



Willamette Valley Bird Symposium

The Willamette Valley Bird Symposium is a day-long event that brings together professionals, students, and amateurs to celebrate birds. This comes from a recognition that the scientific study of birds and their conservation benefits from having shared conversations between members of these groups. All members of the symposium production team are volunteers who collectively donate hundreds of hours to make the symposium possible each year.

February 3, 2024

Doors open 8 am

9:00 Introduction to the Willamette Valley Bird Symposium

Welcome from the WVBS: RICHARD RICH, CARA CHRISTENSEN, Master's Students, Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences, Oregon State University

9:10 Plenary 1: "Building Bridges with Birds"

TYKEE JAMES, Co-founder, Amplify the Future, Buckeystown, Maryland

10:10-10:35 Break

Oral presentations, morning session

10:35 The Role of Mountains in Multidimensional Biodiversity of North America's Passerines

JESSE LANEY, PhD Candidate, Department of Integrative Biology, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon

10:50 Klamath Bird Observatory: Bird Conservation and Research in the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion and Beyond

SAMANTHA WEBB, Klamath Bird Observatory, Ashland, Oregon

11:05 Using Photography in Avian Conservation: A Tufted Puffin Case Study

CLARA OLIVERSON, Seabird Oceanography Lab, Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Sciences; OSU Bird Nerds, Oregon State University, Newport, Oregon

11:20 The Impacts of Drought on Overwintering Shorebirds in the Central Valley, California
KEN GLYNN, *PhD Student, Department of Integrative Biology, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon.*

11:35 The Earliest Early-Seral Bird: Restoring Nesting Habitat for Streaked Horned Lark
SCOTT HARRIS, *Institute for Applied Ecology, Corvallis, Oregon*

11:42 Lights Out OSU: A New Window Strike Initiative
JAYSHAUN TALBERT, *Department of Integrative Biology; OSU Bird Nerds, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon*

11:50 Local Author Spotlight
SARAH SWANSON
HARRY FULLER

12:00-1:15 Lunch

1:15 Plenary 2: “The Color of Birds: How the Power of Science Meets the Beauty of Birds”
GEOFF HILL, *William P. Molette Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama*

2:15-2:45 Oral presentations, afternoon session

2:15 Green Unburned Forests Hold Conservation Benefits for Fire-associated Birds in the Megafire Era
MARK KERSTENS, *PhD Student, Forest Animal Ecology Lab, College of Forestry, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon*

2:30 Avian Ensembles: Using Bioacoustics to Map Bird Biodiversity in the Pacific Northwest
ANNA KOHLBERG, *Master’s Student, Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Sciences, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon*

2:37 Nuthatch Neighborhoods: Searching for the Slender-bill’s Home Range Among the Oregon Oaks
DAVID CRAIG, *Professor of Biology, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon*

2:44 Quoth the Raven, “Partial Migration?”
RICHARD RICH, *Master’s Student, Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences, Oregon State University*

2:52-3:15 Break

3:15 Local Artist Spotlight

BEKAH ZEIMETZ
JASMINE WILLIAMSON

3:25 Panel Discussion: Answering Questions from the Audience

TYKEE JAMES, *Co-founder, Amplify the Future, Buckeystown, Maryland*

GEOFF HILL, *William P. Molette Professor, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama*

DAVID CRAIG, *Professor of Biology, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon*

BRODIE CASS TALBOTT, *Educator, Portland Audubon, Portland, Oregon*

4:10-4:30 Closing remarks and Raffle Giveaway

Closing remarks from the WVBS: KAYLA RUTH, PhD Candidate, Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon