



East Cascades Audubon Society

2011 Annual Report

Our mission: The East Cascades Audubon Society is organized for the charitable, educational, and scientific purpose of bird study and conservation through engaging the public in volunteer field studies, through educational programs, and by supporting projects that further the knowledge and appreciation of birds and their habitats.

This passion for birds and birding fuels the East Cascades Audubon Society to take action, inspire others and engage in projects that promote a better understanding of the natural world. We believe that our actions and activities can make a difference in our community and our world.

From the President

To all East Cascades Audubon Society Members and our friends:

This annual report provides a year-in-review of the chapter's 2011 projects, programs and finances. After 2010's time of transition, last year saw the completion of ECAS's goal of updating administrative processes and accountability to become a solid, transparent non-profit organization working to meet the objectives of our chapter. Procedures regarding annual project proposals and reporting, expense reimbursement, policy position approval, and organizational legal requirements were written and adopted. Budgetary accounting was implemented to provide a clear method of tracking expenditures in the administrative and program areas. **A financial report can be found at the end of this document.**

I would like to thank the many people who contributed time and energy making this past year one of success and completion. I especially would like to thank Damian Fagan for his leadership as President and out-going Board member Liz O'Connell for her service. I look forward to leading in this current year and am always cognizant that it is the work of many that makes it easy to do the work of one. I anticipate a year of continued ECAS leadership, being a strong voice for birds and birders in Central Oregon and our region.

For the birds,

Sherrie Pierce

Focus on the Mission

Members and supporters contributed time, energy and enthusiasm towards fulfilling our goals of engaging in science-based projects, supporting educational activities, and working on habitat enhancement projects. Individuals made a difference through their commitment to conservation and with sharing a passion for birding with others in the community. ECAS members also support a Green Policy of recycling, carpooling and reducing paper waste.

Membership in ECAS; we have more than 400 members combining our local chapter and National Audubon Society. Outreach to new local membership is ongoing through contact in the community, publicity and partnerships throughout the region.

Over 6000 volunteer hours were logged in 2011. With big counts of folks on the Spring and Fall NAMC's and the Winter Raptor Surveys, **over 500 volunteers** reported time spent on event and program support, conducting bird surveys, leading field trips, monitoring nest boxes, and improving habitat.



Science and Conservation Projects

- **Lewis's Woodpecker Nest Boxes** – continued success in helping this species have a stable nesting area
- **Winter Raptor Surveys** – this state-wide project continues to gather important data and this year expanded into Idaho
- **Green Ridge Raptor Migration** – continued data gathering
- **Glaze Meadow** - collaborative survey project
- **Camp Polk Meadow Survey** - avian surveys for Deschutes Land Trust in their restoration project
- **North American Migration Count (NAMC)** – Spring and Fall event that gathers bird migration data. Historical data has been computerized and provides an important information base
- **Kestrel Nest Boxes** – maintains boxes, coordinates banding, and reports data to Cornell Lab
- **Bluebird Nest Boxes** – monitoring of nesting birds and data gathering reported to Cornell Lab
- **Oregon Vaux's Swift Survey** – part of a state-wide effort to count Vaux Swifts and report data from Central Oregon
- **Summer Lake Shorebird Survey** – annual data collection of breeding shorebirds

- **Lake Abert IBA Coalition** – New ECAS partnership program to survey and gather data on bird migration and populations related to this unique ecosystem

Some other notable efforts and expenditures resulted in the following:

- ECAS partnered with the **North Fork John Day Council** on its Aspen Restoration Project, providing a matching grant of \$1000. if they receive additional funding.
- **Habitat Restoration** continues at Pumice Springs, Cabin Lake, Lower Bridge, and Calliope Crossing. Several work parties of volunteers put in many hours on these projects.
- An ECAS-funded **Malheur Information Kiosk** has been planned for birding information in Frenchglen
- In partnership with the City of Bend, a kiosk was designed and funded for **Hatfield sewer ponds**
- The Conservation Committee provided valuable research leading to position statements on various issues



Education and Events

Enjoyment and education are two key components for introducing birds and conservation to a wider audience. A variety of field trips, educational programs and community events continue to be part of the ECAS offerings to members and the general public. A number of volunteers make these programs possible.

Field trips include:

- **Wednesday Morning Birders** – mid-week outing
- **Birding by Ear** – Spring-time in Sawyer park
- **Seasonal weekend trips** to surrounding areas

Educational programs:

- **Birding for Preschoolers** – Monday morning in Drake Park
- **Fledgling Fun** – once a month after school program for k-6th
- **School requested visits** and information
- **Birder's Night** – third Thursday for all
- **Eagle Watch** – two day event at Lake Billy Chinook overlook
- **Earth Day** – fun and information as part of the community celebration

Community Events:

- **Bird-a-Fun** is a fund-raising event, challenging local birding teams to find the most species in a 24 hour period. Funds raised are dedicated to educational programs. After a brief hiatus in 2011, 2012 will return with a vengeance.

- ECAS staffed an informational table at the opening of **"The Big Year"** at Regal Cinemas. Wild Birds Unlimited donated prizes for a drawing and many folks stopped by to talk to volunteers about birds and our organization.
- **Project Inside::Out** was joined as part of the City of Bend's City Walls for City Hall Arts project. Look for additional information in 2012.

Keeping up with the digital age, ECAS created a **Facebook** page and invites those interested to become a "friend". There is a link on the website, ecaudubon.org. Also on the website visitors can link to a variety of resources and information, most notably the **Birding Trails of Oregon** developed and maintained by ECAS member Chuck Gates. Available at various community outlets, **Central Oregon Bird Checklists** are provided at no cost courtesy of ECAS.

A projector and laptop were purchased with funds obtained through a successful grant application to the Norcross Foundation

Two notable events marked 2011. The first was the ECAS-sponsored **WOODPECKER WEEKEND** held in June 2011. The event proved to be very popular with over 100 participants. Designed to be a fun time for all, local guides and volunteers made **WOWE** very successful both for birders and financially. Plans are underway for **WOWEII** to take place June 14 -17, 2012.

The other undertaking was the always popular Annual Event and Silent Auction. Serving as the ECAS yearly business meeting and election of officers, over 200 people attended, enjoying food and drink, entertainment by the Prairie Rockets, and a great birding program by Steve Kornfeld.



Black-backed Woodpeckers
GW Burn
6/27/11-53056
Kevin Smith photo



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2011 Financial Report- 1/1/2011 - 12/31/2011

ECAS 2011 ASSETS & LIABILITIES				
ASSETS			ASSETS JANUARY 1, 2011	ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2011
	BANK ACCOUNT		35636	35457
	CALVERT INVESTMENT FUNDS		103809	118130
	ENVIRO CTR LOAN		21528	17433
	MERCHANDISE INVENTORY		600	1202
	EQUIPMENT		0	1850
	BROCHURES		100	300
TOTAL ASSETS			161673	174372
LIABILITIES				
	LONG-TERM DEBT		0	0
	PAYABLES		0	3250
TOTAL LIABILITIES			0	3250
NET ASSETS			161673	171122

ECAS 2011 INCOME & EXPENSE				
INCOME	TYPE	CATEGORY	AMOUNT	TOTAL PER TYPE
	SPECIAL PURPOSE			
		National Audubon Society Grant- Lake Abert	1420	
		Norcross Wildlife Foundation Grant- Computer Equipment	1800	
				3220
	UNRESTRICTED			
		Annual Event	4423	
		Bank Interest	83	
		Bird-A-Fun	481	
		Donations	2450	
		Member Dues	5370	
		National Audubon Funding	1225	
		Merchandise Sales	706	
		Woodpecker Weekend	2520	
		Misc Income	410	
		Calvert Fund Interest	949	
		COEC Interest	1215	
				19832
				TOTAL INCOME 23052

EXPENSES						
	ADMINISTRATION					
		Accounting, Taxes, Filings	731			
		Advertising	250			
		Board Training & Meetings	805			
		Brochures & Cards	698			
		Enviro Ctr Membership	150			
		Insurance (2 years)	1979			
		Office supplies	419			
		Laptop Computer	856			
		Projector	849			
		Mailing Services, Postage	1450			
		Room Rentals	220			
		Web & Software	901			
		Misc. Expense	374			
				9682		
	FUNDRAISING					
		Annual Event Meeting	2152			
		Merchandise	342			
				2494		
	CONSERVATION					
		Hatfield Kiosk	100			
		French Glen Kiosk	1010			
		Misc. Projects	355			
				1465		
	EDUCATION					
		Birder's Night	734			
		Youth Education	1670			
		Adult Ed	345			
				2749		
	SCIENCE					
		Green Ridge Raptor Survey	557			
		Lake Abert Surveys	1281			
		Lewis Woodpeckers	689			
		Summer Lake Surveys	180			
		Winter Raptor Surveys	2011			
				4718		
					TOTAL EXPENSE	
					21108	
						NET CASH FLOW
						1944

