



Newsletter of the Pendleton Bird Club

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## *Salem Audubon Rolls Out The Red Carpet*



**E**ight members of the Pendleton Bird Club left for Salem on May 3 for a fun-packed weekend of birding new areas and making new friends. Glen Lindeman, field trip leader for Salem Audubon, had done a fantastic job of planning and coordinating our entire weekend. We left early every morning and arrived home late every evening. Home was, of course, our motel and even a motel bed near the freeway was a welcome sight after our busy days.

Early Friday a.m. we visited Basket Slough, a National Wildlife Reserve near Dallas. Here we hiked the trail with several admonishes to stay out of the poison oak. Birding was lively with warblers, wrens, and finches entertaining us.

The Oregon Coast was spectacular on Friday—a rare sunny day with no wind! For us from Eastern Oregon, it was fun to see Surf Scoters, Black Oystercatchers, Pigeon Guillemots, Loons, and Whimbrels, to name a few. Thousands of Common Murres on the rocks at the Yaquina Lighthouse were a special treat.

Saturday morning found us sneaking up on a vocal, but not visible, American Bittern at Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge, with its lovely board walk through the wetland. We did see a Virginia Rail, a Red-breasted Sapsucker, a Hutton's Vireo, and dozens of warblers. The main attraction here was a Song Sparrow, yes, a Song Sparrow! This Song Sparrow is cinnamon in color, and they call it their Cinnamon Teal—Song Sparrow cross! With a breast a very cinnamon color, it is not east to identify it as a Song Sparrow, but its song gives it away as it was obviously protecting its territory.

Later on Saturday, we went to Finley National

Wildlife Reserve south of Corvallis where we were joined by several birders from Corvallis and Salem. A Yellow-breasted Chat put on a show, just to prove Chats don't always drop immediately into deep brush. On our trip back to Salem, we visited a park in Corvallis and saw several Acorn Woodpeckers, one using a nest hole.

Glen kept us moving with plenty of water and fruit plus great picnic lunches. Those of us who could still keep our eyes open attended a barbecue and enjoyed the birds and flowers of Glen's spacious (3 acres!) back yard. Then it was off to Silver Creek Falls for an Owl Prowl led by Oregon State Park's rangers. About 25 people followed through the dark trails listening for owls. We were finally rewarded with a calling Barred Owl, who persisted in calling long after we left his territory.

The trip home on Sunday, May 6, over Santiam Pass to Sisters was guided by several of the Salem birders. American Dipper, Harlequin Duck, nesting Barrow's Goldeneye, and a Calliope Hummingbird were among the bird treats. An especially good sighting of a White-headed Woodpecker made our day!

Those attending were Russ and Connie Betts, Tanya Harrison, Betty Klepper, Fern Oliver, Aaron Skirvin, and June and Duane Whitten.

*Contributed by June Whitten and Betty Klepper*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

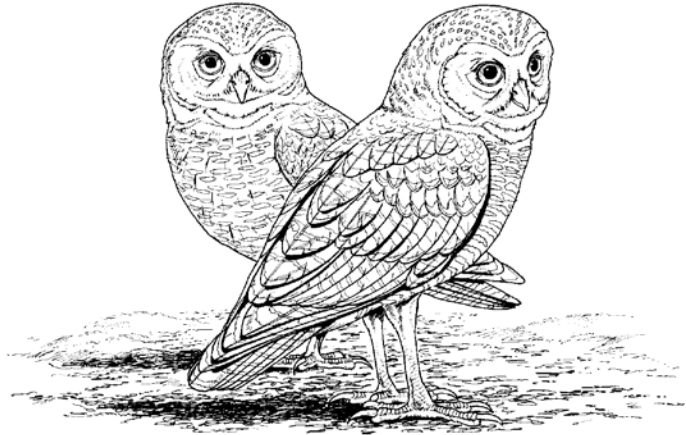
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