



Pine Siskin

# The Siskin

Newsletter of Siskiyou Audubon Society, Josephine County, Oregon

Siskiyou Audubon Society meets on the second Thursday each month from September through May, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 400 at Grants Pass High School, 830 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Grants Pass. Room 400 is in the northernmost building on campus. Enter the parking lot from either 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> Streets. In December we hold a holiday Potluck Dinner, and in June a Potluck Picnic.

Coffee and refreshments are served at our informal meetings – PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CUP – we’ll see you there!

## Chapter Meeting, Thursday, September 8, 2016 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Summer break is over, and we’re set to start off a new season of Chapter Meetings in Room 400 at Grants Pass High. From 6 to about 6:45 p.m., we’ll talk birds, socialize and snack. Then we’ll learn something from our

### Program: Hunting & Conservation by Leland Brown

Learn about how hunting and conservation are intertwined in North America, and why the use of lead ammunition is a concern for scavenging wildlife and hunters. Leland Brown, Wildlife and Lead Outreach Coordinator for the Oregon Zoo, will discuss the contributions of hunting to wildlife conservation, scientific evidence linking lead ammunition to wildlife lead exposure and solutions that promote healthy wildlife while continuing Oregon’s hunting traditions and contributions to wildlife conservation.



Leland Brown

Leland Brown was born and raised in northern New Hampshire on the edge of the White Mountain National Forest. He has worked as a biologist on recovery programs for the San Clemente Loggerhead Shrike, including managing invasive predators and maintaining the native San Clemente Island fox populations. He worked with the National Park Service on feral pig management and non-lead ammunition outreach at Pinnacles National Park. Most recently he spent several years on the island of Oahu, Hawaii working with the Natural Area reserve System to conserve the rarest remaining native ecosystems. In January 2015 Leland started work with the Oregon Zoo as the Wildlife and Lead outreach Coordinator. He is a conservationist, hunter and biologist committed to maintaining native species and habitat.

## Upcoming Chapter Meetings October 13, Dr. Gabriela Chavarria on Pollinator Conservation, “The Truth About the Birds and the Bees”

## November 10, Joy & John Taylor Hummingbirds of the World

Look for program details in the next issue of *‘The Siskin’*. Remember that the newsletter comes out six times each year, September (this issue), bi-monthly for October/November, December/January, February/March, April/May, and finally, June/Summer.

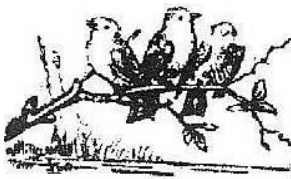
### Fall Nest Box Clean-out Season

September is here and it’s time to clean out the birdhouses that were used for breeding last spring. Anytime from now to next February is a good time to clean the boxes. Take out and burn or compost the old nests, scrape the insides of the boxes, and make any necessary repairs. The birds will appreciate having a clean nest box for refuge on a cold winter night, as well as to provide secure nesting next year.



#### 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 Board of Directors met for the new season on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the home of Marsha & Phil Hicks. After a recap of last spring and summer's activities, the Board began planning for our 2016-17 season.

Over the summer Treasurer Hicks paid our insurance premium and filed the information returns to the federal government and to the State of Oregon. Our Society is solvent, but not wealthy. We can continue our efforts to achieve our Mission of conservation through education.

This year's Chapter Meetings begin Thursday, September 8, and will be held the second Thursday each month except December. We will again meet in Room 400 of Grants Pass High School. This is the computer classroom in the northernmost building of the GPHS campus. Park right in front of the door, in the parking lot accessed from either 8<sup>th</sup> St. or 9<sup>th</sup> St. Coffee and other refreshments will be served. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. with bird talk and any Society business that needs to be conducted. Then we have our program, different each meeting but always an interesting topic. (In the spring we will have a bird identification class similar to the one given to the Master Gardeners' Seeds of Spring Seminar in 2016.) Thank you, Joy Taylor, for booking such excellent presenters for our meetings!

Our first nest box building event will be Kids' Nest Box Building at the City of Grants Pass 'Saturday Parkways' festival Saturday, September 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Hawthorne Avenue. This is a street fair combining activities for families with information about local organizations. Our booth will feature nest box building, and we'll have bird and wildlife information handouts available. We may sell some finished bird houses and other structures for wildlife. Members, please volunteer to spend some time helping the children build. We will get there at 9:30 a.m. to set up our area. From 11 to 3 or until we run out of kits, we'll be supervising the children building nest boxes. Then we'll pack up & head for home.

In December we will hold our annual Christmas Pot Luck dinner and party, resuming Chapter meetings in January. We will team up for the annual Christmas Bird Count around the 20<sup>th</sup> of December, as well. Keep this in mind as where else can you spend the coldest day of the year but in the field, searching for elusive birds?

Our big Nest Box Building Day, when we make finished boxes and as many kits as we can, will be Saturday, February 25. In the spring of 2017 we'll have more Kids' Nest Box Building events, and also, We'll go to Wild Birds Unlimited on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March, and to Grants Pass Growers' Market on 18<sup>th</sup> March AND 15<sup>th</sup> April. We expect to go to the Northwest Nature Shop in Ashland, but the date is yet to be determined. The Siskiyou Field Institute 'Birds & Brews' Festival will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some time during the winter we will purchase more pine lumber. We still have a small supply and some finished houses in storage from last year. We will again sell the majority of finished boxes to the Grange Co-op and other wild bird supply vendors. We again will not have a weekly market booth.

To end the year, on the second Thursday of June we'll picnic and bird watch.

## Hawaii Island Festival of Birds Saturday - Sunday, September 24 - 25, 2016

The First Annual Hawaii Island Festival of Birds Sept. 24-25, 2016 launches the Hawaii Island Coast to Coast Birding Trail with expert speakers, a trade show featuring equipment to boost enjoyment of the outdoors, an art and craft fair, children's activities, photography and art workshops, and a silent auction. Field experiences with the best bird guides on the island.

Location: Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, USA

Organization Contact Person: Lisa Brochu

Phone Number: 970-219-0029



Website: <http://hawaiibirdingtrails.com>

### Do You Know Your Bird Trivia?

- Question 1      What is the deepest diving waterfowl, and how deep can it dive?
- Question 2      Which bird has the longest annual migration?
- Question 3      Why was Ben Franklin against the Bald Eagle as the national symbol, and which bird did he propose?
- Question 4      Which is the most numerous North American bird?
- Question 5      Why are there no penguins in the Arctic?
- Question 6      In golf, what is a birdie?
- Question 7      The extinct Heath Hen was a subspecies of which bird?

Answers on Page 6

## Siskiyou Audubon Society Kids' Nest Box Building

Saturday, September 24, 2016 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### 'Saturday Parkways' Block Party at Gilbert Creek Park

Everyone is invited to the Grants Pass block party known as 'Saturday Parkways,' being held September 24<sup>th</sup> this year. The celebration will feature activities for the family from mid-morning to dusk. Siskiyou Audubon Society will host Kids' Nest Box Building, as well as sell our birdhouses and feeders, and provide handouts for folks curious about birds, and wildlife and habitat conservation.

**Siskiyou Audubon Society members, please volunteer to help.** Phone Lee Webb at 541-479-6859, Phil Hicks at 541-474-4457 or Fran Taylor at 541-955-2934 to sign up for an hour or two, or the whole day! We will have kits and hammers and drills, we need helpers to supervise the children as they build their own birdhouses, and to manage the information/sales booth.



Grants Pass 'Saturday Parkways' festival occurs at Gilbert Creek Park on Hawthorne Avenue between Morgan Lane and Lynel Court.

### How to Clean Out a Birdhouse

Just like a dirty, damaged bird feeder, a dirty bird house is less attractive to backyard birds. Dirty bird houses can also harbor rodents, insects, feather mites, fungus and bacteria that can spread disease to nesting birds and vulnerable hatchlings. Cleaning a bird house minimizes these hazards and makes the home more attractive to nesting birds.

To thoroughly and safely clean a bird house...

Have everything ready so you can work quickly, but carefully. Stand upwind to avoid inhaling dust and detritus. It is wise to use a face mask (Niosh N95 with an exhalation valve) to avoid exposure to any avian diseases, especially if you have a compromised immune system

Open the bird house or partially disassemble it if necessary for proper cleaning. Bird houses with swinging sides, hinged roofs or removable fronts are the easiest to clean.

Remove all old nesting material and scrape out any feces or clumped matter. Brush out (with a stiff brush like those used to clean a grill) and scrape the interior (a hive tool [available from bee supply stores], putty knife or paint scraper is useful). This material should be disposed of in a plastic bag to prevent spreading any parasites it might harbor. Old nesting material could also be composted, or in the rainy season, burned.

If you find any paper wasp nests, remove them, as they may attract more wasps (and boxes with paper wasps usually go unused by birds). If drain holes are plugged with debris, clean them out too.

If desired, disinfect boxes with an enzyme solution like Carefree Birdhouse and Feeder Cleaner or Carefree 3B Protector, or a 10% bleach solution (homemade or Clorox Cleanup) in a spray bottle. If you do use bleach, leave the box open for a day to air and dry it out. You can rinse it out with some water if you have some handy, but chlorine oxidizes rapidly and becomes harmless, and should be gone in 24 hours (e.g., within 24 hours, chlorinated tap water is suitable for fish to live in).

Dispose of the nest far away or in the trash to avoid attracting predators.

Inspect the house for loose hinges, protruding nails or screws, prominent splinters and other hazards that can injure adult or hatchling birds. Fix any issues to keep the house safe. Check that all ventilation and drainage holes are unobstructed. If needed, drill additional holes to provide extra ventilation or drainage to improve the house.

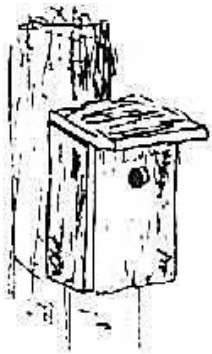
Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer immediately afterwards (before eating, drinking, or touching your face or steering wheel.)

Store delicate gourds or clay bird houses for winter so they will last longer, or return wooden bird houses to their hooks or posts so they can be used as roost boxes for cold winter nights.

Special precautions for cleaning out a box that housed mice to prevent infection with very rare but potentially deadly Hanta Virus: Before removing a used mouse nest, use a spray bottle to thoroughly soak the nest and box (to control dust) with a 10% bleach solution (water if no bleach is available). After 15-20 minutes, while standing upwind & wearing a dust mask, use gloves or a plastic bag to remove the nest, and then sweep and scrape out the box. Wash your hands afterwards. Leave the box open for a day to air it out.

By cleaning a bird house properly, backyard birders provide a safe, happy home for their backyard birds. Clean houses will attract more nesting birds, and generation after generation of healthy birds can be raised in suitable bird houses.

Sources: [www.sialis.org/clean.htm](http://www.sialis.org/clean.htm) and <http://birding.about.com/od/birdhouses/a/How-To-Clean-A-Bird-House.htm>



## Events, Field Trips, Festivals, . . .



### **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon Shorebird Festival** **Friday - Sunday, September** **16-18, 2016** **Headquartered at The Oregon** **Institute of Marine Biology**

This marks the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the Oregon Shorebird Festival. Join us September 16-18, 2016 in Charleston, OR. We'll have land and water based field trips during the day including a pelagic trip on Sunday. On Friday night look forward to a presentation by Elise Elliott-Smith, biologist with the USGS Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center, and Joe Liebezeit, biologist with Audubon Society of Portland, titled "Meet the Black Oystercatcher: What We Have Learned and the Mysteries That Remain." Saturday's presentation features "Shorebird Protection, Planning, and Partnerships – Conservation in the Migratory Bird Treaty Centennial Year." This year is the 100-year anniversary of the first treaty between nations to protect migratory birds. We will reflect on challenges we've overcome, and challenges that face us in the conservation of shorebirds into the next century.

For a full schedule of events & to register visit the Oregon Shorebird Festival website:  
[www.fws.gov/refuge/Bandon\\_Marsh/visit/visitor\\_activities/shorebird\\_festival.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Bandon_Marsh/visit/visitor_activities/shorebird_festival.html). Rain or sun is expected this time of year; layered clothing is best. Pack extra water, sunscreen, a sunhat, rain gear and mud boots for land-based field trips. To register and for more information contact Dawn Harris 541-867-4550 or email [dawn\\_harris@fws.gov](mailto:dawn_harris@fws.gov).

Lodging is available in the dorm at OIMB and at area motels and camping and RV parks. The festival does not provide options for dining on Friday evening nor for any breakfast or lunch, but eateries are nearby. At 5:30 p.m. on Saturday there will be an optional Sustainable Seafood buffet in the OIMB cafeteria. The dinner includes Albacore Tuna, salad, side dishes, bread, dessert and a drink. The cost for 2016 is yet to be determined, however, pre-registration for tickets to this dinner is encouraged.

Festival registration costs \$30 per person or \$55 per family. Shirts, the Saturday night dinner, lodging and all meals are extra costs. To register, [download the registration form](#) and mail it, completed, to Oregon Shorebird Festival, 2127 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport OR 97365, or email it to [Dawn\\_Harris@fws.gov](mailto:Dawn_Harris@fws.gov). Hard copies of the registration form can be obtained by telephoning 541-867-4550.

### **Monterey Bay Birding Festival**

**Thursday - Sunday, September 23 - 25, 2016**

The Monterey Bay Birding Festival is home to some of the best birding on the planet. Held in Watsonville, California during fall migration for the greatest opportunity to see a wealth of birds including many California Specialties. Over 250 species of birds are possible. Great land and sea birding trips, workshops, speakers, and many more activities provide a wonderful event for birders and families alike.

On-line Registration Closes on September 17, 2016. For full information and fee schedules, visit the festival website: [www.montereybaybirding.org](http://www.montereybaybirding.org). Contact Person: Debbie Diersch of the Monterey Bay Birding Festival Association, Inc. At 888-909-7829.

### **Umpqua Valley Audubon Society**

**Roseburg September Swift Watch at Stewart Park**  
**Every Friday Evening Beginning September 2**  
**Starting about 6 p.m. – Roughly an Hour Before Sunset**

Vaux's Swifts (pronounced "vavks") nest only in western North America, migrating to Central and South America for the winter. At sunset during migration, Swifts gather in the dozens, sometimes hundreds or thousands, to communally roost in the chimney adjacent to 'The Clay Place' in the Fir Grove section of Stewart Park, off Harvard Avenue behind the Umpqua Valley Arts Center. Typically these roost sites are, as here, old industrial chimneys. Umpqua Valley Audubon Society members will be available Friday evenings as interpretive naturalists with information about Vaux's Swifts, as well as more general information.

In addition, throughout September Audubon members will be participating in a West Coast-wide data collection effort. Little is known about even the most basic habits of Vaux's Swifts. We do know swifts have lost much of their natural habitat, and the number of chimneys available for roosting and nesting is also on the decline. Working in conjunction with our partners up and down the west coast, we hope to fill in some of the data gaps.

For more information, contact Diana Wales at [dianawales@centurylink.net](mailto:dianawales@centurylink.net) or 541-677-0263, or visit [www.umpquaaudubon.org](http://www.umpquaaudubon.org).



Vaux's Swifts – ©Radd Icenoggle

### **Rogue Valley Audubon Society**

Rogue Valley Audubon Society bird walks are free and open to the public. Bring your own binoculars, food and water. Car-pooling and sharing fuel expenses are encouraged. Please, no dogs. Prepare for the weather; wear sturdy shoes and expect some walking. Dates and times are subject to change, so before any trip, either check the web site [www.roguevalleyaudubon.org](http://www.roguevalleyaudubon.org) or call Field Trip Chair Maggi Rackley at 541-855-7935, e-mail: [imamaggi2@gmail.com](mailto:imamaggi2@gmail.com).

**Wednesdays: September 7, October 5 & November 2**  
**First Wednesday Bird Walk - Agate Lake - 8:15 a.m.**

On the first Wednesday of each month RVAS takes a bird count at Agate Lake in Jackson County near Eagle Point. Experienced leaders organize the count, and birders with any level of expertise are invited to join in this citizen science effort. The walk covers approximately 1-½ miles. It begins at 8:30 a.m. and lasts about 2-½ hours. Meet at the main parking area on the EAST side of the lake, the far side from the boat ramp. 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:mworr2@charter.net).

## . . . Classes & Outings

### Siskiyou Field Institute

Based in Selma, Oregon, the mission of “SFI” is to introduce people to the local Klamath-Siskiyou Mountains, one of the most diverse and intriguing bioregions in the world, by offering field-based natural history classes at Deer Creek Center and in other places. For details of these classes and the full course catalog, and to register for any class, call Siskiyou Field Institute at 541-597-8530, e-mail [institute@thesfi.org](mailto:institute@thesfi.org), visit their website [thesfi.org](http://thesfi.org), go to Deer Creek Center, 1241 Illinois River Road, Selma, or write: P.O. Box 207, Selma, OR 97538.



#### Free Friday Night Learning

**Friday, September 9**, 6:30 p.m. at Deer Creek Center

**“Back to School with the Beetles”** – A showing of ‘The Beetle that Conquered Tokyo,’ a portrayal of the Japanese reverence for insects as a part of their cultural relationship with the natural world.

**Friday, October 21**, 6:30 p.m. at the Grants Pass Museum of Art

#### “Marine Conservation Night”

See the film ‘A Fragile Legacy,’ the story of a rediscovered Victorian collection of glass marine invertebrates and the hopeful global ocean treasure hunt it continues to inspire. A discussion of ocean conservation efforts in southern Oregon will follow.

**Tuesday-Wednesday, September 13-14**

#### Fee-Based Class: Forest Beetles of the Bioregion

Instructor: James LaBonte, M.S., Location: Deer Creek Center, Selma, Tuition: \$150

Over 5,000 species of beetles exist in Oregon. Students will explore the diversity of species, behaviors, ecological roles, and natural histories of beetles found at and near the Institute. Although beetles in all accessible habitats will be considered, the focus will be on those inhabiting leaf litter and soil. Field trips, lecture, labs and optional night trapping will give us plenty of opportunities to collect and observe diverse species.

Siskiyou Audubon Society Members, remember to ask for your 10% tuition discount when you register for SFI classes.



White-headed Woodpecker by Steve Shunk

### Oregon Birding Association Annual Meeting

**Friday - Sunday, September 9 - 11, 2016**

**Meeting Headquarters: Grace First Lutheran Church Family Center, 2265 NW Shevlin Park Road, Bend, Oregon 97703**

Did you miss the wonderful Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival put on by the East Cascades Audubon Society in June? Highlights for me were seeing a young Western Grebe riding on the back of a parent at Summer Lake, Prairie Falcons feeding three young at Fort Rock, and hearing the White-winged Crossbill overhead near the Pole Creek trail.

Luckily, if you missed these field trips or Steve Shunk’s talk on why Central Oregon is such a special place for woodpeckers, you will have another chance at the Oregon Birding Association Annual meeting in Bend. Steve presents the Friday evening program: ‘Central Oregon’s Woodpecker Wonderland.’ Steve is the author of the new Peterson Reference Guide to Woodpeckers of North America Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

To register, visit [www.orbirds.org](http://www.orbirds.org). You can register and pay online, or print a paper form to mail in. Find a place to stay in Bend, Redmond, or La Pine, using this link to search for lodging in the area: [www.visitbend.com/Discover\\_Bend\\_Oregon/Hotels\\_Lodging\\_Motels](http://www.visitbend.com/Discover_Bend_Oregon/Hotels_Lodging_Motels)

Check-in and sign up for Saturday field trips is at 4:30 p.m. on Friday. Sign in for Sunday field trips at Saturday’s meeting.

You won’t want to miss it!

~ Kathy Krall for the OBA board of directors

### Puget Sound Bird Fest

**Friday - Sunday, September 9 - 11, 2016**

This acclaimed three-day event includes speakers, guided walks, land and water-based field trips, exhibits, and educational activities for children and adults. Plan to spend the weekend in Edmonds, birding and meeting other birders, naturalists, photographers, and people engaged in fascinating bird research projects. To easily find complete tourist information about lodging, dining and shopping in Edmonds browse [Visitedmonds.com](http://Visitedmonds.com).

Location: Edmonds, WA, USA

Sponsored by the City of Edmonds

Contact Person: Jennifer Leach

Phone Number: 425-771-0227

Website: [www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org](http://www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org)



## Bird Talk

It is much quieter now that nesting season is done for another year and the singing for mates and territories has come to an end. As summer comes to a close and our spring/summer migrators start heading south to claim territories in their wintering grounds, the number and types of birds at my feeders also changes.

During this migration time be sure to keep fresh food and water available so as birds pass through your yard they can re-fuel on their way south, and as new birds arrive they will find a comfortable space to spend the winter.

I am now looking forward to seeing our winter residents settle in once again. White-crowned and Golden-crowned Sparrows should be arriving soon and perhaps a Fox Sparrow or two, and of course the Song Sparrows. Juncos will once again be back on the Valley floor to spend the winter. Chickadees and Nuthatches have already started coming around more often now that nesting season is over and they are bringing youngsters with them!



American Goldfinch

The Goldfinches, who are late nesters, will be wrapping the season up and molting into their drab winter plumage. Pine Siskins, whom I usually only see in winter stayed with me all summer. I expect their numbers may increase as the season progresses. The Rufous Hummingbirds are already starting to move south and each day brings a few more migrating hummers stopping by my nectar feeders to re-fuel for the long migration ahead. I'm hoping to have Anna's Hummingbirds stay with me all winter long once again.

Remember to keep those feeders clean and nectar fresh! So, though summer is once again slipping by, I'm looking forward to a yard full of our resident winter birds. The great thing about watching and feeding birds is that every season brings different birds, each offering something else to discover. I wonder what new birds or behaviors I'll be privy to see this coming year all because I took the time to watch and listen. I would love to hear what birds are visiting your feeders. Come in and tell us your feeder story.

~Laura Fleming, Wild Birds Unlimited, Medford



Song Sparrow

### Wild Birds Unlimited Hosts Monthly Educational Talks

at the Wild Birds Unlimited store, 961 Medford Center; Phone 541-772-2107

**September: Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 p.m.**

**The Ghost Owl of the Cascades: The Great Gray Owl and How It Lives by Harry Fuller**

Join us for this fascinating and entertaining talk on the Great Gray Owl. Space is limited – please make reservations by phone.

Harry Fuller is an experienced and avid birder and is co-author of Great Gray Owls of CA-OR-WA, as well as author of Freeway Birding, San Francisco to Seattle, both will be available after the talk. He has taught numerous classes at the Klamath Bird Observatory, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and North Mountain Nature Park in Ashland.

**October: Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Save the Date for Fun Flicker Facts with Shannon Rio**



Oregon Dark-eyed Junco

### Pictures from First Wednesday Bird Walk at Agate Lake, August 3, 2016

Alan Ome, Margaret James, Susi Perry and Fran Taylor joined the Rogue Valley Audubon Society leaders at Agate Lake in Jackson county for the regular First Wednesday Bird Walk. The weather was beautiful, not too hot, but most of the little birds were either in hiding or gone. The beginning of the fall migration was evidenced by a Least Sandpiper working along the bank with some Killdeer. Alan took this picture of a Great Egret.



#### Answers To Trivia Questions

1. The Oldsquaw (Long-tailed Duck). Oldsquaws have been recovered from nets at 240 feet. King Eiders dive nearly as deep.
2. The Arctic Tern breeds in the high Arctic and winters in the Antarctic. This is an annual round trip of 22,000 miles.
3. Franklin considered the Bald Eagle a lowly scavenger and a bird of bad moral character. His choice was the Wild Turkey.
4. Probably the Red-winged Blackbird. Some winter roosts consist of more than a million birds. The overall population likely exceeds 100 million. The Common Grackle may be just as numerous.
5. Terrestrial predators such as Polar Bears and Arctic Foxes. In the Antarctic, large predators are aquatic, like the Leopard Seal and the Killer Whale.
6. One under par.
7. The Greater Prairie-chicken.

## Audubon Society Membership Applications

Siskiyou Audubon is a nonprofit society under IRC §501(c)3, Tax ID #93-0866572. Subscriptions are tax-deductible. Send your application with dues payment to the address shown on the form – PLEASE CHOOSE ONLY ONE FORM.

**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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ New  Renewal

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Date \_\_\_\_\_

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OR: I do not have email. Please send a printed copy of *The Siskin* to me by U.S. mail, to  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_, City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Siskiyou Audubon membership includes *The Siskin* newsletter for one year from date of dues payment.



**Audubon National Audubon Society –**  
 Pay and Mail this to:  
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I wish to become a member:  \$20.00 Family Introductory Rate  \$35.00 Sustaining  
 \$50.00 Supporting  \$100.00 Contributing  \$500.00 Donor  \$1000.00 Lifetime

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National Audubon Society membership includes subscriptions to both *Audubon Magazine* and *The Siskin* newsletter.

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Monarch Butterfly on Narrow-leaf Milkweed at Agate Lake  
Photo by Alan Ome

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### Volunteers are needed for Kids' Nest Box Building

**Sat. Sept. 24 - "Saturday Parkways" event**

Sign up with Lee Webb or Fran Taylor. Thanks!

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### Date Book – September / October 2016

Every Friday of September: Umpqua Valley Audubon Society Swift Watch at Stewart Park, Roseburg

Wed. Sept. 7: Rogue Valley Audubon Society 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Bird Walk at Agate Lake, Jackson County

**Thur. Sept. 8: Siskiyou Audubon Society Chapter Meeting** at Grants Pass High School Room 400

Fri. Sept. 9: Siskiyou Field Institute Free Friday Learning: "Back to School with the Beetles"

Fri.-Sun. Sept. 9-11: Oregon Birding Association Annual Meeting, Bend

Fri.-Sun. Sept. 9-11: Puget Sound Bird Festival, Edmonds, Washington

Tue.-Wed. Sept. 13-14: SFI Fee Class: "Forest Beetles of the Bioregion"

Fri.-Sun. Sept. 16-18: 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon Shorebird Festival, Charleston

Tue. Sept. 20: Wild Birds Unlimited Medford - Educational Talk: "Ghost Owl of the Cascades" by Harry Fuller

Thur.-Sun. Sept. 23-25: Monterey Bay Birding Festival, Watsonville, California

**Sat. Sept. 24: Siskiyou Audubon Society Kids' Nest Box Building** at Saturday Parkways Festival, Grants Pass

Sat.-Sun. Sept. 24-25: Hawaii Island Festival of Birds, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

Wed. Oct. 5: RVAS 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Bird Walk at Agate Lake

**Thur. Oct. 13: Siskiyou Audubon Society Chapter Meeting** at Grants Pass High School Room 400

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