Klamath Basin Audubon Society

The Grebe

October/November 2015

TOGETHER GREEN, ACT TODAY, SHAPE TOMORROW

President's Message

Hi All!

Our September General Meeting was held at The Washington Federal Conference Building. I am happy to report we had a full house. Thank you, Washington Federal, for the use of the facility. We will be moving to our regular meeting time and to a new location, see details on page 2.

The speaker for the evening was Christopher Calojne. What a delightful enlightening presentation of Columbia. Christopher talked about the 5 regions in Columbia while showing pictures of some of the more than 1900 species living in each region. If you missed out check out his website www.columbiabirdwatch.com another website to investigate is www.columbiabirdfair.org. It was exciting to see some of our group enjoying one of his tours in the pictures.

Our vacant Board chair is now filled by our past president, by popular demand (my mentor), Molly Russell.

Thank you Molly. Three committee Chairs are still open: Membership, Education and Hospitality.

Some of the members of KBAS asked again "Who is this woman? My name is Sherry Pollock. I have resided at Tingley Lake Estates for 7 years (a short bird flight to the Tulelake Birding Refuge). It is such a pleasure to enjoy such a diverse birding experience in my own back yard. So, when my daughter asked what I wanted for my birthday …I said I wanted to join KBAS.

Currently, I am an administrative assistant trainee to Margaret Howard Director of Volunteer Services at Sky Lakes Medical Center.

I attend church at Klamath Christian Center, where I have volunteered for their Cares program to visit patients at the hospital.

My other titles include Daughter, Mom, Grandma, and Great Grandma. My children and family live close to Sacramento.

I am committing to doing the best I can for the next ten years. So, being a new kid I have a lot to learn.

Thank you for all you do.

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KBAS General Meetings

General meetings are back to second Thursday of the Month at new meeting place.

The next general meeting will be **October 8, 6:30 p.m.** at the Caldwell Banker Holman Premier Realty at 3815 S. 6th St. Ste.110 (across from Big Lots)

Welcome to the New KBAS/ National Members and Returning KBAS/National Members

New KBAS/National Members

Delores Casteel
Marin Peterson
Verna Long
Carmen Simmers
Janet Paxson
Nancy Smith
Jasper Strunk

KBAS/National Renewals:

Thomas & Kathy Essex
Cy & Beth Phillips
Charlotte Harbeson
Melissa Clinton
Maureen Dehlinger

Winter Wings Festival Update

by Diana Samuels

It's been a busy summer! We are in the process of finalizing the 2016 program. Look for new keynoters James Currie (host of the Birding Adventures TV show), Stephen Johnson (Canon Explorer of Light), a new raptor family performance in the OIT auditorium, and Gary Ivey (crane and swan expert), to name a few. We have two new destinations lined up with private landowners at Miller Island and along Highway 140 and are doing two Klamath Marsh Owl Prowls this year. Watch for program updates in November at www.WinterWingsFest.org and registration to open in early December.

Fisher Nicholson Realty is returning for the third year as our Title Sponsor - please extend your thanks to any of their agents and support them with your real estate transactions! The Klamath City Schools are returning in their role as bus vendor. We have applied for a major Klamath County Tourism grant to help with the television show underwriting and other marketing. Save the Postcards have been designed and will be mailed primarily to out-of-towners. Most of the key volunteers are returning to reprise their roles.

We are updating the Saturday children activities program upstairs at the OIT College Union. If you have ideas for hands-on activities, please contact Jim Rooks at 541-851-0209.

Several volunteer assignments are open. Please contact Diana Samuels 850-5832 or Anne Wenner at 882-1219 if you are interested in helping plan and organize the festival.

WINTER WINGS FESTIVAL

Winter Wings Festival is Presidents' Day Weekend, February 11-14, 2016. Look for more information on the 2016 Winter Wings Festival in the next issue of the Grebe and at www.winterwingfest.org



Klamath Basin Bird News Information

Klamath Basin Bird News [KBBN] Reminder: Klamath Basin Bird News is an informal email network (a mailing list) of over 100 bird enthusiasts in the Basin and elsewhere. You can learn more about the group at its web site https://sites.google.com/site/klamathbasinbirdnews, and it is linked from the "Birds" section of the KBAS web site. Please participate! Sign up online or contact Dave Hewitt at dhewitt37@gmail.com

Columbia Birding Program

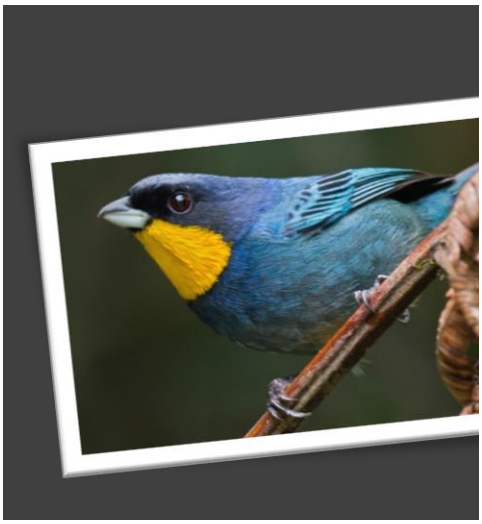
By Diana Samuels

Chris Calonje did a fabulous job of introducing us to the diversity of Colombian birds and their habitats at the September meeting. He is also part of the team organizing the Colombia Birdfair and leads birding tours. Here is more information that Chris provided after the meeting including a discount opportunity on his upcoming tours.

Colombia Birdfair 2016

The idea for the Birdfair that was born four years ago came to fruition in February of 2015, and now we are preparing for the Colombia Birdfair 2016 which will be held in **Cali from March 11-13, 2016**. The second Birdfair celebrates the 30th anniversary of the publication of the first comprehensive guide to the birds of Colombia, "A Guide to the Birds of Colombia," by Steve L. Hilty and William L. Brown. This publication is of great importance to the ornithological movement in Colombia and the rest of South America, as it helped spark interest in the incredible diversity of birds in the area and soon became an essential tool for birders and scientists in Colombia and neighboring countries.

Additionally, we are celebrating the creation of the Mapalina Natural Reserve, established with the funds raised during the Colombia Birdfair 2015. Colombia Birdfair 2016 will provide an opportunity to celebrate our achievements in conservation and to encourage interest in birding and bird conservation in Colombia, the Land of Birds. We will have daily field trips to some of the best birding destinations in Colombia and a Birder's Bazar with opportunities to learn about conservation efforts in Colombia and worldwide and shopping for bird-related arts and crafts. We will also have workshops and of course our evening programs are accompanied by delectable Colombian cuisine and cultural events. Our website is at www.colombiabirdfair.org. Also, here is a link to the official Audubon website that talks about the Northern Colombia Birding trail http://www.northerncolombiabirdingtrail.com/ and a handout about the Northern Colombia Birding Trail. http://northerncolombiabirdingtrail.com/Audubon-Itinerary-Colombia-150709-print-singlepp.pdf.





Colombia Birding Tours

Chris serves as owner/leader of Colombia Birdwatch. He will be leading three Colombian birdwatching tours for small groups of eight in January, March, and July 2016. Fees are $4400 per person but Chris is offering 10% discount for Klamath Audubon members on any trip happening in 2016 which is booked within the next three months. For more information, contact Chris at chriscalonje@colombiabirdwatch.com or call 541-891-9394,

For more tours with his company see www.colombiabirdwatch.com. You can also book a custom tour for couples or small groups.





Field Trips

by Mary Ellen Sargent

Saturday, October 17
Upper Klamath Basin

Join Marshal Moser on a trip to find migrants travelling south in upper Klamath Basin. Meet at Hagelstein Park at 8:30 am. Tentative plans include the Wood River Valley for raptors, Williamson River Canyon for falcons, Collier Park and Spring Creek. Remember this is the change of seasons so bring weather gear, lunch, drinks, etc. End time around 2 p.m. Marshal can be contacted at 541.880.4629 or marshalmoser@gmail.com for any questions.

Saturday, November 7
Trip to Klamath Canyon

Join Virginia Bary on a walking trip (about 1 and ½ miles round trip) in the Klamath Canyon at Keno. Meet at 9 am at the USFWS office on California Ave. for carpooling/ caravanning. Low profile vehicles are discouraged. Expect to see the last of the summer species and most of the winter species. Bring weather gear, drinks, and snacks for this AM only trip. Contact Virginia at Virginia.bary@yahoo.com for any questions.

Saturday, November 14
Klamath Reclamation Project

Birding the Klamath reclamation Project Key locations. Join Todd Kepple, Klamath Museum Director, on a tour of the diversion dams, irrigation facilities and restoration projects as he explains impacts of water alternations and view the birds in each area. Meet 9 am at the USFWS office on California Ave. for carpooling.

Saturday, December 19
Klamath Falls Christmas Bird Count

The Klamath Falls Christmas Bird Count (CBC) takes place! Join a team to either walk, ride or a combo in one of the 7 count areas. It's a fun activity for the cold winter of December. Contact Kevin Spencer at rriparia@charter.net for more details. Post count activities include a pot luck and compiling of all the species seen.

Sunday, January 3, 2016
The Tule Lake CBC Challenge

The Tule Lake CBC challenge takes place! Join a team to check out the winter species. There is a potluck dinner and compilation afterwards. Contact Kevin Spencer at rriparia@charter.net for more details

February 20, 2016
Post Winter Wings trip

Join Rick Hardy for a post-WWF trip to find many of the outstanding species reported during WWF. More details to follow.

Late April, 2016
Shorebird Jamboree

Join Kevin Spencer as he leads us on a trip around the Basin to catch the migrating shorebird action. More details to follow.

Early May, 2016
Eagle Ridge

Join Molly Russell for a trip to Eagle Ridge to find migrants, including warblers and shorebirds and early nesters. More details to follow.

Late July, 2016
Canoe/Kayak Trip on Williamson

Join Heather Hendrixson of The Nature Conservancy on a canoe/kayak trip on the Williamson River at the delta and around the near shores of Agency Lake, especially Goose Bay. Lots of nesters (think: baby grebes on parent's backs) will be around.





For all field information

Contact: **Mary Ellen Sargent**
Field Trip Chair

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to register, ask questions, have suggestions or can lead a field trip. **NOTE:** Please check the KBAS website for updates on additional field trip information:

www.klamathaudubon.org



Upcoming Programs

by Darrel Samuels

Picnic Saturday, August 8

by Mary Ellen Sargent

Many thanks to Jean and Al Van Hulzen for the great picnic enjoyed by many members and guests! Not only was the food great, but the atmosphere (all the birds!) was wonderful. Jean probably has one of the birdies backyards in the Basin and each year she and Al add more features to attract our feathered friends.

Williamson River Saturday, September 12

by Mary Ellen Sargent

Heather Hendrixson of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) led participants to a new area of the Williamson River property an oxbow on Goose Bay. Other stops at the property followed, netting over 60 species for the morning. TNC is breaching the levee near the river boat ramp to restore more natural habitat so this should provide more varied birding in the future. See upcoming field trips.





Dick Ashford Thursday, October 8

Our October 8 program meeting will feature raptor enthusiast **Dick Ashford** from Ashland. Dick is a veteran of several Winter Wings Festivals where his presentations on hawks and his field trips always receive rave reviews. He has lead frequent hawk-watching outings in both California and Oregon. Dick's credentials include: past Board President if the Klamath Bird Observatory, past Chair of the American Birding Association, former Mayor of Sonoma, California. Dick's presentation will help us examine the natural history of these fascinating creatures, including the hunting behavior, courtship, and adaptations for survival of hawks, eagles, and falcons.



Todd Kepple Thursday, November 12

No resource in the Klamath Basin is more precious (or contentious) than water. Of critical importance to both humans and wildlife, water is the key focus in the continuing dialog of agriculture, politics, and wildlife management. Our November 12 meeting will feature Klamath County Museum Director **Todd Kepple** who will provide an historical background to our current water issues. Starting with the arrival of European-Americans in the 1800's, Todd will trace the effects humans have had on the environment of the Klamath Basin and what efforts have been made to mitigate the impacts.

Note: On Saturday, November 14, Todd will lead a field trip to several key locations in the Klamath Water Project, including diversion dams, irrigation facilities, and restoration projects.

Central Valley Birding Symposium

by Linda Pittman, CVBS

The Central Valley Bird Club will be hosting the 19th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium Nov. 19-22, 2015 at the Stockton Hilton Hotel in Stockton, CA. Please come and help us kick off this year's CVBS! Come meet the CVBS board & staff members! Reconnect with old friends! Meet new ones! Take advantage of the scrumptious Hors D'oeuvres buffet & No Host Bar on Thursday night.

Thursday Night's Keynote speakers are Ed Harper & Ed Pandolfino presenting a program on "**A Central Valley Year of Sights & Sounds".** The CVBS gets off to a supercharged start with this lively and informative presentation. Both Eds are widely known, popular and highly sought after speakers.

Friday Night's keynote program is presented by Steve N.G. Howell on **"Shift Happens: Rare {Vagrant} Birds in North America."** Steve is an acclaimed field ornithologist & prolific Writer. He is an international bird tour leader with WINGS and a Research Associate at Point Blue Conservation Science (formerly PRBO).

Saturday Night's keynote program is presented by Kate Marianchild on **"Our Magnificent Valley Oaks; Hubs of their Habitats."** Kate Marianchild is a naturalist, birder, and author of the best-selling Secrets of the Oak Woodlands: Plants, and Animals among California's Oaks.

Workshops include: "**Birding: the 12-step Program--Bird ID explained** by Steve N.G. Howell, "**Shorebird ID Workshop**" by Jon Dunn, "**A Mini Tricolored Blackbird Symposium**", moderated by Dan Airola, and a photo workshop by Bob Steele. Plus, attend informative workshops by Philip Garone, Keith Hansen, Sal Salerno and Jim Burcio.

Our field trips always turn up exciting birds. Add in the always entertaining and educational Bird ID Panel, the wonderful display of art and gifts for yourself or others at the Birder's Market and the camaraderie of hundreds of like-minded folks, and you know you'll have a good time! There's something for everyone interested in birds. Come and join us to bird, learn, and just have fun!

To look over the line-up of speakers, workshops, and fieldtrips, check out our website at: http://www.cvbsreg.org

Registration: http://www.regonline.com/centralvalleybirdingsymposium2015

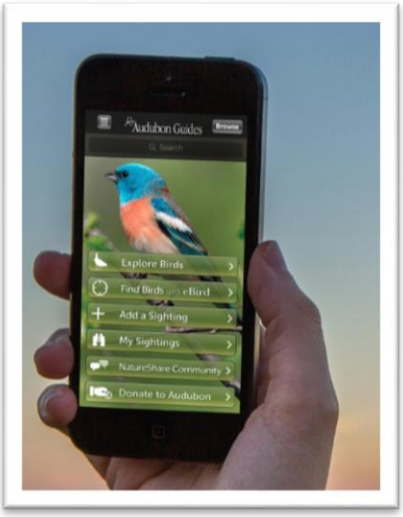
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The Board of Directors meets 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Chamber of Commerce offices, 205 Riverside, Klamath Falls. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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