



The CHATTER June 2021

ECAS Activities Resuming in the Next Few Months

At the June 1 ECAS Board meeting, development of field trips beginning August 2021 was approved. Duration of trips, distance, ride sharing, and group size will be planned according to county level CDC guidelines at the time of the trip. Trip waivers will be revised accordingly, and registration will be through Member Planet. Field trip opportunities are being planned for late summer and early fall. Interested in leading a field trip? Contact Mary Shivell at mvshivell@gmail.com. Watch for announcements in the Chatter, the Calliope and emails from Member Planet for information about events, field trips and activities.

The High Desert Museum is looking for narrators for their popular summer program "Raptors of the Desert Sky." ECAS folks with an interest in birds of prey and the High Desert region might find this opportunity a perfect fit. Volunteers are needed on Thursdays and Saturdays. For more information contact:



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Woodpecker Nest Site Locations Wanted

You can participate in a science project in your big backyard by finding woodpecker nests currently being used in the Sisters Ranger District of Deschutes National Forest. Kurt Trzcinski and Steve Shunk talked about their project at the May Birders' Night program. You can view this program on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/cyl-pHAiakk>.

You can help by letting Kurt or Steve know the location of any woodpecker nests you spot while birding in the SR District. **The location of nests you tell them about will remain private and will be used only for the research project.** ECAS is a major supporter of this project through the Laughrige Grant program. Other supporters include Oregon Birding Association, OSU-Cascades, and the US Forest Service.

What They Need:

The most important information you can provide is the location of nests. They will revisit the locations you report several times in the next few months to make detailed observations of breeding behavior. Thus, when you spot a nest, or possible nest, **TAKE A PICTURE WITH YOUR PHONE!** Email Kurt or Steve the picture, along with information about how to contact you and how to find the tree, including nearest road or trail and of course GPS coordinates.

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Birders' Night

Jim Anderson will tell us tales about Golden Eagles at Birders Night June 17, 7 PM via Zoom.

Jim Anderson is a familiar character in Bend. He has been featured in OPB's Oregon Trail Guide. Jim has been writing a nature column for The Nugget Newspaper in Sisters and The Source of Bend for several years. He is also the author of a book, "Tales from a Northwest Naturalist".

Jim has been studying and banding raptors in Central Oregon for over 50 years, specializing in Golden Eagles, Osprey, Ferruginous hawks and American Kestrel. Zoom into Birders Night for an entertaining talk on our favorite raptor. Just click this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88574667303>.

Bird Walk in Sunriver

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

Wildflower Show & Pollinator Festival

Join Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory and the High Desert Chapter of the Native Plant Society to celebrate the diversity of wildflowers in Oregon and the pollinators who love them on Saturday, June 26, 2021, 9am – 3pm. For more information and to reserve your tickets, visit:

www.snco.org/wildflower



GOOD BIRDING!

