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KBO at 10: A Partners In Flight Success Story

John Alexander, KBO Executive Director

The Partners in Flight international bird conservation initiative is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. As part of the celebration KBO joined with many national partners to co-sponsor the opening social reception at the Wildlife Management Institute's North American Wildlife Conference, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Attendees who actively address wildlife conservation issues, policies, research, and education at a national scale joined the celebration. As a host I felt honored to be a part of it, and proud that KBO, now celebrating 10 years of conservation science and education, is a recognized leader in Partners in Flight. We are a Partners in Flight success story as a result of our hard working and dedicated staff, guidance and support from our board of directors, generosity from our loyal members, and collaboration with our many diverse partners.

In August 2000, our founding board of directors met on the shore of the Upper Klamath Lake to chart KBO's course. At this inaugural meeting we built a foundation for our success, which is based on a culture revolving around the tenets of our mission—science, education and partnerships. We set as policy that KBO would use fair, unbiased science to inform the conservation process, thus providing insight into natural resource management challenges and related questions. From the start, recognizing a widening gap between science and management, we began using education approaches as a means to bridge that gap to reach the decision makers of today and tomorrow. Diverse partnerships have always been the key. These partnerships



John Alexander welcomes guests to the Partners in Flight 20th Anniversary celebration

begin with our hardworking staff and broaden with our board's dedication to our mission. Finally, our partnerships with individuals, governmental, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) ensure that our science is relevant and that it is used to address the conservation challenges of today, and tomorrow. Our multi-faceted partnership approach ultimately extends to members of the general public who are increasingly recognizing that birds serve as indicators of environmental health, and therefore our well-being, and are supporting the science of bird monitoring as a guide for better ecosystem stewardship.

There are numerous examples that demonstrate how KBO's approach to bird conservation serves as a Partners in Flight success story. We have published papers that align bird conservation with land management challenges, resulting in changes in management on the ground. Our work to understand the ecological effects of fire has resulted in the integration of

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ecological monitoring within the adaptive management process. This allows land managers to better gauge the effectiveness of ecological restoration efforts. KBO's efforts to promote education as an integral part of the conservation process has served as a model for Partners in Flight. Our commitment to education influenced Partners in Flight's reemphasis on education and to the Bird Education Alliance for Conservation's new role in coordinating national PIF education efforts.

In our tenth year, KBO enjoys continued growth and international recognition as a leader in bird conservation. Public support for KBO, which has been on the rise since our incorporation in 2000, commitment from our staff and board, and long-lasting partnerships all assure a future for KBO's efforts to advance bird and habitat conservation through science, education and partnerships.

Wings and Wine Gala
Saturday, September 25th



The Board's Wisdom: Synergy in the State of Jefferson

Dr. C.J. Ralph, Redwood Sciences Laboratory (RSL) and KBO Research Advisor

Folks have wondered... Why on earth is a federal research lab partnered intimately with KBO? We have had an exciting journey over the past 10 years. To make it quick: the U.S. Forest Service has been an integral part of the Klamath Bird Observatory since KBO's inception. This partnership stemmed from a field trip to the Upper Klamath Lake, rich with its possibilities as with its bird life. Since that meeting, we have nurtured the KBO / RSL relationship to its present mature and growing state.

Most people think of the Forest Service as Smokey Bear and having lots of land. The Research branch is actually a small branch of the Forest Service, made of up of many independent laboratories throughout the country. The Redwood Sciences Laboratory (RSL) in Arcata, California does most of its research in northern California and southern Oregon on both wildlife and watershed issues, with about 30 to 60 employees. The research of the Bird Monitoring Group at the lab has included innovative studies of the Spotted Owl, marine birds (especially the Marbled Murrelet), and of course landbirds. Along the way, in 1982 my wife, Carol, and I started the Humboldt Bay Bird Observatory (HBBO), which is set on our property within the Lanphere Dunes Unit, west of Arcata, part of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

Over the past 10 years and more, the RSL / KBO partnership has produced many publications and talks at scientific meetings. Most important to me is the trust and joy that comes from the regular interactions between the staffs of the two institutions, as well as chances to exchange personnel, and to gather for the joint training sessions and celebrations. Mostly, these take place at KBO's field stations on the beautiful and bird-rich Upper Klamath Lake or at HBBO in Arcata.

The benefits to KBO and to our joint research are many. Some funding opportunities are open to one and not the other, so that by working together we can complement our main mission of **getting, preserving, and making accessible high quality bird monitoring** information. This unique Federal and NGO partnership has fostered several monitoring networks both here and in Costa Rica. As a result, we have won awards from national and international organizations, and we can truly say that the whole is much greater than the sum of the parts! We look forward to many more years of productive collaboration.

Appointed by our board of directors as KBO's Research Advisor, Dr. Ralph is involved in advising all scientific aspects of KBO's operation. Dr. Ralph served as our first board president after helping to incorporate KBO.

Note from the Executive Director: KBO — A Family Culture

John Alexander, KBO Executive Director

Since KBO's start, I have been continually inspired by two things – the dedication of our staff, board and volunteers, and a growing support from our community. This spring we had a staff retreat and during one of our discussions each staff member shared ideas about KBO's culture. The words used by our staff to describe KBO's culture and values included: sense of family, teamwork, hard working, accomplishment driven, and learning environment. One staff member summed it up by saying "KBO culture is represented by a supportive family-like cooperation among collaborators. Our culture supports learning, career and personal development and choice. Within our mission we encourage our people to contribute to our progress, development and accomplishments."



KBO Staff & Interns: Top Row (Left to Right) Sherri Kies, Jaime Stephens, Carl Fitzjames, Robert Frey, Daniel Lee, Scott Clayman, Micah Yarbrough. Middle: Karen Hussey, Lisa Buttrey, Travis Hussey, Danni Morris, Daphne Swope, Nathalie Morales Garcia, Liz Williams, John Alexander. Bottom: Andres Henao Murillo, Catalina González Prieto, Diego García Olaechea. Not pictured: Annie Kilby, Becky McEmore.

I am deeply honored to work with all of the people who have committed themselves to KBO. I am so very proud that, while growing, we have maintained a positive and collaborative working environment and that our staff value teamwork and a family oriented culture. I believe that this is how we maintain excellence in science and education and why an investment in KBO is an investment in the people that make us successful in our mission to advance bird and habitat conservation.

As a staff we are always humbled by the generosity of our supporters. This year we will hold our 3rd annual Wings and Wine Gala. We all look forward to this event as an opportunity to celebrate the KBO family, which includes our partners and our supporters, and we hope to see you there!

Over One Million Birds: A Good Start For Conservation

Jaime Stephens, KBO Research and Monitoring Director

Over the last decade, KBO's dedicated science team has counted more than 800,000 birds and banded more than 300,000 birds! At KBO we measure our success in a variety of ways, and the collection of data each season is one of those benchmarks. On a typical field day during the 2010 breeding season we have had three field crews banding birds, four field technicians completing point counts, two interns monitoring songbird nests, and four field crews surveying aquatic birds. On average we are monitoring in excess of 1000 individual birds each day!



Jaime Stephens, KBO Research and Monitoring Director, setting up a study in Kelly Slough above Gold Ray Dam on the Rogue River. This spring KBO began a study to evaluate the effects of dam removal on the birds in this area.

In addition to our passion for field work, everyone at KBO is committed to the delivery of our science. The hundreds of thousands of birds that we have counted provide the foundation for analyses, reports, and manuscripts which have contributed substantially to

conservation in the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion! Although the bulk of our efforts have been in this region, we have also conducted research at more than 10,000 sites in Oregon, Washington, and California. These sites represent a diversity of birds and habitats, ranging from eastside shrubsteppe to wetlands, and serpentine forests to majestic redwoods. Through our work in a broad range of ecosystems, we inform conservation in our region, as well as contribute to westwide, continental, and international bird conservation efforts. KBO's successes are directly linked to the support from our members and partners who are dedicated to the science-based conservation of birds and their habitats. The staff at KBO are grateful for the diverse partners we have had the privilege to work with over the last 10 years.



KBO staff, interns, and contractors paddle at Wood River Wetlands during a training day, learning to conduct colonial marsh-nesting bird surveys for Western Grebe, Clark's Grebe, Eared Grebe, Black Tern, Forster's Tern, White-faced Ibis, and Franklin's Gull.

KBO Interns: Where Are They Now?

Annie Kilby, KBO Education and Outreach Program Manager

This year, KBO is celebrating a decade of conservation science throughout the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion and beyond. We have much to be proud of. KBO has supported some of the biggest initiatives for bird and habitat conservation, including the 2009 and 2010 *State of the U.S. Birds Reports* and the recently released *Saving Our Shared Birds: Partners in Flight Tri-National Vision for Landbird Conservation*. In the past decade, our collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service Redwood Sciences Laboratory and other regional partners has won national awards from Partners in Flight, Ducks Unlimited, the Forest Service and the Joint Fire Sciences Program. While these reports and



Ben Wieland shows a bird to a student during one of KBO's early education programs.

awards are impressive, we are proudest of the dedicated people who have worked together at the Klamath Bird Observatory to make the KBO success story happen. Many of these talented individuals came to KBO to participate in our internship training program and learn about conservation science and education.

As we reflect on the past 10 years, we have been tracking down some of our interns to ask them what they are doing now and to share the stories of their incredible work and continued support for conservation.

BEN WIELAND started with KBO in the late 1990's before our official incorporation. Ben began as a bird bander and point counter, working at many of our field sites throughout the region. After our incorporation in 2000, Ben became KBO's first Program Leader for our then-fledgling Education and Outreach program. As a student of Southern Oregon University's Environmental Education Master's program, Ben was able to combine both his love of birds and teaching. Since leaving KBO in 2003 Ben has worked as an educator and research coordinator for the Deep Portage Learning Center in north-central Minnesota. Boasting the largest ...

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outdoor classroom in Minnesota, Ben directs the bird education and research program, which includes both long-term monitoring and the hosting of student groups in the Deep Portage Forest Reserve.

ANA MARIA GONZALEZ came from ProAves in Columbia in 2006 to join KBO's Research and Monitoring bird banding crew as an intern. She returned in 2007 as our banding crew leader. Ana described her time at KBO as one of the most important experiences of her life – "I received knowledge that opened the door to so many different opportunities." Ana fledged KBO to



Former Intern, Ana Maria Gonzalez is studying Yellow Warbler habitat occupancy with the Delta Marsh Bird Observatory outside of Manitoba,

Manitoba, Canada where she worked as the bander-in-charge at the Delta Marsh Bird Observatory. In 2009 Ana was accepted into the Master's of Science program at the University of Saskatchewan. Currently she is conducting her second year of field work at Delta Marsh with former KBO banding intern Belen Garcia, studying Yellow Warbler habitat occupancy and migration. Ana remarked that at KBO she not only learned how to band birds but, more importantly, how to teach others these same skills. In 2009 Ana conducted a banding workshop run by the Canadian Bird Banding office and the North American Banding Council for partners in Chile. She continues to train banders from Canada and Colombia in the principles of high ethical standards, safety, respect for others, communication, and excellent science that she learned from her time at KBO.

"I would describe KBO as one of the most important experiences of my life. I received the knowledge that opened the door to so many different opportunities..."
Ana Maria Gonzales (KBO Intern 2006-2007)

AMY BUSCH joined Klamath Bird Observatory as a graduate student with Southern Oregon University's Environmental Education Master's program. As part of her graduate research, she ran KBO's *Songbirds, Science, and Schools* program in 2006. For her thesis she completed an evaluation of the effectiveness of this program. In 2008 Amy presented her findings at the North American Association for Environmental Education

annual meeting and at the Partners in Flight International Conference, publishing her evaluation results as a peer-reviewed manuscript. After leaving KBO, Amy worked seasonally as a park ranger at the Grand Teton National Park before getting a permanent job at Dinosaur National



After her time at KBO, Amy Busch worked for the Parks Service across the west. She is pictured here at Dinosaur National Park.

park. There Amy implemented the Park's first ever astronomy program. Birds stayed near to her heart. Amy helped run the Ouray National Wildlife Refuge International Migratory Bird Day and led festival goers through a migration obstacle course. This past June Amy left the Parks Service to return to the nonprofit world, stating that "KBO helped me figure out that I wanted to work with a smaller nonprofit organization in a small town, and that I wanted to work with school groups." We are excited Amy is back in Oregon as she takes a position as the K-12 School Program Coordinator for Wallowa Resources in Enterprise.

NALA CARDILLO, worked at KBO during 2008 as an Education and Outreach Intern. From her experience at KBO she learned many lessons that have impacted her life with the overarching theme that we are all connected. First, she realized she was a "birder." This discovery lead her to



Nala Cardillo sports a "Puffin Protector" mask as part of a week long Earth Day celebration in Cannon Beach, Oregon, to raise awareness of seabirds, marine mammals, and the diversity of life in the intertidal zone.

understand the deeper connections birds have with our ecosystems, and that birds serve as indicators of the health of our environments. Lesson number two was the Power of Partners—we can't do it alone. At KBO Nala worked with partners from schools, cities, local businesses, and other non-profit providers. In her position as the Haystack Rock Awareness Program Coordinator at Cannon Beach, Oregon, she works with federal, state and city governments, local ...

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Wings and Wine Gala and The Best of the Bioregion Wine Competition

Annie Kilby, Education & Outreach Program Manager

At our third annual Wings and Wine Gala on September 25th, Klamath Bird Observatory will be celebrating 10 years of conservation, science, and education benefiting birds and habitat. The Gala will be hosted at Historic Hanley Farm in Central Point. This event will celebrate KBO's efforts to protect the spectacular diversity of the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion. The evening will also highlight local foods from Helena Darling Fine Catering, regional wine and local beer, music from Siskiyou Summit, and a Not-So-Silent Auction from 6-9pm featuring beautiful art, binoculars, guided tours, international getaways and more.

We will also be celebrating local wineries. This year, our Best of the Bioregion Wine Competition débuts,

showcasing regional wineries in four categories: Claret, Syrah, Chardonnay, and Viognier. The competition will be judged by a panel of renowned local experts: Ron Stringfield, wine rep for Galaxy Wine Co. and Garagiste; William Koch, Beverage Manager at Ashland's Market of Choice; Cheryl Garvey, wine buyer for Shop 'N Kart; Jonathan Barbo, wine rep for Grape Expectations; Erika Balbier, wine rep for Domaine Selections; and Beverly McKenzie, wine buyer for Ashland's Chateaulin.

Joining the competition will be: Abacela, Cowhorn, Crater Lake Cellars, Foris, Slagle Creek, Trium, and Valley View wineries. These wineries highlight the best of southern Oregon wine country — the Applegate, Illinois, Rogue, and Umpqua Valleys.

Wings and Wine Gala

Saturday, September 25th from 6 — 10pm,
Historic Hanley Farm in Central Point

- ◆ Complimentary Wine and Tasty Bites by Helena Darling Fine Catering
- ◆ Not-So-Silent Auction from 6-9pm
- ◆ Live Music by **Siskiyou Summit**

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- ◆ Northwest Nature Shop in Ashland
- ◆ Wild Birds Unlimited in Medford
- ◆ Or call 541.201.0866



Adaptive Education: Evaluating Our Success

Annie Kilby, KBO Education and Outreach Program Manager

During one of KBO's final elementary school field trips this spring long time supporter and friend of KBO, Ashland's Walker School teacher Chris Abbott-Stokes, commented that in the beginning it was KBO's Executive Director, John Alexander, leading student groups to the banding station. She remembered being mesmerized that a group of kindergarten students could be so still while listening for bird songs. During the past decade, as KBO has continued to grow, our education efforts have grown and expanded. We now work regularly with teachers and students in four southern Oregon and northern California counties and six school districts. In KBO's 10 years more than 14,000 students have learned about science while gaining appreciation that the protection of birds and habitats is important for our own well-being.

This past June, KBO and Siskiyou Field Institute wrapped up the pilot year of *Songbirds, Science, and Outdoor Schools* serving students in Josephine County, Oregon. This program was developed in response to an evaluation of environmental education programming in southern Oregon which identified this rural county as being under-

served. Participants enjoyed a year-long program with three classroom visits and two field trips. This program used the study of birds and the unique habitats at the Siskiyou Field Institute's Deer Creek Center as the platform for increasing students' knowledge and interest in science, fostering an appreciation of nature, and understanding the value of conservation. As part of this program, KBO designed a comprehensive evaluation that included student surveys and teacher interviews. This evaluation was intended to measure our ability to meet the goals and objectives set for the program and inform continued improvement of our K-12 environmental education programs.



Students discuss the threats birds face during migration as part of a spring field trip.

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Bird Bio: Eared Grebe

Liz Williams, KBO Education Specialist (AmeriCorps)

This summer KBO is implementing its third season of aquatic bird surveys as part of the Oregon Coordinated Aquatic Bird Monitoring Program. As part of this coordinated monitoring effort, KBO is focusing on seven species of marsh-nesting, colonial aquatic birds, including the Eared Grebe—*Podiceps nigricollis*.

The Eared Grebe is the most abundant grebe species in North America, with an estimated population of 3.7 million. In its breeding plumage the Eared Grebe is black with chestnut flanks, bright white underparts and a scarlet iris. Its most distinguishable feature is a fan-shaped, reddish-orange tuft that extends from the eyes to the back of the head. Eared Grebes typically winter in saltwater estuaries along the Pacific Coast and breed in freshwater habitats. In Oregon the majority of breeding areas are in Klamath, Lake and Harney counties, while breeding occurs in California in the east-central and northeastern portion of the state. Eared Grebes nest in



Eared Grebe in breeding condition. This aquatic bird is one of seven that is being monitored this year by KBO biologists.

Photo by Jim Livaudais

large colonies, sometimes numbering in the thousands, in shallow water one to four feet deep.

KBO survey crews have found Eared Grebes at more than 40 sites in south-central Oregon. The status of Eared Grebes is of interest in the Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion in part because the region's many lakes are subject to year-to-year water level fluctuations which can impact Eared Grebe's nesting habitat. Understanding water level impacts on Eared Grebes on their breeding habitats will be key to maintaining their abundance.

Note: The Oregon Coordinated Aquatic Bird Monitoring Program is part of a large, multi-partner effort to determine the status of aquatic birds through the Western United States and to better inform waterbird management and conservation decisions. To learn more about this program, visit <http://klamathbird.org/science/aquaticbirds.html>.

Source: Marshall, David B., Matthew G. Hunter and Alan L. Contreras, eds. *Birds of Oregon: A General Reference*. Corvallis: Oregon State University Press, 2003.

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Evaluation and social science are an integral part of KBO's education programming. Through evaluations KBO continues to adapt our programs to best meet our goals and serve our program partners. Our continuing commitment to evaluation serves as a regional and national model. KBO has presented our evaluation findings at North American Association for Environmental Education annual meetings, the Partners in Flight International Conference, and regional environmental education workshops. Results from this most recent evaluation of our new Josephine County program demonstrates students growth in their understanding of natural ecosystems and ecological knowledge.

Through evaluation of both our science and education programming, KBO is able to strengthen our ability to advance bird and habitat conservation through science, education and partnerships, helping to support a community of informed stewards and decision makers for today and tomorrow.

Keeping Cats Indoors!

Natalie Alexander, 8th Grade, Siskiyou School

Keeping cats indoors is good for public health, the environment, and cats. There are over a million pet cats in America, most of which live much of their lives outside. Many pet owners do not think about the impact of having their cats outdoors. Outdoor cats can spread disease. They also cause significant environmental impacts. Additionally, cats that live indoors are healthier. Cats are not a natural part of North American ecosystems. If cats only went outdoors on a leash, our public health, our environment, and our adorable felines would be much better off.

Cats that live outdoors have a negative impact on public health. Free roaming cats are at risk of many diseases, some of which are acquired from the prey animals that cats hunt. Some diseases affecting cats can be transmitted to humans, such as rabies, cat-scratch fever and more. Children who play in sandboxes that have cat feces can easily contract roundworm or hookworm. Keeping cats indoors prevents the cats from getting bacteria that start diseases and therefore reduces the spread of these harmful bacteria. Keeping cats inside also helps to keep our cities clean. The health of our public and our cities could be improved if cats did not roam freely.

Outdoor cats kill millions of birds, reptiles, amphibians, and small rodents each year. Cat predation adds stress to wildlife populations that are already under pressure

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businesses, schools, volunteers, AmeriCorps members, and the media to share and protect the marine life at Haystack Rock. Nala left KBO with a deeper understanding of the importance of a dynamic workplace and the broad shoulders needed in environmental education. KBO prepared her for a dynamic and challenging opportunity to run an environmental education organization.

Over the past ten years, more than 100 interns have worked with Klamath Bird Observatory, all of them contributing to our success and helping us to protect and conserve the birds and the habitats of the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion while advancing a science-based approach to conservation internationally.

from habitat loss, pollution, pesticides, and other human impacts. Pet cats hunt for sport, not for food; their impact on wildlife is unnecessary. Many people support environmental causes, yet allow their cats to roam around killing precious native creatures including long-distant migrant songbirds. Cats that live outdoors are harming our environment and ecosystem. By keeping cats inside, millions of animals' lives could be saved.

Indoor cats live an average of eight years longer than outdoor cats. Being outside causes cats undue stress and affects their health. Outdoor cats can be wounded by other animals, hit by cars, get lost or stolen, be poisoned, and face a multitude of avoidable accidents, not to mention the strain of being left out in extreme weather. Millions of domestic cats are euthanized each year because there are not enough homes for them; many of these are domestic cats that get lost because they were allowed to roam. Cats that live inside are healthier, happier, and safer pets.



Domestic cat with a bird; Photo: C.Peaslee

For more information about the Cats Indoors campaign visit the American Bird Conservancy at <http://www.abcbirds.org/abcprograms/policy/cats/index.html>

Getting to Know the Humboldt Bay Bird Observatory

Kim Hollinger and Josée Rousseau, Humboldt Bay Bird Observatory and Redwood Sciences Laboratory

The Klamath Bird Observatory and the Humboldt Bay Bird Observatory (HBBO) have much in common. They are both NGOs that were created through the vision of Dr. C. John Ralph, they excel in having high standards for data quality and education, and they share a close affiliation with each other and the US Forest Service Redwood Sciences Laboratory. Last, but not the least, their partnership has allowed them to improve and grow through sharing ideas, participating in workshops, realizing projects, and even exchanging interns!

HBBO was established in 1982 by the Ralph family. The headquarters and several long-term study sites are located adjacent to the Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, near Arcata, California. The area is bordered by the Mad River Slough and coastal dune forest. The variety of habitats, including riparian forests, fields, estuary and pine forests supports a high diversity of bird species. Bird populations and demographics have been monitored at HBBO continuously since 1982, making it one of the longest-running monitoring stations in the nation. Its coastal location attracts many vagrants, including several eastern warblers, Ruby-throated Hummingbird and Lesser Frigatebird.



Living on site, Kim Hollinger has been HBBO's Program Manager providing technical expertise and long-term stability at the station since 1989. In 1996, HBBO provided support for a collaboration between the Redwood Sciences Laboratory and Point Reyes Bird Observatory

through which three monitoring stations on Upper Klamath Lake were established, planting the seeds that would become Klamath Bird Observatory. When KBO was incorporated in 2000, HBBO became a KBO affiliate, providing many benefits.

HBBO education and volunteer programs provide the opportunity to observe and learn about birds, bird monitoring, and research techniques. Each year, in

partnership with KBO, HBBO participates in the local Godwit Days Bird Festival. At the central venue we provide information to the public on bird monitoring and Klamath-Siskiyou eBird, as well as hosting a field trip to the HBBO banding station.

North American Banding Council certified banders and banding trainers operate the HBBO bird banding station to providing high quality data and training. Students from Humboldt State University contribute greatly to our program, and in turn participate in our training program. Several students have taken the opportunity to do independent studies for senior project requirements or Master's degree theses with HBBO. This past spring we hosted a field trip for 24 students from Humboldt State University's wildlife techniques class. HBBO also welcomed the addition of several new interns this spring and summer.



Banding interns at HBBO extract song-birds from one of the mist nets located in the diverse habitats along the Mad River Slough.

Each fall HBBO hosts an annual workshop along with KBO and Redwood Sciences Laboratory to share news in bird monitoring research and updates. The gathering includes a North American Banding Council certification session to evaluate candidates for Bander and/or Trainer level certification. The gathering provides participants with the opportunity to share news, network and celebrate the end of another field season. It provides a great opportunity for students to meet with professionals in the field.

HBBO is proud of being a part of the Klamath Bird Observatory and congratulate them on their 10 year anniversary!

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Send to KBO, PO Box 758, Ashland, OR 97520.

Please contact me with more information regarding planned giving or endowment donations.

Calendar — Join KBO for Late Summer & Fall Events

September 4th: Ashland Pond

Join Northwest Nature Shop employee and KBO bird walk leader Terence Philippe for an exploration of Ashland Pond. The pond will likely be flush with warblers, sparrows, flycatchers and other songbirds undertaking their fall migration. Possible waterfowl and raptor sightings will round out the morning. Expect about a mile of walking on gentle paths. Meet at 8:00am at the Northwest Nature Shop in Ashland. Limited to 15 participants. To register, call 541-482-3241.

September 11th: Birding and Wine Tasting in the Applegate Valley

Join KBO for our third birding and wine tasting tour in the Applegate Valley. We will bird in the Applegate Valley for the first two hours, looking for Acorn Woodpecker, Oak Titmouse, raptors and more. Then we will migrate to the Cowhorn Vineyard (<http://www.cowhornwine.com>), a certified biodynamic winery, where we will take a behind the scenes tour and learn how biodynamic practices benefit wildlife. The tour will be topped off by a tasting of Cowhorn's award-winning wine. Leader: Jeff Tufts, KBO member & volunteer. Meet at 8:00 am at Wild Birds Unlimited in Medford. Limited to 15 participants. To register, call 541-770-1104. Cost: \$5 KBO members, \$10 nonmembers.

September 25th: Wings & Wine Gala

Join us for our third annual Wings and Wine Gala, on Saturday, September 25th at Historic Hanley Farm, outside of Central Point, from 6 to 10 pm. The evening will feature a Not-So-Silent Auction, complimentary wine, food by Helena Darling Fine Catering, and live music from Siskiyou Summit. We will debut our Best of the Bioregion Wine Competition and we announce the winners. Participating wineries include: Abacela, Crater Lake, Cowhorn, Foris, Trium, and Valley View.

For tickets visit Northwest Nature Shop in Ashland, Wild Birds Unlimited in Medford, or call KBO at 541-201-0866.

October 2nd: Birding Along Upper Klamath Lake

Enjoy the turning aspens and other fall colors as we travel to Upper Klamath Lake. We will join veteran birder and Klamath Basin resident Kevin Spencer for a morning of birding at Rocky Point, Malone Springs, and Seven Mile Creek. We will view the last of the fall migrant warblers, flycatchers and sparrows and will scan for marsh birds and waterfowl along the lake. Other possible species include Williamson's Sapsucker, Red Crossbill, and Pine Siskin. Expect one to two miles of walking along gentle paths. Meet at 8:00 am at the Northwest Nature Shop in Ashland. Limited to 15 participants. To register, call 541-482-3241.

October 9th: Lower Table Rock

Join us at this always-exciting birding spot north of Medford. We will likely view oak-dependent species such as the California Towhee, Oak Titmouse and Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher. Other possible species include Lewis' Woodpecker and raptors such as Coopers Hawk and American Kestrel. Be prepared for about one mile of walking on a level trail.

Leader: Jeff Tufts, KBO member & volunteer. Meet at 8:00 am at Wild Birds Unlimited in Medford. Limited to 15 participants. To register, call 541-770-1104.

November 6th: Family Birding Day

Children ages 5-12 and their parents, join us for a fun-filled morning of learning about birds. Try out binoculars and field guides, learn about our local feathered friends, and take a walk through Lithia Park to see ducks, songbirds and more! Leader: Liz Williams, KBO Education and Outreach Projects Lead. Meet at 10:00 am at the Northwest Nature Shop in Ashland. Limited to 15 participants. To register, call 541-482-3241.

November 13th: KBO Bird Walk to Agate Lake

Agate Lake is an important wintering and stopover habitat for a variety of bird species in the Rogue Valley. Join us as we look for raptors, waterfowl and shorebirds along the lake, and for resident songbirds in the surrounding fields and oak woodlands. We are likely to see both Lewis' and Acorn Woodpecker, Great Egret, possibly Northern Harrier and, if we're lucky, White-Tailed Kite. Leader: Frank Lospalluto, KBO volunteer, member and contractor. Meet at 8:00 am at Wild Birds Unlimited in Medford. Limited to 15 participants. To register, call 541-770-1104.

December 2nd and 4th: KBO Hawk Class and Field Trip

Join local hawk expert and KBO Board Member Dick Ashford for an informative Thursday evening class followed by a Saturday guided outing to the Lower Klamath Basin refuges and/or Butte Valley (near Dorris, CA). We'll have a chance to view Red-tailed Hawk in a variety of color morphs, Rough-legged Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, Golden Eagle, Northern Harrier and possibly Prairie Falcon, while learning about the natural history and behavior of these majestic creatures.

Thursday Class: December 2nd, 7-8:30 pm at the Jefferson Nature Center. Bring a notebook for an interactive presentation on raptors and raptor identification.

Saturday Field Trip: Meet at 7:30 am at Shop N Kart in Ashland to carpool for the field trip. Return at 4:30pm. Advance registration required. Limited to 15 participants. Cost: \$25 for Members, \$35 nonmembers. To register, call 541-201-0866.

December 11th: Bird Walk to Lynn-Newbry Park and Talent Greenway

Join KBO contractor and veteran bird walk leader Frank Lospalluto for a stroll through Lynn-Newbry Park and the Talent Greenway. This area is a good place for viewing winter residents, including Cedar Waxwing, Ruby-crowned Kinglet and winter waterfowl like American Wigeon and Bufflehead. Expect one to two miles of walking along gentle paths. Meet at 8:00 am at Wild Birds Unlimited in Medford. Limited to 15 participants. To register, call 541-770-1104.

NOTE: School and community groups are invited to schedule a visit to a KBO Banding Station, a classroom visit, or a KBO presentation. Email KBO@KlamathBird.org or call 541-201-0866.

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