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October IN PERSON AND ZOOM Program

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Birds of Jackson County

With Nate Trimble

For many years, the “Birds of Jackson County: Distribution and Abundance” booklet has been a great resource for anyone looking to learn more about Jackson County's amazing bird life. It gives an overview of the county itself, its habitat types, birding hotspots, and a complete list of every bird detected in Jackson County on record along with the habitat type and time of year in which each species occurs. This document is updated every five years by a team of local experts affiliated with the Rogue Valley Audubon Society. Join us October 28 to hear from Nate Trimble, the lead for the 2025 edition to the booklet. Nate will discuss this year's updates, including new species added, changes to the habitat and hotspots of the county, and his process for scouring historical and online records searching for updated bird observations. This will be a fascinating look into the incredible diversity of bird life and habitat types in the county and how it has changed in recent years.



About the Speaker:

Nate Trimble has lived in Ashland for the last ten years, and has volunteered as a member of the RVAS Board of Directors and field trip coordinator, worked for the Klamath Bird Observatory, and taken part in several volunteer community science projects in the area. These days, Nate is a stay-at-home dad for a nature loving five-year-old, and is an educator at ScienceWorks Museum.

Location: Medford Congregational Church of Christ- Lidgate Hall, 1801 E. Jackson St., Medford
Time: 7:00 pm (coffee/tea/cookies will be served beginning at 6:30 pm)

Zoom instructions: The Zoom link will be posted on the Rogue Valley Audubon webpage the day of the meeting.

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Chapter Program meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month (unless otherwise noted), September through April, at 7:00 pm. Meetings take place at 1801 E. Jackson St., Medford, in Lidgate Hall of the Medford Congregational Church of Christ.

NOTE: Chapter programs are often available via Zoom. The Zoom link is posted the day of the meeting on the RVAS website.

Rogue Valley Audubon Society's Annual Holiday Party!

Save the Date!

When: Friday, December 5, 2025 at 6 PM

Where: MUCC Lidgate Hall (1801 E Jackson St, Medford, OR 97504)

We're planning another great seasonal gathering to celebrate a wonderful year of birding. Join fellow members for an evening of food, entertainment, and prizes!



Project Feeder Watch

By Mary Pat Power

Here we go again! On November 7, 2025 Project FeederWatch begins its 24th season at North Mountain Park in Ashland, and will continue through the winter. Over the years, this has become a favorite with new birders and "old timers". For the Saturday counts, which are open to the public, often a dozen or more eager souls will show up. RVAS volunteers coordinate data collection and help observers with bird identification. The Friday counts are done by one or two RVAS observers, and are not advertised to the public. Bird feed for this event is provided by RVAS.

All the count data is sent to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, which runs the program along with Birds Canada. These data indicate how many individuals of which bird species visit feeders at thousands of locations across the continent each winter. Altogether, this information can be used to measure changes in the winter ranges and abundance of bird species over time.

The counts take place every other Friday and Saturday from 9 - 10 am. We're seeking volunteers to assist with this project. Children are welcome! If you can help out once or twice during the season, that would be great! Please contact me at marypat1010@gmail.com.

Status of upcoming events

Field trips: Denman Bird Walk - Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7

Chapter Meeting: Tues, Oct. 28 at 7pm

Project FeederWatch Begins: Nov. 7

Holiday Party: Dec. 5

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Hey Flock! It's time to renew your RVAS membership. You can print out and mail the form below, download and print this form on our website, or renew directly through our website. For the web options, go to: <https://www.roguevalleyaudubon.org/membership/>.



Rogue Valley Audubon Membership Application

Mail check to: Rogue Valley Audubon, P. O.Box 8597, Medford, OR 97501 or join online at www.roguevalleyaudubon.org using PayPal. Welcome to the flock. We are a dedicated group.

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Summer Field Notes 2025

By Frank Lospalluto

*Oh it gets so lonely
When you're walking
And the streets are full of strangers
All the news of home you read
More about the war
And the bloody changes
Oh will you take me as I am?
Will you take me as I am?
Will you?*

Joni Mitchell 'California' 1971

Field Notes will return with local sightings and local details next issue.

It has been a subdued and rather lackluster year in Jackson County this year. One notable highlight occurred in Josephine County when a KBO biologist and nest-searcher found 2 or 3 AMERICAN RED-START juveniles along the Rogue River



American Redstart
Credit: Frank Lospalluto

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on a project site. This species was reported multiple times in the state over the last couple of months.

I want to return to spring and the underwhelming migration. During the KBO field training for point-count surveyors, it was quite puzzling and noticeable (as this writer has been involved in these trainings for the last couple of decades). Apparently, this phenomenon was noted in much of Oregon. Brodie Cass Talbott of Oregon Bird Alliance in Portland wrote an informative blog post that I've linked here: <https://birdallianceoregon.org/blog/oregons-silent-spring/>

I encourage everyone to read it. Draw your own conclusions, but it is evident how climate change is more palpable in every passing minute.

Peace.

BIRDCENTRIC EVENTS FROM AROUND THE REGION

RVAS

First Wednesday Bird Walks: October 1, December 3, January 7

Join RVAS for our monthly outing to Denman Wildlife Area. Walks begin at 8:30 am and end before noon, and are led by Jim Hostick. The gate will be open from 8:00 - 8:20 am. Participants need to purchase an ODFW Area Parking Permit at the ODFW Office, Sportsman's Warehouse on Delta Waters and Highway 62 in Medford, or at Bi-Mart.

Directions to meeting spot: We will meet at the entrance off Agate Rd. between 1/4 and 1/2 mile past the fire station on the left side of the road. Coming out Table Rock Rd., turn right on Antelope Rd. and go to the light on Agate Rd. and turn left. The fire station will be on your left at the corner of Ave. G and Agate Rd. Go 1/4 to 1/2 mile past the fire station and the gate will be on your left. Coming out on Highway 62 to Antelope Rd., turn left and go to the next light. Turn right and continue to the gate on Agate Rd.

Klamath Bird Observatory

Good fire, oaks, habitat, and more! - educational hike at Lower Table Rock

Oak ecosystems of the Pacific Northwest are among the most biodiverse of their kind. These groves support hundreds of plant and animal species that depend on them for denning habitat and sustenance. But due to threats including conifer-crowding, climate and extreme fire, and conversion to other land use, oak ecosystems are in trouble. Did you know that some estimates suggest we've lost 50% or more of our historic oak ecosystems? KBO and The Klamath Siskiyou Oak Network invite you to join local oak experts at the Table Rocks for a free educational hike. Come learn about the ecocultural history of this landscape, explore past and current restoration efforts, and discover the benefits of prescribed fire in oak ecosystems. You'll also hear about other oak restoration projects happening throughout the Rogue River Valley and the importance of conserving this precious ecosystem. For important hike information and registration, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/good-fire-oaks-habitat-and-more-educational-hike-at-the-table-rocks-tickets-1677223583889>.

DATE: Tuesday, October 7th, 2025

TIME: 1 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Lower Table Rock Trailhead

COST: Free

Test Your Bird Brain at KBO's First-Ever Trivia Night!

Calling all bird lovers, trivia buffs, and fun-seekers - Klamath Bird Observatory is hosting its inaugural Bird Trivia Night, and you won't want to miss it! Whether you come solo or rally a team, this evening promises laughter, learning, and a little friendly competition. Impress your friends with your avian knowledge - or just come for the snacks and good vibes (plus prizes for the top three teams!). This is more than just a game night; it's a FUNdraiser supporting KBO's vital scientific research and educational programs. Your participation helps protect birds and their habitats while connecting people to nature through science. For more info and to register, visit: <https://klamathbird.org/callnote/21729/>.

DATE: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

TIME: 5:30 PM (social); 6:00-7:30 PM (trivia competition)

LOCATION: KBO Office, 2425 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland, Oregon

COST: \$20 per person (includes snacks, non-alcoholic drinks, and entry into prize drawings!)

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Orange-crowned Warbler
Credit: Frank Lospalluto


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