



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 9th Street, Grants Pass. Meetings are free and open to the public. In December we have a Christmas Pot Luck Dinner Party, and in June, a Pot Luck Picnic. We hope you will join us!

Annual Pot Luck Picnic, Thursday, June 8, 2017

4 p.m. to Dusk

End of Season Birding Party and Installation of Officers

Siskiyou Audubon Society's outgoing president Susan Bush will again host the Potluck Picnic which ends our meeting season. The party will start at 4:00 p.m. with the installation of new officers & directors elected in May. Afterward we'll Bird Walk, eat Potluck Picnic, and tell Tall Tales. See Susan's bonsai, and try to find her Secret Garden.



2015 Pot Luck Picnic

Iced Tea and Coffee and Main Dish Chicken will be provided by the Society. As at all our potluck meals, BRING your own table service, including cutlery, napery, glass or cup, and a chair. Also bring your favorite picnic food – side dishes, desserts, salads, or breads – to share. Bring whatever else you may wish to drink. Bring your binoculars. Dress for the predicted weather and wear walking shoes.

To RSVP and get directions to Susan's house, call 541-955-8966 or 541-474-4457, or email sisqaudubon@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Nest Box Building for Kids Events — from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Each Day

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Birds & Brews Festival

at Siskiyou Field Institute, Selma

Father's Day Weekend – Saturday & Sunday, June 17-18, 2017

Antique Tractor Festival

at Pottsville, "Home of Oregon Memories"

Festival times 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily

Members, plan to come and help us help kids build nest boxes at the both these events.

Our Market Booth will be on hand to sell nest boxes and other structures for wildlife, provide information to interested folks, and guide children as they build their own birdhouse. We need helpers for this on both days – contact Lee Webb or Phil Hicks or Fran Taylor to sign up for a two-hour (or more) time slot.

Pottsville was established by former Oregon State Senator Debbs Potts for Oregon's centennial, providing a historic country setting for this annual tribute to by-gone days. From Interstate 5, take exit 61, head north on Monument Dr., turn left on Pleasant Valley Rd. Pottsville's entry is marked by a large dozer blade.

Our booth will be just one of a number of things for kids and families to do. There will be demonstrations of old-time crafts like spinning, weaving, and tatting; a swap meet for mechanics and equipment; a flea market with all kinds of goods; food; music; the Parade of Power at noon; and a tractor-pull.



2016 Kids Building Nest Boxes
at Pottsville



Black-throated
Gray Warbler
M. Lieb

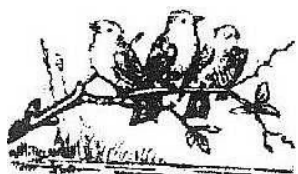
Save the Date for the Next Chapter Meeting Thursday, September 14, 2017

After our summer break, we'll kick off a new season back at in the northernmost building on the Grants Pass High School campus, 830 NE 9th Street, Grants Pass, in Room 400 at 6 p.m. Watch for the September issue of *The Siskin* for Program details.

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



The Chapter Annual Meeting was held Thursday, May 11, 2017 in Room 400 at Grants Pass High School. 22 people attended. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by President Susan Bush. After Society announcements and reports, and birding reports, but before the evening Program, the Annual Election of Officers and Directors was held. This year, the offices of President and Treasurer were open, and 1-1/2 Director positions. In unanimous voting, Pat Webb was elected President; Phil Hicks Treasurer; Peter Good to (the vacant half-term) Director; and Susan Bush, outgoing President, to Director. The Directory on page 7 of this newsletter has been revised accordingly, and contact information has been updated. The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

After the election Pepper Trail gave a program based on his cruise in the South Pacific in 2015. With photos and Dr. Trail's detailed, informative, and jocular narration, he took the rest of us along on his journey to beautiful tropical waters and rugged islands, fabulous birds, and amazing artifacts.

Siskiyou Audubon continues to host Kids' Nest Box Building events, lead bird walks with youngsters, and complete other plans made earlier in the Society year. On May 9th, a crew of volunteers met at the Hicks home to make additional kits. On May 13-14 (Mother's Day weekend) we attended Galice Garden Faire, where kids built 64 kits into bird houses, and 11 volunteers came out to help. The week before we had 61 kits built by youngsters at the Children's Fair & Pet Parade at Cave Junction's Jubilee Park. 7 volunteers made it possible. Glenn Campbell continues building bark birdhouses for us to sell when we have an event. Coming up – June 3rd and the Siskiyou Field Institute Birds & Brews Festival from 8 a.m. to Dusk. Our volunteers will lead the bird walks in the morning.

Our pot luck picnic on June 8th will top off our season. Newly elected folks will be installed in their offices. We'll see what the weather brings and hope to see some nice birds in Susan's yard. Looking forward to seeing you there. ~Fran Taylor, Editor



Volunteers of Siskiyou Audubon Society
From left: Marsha H., David S., Susi P., Susan B.
Karen W. & Alan O.; Lee W., standing.

May 9th kit-making work party at Hicks' home.

**THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS
FOR A PRODUCTIVE 2016-2017 SEASON
ENHANCING HABITAT FOR CAVITY-NESTERS
& EDUCATING YOUNGSTERS ABOUT NATURE.**

Pop Quiz

~ by Fran Taylor

- Hint 1. These small, finch-like stocky songbirds have a cone-shaped bill and gently sloping forehead. The tail is notched or forked. Adult breeding males are brilliant blue above with a pumpkin-colored breast, a white belly & shoulder patch. Females are warm grayish-brown with two wingbars and an un-streaked tan breast. They are far more elusive as they tend their nests in the thick bushes.
- Hint 2. Males perch upright and sing from exposed perches in low trees and shrubs. Each male develops an individual song as a yearling. Many males learn their songs by listening to nearby males, resulting in 'song neighborhoods,' where the males in close proximity sing a similar song, but may sound very different from males in a different 'neighborhood.'
- Hint 3. Monogamous, they nest in thick shrubs, vines, or low trees, 2-4 feet off the ground, in brushy hillsides, near streams, wooded valleys, thickets and hedges, and in residential gardens.
- Hint 4. Nest is an open cup of grass, weeds, bark, and leaves, lined with fine grass, rootlets, and hair, built by the female, and bound with tent-caterpillar silk and spider web.
- Hint 5. Forages mainly on the ground, also up in low growth. May bend grass stalks down to the ground to eat the seeds from them. Sometimes takes insects from foliage while hovering. Diet is mostly seeds and insects. Young are fed mostly insects. Come to bird feeders, especially ones that offer white proso millet, sunflower seeds, or nyjer thistle seeds.
- Hint 6. These birds winter in western Mexico. Molt starts after the breeding season, then stops as they travel to way-stations in southern Arizona, New Mexico, and the southern tip of Baja, where they complete their molt, and then continue on to the wintering grounds.
- Hint 7. Scientific name: *Passerina amoena*

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Kids' Nest Box Building with Siskiyou Audubon Society
****Audubon Members – Volunteers Are Needed for Kids' Nest Box Building ****
At These Festivals

Please sign up to work a few hours at these events. Folks are needed to supervise the children as they build birdhouses, and also to talk with folks and sell our wares at our sales booth. We will have our nest boxes, bird feeders, and other structures for sale, and we'll provide information about birds and habitat. Volunteers pay no event entry fee. To volunteer, call Lee Webb at 541-479-6859, Phil Hicks at 541-474-4457, or Fran Taylor at 541-955-2934.



Join
Siskiyou Audubon Society
 for
Kids' Nest Box Building
 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 at

**EARLY DAY
 GAS ENGINE & TRACTOR
 ASSOCIATION, INC.
 BRANCH 9**

32nd Annual

POTTSVILLE

THE
 HOME
 OF
 OREGON
 MEMORIES

E.D. POTTS
 FOUNDER

A 1969 creation of Senator E.D. "Debbs" Potts

Recapture Memories from the Past!

FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND 2017

Saturday, June 17th 9:00 - 5:00
 Sunday, June 18th 9:00 - 4:30

General Admission **\$6.00**
 Seniors **\$5.00** - Under 12 **FREE**
 Exhibitors - **FREE**

No Alcohol or Firearms Permitted at Show

Siskiyou Field Institute **Live Music**
 1pm to 6pm



Broadway Phil and The Shouters
Frankie Hernandez Band
 Birding and Nature Hikes From 8am
 Wildlife Images' Critters 10am-Noon
 Raffles • Silent Auction • Food • Root Beer • Ice Cream
 Bird Box Building • Pacifica's Caterpillar

Tickets \$10-20 Sisking Soles, Under 18 Free with a paying adult.
 Questions? Call 541-987-8130 or go to theSFI.org/Birds&Brews



Where do we get all the kits?

Siskiyou Audubon buys pine lumber from different sources, depending on cost and availability. Then we get together to cut & drill the wood and batch up the pieces into kits. The last work party was May 9th at the home of Phil & Marsha Hicks. We built about 230 kits in a rather smooth fashion. Started at 10 a.m. and were done by about 1:30 p.m. Look how much fun it is to provide habitat for cavity-nesting birds!



Dwain G., Alan O., Marsha H., Susi P., Karen W., Phil H., Lee W.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Pullers' Weigh-in	8:30 to 1:30
Shingle Mill	11:00 & 3:00
Kiddies Tractor Pull	10:30
Parade of Power	12:00 noon
Big Guys' Tractor Pull	2:30
Raffle Drawings	4:00 Sunday
Sunday Church Service	7-45



**Rogue Valley Audubon Society
First Wednesday Bird Count at Agate Lake
June 7, July 5 & August 2, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.**

Every month on the first Wednesday, Rogue Valley Audubon Society leads a bird count at Agate Lake in Jackson County. Meet before 8:30 at the gate on the EAST side of the lake – Enter from Dry Creek Road. (From Hwy.62, take Hwy.140 east about two miles, turn right by the golf course onto E. Antelope Rd. After the 90° corner, turn right onto Dry Creek Rd., then right again onto the lake access road.)

This slow-paced walk in a congenial group begins at 8:30 a.m. and covers about 1.5 miles over about 2.5 hours. You don't need to be an experienced birder to join in, but taking part will help you become one. This is an ongoing citizen science project to record the numbers of the different species observed. The data is entered in the Cornell Ornithological Laboratory's 'e-Bird' database.

Please contact Leader Murray Orr for more information or if you have questions: 541-857-9050, or mworr2@charter.net.



**Save the Date!
Friday - Sunday
September 15 - 17, 2017**

Oregon Birding Association Annual Meeting

Looking for another reason to visit Malheur?
Please join us at the 2017 OBA Annual Meeting
at Malheur Field Station.

World Big Year record holder Noah Strycker will be
our keynote speaker.

Visit the Oregon Birding Association
website www.orbirds.org
for more information.



Re-naming the Ring-necked Duck

The American Ornithological Society (AOS) is an international society devoted to advancing the scientific understanding of birds, enriching ornithology as a profession, and promoting a rigorous scientific basis for the conservation of birds. Formerly known as the American Ornithological Union, AOS is one of the oldest, and is the largest ornithological society in the world. (The American Ornithologists' Union and Cooper Ornithological Society officially merged to form AOS in October 2016.) The AOS is distinguished by its tremendous collective expertise, including eminent scientists, conservation practitioners, early career innovators, and students.

The AOS Classification Committee – North & Middle America, currently has before it twelve proposals in Proposal Set 2017-A. (See www.americanornithology.org.) One that concerns us is a request to change the English name of the Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*. The proposal was submitted November 7, 2016, by Jessi Wasell, Owner of Wasell Gardens (www.wasellgardens.com), who stated:

"I am writing today to bring to the attention of the committee an issue I believe is important for establishing continuity between the name of this species (currently the Ring-necked Duck) and its actual physical appearance and field markings. As a citizen scientist and wildlife educator, it is important for me to represent and present birds and other wildlife in a way that is easily understood and maintains consistency - both in bookwork and out in the field. I find the current name of this species, the Ring-necked Duck to be misleading. It leads observers to contrive a mental picture of a duck with a conspicuous 'ring' - clearly visible as a distinct field marking, such as is the case for the ground bird species known as the 'Ring-necked Pheasant'. On the contrary, this species' "ring" is very inconspicuous and not often seen, making it very difficult to call it a distinctly noticeable feature useful for identification. As you know, the virtually unnoticeable 'ring' referred to in this instance is a slightly lighter 'brownish collar' on the neck, which occurs in the drake alone.

In an era in which birding is becoming an ever more popular form of recreation, I think it is important to make bird identification simple and accessible for birders of all skill level - beginners, intermediate and experienced alike. For that reason, I propose changing the English common name of the 'Ring-necked Duck' to the 'Ring-billed Duck' - which I feel is a far more accurate description of this species. Both the hen and the drake exhibit very conspicuous white rings on their bills.

[Continued on next page.]

Ring-necked Ducks – 3 Drakes & a Hen
USFWS - Donna Dewhurst



. . . Classes & Outings

Siskiyou Field Institute

Now in its 19th year, Siskiyou Field Institute offers courses about our Klamath-Siskiyou ecoregion, considered one of six global “hot spots” for animal and plant species biodiversity. At Siskiyou Field Institute, youth, adults, families and groups will find a variety of ways to explore – on hikes guided by natural history experts, on wild river and back country trail adventures, in our classroom and lab, in day and overnight camps, and on our outdoor challenge course. SFI is based at Deer Creek Center, 1241 Illinois River Road, Selma, Oregon, in the historic Kendada House. Siskiyou Audubon Society members are given a ten percent discount off tuition. Get more information and the full catalog of courses at www.thesfi.org.



Birding the Wood River
Photo by K. M. Pyle

Saturday, June 17, 2017

Birding the Wood River by Canoe

Location: Wood River Wetlands, Oregon

Instructors: Kevin Spencer and Dave Haupt

Tuition: \$165; **Maximum: 15 students - ONLY 4 SPACES LEFT IN THIS COURSE**

Expect to see 70 species or more recorded for this area. To enhance our chances of seeing riparian birds like Willow Flycatchers and Black-capped Chickadees, we'll start early with a bird walk at Wood River Wetlands. Then we'll have an early lunch at Petric Park, put in our canoes midmorning, paddle out the channel and head into Agency Lake. Paddling unobtrusively in cattail, bulrush and “wocus” habitats, we'll observe birds at their peak in breeding plumage, songs, and displays. The loud “kalwp” calling of the Pied-billed Grebe and pumping sounds of the American Bittern will come from the marsh, while Franklin's Gulls could be flycatching overhead. With possible views of “rushing” Western and Clark's Grebes atop the open water, the day will also be an intriguing hunt for birds performing mating dances and behaviors. All canoeing will take place in a sheltered part of the lake. After returning to Petric Park, you'll have the option to continue with more land birding if desired. Canoes provided by Let's Paddle outfitters.

Monday-Wednesday, June 19-21, 2017

Introduction to Butterflies and Moths of the Siskiyou

Location: SFI, Deer Creek Center, Selma

Instructor: Dana Ross, M.S.

Tuition: \$165

We will explore the world of Lepidoptera —the butterflies and moths — in this three-day course. Starting with an overview of butterfly-moth morphology, life cycles, ecology and behavior, we'll then inspect images and specimens of Siskiyou species in the classroom. Monday and Tuesday afternoons, students will have opportunities to work in the field netting and inspecting butterflies and learning proper netting and collection techniques. Day 3 will be spent entirely in the field near the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.



Lepidoptera photo by K.M. Pyle



Re-naming the Ring-necked Duck (cont'd.)

My attention was drawn to this issue by an article on the Audubon website by Peter Cashwell, in which he makes a very valid point. “Luckily, there is a clear and obvious field mark on both the drake and the hen: a white band circling the blue-gray bill, one so easily discerned that hunters have already adopted the nickname “Ringbill” for the bird.” (www.audubon.org/news/its-time-rename-ring-necked-duck)

Since sportsmen already call this species by a more appropriate name - shouldn't we as the birding community have the benefit of the same? Peter Cashwell stresses that names in science are used as tools to describe something - and he closes by saying, among other things, “You can give us the tool we need.” And I would add, by officially changing the name of the Ring-necked Duck to the Ring-billed Duck, you would be doing a great service the birding community as a whole, now and for future generations of birders to come from us.

In addition to the main article cited in my proposal, here are a few other articles for your consideration, to be used as literature in further discussion about renaming this species: “Ringbill” is the name hunters have given this diving duck of forested ponds and bogs, because the two white rings on its bill are much more visible than its brownish collar.” -Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (www.wildlifedepartment.com/wildlifemgmt/species/ringneck.htm)

“The cinnamon neck ring is usually difficult to observe, which is why the bird is sometimes referred to as a “ringbill”.” - Wikipedia article “Ring-necked Duck” (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ring-necked_duck)

“The “ringneck” name is derived from a faint brownish ring around the base of the neck, which is visible only upon close inspection.” - Ducks Unlimited (www.ducks.org/hunting/waterfowl-id/ring-necked-duck)

Thank you so much for your consideration of my proposal. I would be honored to be a small part of making a difference in the field of ornithology in this way.”



Ring-necked Duck
©Vic Muryama

We'll have to watch and see if the AOS renames this duck.

Remembering Veva Stansell

Veva Stansell passed away on April 26, 2017 at Sea View in Brookings.

A life-long Curry County resident and retired U.S. Forest Service botanist, Veva was widely known and respected for her contributions to understanding and conserving the extraordinary botanical resources of the Siskiyou Mountains.

In the 1960's, when Veva's three sons were young, she began studying botany as a hobby. As her self-taught expertise grew, she volunteered for the Forest Service and from 1975 to 1989, helped with surveys of native plants in the Siskiyou Mountain back country. She regularly sent plant specimens to the OSU herbarium, corresponded with academic botanists about unusual finds, and provided plant lists for the Oregon Flora Atlas as a regional coordinator. Veva also worked on the botanical studies that lead to designation of the Bureau of Land Management's Hunter Creek Bog and North Fork Hunter Creek Areas of Critical Environmental Concern. Eventually, Veva held a botany position with the Forest Service's Gold Beach Ranger District.



Veva Stansell



Erigeron stanselliae
"Veva's erigeron"

In 1992, Veva received a national volunteer award for her years of service, presented by the Forest Service Chief in Washington, D.C.

In 1994, she received a state and national conservation award from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Veva was a Fellow of the Native Plant Society of Oregon and also served on that organization's board. She was a founding member of the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society in Curry County, where she instilled in her fellow members an appreciation for the unique native plants of our region. In 2011, Veva received the highest honor a botanist can receive when a small and lovely daisy, endemic only to the Signal Butte and Red Flat areas, was named *Erigeron stanselliae*, "Veva's erigeron," in recognition of her many contributions.

Veva held firm to the belief that we need to preserve the natural environment for the well-being of all future generations. She will be remembered for bringing awareness to the diverse and delicate ecosystems found in the Siskiyou Mountain range and inspiring many people to learn more and care more about nature.

Contributions in Veva's honor can be made to: Pistol River Friendship Hall (24252 Carpenterville Rd., Pistol River, OR 97444) or Kalmiopsis Audubon Society (P.O. Box 1265, Port Orford, OR 97465).

~ Ann Vileisis, President, Kalmiopsis Audubon Society

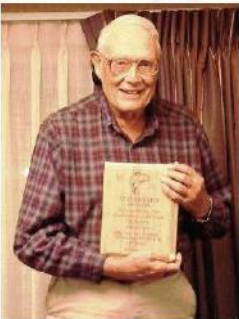
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Otis Swisher

Message Excerpt from Vince Zauskey

May 27, 2017 – My good friend and good friend to many of our long-time Rogue Valley Audubon Society members, Otis Swisher, has been recently diagnosed with a terminal illness. He is not expected to live much longer. Otis is currently under hospice care and being attended to by his family in Medford. Otis agreed he would like to receive notes. You may email him at: ghoti5@hotmail.com or send a note to his address at 2180 Poplar Dr. #322, Medford 97504. Don't expect a response to your emails. At his very specific request, please do not call him or ask to visit.

Otis was instrumental in the formation of Rogue Valley Audubon Society in the early 1970's. He led or assisted others on many field trips . . . around the Rogue Valley, the Klamath Basin, the coast . . . and . . . the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Otis documented his sightings meticulously and had records dating back prior to Rogue Valley chapter's formation. He served as Field Notes Editor and his bird sightings were regularly included in the Field Notes section of our newsletter. . . .



Otis Swisher
with plaque from
Rogue Fly Fishers

He banded and photographed hundreds of birds along Bear Creek and in our region. Many of Otis' slides with date, species and location of where the bird was observed or banded are now in the hands of Dr. Stewart Janes, SOU biology professor, and Dr. John Alexander, head of the Klamath Bird Observatory. . . .

Otis' knowledge of birds and his gentle manner of teaching his bird-skills to young and old is what set him apart for those who had the opportunity to know him and join him in the field. He enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others. I personally have many memories of field trips and bird outings with Otis, discussing sightings, sharing pictures with him and marveling at certain birds or events (such as the 50 Traill's Flycatchers, now named the Willow Flycatcher, captured in mist nests while Otis was banding birds along Bear Creek on September. 6, 1971).

Those who knew him throughout the years will miss Otis Swisher. ~Vince Zauskey

[Editor's Note: Searching for a picture of Otis Swisher, I found he has been more in his life than "just a birder," he was an important fisherman, too:]

"fredaevans 09-16-2003, 05:33 PM — Things you learn. Been sitting next to a grand old gentleman for the better part of a year at a monthly lunch group. To just say Otis Swisher is a local 'institution' in fly fishing would not give anywhere enough 'credit where credit is do.

So, we're passing around flies that folks have tied of late and "Otis" remarks to the effect that that particular tie looked like it would be a very effective "Otis Bug." Another fellow at the table remarked: 'you should know, they're named after you.' First of the flies happened as the New Age company sent Otis some new sample materials and he sent them back a few patterns he thought would be effective. The rest is history as this fly is the primary 'go to' pattern on much of the Rogue River system. /fae"

[And this:] "As of October 11th, 2009, Otis Swisher, 86, of Medford is my hero! I hope I still have enough guts to flip a boat in a rapid when I am 86 years old. A veteran river runner, he was one of the first to run through the newly created "Savage Rapids." The group of floaters were organized by the conservation group WaterWatch as a celebratory float on the free-flowing stretch of the river which had been blocked by the Savage Rapids Dam for 88 years.

Go Otis!!! Go Spawning Steelhead!!! — Posted by Bruce's Blog at Thursday, October 29, 2009

<http://castleboatworks.blogspot.com/2009/10/otis-swisher-86-of-medford-is-my-hero.html> "


Male Lazuli Bunting
perches on branch
Photo: Dave Menke
USF&WS



Pop Quiz Answer: Lazuli Bunting

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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.


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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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by Joy Taylor

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Date Book – June / Summer 2017

Sat. June 3: SFI Birds & Brews Festival at Deer Creek Center: Bird Walks at 8 a.m. & Kids' Nest Box Building

Wed. June 7: Rogue Valley Audubon First Wednesday Bird Walk at Agate Lake, 8:30 a.m.

Thurs. June 8: Siskiyou Audubon Society Pot Luck Picnic, 4 p.m. to Dusk

Fri. June 9: SFI Youth Birding (Fleming Middle School students) starting at 8:15 a.m.

Sat. June 17: SFI Class – Birding the Wood River by Canoe

Sat.-Sun. June 17-18: SAS Kids' Nest Box Building at the Antique Tractor Festival in Pottsville, near Merlin

Mon. - Wed. June 19-21: SFI Class: Butterflies & Moths of the Siskiyou

Sat. July 1: SAS Kids' Nest Box Building at Valley of the Rogue State Park, 9:15 a.m.

Wed. Aug. 16: SAS Board of Directors Meeting 11 a.m. at Hicks home.

Save these Dates for September Events:

Thurs. Sept. 14: SAS Chapter Meeting, 6 p.m. at Grants Pass High School Room 400

Fri.-Sun. Sept. 15-17: Oregon Birding Association Annual Meeting at Malheur Field Station



Pine Siskin
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