



WILLAMETTE VALLEY BIRD SYMPOSIUM

The Willamette Valley Bird Symposium is an annual, day-long event bringing together professionals, students, and amateurs from the Willamette Valley and beyond to celebrate birds. This comes from a recognition that the scientific study and conservation of birds benefits from having shared conversations between members of these groups.

January 19, 2019

- 7:00–9:00** **Registration and coffee (Alumni Center Lobby)**
Coffee, fruit, and pastries will be provided! While waiting, we encourage you to peruse the raffle items, purchase raffle tickets, chat with researchers and fellow bird enthusiasts, and submit questions for the “Ask an Ornithologist” session!
- 9:00–9:15** **Introduction to the Willamette Valley Bird Symposium (Alumni Center Ballroom)**
Welcome from the WVBS Committee: LORELLE SHERMAN, M.S. Student, Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.
Welcome from OSU: DR. SELINA HEPPELL, Department Head, Professor of Fisheries, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.
Keynote speaker introduction: DR. JIM RIVERS, Assistant Professor, Senior Research, Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.
- 9:15–10:15** **Keynote presentation (Alumni Center Ballroom)**
Ornithology and Birding: An Unbroken Circle, by KENN KAUFMAN
- 10:15–10:45** **Coffee and live bird display from Chintimini Wildlife Center (Alumni Center Lobby)**
Sponsored by Audubon Society of Corvallis, Audubon Society of Lincoln City, Oregon Birding Association, Lane County Audubon Society, OSU Bird Nerds, OSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and OSU Graduate School.

10:45-12:00 Oral presentations - morning session (Alumni Center Ballroom)

- **10:45 - Try, try again: Re-nesting by Caspian Terns in the Columbia River Estuary**
OLIVIA BAILEY, M.S., *Oregon Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.*
- **11:00 - Make your eBirding count: The potential of eBird in fine-scale modeling**
DR. TYLER HALLMAN, *Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.*
- **11:15 - The story of stress: Linking the environment to populations**
ASHLEE MIKKELSEN, M.S. *Student, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.*
- **11:30 - Paradise lost, and found? Habitat selection of an endemic Hawaiian waterbird in a human-modified landscape**
CHRISTOPHER MALACHOWSKI, *Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.*
- **11:45 - A history of Oregon ornithology**
ALAN CONTRERAS, *Co-editor of Birds of Oregon and retired college evaluator, Eugene, OR.*
- **11:50 - The Willamette River-Rio Laja, Mexico Twinning Project and the Shared Migratory Bird Education Program**
TARA DAVIS, *Project Coordinator, Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation & Development Area, Corvallis, OR.*

12:00-13:15 Lunch and live bird display from Chintimini Wildlife Center (Alumni Center Lobby)
Avian research techniques (Alumni Center Foyer)

13:15-14:40 Oral presentations - afternoon session (Alumni Center Ballroom)

- **13:15 - Seabird restoration through introduced predator removal: The decline and recovery of the Pigeon Guillemots of Naked Island, Alaska**
SAM STARK, M.S. *Student, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.*
- **13:30 - How and why we attempt to capture one of the world's most intelligent birds**
LINDSEY PERRY, *Ph.D. Student, Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.*
- **13:45 - Environmental factors influencing the population of an endangered raptor of Southern Africa, the Black Harrier**
DR. MARIE-SOPHIE GARCIA-HERAS, *Research Associate Postdoc, Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.*
- **14:00 - The perks and pitfalls of life on an island: The ecology of the Puerto Rican birds of prey.**
DR. JULIO GALLARDO, *Research Associate, Acopian Center for Conservation Learning, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Kempton, PA.*

- **14:15 - Effects of wildfire and avian predator densities on summer habitat selection of female Sage-grouse in Oregon**
TERRAH OWENS, *M.S. Student, Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.*
- **14:30 - Inmates improve Greater Sage-grouse habitat**
STACY MOORE, *Ecological Education Program Director, Institute for Applied Ecology, Corvallis, OR.*
- **14:35 - New OSU bird banding station: A window on the birds at Luckiamute State Natural Area**
JOSÉE ROUSSEAU, *Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.*

14:40-15:00 Afternoon coffee break (Alumni Center Lobby)

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15:00-15:30 "Ask an Ornithologist" session (Alumni Center Ballroom). Panel includes:

DR. JOAN HAGAR, *Forest Ecologist, Affiliate Faculty (FES, FW), Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.*

DR. DAVID CRAIG, *Professor of Biology, Willamette University, Salem, OR.*

ALAN CONTRERAS ("*Infamous Curmudgeon*"), *co-editor of Birds of Oregon and retired college evaluator, Eugene, OR.*

DR. W. DOUGLAS ROBINSON, *Bob and Phyllis Mace Professor of Watchable Wildlife, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.*

15:30 Closing remarks and raffle drawing



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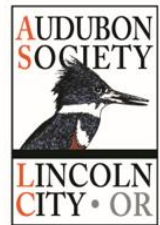
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The logo for the Willamette Valley Bird Symposium consists of a single flight feather of a Northern Spotted Owl, a species native to the Pacific Northwest that is illustrative of the importance of understanding and conserving birds. The logo was created by Jon Perry, an artist and science advocate who founded the website Stated Clearly (www.statedclearly.com) in 2012 to help the scientific community engage the public through animations that illustrate scientific concepts.