



The CHATTER December 2019

No Birder's Night in December. Do a Christmas Bird Count instead

Christmas Bird Count Information – Contact a compiler if you are interested. You don't need to be an expert birder to help out. You can be paired with someone more experienced and you will have a fun time birding a local area.

Here are the dates and compiler contacts for local counts:

Bend Sat, Dec 14 – Tom Crabtree – tc@empnet.com

Sisters Sunday, Dec 15 – Teresa Wicks – Teresa.Wicks@oregonstate.edu

Antone Monday, Dec 16 – Joel Gier clearwater@peak.org

Summer Lake, Tuesday Dec 17 – martin.j.stlouis@state.or.us

Madras Wednesday Dec 18 – Mike Golden – gardenbug99@bendbroadband.com

Tygh Valley Thursday December 19 – Joe Blowers josephblowers@gmail.com

Prineville Dec 31 – Chuck Gates = – cgates326@gmail.com

Redmond, Saturday Jan 4 – Mike Golden – gardenbug99@bendbroadband.com

A link to the complete state information can be found at oregonbirding.org/cbc/

Birder's Night will return January 16. TBA

Location: [The Environmental Center](#), 16 NW Kansas, Bend, Oregon 97701

Time: Social gathering time is from 6:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Programs begin at 7:00 p.m. and usually last until 8:30 p.m.

Save the Date for the next ECAS Field Trip!

WINTER BIRDING IN WALLOWA COUNTRY 2020

DATES : tentatively Jan 27 to 31 (can change due to road conditions)

SIZE LIMIT : 12 birders

Leader: Judy Meredith

**** Watch for email notification via Member Planet to ECAS members, to be announced in mid-December****

Contact the trip leader if the trip fills and you are interested in going if someone cancels

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you to all ECAS members who have accepted our "invite" to create their own password on our membership system, Member Planet. This will make it easier for ECAS to inform you about our special events and activities that occur during the year. If you haven't yet accepted our "invite" let us know and we'll resend it to you. We are approaching our 1 year anniversary using Member Planet and it has been a great asset to the Membership Committee as well as the Board of Directors and our program and project leaders. The Membership Committee will be on hand at Birder's Nights throughout the year to answer questions you might have about Member Planet and help you with problems you might have had setting up or accessing your profile in Member Planet.

Jan Rising

Liz Thill

Upcoming Bird Festivals

Winter Wings February 13-16, 2020

Winter Wings brings together birders and photographers of all stripes to learn and explore with top-notch professionals and enthusiastic local guides. The Klamath Basin is renowned for its winter raptors and its stunning abundance and diversity of waterfowl. In 2020 the festival will feature keynoters Rosemary Mosco, Gerrit Vyn, and Nathan Pieplow. Join us for an extensive array of field trips, workshops, presentations, and receptions. Registration Opens Dec. 7th 9 am PST

www.shwinterwingsfest.org/

Olympic Bird Fest April 17-19, 2020

Come bird with us and discover with others the spectacular landscapes of the Olympic Peninsula ...you just might go home with a new bird for your life list! Check out the offerings by going online (www.olympicbirdfest.org).

Precede your BirdFest weekend with a three-day, two night birding cruise of the spectacular San Juan Islands on April 14-16, 2020. Visit San Juan and Sucia Islands, and more. Stay at the historic Roche Harbor Resor

Extend your Birdfest weekend with the Neah Bay post-trip, April 19-21, 2020: two and one-half days exploring northwest coastal Washington, a region rarely seen by birders.

www.olympicbirdfest.org

Contact us by phone, at 360-681-4076,

E-mail us at info@olympicbirdfest.org,

Birding for Pre-schoolers

Meeting at 10:00 AM Monday mornings in Drake Park in Bend, this is a birding and nature walk geared towards preschoolers but all ages are welcome. Exploration, singing, finger plays, observation, learning, questioning...it's all part of a fun-filled hour. Meet near the middle of the park by the restrooms. Parent or responsible caretaker is required to accompany child. Come join us for the whole hour or feel free to leave early if necessary for your child's needs and interest. Contact [Mary Yanalcanlin](#), birdingfun@gmail.com if you have any questions

GOOD BIRDING!