



The CHATTER May 2021

Volunteers Needed for ECAS Operations

ECAS runs on the strength of our volunteers. Our projects, committees, programs, field trips and special events only happen because of our enthusiastic volunteers. Our members are passionate about enjoying and learning about our wild birds, and interest in helping has never been stronger.

We need a **Volunteer Coordinator** to match volunteers with ways to get involved. This is a volunteer position for a volunteer coordinator and the expectation for time commitment is flexible. Basic computer knowledge including using spreadsheets is helpful skills. Contact: Jenny or Miriam at ecaudubon@gmail.com

ECAS also would like volunteers to form a "**Social Media/Online Media Committee**". This committee would be responsible for our message getting out on Facebook and maintaining the web site. If we want to get involved in other social media outlets then this committee would be responsible for that, too. If you would be interested in helping with this you can leave a message at ecaudubon@gmail.com

Vicarious Birding

Since all ECAS-sponsored Birding activities are still curtailed, there are a couple of on-line sites that may provide some interesting viewing. The [Golden Eagle Cam](#) is live and there is one chick, Piper, who is growing rapidly thanks to the diligent parenting of Petra and Rocky. If the past is any indicator, the chick should be ready to fledge in June. ECAS sponsors this webcam and [donations](#) to support the streaming fees are gratefully accepted.

Another on-line viewing opportunity, located 30 miles east of Bend, is provided by the only active Greater Sage-grouse Lek Cam in the US.

It is co-sponsored by the USFWS and the Nature Conservancy.

This is an early morning activity and even though the birds may be about through with their mating ritual, the sound of the desert is wonderful.

Here is the link:

<https://explore.org/livecams/zen-den/sage-grouse-lek-cam>

Bird Walk in Sunriver

Not an ECAS event, the Sunriver Nature Center sponsors a weekly Bird Walk led by ECAS Board president Tom Lawler. Pre-registration is required at this site snco.org/event/bird-walk-may-8/

Interested in Doing Bird Surveys?

Deschutes Land Trust is looking for birders to do bird surveys on two of their preserves. If you are interested, there are two trainings coming up to introduce you to their survey protocol- May 8 and May 12. Here are the links for more information:

5/8 Training: <https://www.deschuteslandtrust.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-events/5-8-21-bird-surveyor-training>

5/12 Training: <https://www.deschuteslandtrust.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-events/5-12-21-bird-surveyor-training>

Birders' Night

Birders' Night will be held on May 20, 7 PM via Zoom =>

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85054578267>

The program presentation will be Elevational Gradients in Birds and Nest-webs in the Eastern Cascades by Kurt Trzcinski and Stephen Shunk

A bird's range can be described by many factors, including latitude and elevation. Birds around the world have already started to adjust their ranges in response to climate change. We present information gathered from 50 point-count stations on the ranges of birds along a 5500 ft. (1700 m) elevational gradient in the Sisters Ranger District, from Lake Billy Chinook to the Tam MacArthur Rim. We are collecting more data on elevational ranges this year. We are also initiating a new study on nest-webs, which will quantify the interaction of species through the use of tree cavities. We will find woodpecker nests and monitor their use by secondary cavity nesters in

subsequent years. Previous work has demonstrated that a large community of secondary cavity nesters are supported by the cavities created by woodpeckers. We aim to quantify these interrelationships for our region. We discuss options for local birders to participate in the nest reporting part of this study.

About our Presenters: Kurt Trzcinski conducts ecological and environmental research into the effects of human activities on biodiversity and ecosystem function. He is the principal of Trzcinski Consulting and a Professor at the University of British Columbia. Steve Shunk is an accomplished professional naturalist and the principal of Paradise Birding in Sisters Oregon. The project they are working on is sponsored by Professor Matt Orr of OSU-Cascades.

Thanks to Gordon Wetzel, Birders' Night organizer, this popular program has been successfully delivered via Zoom for the past several months. If you have any suggestions for upcoming programs, Contact [Gordon](#).

Malheur Volunteers Needed

The Friends of Malheur NWR have re-opened the Nature Store at Refuge HQ and are in need of

volunteers. Their needs are greatest in May, June, and July and it is best to have full month commitments from individuals. If you are interested contact

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ARE YOU READY TO VOLUNTEER?

The Crane's Nest Nature Store at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge is open and could use your help!

VOLUNTEERS MUST:

- Have an RV/Camper
- Be 2 weeks post full vaccination

Email Janelle Today!
Director@malheurfriends.org

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GOOD BIRDING!

