeting room; to hold a short session after the program for questions and looking at field guides; to try a system of projecting a picture onto the big screen of the birds being under discussion during "bird talk."

Recent Board of Directors meetings included the news that an audit of our financial books was made. According to Treasurer Phil Hicks and auditor John Etchells, our books are in order and our Society is solvent. In other business, our annual report to National Audubon Society was completed and filed, as was our annual Federal information report. The grant report to Four Way Community Foundation was sent in for the money they gave us to purchase lumber and nails for our Kids Nest Box Building project. Plans were made for the Christmas Potluck Dinner (December 10th) and the Christmas Bird Count (December 19th).

The next date for Kids Nest Box Building ("KNBB") is coming up on Sunday, December 6, during the Siskiyou Field Institute Winter Open House. To be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., other activities include bird watching, nature hikes, and animal track identification. More information is on page 5. In order to provide kits for this event, volunteers will meet at Phil & Marsha Hicks' home on Tuesday, December 1 at 10 a.m. to make 50 to 100 kits. If you come to help, please bring your own gloves and hearing protection, and check in with Lee Webb at 541-479-6859 or lowebb@charter.net ahead of time.

At the recent KNBB at Evergreen Elementary School in Cave Junction, 38 nest boxes were built by kids from our kits. We were warm and dry in the cafeteria. Thanks to Mary Trammell who organized this event. We plan to hold two days of KNBB at the Grants Pass Growers' Market – one on Saturday March 19 and one April 16. Specifics will be announced in this newsletter and in the local media. Since we will no longer field a regular weekly market booth, we'll also have bird house sales at these events.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hicks' home. Members and guests are welcome.



Let's Talk Birds

Hiding in Plain Sight

Piping Plovers magically merge with the sand as they skitter across it. Their wariness and sandy color make them well equipped to evade predators and carry out the nesting season just above the shoreline.

Breeding along North America's mid- to upper-East Coast and the Great Lakes, they tuck their camouflaged eggs in shallow depressions amid pebbles, just out of reach of the incoming waves.

This intrepid, six-inch shorebird flies 2,000 miles to wintering grounds south of the Gulf of Mexico. Such endurance, however, hasn't kept their populations from continuing to dwindle as large portions of healthy, native habitat are lost to development.

It's not just high-rise hotels that do the damage. Human recreation on public beaches pushes birds off their nests and interrupts foraging. Off-road beach driving and free-running dogs can wreak havoc on nests. Protecting habitat is essential for these masters of disguise. Otherwise, these purposeful little plovers won't have enough safe and secure places left to blend into – no matter how adept they are at evading the waves.

Defenders of Wildlife, www.defenders.org, went to court to ensure that the National Park Service develop and enforce beach-driving protocols at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Now there are vehicle zones and permits being required for off-road vehicles. Along with the plovers, the endangered sea turtles also benefit

from these regulations. The population at Hatteras has now reached record heights. This proves that tourism and be sustained alongside sensitive wildlife which require protected habitat.

~ Reviewed by John Taylor from an article in *Defenders magazine*, Summer of 2015



Piping Plover
by Daniel S. Kilby

Pop Quiz

~ John Taylor

- Hint 1. This bird of prey is about the size of a robin, 9 to 12 inches in length with a wingspan of 21 inches.
- Hint 2. The presence of this bird is a positive sign of quality habitat, indicating that insects, amphibians and small birds are plentiful and pesticide use is probably low. Their diet includes mice and other rodents, large insects such as grasshoppers, sparrows, starlings and other small birds, as well as snakes, lizards and worms.
- Hint 3. Adroit aerialists, their streamlined body and stiff sickle-shaped wings enable them to power-dive, execute complete rolls, and hover for up to a minute.
- Hint 4. The preferred habitat of these birds is open fields, parks, and highways. Perched on a power line, the bird will pump its tail up and down while scanning the ditches for food.
- Hint 5. They don't build nests but lay their eggs inside old woodpecker holes, in depressions in a bank or cliff, or in sheltered spaces in buildings. They readily use nest boxes attached to tree trunks, poles or highway signs.
- Hint 6. The female lays three to five eggs that hatch in 29 days. The male feeds the female and chicks, which reach adult weight just 2-1/2 weeks after hatching.
- Hint 7 . Scientific name: *Aphelocoma californica*

Answer on Page 6.

Join the 116th Christmas Bird Count

Welcome to Audubon's 116th Christmas Bird Count! You can help add to a century of citizen-science data by signing up for a count near you. The Grants Pass Medford, and Roseburg counts will be on Saturday, December 19, 2015. The Ashland count will be Saturday, January 2, 2016, concurrent with the 17th Annual Ashland Dipper Count. (There will be no Illinois Valley CBC this year, but expect its return next year.) There's a new Reedsport Count Circle at the Coast, sponsored by Umpqua Valley Audubon Society. For other nearby count opportunities and more information, go to www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count.



Since the Christmas Bird count began over a century ago, it has relied on the dedication and commitment of volunteers like you. Now run by the National Audubon Society in partnership with Bird Studies Canada, the North American Breeding Bird Survey, and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, all Christmas Bird Counts are conducted between December 14 and January 5 each year. Each count takes place in an established 15-mile diameter circle, and is organized by a Count Compiler. Teams count in smaller sections of the circle, counting every bird they see or hear all day. It's not just a species tally – all individual birds are counted all day, giving an indication of the total number of birds in the circle that day.

Under the specific methodology of the CBC, all participants make arrangements in advance with the Count Compiler. Anyone can participate, and it's OK to join in as many counts as you wish. If you are a beginning birder, you'll be placed in a group that includes at least one experienced birdwatcher. If your home is within the boundaries of a CBC circle, you can stay at home and report the birds that visit your feeder on count day, as long as you have made prior arrangement with the Count Compiler. All the data collected is sent to the Cornell Lab. of Ornithology in Ithaca, New York, to be combined with that of all the other Count Circles. The data are used by government agencies, educational facilities and researchers. To date over 200 peer-reviewed articles have resulted from analysis done with Christmas Bird Count data – go to www.audubon.org/content/christmas-bird-count-bibliography. This is the longest-running citizen-science project in the world.

Check out the sign-up information below to contact each Compiler. At the end of the day, there's a "Count Down" where the volunteers meet to turn in their data and share the fellowship of the Christmas Bird Count.

* Grants Pass Christmas Bird Count – Saturday, December 19, 2015 *

Count Compiler – Margaret James, e-mail mcddjames@yahoo.com, phone 541-476-8126

All 11 sections in the Grants Pass Circle have a team leader this year, and more volunteers will be welcome. Lee Webb has made new maps, so it will be easy to see where each section begins and ends, and what roads are within. The "Count Down" will be at 5 p.m. at Elmer's Restaurant in Grants Pass. Email or phone Margaret James for details, or come to the Christmas Potluck Dinner on December 10 to join a team.

* Medford CBC – Same Day – Compiler: Bob Hunter *

e-mail bobhunter@embarqmail.com, phone 541-826-5569

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e-mail matthewghunter@gmail.com, phone 541-826-5569

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e-mail mockridge50@hotmail.com or: jabtrout@gmail.com

The Ashland CBC circle is centered at the NW corner of Emigrant Lake, giving the count area both the northeastern slopes of Mount Ashland and the western slopes of the Cascades, as far east as Little Hyatt Lake. Also in the area are the steep Siskiyou Mountain woodlands, farmland-grassland-oak savannah habitats in the eastern section, and the entirety of the city of Ashland with its parks and gardens and riparian habitats. To participate in this year's count, please contact Carol Mockridge by Dec. 20. The post-count dinner will be held at The Black Sheep Pub & Restaurant on the Ashland Plaza.

There will be no Illinois Valley CBC this year, but expect it to resume next year.



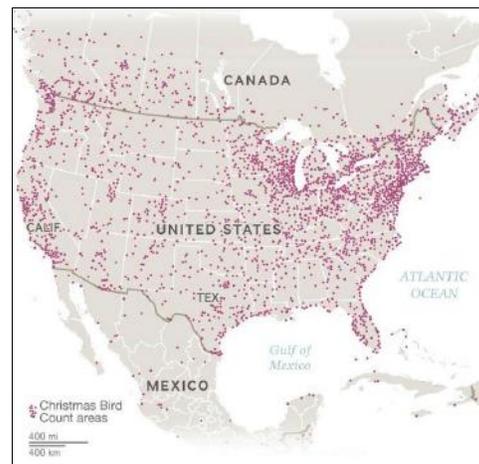
American Dipper, *Cinclus mexicanus*
Photo by Phillip at
www.oregonrafting.com

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* 17th Annual Ashland Dipper Count – Saturday, January 2, 2016 *

Bob Quaccia will lead the 17th Annual Ashland Dipper Count on Saturday, January 2, 2016 to look for the elusive Water Ouzel, or American Dipper. [This is a stocky dark grey bird with a head sometimes tinged with brown, and white feathers on the eyelids that appear to flash white as the bird blinks. They live in clean streams, foraging on bottom creatures. When standing on a rock, they "dip" at the knees.]

Count participants will meet at the Ashland Plaza at 9:00 a.m.; the count will take approximately three hours as the group slowly works its way up through Lithia Park. For additional information, contact Bob at bquaccia@hotmail.com.



CBC Circles Map



Events, Field Trips, Festivals, . . .

Umpqua Valley Audubon Birding

There will be two Christmas Bird Counts in Douglas County this year, one in the Roseburg/Sutherlin Circle, and one based in Reedsport on the Coast. Details of these may be found on Page 3 or at the website: www.umpquaadubon.org. Other outings:

Raptor Run – Saturday, January 23, 2016

Dale and Elva Paulson will lead their annual Raptor Run (raptor birding field trip - running shoes not required) on Saturday, January 23, 2016. Bring your binoculars, spotting scope if you have one, and lunch. (Don't worry if you don't have binoculars or a spotting scope. We will share.) We'll meet at the [Roseburg] BLM parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Plan on some car pooling. There is little walking involved. For more information, call 541-673-0872.



Male Monarch Butterfly
arkive.org

City of Ashland Birding

Programs and classes at North Mountain Park in Ashland are provided by the Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission (APRC). Class fees are as shown. For more information and to pre-register for courses and activities, go [online](http://www.ashland.or.us/register) to www.ashland.or.us/register or visit or write 340 S. Pioneer St., Ashland, OR 97520.

Monarchs & Milkweeds at North Mountain Park

Saturday, January 9, 2016, 1 - 3 p.m.

This class on Monarch Butterflies and their habitats is for all ages, and the cost is \$10, at North Mountain Park Nature Center, 620 North Mountain Avenue, Ashland, OR 97520. To register, phone Brigitte Cooke at 541-488-6606.

Instructor Tom Landis is a retired forester who is propagating native milkweeds and other nectar plants to bring Monarchs back to the Rogue Valley. Tom has also helped install Monarch way stations around southern Oregon.

This class will cover basic Monarch biology and the reasons for their recent population crash. Other topics include: how to create Monarch way stations to promote Monarch breeding; growing native milkweeds for Monarch caterpillars and nectar plants for adults; milkweed seed harvesting and growing tips. Finally, we'll talk about helping Monarchs rebuild populations by excluding predators and parasites from Monarch areas. Monarchs were once very common in the Rogue River region. Help bring them back!



Project FeederWatch

An annual survey of birds that visit feeders in winter

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Special thanks to Fisher Nicholson Realty, proud sponsor of the 2016 festival. This project was partially funded by the Klamath County transient room tax program.

... Classes & Outings

Rogue Valley Audubon Society

Rogue Valley Audubon Society bird walks are free and open to the public. Dates and times are subject to change, so before any trip, check the web site www.roguevalleyaudubon.org or call the field trip leader.

Wednesdays: December 2 & January 6

First Wednesday Bird Walk - Agate Lake - 8:00 a.m.

On the first Wednesday of each month RVAS takes a bird count at Agate Lake. Experienced leaders invite birders with any level of expertise to join in this citizen science effort. The walk covers approximately 1-1/2 miles, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and lasting about 2-1/2 hours. Meet at the main parking area on the EAST side of the lake, the far side from the boat ramp.

During the fall/winter months when the gate is normally locked, it will be open to birders from 8:00 to 8:25. Bring binoculars, field guide, and spotting scope (if you have one). Mud boots are a good idea. Each month, results of the count will be e-mailed to participants and logged into eBird. Any questions? Contact leader Murray Orr by phone 541-857-9050, or email at [mworr2@charter.net](mailto:mworrr2@charter.net).

**17th Annual Snow Goose Festival of the Pacific Flyway
Wednesday - Sunday, January 27 - 31, 2016
Chico, California**

Join any of over 60 field trips and workshops plus exciting activities for kids & families! Don't miss the "Gathering of Wings" banquet with keynote speaker, George Lepp, renowned outdoor & nature photographer, on Friday, January 29th.

The annual Snow Goose Festival is a winter riot of biodiversity, a river and wetland rebellion against encroaching development, and a noisy demonstration of the majesty of millions of migrating waterfowl and other birds drawn to a river system once slated to become a lifeless, concrete civil engineering project. Three decades of effort by the Sacramento River Preservation Trust saved the river and preserved the avian riot. Register at www.snowgoosefestival.org for this renowned festival. For more information, contact Jennifer Patten at 530-345-1865 or visit the website shown.

Siskiyou Audubon Society

will be at

**Siskiyou Field Institute
Sunday, December 6, 2015**



The poster features a calendar icon for Sunday, December 6, and a photograph of a snowy landscape with a building. The text reads: "SFI WINTER OPEN HOUSE! Deer Creek Ranch 1241 Illinois River Road, Selma 2 pm - 5 pm. Nature hikes with SFI staff and board members. Bird watching and animal track identification. Bird house building for kids, courtesy of the Siskiyou Audubon Society. A special lecture by Executive Director Dr. Hogan Sherrow. A great afternoon for the whole family filled with fun, snacks, activities, and just the right amount of science!"

No SFI classes will be offered during mid-winter. The 2016 Catalog of Courses and more information are available at SFI's website at www.thesfi.org, or write to P.O. Box 207, Selma, OR 97538 or telephone 541-597-8530.

Planning Ahead



February 12 - 15, 2016

A reminder from the Great Backyard Bird Count team at Audubon, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and Bird Studies Canada to mark your calendars for the 19th GBBC. Because the GBBC is integrated with the eBird program you can start practicing now at <http://ebird.org>.

The thousands of photos submitted for the 2015 count have been sorted and the judges are nearly done with the task of choosing the best of the stunning images. The results will be announced in January. Revisit the 2015 online photo gallery, and get more information at <http://gbbc.birdcount.org>.

**Olympic BirdFest 2016
Friday - Sunday, April 15 - 17, 2016**

Grab your binoculars and join the 12th annual Olympic BirdFest celebration at the Dungeness River Audubon Center, Sequim, Washington. Come bird with us and experience the spectacular landscapes of the Olympic Peninsula. You just might go home with a new bird for your life list! Check out the offerings by going online to www.olympicbirdfest.org.



Siskiyou Audubon Society Scholarships for Siskiyou Field Institute Classes

Siskiyou Audubon Society recently gave \$500 to Siskiyou Field Institute to be scholarship money for teachers and other educators in Josephine County to be able to take SFI classes, in order to help fulfill our Mission of conservation through education. In our newsletters, we will hear from those who benefitted from our funding. This issue's article is by Debbie Catalina, whose love of animals and wildlife brought her an opportunity in 2012 to volunteer for the Humane Society of the United States, where she currently serves as Senior Oregon Volunteer, assisting with special projects under the direction of Senior Oregon Director, Scott Beckstead. Debbie is also Director of 'Smart4Bears,' a non-profit advocating for wildlands and wildlife. Raised in a rural community along the shores of Massachusetts' Taunton River, Debbie has always been interested in the wild. She had careers as a VISTA volunteer and a 4-year hitch in the United States Air Force as a C-130 crew chief. After the Air Force she received more degrees, working in computers and technology and business, then a family, until she "came back to where she began" in the fields and woods of Southwest Oregon. After receiving a Siskiyou Audubon Society scholarship to attend Siskiyou Field Institute's "Spirit of the Forest" class in June 2015, Debbie wrote this article for *The Siskin*:

June fifth. Still spring. Delicious mist blanketing the valley. My car hugging the twisting, curving road, the road hugging the higher ground, and the high ground itself hugging the selvages of great flat stretching southward. Thoughts wandered. What would our class be like? What would the other students be like? What was SFI like? What would the teachers be like? What would we learn of the "Spirit of the Forest"? Soon I would know.

Soon tires were crunching on the gravel. Soon my feet were crunching along the gravel path to a door that opened into a great room where tables and chairs and a white board announced that this was where the class would begin. Exhibits of maps and animals and artifacts lined counter tops and walls of the room, and soon our instructors arrived. An enjoyable morning, a rambling group discussion of tips, techniques, and getting acquainted. Over lunch, several of us shared a bench on a patio facing the fields. Swallows chattered to nestlings in the eaves. Lizards scrambled about on a low stone wall.

"Look!" one of us exclaimed, and turning collective gazes, we saw to the east, immobile and floating on the thermals, a great raptor. Suddenly, it folded its wings and fell to the earth like a stone – only to rise again with lunch clasped tightly in its taloned-grasp.

More sharing in the afternoon: this time, from our instructors, Diana Coggle, reading from her own published work, and from Mart Turner with a photo essay of his own work.

Crunching back across the gravel to the road in the afternoon, then our feet raising tiny puffs of red dirt hiking along the road until we reached a trail heading, up, up, and up - still following the trail along the side of a canyon - delicate scents of dry cedar and bay laurel on the air, pine, madrone, and great black oaks, scattered across the open wood, down into the steep canyon, then back up again to the top where giant and singular oak stood defiant, a sentinel watching over all.

Golden shafts of light, moving fast, refocused our attention from minute to minute from the sweep and geometry of the landscape and back again to the ferns, the vines, the bark, and the stones.

That was when I saw it: single powder-blue bloom, smaller than a penny and all alone in a similarly slender shaft of light, like a tiny diva, a lone finale in a spot-light in the middle of a great, great stage.

From the idyllic valley, over the river, then through town we went, car-pooling on day two toward distant peaks until finally angling away from the highway and toward the wistful and piquant peaks of the Siskiyou Crest.

The road twisted and turned, occasionally flashing its brilliant green-brown-black serpentine sides in the sun. I squinted into the glare. We followed the mountain side. Fir and cedar replaced madrone and oak. Slopes angled ever more steeply up, trees grew larger, and soon we were catching occasional glimpses of great deep canyons below.

We spent the day on the mountain, cool and moist among the great dark conifers in the morning then in the afternoon climbing at last to a rocky prominence that felt like the top of the world.

This was a fabulous day, a day of solitary wanderings, finding our own pictures, creating our own narratives. Though shy at first, I finally felt that the forest had flung her doors wide, sharing raptors, flowers, rocks, trees, smells, sounds - and even clues to great mysteries.

I think about this adventure still; my trip to the watershed was itself a watershed for me. It was of great to benefit - from three days in a group of like-minded souls and distinguished, established artists sharing their insights with us, learning new skills, to making new memories and just having fun, but it was a bit more - something I am still conceptualizing - and that is this: the only force that can save this planet is the love and the magic that only she herself can unleash.

This is the magic that's hiding in the Spirit of the Forest, the spirit we need to unleash, and we will only be able to unleash it to the extent we can sharpen our skills in it to others, as suggested by these famous words: "In the end we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught."

~ Debbie Catalina

Pop Quiz Answer: *Western Scrub Jay*



Western Scrub Jay
photographed in Aloha, Oregon
May 2000 by GreyStork

<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:WesternScrubJay2.jpg#/media/File:WesternScrubJay2.jpg>

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 **Siskiyou Audubon Society Membership Application - Local**
 Pay and Mail this to: Siskiyou Audubon Society, P.O. Box 2223, Grants Pass, OR 97528

I wish to become a local member: \$15.00 Regular \$10.00 Student Extra Donation \$ _____

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Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Renewal Date _____


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 [This is a new address, revised 9/11/2015. Prevent delay in processing your membership by not using an old form.]

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Date Book – December 2015 / January 2016

Wed. Dec. 2: Rogue Valley Audubon Society 1st Wednesday Bird Walk & Count at Agate Lake

Thur.-Fri. Dec. 3-4: Project FeederWatch at Coyote Trails Nature Center, 2931 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford

Sun. Dec. 6: Siskiyou Field Institute Winter Open House, Deer Creek Center, Selma, 2 - 5 p.m.

Thur. Dec. 10: Siskiyou Audubon Society Christmas Potluck Dinner, 4:30 p.m. on

Sat. Dec. 12: Project FeederWatch at North Mountain Park, 620 N. Mountain Ave., Ashland

Thur.-Fri. Dec. 17-18: Project FeederWatch at Coyote Trails Nature Center

Sat. Dec. 19: Siskiyou Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count

Also those at Medford and Roseburg/Sutherlin

Wed. Dec. 30: Umpqua Valley Audubon Society First Ever Reedsport Christmas Bird Count

Thur. Dec. 31: Project FeederWatch at Coyote Trails Nature Center

Sat. Jan. 2, 2016: Ashland Christmas Bird Count; 17th Annual Ashland Dipper Count

Wed. Jan. 6: Rogue Valley Audubon Society 1st Wednesday Bird Walk & Count at Agate Lake

Sat. Jan. 9: Monarchs & Milkweeds Class with Tom Landis, at North Mountain Park, Ashland

Also Project FeederWatch at North Mountain Park

Thur. Jan. 14: **Siskiyou Audubon Society Chapter Meeting & Program by Harry Fuller, 6 p.m.**

Tue. Jan. 19: **Siskiyou Audubon Society Board of Directors Meeting, 11 a.m.**

Sat. Jan. 23: Umpqua Valley Audubon Society "Raptor Run" Field Trip

Also Project FeederWatch at North Mountain Park

Note: Project Feederwatch Continues on Alternate Saturdays Ongoing through March 2016 at both North Mountain Park, Ashland and Coyote Trails Nature Center, Medford.



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