



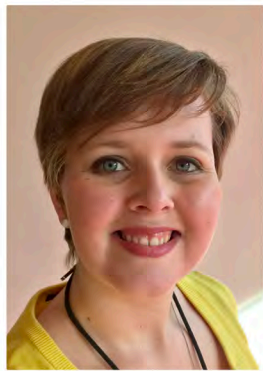
OSU BIRD NERDS

ANNUAL REPORT
2016 / 2017 ACADEMIC YEAR



My Fellow Bird Nerd Members and Associates,

I'm happy to introduce our second annual Bird Nerds Annual Report. OSU Bird Nerds have been incredibly productive this year! I hope you all will enjoy reading this year's report and learning about the wonderful memories we created.



Noelle Moen

This academic year, our club raised almost \$6,800 through fundraising events such as our Birdathon and generous grants from donors such as the ER Jackman Friends and Alumni, OSU Alumni Association, and the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Because we were so successful in raising these funds we were able to provide numerous activities, field trips, and professional development opportunities for our OSU student members and our local community. In addition, some of our funds will allow us to continue to provide these opportunities moving into the future

We would like to thank all of you who contributed to our club. OSU Bird Nerds would not have been able to accomplish so much without the help from our members, officers, community members, as well as from partners and donors such as the Audubon Society of Corvallis, East Cascades Audubon Society, Oregon State Alumni Association, E.R. Jackman Friends and Alumni, Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Oregon 2020 Project, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University. Your contributions have truly helped elevate our club and the activities we are able to provide to the student body at OSU.

It has been a privilege to serve as President of the OSU Bird Nerds for the past two years. I will now be retiring from my position and allowing our new President, Lorraine (Mamo) Waianuhea, to take over. This club has truly helped my growth as a person and has created a warm welcoming community that I will miss greatly.

Again, I would like to thank you all for your generous support and for making my time as President a fantastic experience.

Cheers,

Noelle Moen
President, OSU Bird Nerds

Northern Fulmar on 2017 Bird Nerds Pelagic Trip
photo by Peter Kappes



November Central Oregon Coast Birding Trip -- by Mamo W.



Greater Sage-Grouse on lek, photo by Jesse A. Laney



Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel -- by Peter Kappes



Common Yellowthroat -- by Mamo Waianuhea



Undergraduates monitoring Greater Sage-Grouse leks during our 2017 Spring Field Trip -- by Jesse A. Laney



Above: Horned Lark at Hart Mtn. NAR -- by Jesse A. Laney
Below: Tree Climbing Workshop Participants -- by Mamo W.



Birding Activities & Avian Surveys



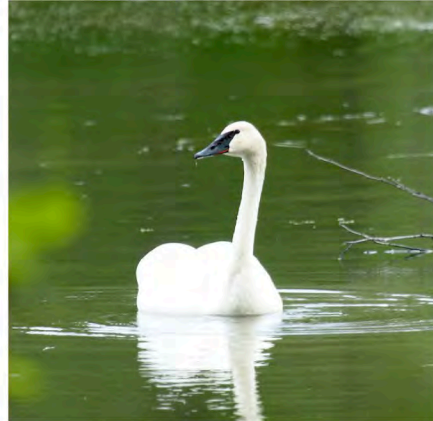
Bird Nerds at the Alvord Desert in SE Oregon during our 2017 Spring Field Trip -- by Jesse A. Laney



Chintimini Wildlife Center Raptor Ambassadors at our first meeting of the academic year -- by Jesse Laney



Above left: Great Horned Owl during our 2017 Spring Field Trip -- by Jesse A. Laney



Above right: Trumpeter Swan found the 2017 OSU Bird Nerds Birdathon -- by Peter Kappes



Above left: Bewick's Wren -- by Mamo Waianuhe.

Below left: Black-footed Albatross -- by Urs Kormann.



Above right: Pelagic Trip -- by Kailyn Gunther
Petroglyph Lake -- by Marie-Morgane Rouyer



10/22/2016 - Beginning birdwatch - Bird Nerds officers lead a 1-hour walk for beginner birdwatchers on Campus Way near the OSU campus. Participants were taught how to identify common, local species by sight and by ear.

11/12/2016 - South Beach Overnight Birding Trip - Bird Nerds members had an overnight birding adventure and spent the night in one of South Beach State Park's yurts. Student members were introduced to techniques for sea-watching and coastal bird identification.

11/19/2016 - Beginning Birdwatch - morning walk at Avery Park and evening walk at Campus way

11/27/2016 - Winter Raptor Survey - Bird Nerds conducted monthly raptor surveys on the central Benton county route of the East Cascades Audubon Society Winter Raptor Survey Project November-February.

12/14/2016 - Tangent Christmas Bird Count - Bird Nerds helped plan and coordinate the 2nd official Tangent Christmas Bird Count. Members then participated in the Tangent CBC.

12/28/2016 - Winter Raptor Survey

01/16/2017 - Audubon Society Climate Watch White-breasted Nuthatch Surveys - Bird Nerds conducted avian point count surveys in oak savanna habitat for White-breasted Nuthatches in the Willamette Valley.

01/22/2017 - Winter Raptor Survey

02/01/2017 - Beginning Birdwatch - morning walk at Avery Park and evening walk at Campus way

02/26/2017 - Winter Raptor Survey

March 2017 - Oregon 2020 Owl Surveys - Bird Nerds volunteers conducted owl surveys on various dates throughout the month of March. Surveys were conducted using auditory playback techniques in survey squares located near Corvallis Oregon.

02/29/2016 - Winter Raptor Survey

03/11/2017 - Day trip to Ankeny NWR- OSU Bird Nerds met members from our sister club at Western Oregon University, the Bearcat Bird Nerds, for a day of birding.

03/24-28/2017 - OSU Bird Nerds / OSU Fish & Wildlife Club Collaborative Spring Field Trip: 9 student members of the OSU Bird Nerds and OSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club took part in this six-day field trip to Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, and the surrounding region. It was made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society. Students monitored Greater Sage-Grouse leks on Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge for USFWS along with volunteers from the Board of Directors of the Friends of Hart Mountain. Upon leaving Hart Mountain, student participated in an electrofishing workshop in Bridge Creek on Malheur National Wildlife Refuge with ODFW Assistant District Fisheries Biologist, Ben Ramirez.

05/20/2017 - Pelagic Birding Trip - Undergraduates, graduates, and post-docs spent the day on a pelagic tour off the Oregon coast, learning how to identify seabirds that are only usually encountered far offshore. Species included Black-footed Albatross, Fork-tailed Storm Petrel, Northern Fulmar, and Sabine's Gull.

Red-tailed Hawk on Winter Raptor Survey photo by Mamo Waianuhe

Monthly Meeting Guest Speakers

10/12/2016 - Chintimini Wildlife Center - The Chintimini Wildlife Center brought their Raptor Ambassadors to discuss conservation issues surrounding raptor species and impacts humans can have on their habitat.

11/09/2016 - Hankyu Kim - Hankyu Kim, graduate student at Oregon State University (OSU), discussed his research experience with penguins in Antarctica and forest owls in Korea.

01/18/2017 - Tyler Hallman & Jenna Curtis- Tyler Hallman and Jenna Curtis graduate students at OSU and leaders of the Oregon2020 Project (a benchmark survey of Oregon's birds) presented early results of the Oregon2020 Project, current coverage, future goals of the study, and opportunities for Bird Nerds to get involved in the 2017 field season.

02/01/2017 - Dr. Joan Hagar - Joan Hagar, USGS Wildlife Research Wildlife Biologist and Courtesy Faculty at OSU, spoke about her research on the important role of disturbance in creating habitat for birds.

04/12/2016 - Dr. Don Lyons - Dr. Don Lyons, Assistant Professor, Senior Researcher, and Instructor in the Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife at OSU, discussed several of his current, ongoing research projects related to avian ecology, conservation biology, and telemetry on the coast.

05/31/2017 - Spring Break Trip Presentation - Release of our Annual Report and a presentation about the 2017 Collaborative Spring Field Trip with the OSU FW Club.

Awards and Grants

1st Place David L. Adams Apple Award - Best Radio Promo
The radio promo was heard on KBVR-FM

E. R. Jackman Friends and Alumni Funding

OSU Alumni Association Funding

Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society Grant Program

2016/2017 Bird Nerds Birdathon

The annual Birdathon is the largest fundraiser organized by Bird Nerds. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds are donated to charity and the remainder is used by Bird Nerds to fund excursions and activities at little to no cost of club members. Participants form teams, collect donations and pledges, and compete with one another to see the greatest number of species and raise the most money. There were seven teams this year who combined saw over 165 species in Oregon and 130 species in Illinois. In total, \$2,264 was raised and \$565 was donated to the Oregon Coast Aquarium for their education and conservation programs. Bird Nerds sincerely thanks our birdathon participants and especially our generous birdathon sponsors. Thank you so much for supporting Bird Nerds!

Christopher&Catherine Matthews

Ron Stokes

Nancy Allen

Susie Dunham

Bruce Dugger

Tom McDonnell

Will Wright & Kim Nelson

Kevin Ahern

Mike Gillespie

Jim Fairchild

Bartling/Rosteck Family

Jim & Donna Onstott

Guy Hallman

Karen Lichter

Janie Smith

Alan Contreras

Sue Haig

Bill Love

Dan Edge

Tyler Hallman

Betty Onstott

Pat & Dee Mooney

Liana Honda

Tom Lum

Megan Okonski

Nina Karnovsky

Will Stokes

Alan Laney

Phil & Jeanne Onstott

Amy Lepard

Bill Probesting

Khiem Lam

Jim Rivers

Sophie Pierszalowski

Peter Konstantinidis

Lindsey Thurman

Cody Smith

Teri Engbring

Ross's Geese
photo by Jesse A. Laney

Community Outreach and Workshops

12/03/2016 - Hesthavn Nature Restoration Work Party - Bird Nerds members helped remove invasive species at the Audubon Society of Corvallis Hesthavn Nature Center. Hesthavn Nature Center functions as a museum for wildlife specimens, educational facility, and meeting place.

01/21/2017 - Willamette Valley Bird Symposium - Bird Nerds volunteers assisted at the registration table and hosted our own information table during the symposium. Several current Bird Nerds officers, graduate student advisors, and past members served on the planning committee and presented during the symposium.

02/11/2017 - Bilingual Nature Walk - Bird Nerds officers and members helped identify birds during the Bilingual (Spanish/English) Nature Walk series at refuges within the Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

03/18/17 - Winter Wildlife Field Day at William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge - OSU Bird Nerds ran a birding ID station for kids, helped lead birding walks, and assisted at the event.

03/25/2017 - Bilingual Nature Walk

04/05/2017 - Coffee with Lisa Temple-Cox - Bird Nerds held an informal coffee meeting featuring a talk by museum artist Lisa Temple-Cox. Lisa discussed herself and the work she does.

04/08/2017 - Bilingual Nature Walk

04/15/2017 - Tree Climbing Workshop - Eric Forsman & Jimmy Swingle, lead researchers in Spotted Owls and Red Tree Voles, introduced the Bird Nerds to tree climbing methods in single rope and double-rope techniques. Most participants had no previous experience.

04/29/2017 - Mist Netting Workshop - Led by Joan Hagar and Josee Rousseau -The mist netting and banding workshop held at Hesthavn Nature Center, graciously provided by the Audubon Society of Corvallis, allowed participants to observe responsible mist netting and banding techniques and discuss the importance of banding for avian population research and monitoring.

05/17/2017 - Pelagic Bird ID Workshop – Led by Adrian Hinkle and Christopher Hinkle - Presented techniques for viewing and identifying pelagic and coastal bird species found off Oregon's coast.



Greater Sandhill Cranes -- by Jesse A. Laney

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