

# The Klamath Bird

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## Sustainable Growth Continued in 2009

John Alexander, KBO Executive Director

Each year we use our first newsletter as an opportunity to reflect on the Klamath Bird Observatory's efforts, accomplishments, and progress during the previous year. 2009 was a tumultuous and challenging year for many individuals and organizations, including non-profits. Fortunately, early last year KBO braced for these challenges. Through the effectiveness of our hard working staff, support from our board, depth of our partnerships, and unwavering support from our members and friends, KBO weathered 2009 well, emerging into the new decade in a very strong programmatic position.

During the last four years, KBO has seen substantial growth. Because we have intentionally assured that this growth was sustainable, it was maintained in 2009. Through strategic planning made possible by capacity building support that we received from the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust over the past four years, we have been building on our excellence in scientific and educational programming by meeting specific objectives. These include:

- Focusing on partnership building and program development; and
- Increasing membership levels and revenue from private donations by engaging the public and our supporters.

To manage our sustainable growth, we developed an organizational model by formalizing our Research and Monitoring (R&M) Team, Education and Outreach (E&O) Team, and Administrative Team. While KBO became more structured, we maintained a synergy among these three teams. During the last four



KBO Biologist Bob Frey shows a banded Song Sparrow to a group of elementary students at a Songbirds, Science, and Schools field trip. This program is one example of the how KBO links our science programs with K-12 education.

years our teams worked together to expand our programs in support of our mission. The number of partners supporting both R&M and E&O programs grew and our annual program revenues increased by an average of \$50k per year, allowing us to provide even more of the high-quality services and products that KBO has become recognized for. General support from our private sector donors also grew; on average donations increased nearly \$9k per year! Through various matching grant programs, we have been able to double, and sometimes quadruple, this critical support. Most importantly, this public support represents the value which our community, and our society, places on KBO's work.

KBO's sustainable growth has had profound effects. In the last four years, we have grown from our formative stages, becoming a well

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established organization with an outstanding reputation recognized locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

By following a strategic plan, our science and education programs have broadened in scope and increased in success. Our research and monitoring efforts have expanded including increased monitoring in association with restoration projects and greater leadership in building an aquatic bird monitoring program in Oregon. Since 2007 we have published more than 14 peer reviewed manuscripts and supported the completion of two Master's theses. Our K-12 education efforts reach more and more students throughout the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion, and our outreach efforts have us interacting with our community, sharing our passion for conservation science, and supporting the rapidly growing field of citizen science. KBO's endeavors have also expanded into social science through the development of our environmental education evaluation program.

In 2009 KBO realized continued sustainable growth, increasing our effectiveness in serving our partners and community through meeting our mission to advance bird and habitat conservation through science, education, and partnerships.

## The Board's Wisdom

Marshall Malden, KBO Board Member

Since joining KBO's Board nearly three years ago, it has been a pleasure participating in the various activities and projects which have helped the organization grow and increase its profile in the local community and beyond.

Looking back on the economic difficulties of the past two years—and they are still with us—it is a real tribute to John and his staff that KBO is financially sound and looking forward to proceeding with plans and strategies which will allow it to continue taking an active leadership role in advancing bird and habitat conservation on local, regional and international levels.

The committed and enthusiastic staff creates a “we can do it” atmosphere which, for example, has allowed them, with no previous experience, to put on KBO's first two highly successful gala fund raising events. It is now safe to say that an annual tradition has been established which will continue attracting new members and potential donors as well as expand KBO's visibility in the local community – a very important goal of any organization.

## Note from the Executive Director

John Alexander, KBO Executive Director

In 2010 the Partners in Flight (PIF) International Bird Conservation Initiative will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. PIF was established to: 1) determine the status and trends of landbirds; 2) maintain stable landbird populations; and 3) reverse declining population trends through habitat protection, restoration, and enhancement.

The Klamath Bird Observatory grew out of efforts to implement PIF conservation objectives in the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion through science, education, and partnerships, and we will therefore be joining in the celebration. The theme of this celebration is the *Power of Partnerships*. One of the ways KBO will celebrate PIF's 20<sup>th</sup> is to continue building on the partnerships and programs that have made us successful. In 2010 we will:

- Work with the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and many other partners to develop a landbird monitoring strategy for Oregon and Washington;



*The Oregon/Washington Chapter of Partners in Flight (OR/WAPIF) is hosting a session at the upcoming Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society meeting to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Partners in Flight. OR/WA PIF serves as a coordinating body to plan and facilitate implementation of conservation strategies for bird populations within the bi-state area of Oregon and Washington.*

People make the difference in any organization and I am pleased and honored to have gotten to know and work with so many fine KBO staff. Their wide ranging skills, enthusiasm and positive attitudes make for a very bright outlook for KBO and I look forward to following its progress.

Marshall Malden

Klamath Bird Observatory Board Member since 2007

Our board of directors and staff sincerely thank George Alexander for dedication to, and service and support for the Klamath Bird Observatory. After serving on our board for 10 years, George has stepped down. As a founding member of KBO's board he provided sound advice from his business and managerial perspective. With unwavering dedication to his position, George consistently traveled from Vancouver, Washington to attend board meetings in Ashland and Rocky Point, Oregon. Through his generosity and creative challenge grants, George was responsible for leveraging in over \$100,000 from private donors and federal cooperators. We will miss George's participation on our board of directors, however we look forward to his continued support and guidance.

- Collaborate with the American Bird Conservancy, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Coast Joint Venture, and others to support coordinated aquatic bird monitoring efforts throughout the west;
- Expand on projects that measure the effectiveness of various restoration efforts using birds as indicators of success;
- Implement an Avian Knowledge Alliance survey of land managers to identify information needs and effective processes for delivering information to advance PIF bird conservation objectives;
- Carry our in-demand K-12 science-education efforts into the rural communities of our region; and
- Build on outreach efforts by offering unique adult education classes, and birding and outdoor recreation opportunities.

In celebration of the Partners in Flight 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Klamath Bird Observatory will continue our commitment to PIF's bird conservation objectives and its goal to *Keep Common Birds Common*.

## KBO 2009 Research and Monitoring Year in Review

Jaime Stephens, KBO Research & Monitoring Director

Klamath Bird Observatory's Science Team had another successful year in 2009. We had a great field season employing several monitoring techniques for landbirds and aquatic birds. Our 2009 field crew included nine academic interns. These interns joined us from across the Americas to help promote bird conservation through field studies, and to receive training in bird banding and field biology. We also had six skilled field technicians who completed breeding and migration season surveys throughout the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion. The birds that were counted and banded represented the diverse bird communities that inhabit many of the ecosystems in the west.

### Landbirds

Our long-term landbird monitoring program includes Ecological Monitoring Stations and Point Count survey routes that have been established throughout the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion. At Ecological Monitoring Stations we learn about population trends, breeding success, and bird health and longevity. At these sites we use mist nets to capture, band, and release birds. We also survey the areas using area search and checklist methodologies. KBO's efforts at these stations contribute to a broader understanding of migration through cutting edge stable isotope and genetics studies, as well as avian influenza sampling of migrant and resident populations. In 2009, we ran 15 Ecological Monitoring Stations during the breeding and fall migration seasons. We continued to run our two flagship stations at the Jefferson Nature Center and at KBO's Willow Wind Community Learning Center Headquarters year round.

Our long-term landbird monitoring also includes spring breeding season counts that are completed along select point count and Breeding Bird Survey routes, and a long-term monitoring project within the National Park Service Klamath Network. KBO continued research efforts to study fire ecology, wildfire, and fuel reduction with a series of studies that started within the last 10 years. We conducted extensive research looking at the effects of

Landbird Field Season Fast Facts	
<i>Ecological Monitoring Stations</i>	
	15 locations
	293 banding days
	101 species captured
	11,018 birds captured
<i>Point Counts and Area Search Surveys</i>	
	134 locations
	187 survey days
	195 species
	27,547 birds

fuels reduction on bird populations in the Klamath Basin and the Rogue River Basin, and the effects of wildfire in the Applegate Quartz Fires.

In 2009, KBO also monitored the effectiveness of restoration in oak woodlands and riparian habitats. We continued to monitor wetland restoration efforts at the Wood River Wetlands in the Klamath Basin. Additionally, we monitored efforts on several private properties in the Colstin Valley and in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. By studying the bird communities in these locations, we can evaluate the success of restoration efforts. We continued an ongoing project in and around the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument using stable isotopes to better understand short-distant altitudinal migration patterns to better inform conservation management objectives.



Western Tanagers were the most frequently detected bird during point count surveys.  
Photo: Jim Livaudais

### Aquatic Birds

In 2009, KBO continued our aquatic bird monitoring efforts and expanded the groundwork for a statewide partnership through the Oregon Coordinated Aquatic Bird Monitoring Program. This partnership, which contributes to west wide efforts, involved creating written site descriptions for important aquatic bird sites throughout eastern Oregon. This past fall we began to complete descriptions for western Oregon and northwestern California sites. These products provide details about physical attributes, as well as current and historic bird surveys. The site descriptions will provide baseline information as we expand coordinated aquatic bird monitoring in Oregon.

#### Aquatic Bird Field Season Fast Facts

##### *Colonial Waterbird Surveys*

33 locations

20 survey days

6 focal species

1450 adult birds

228 nests

KBO is contributing to the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Western Colonial Waterbird Survey to be implemented for 17 species from 2009 through 2011 in 11 western states. This past year, KBO implemented surveys for tree and ground nesting waterbird breeding colonies for select target species including Black-crowned Night-Heron, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Double-crested Cormorant, California Gull, and Ring-billed Gull.



**Science in Review (continued)****Klamath Bird Observatory-Redwood Sciences Laboratory Avian Data Center**

KBO continues to work closely with the USDA Forest Service Redwood Sciences Laboratory in developing partnerships and promoting standardized bird monitoring networks that provide information needed to integrate Partners in Flight bird conservation objectives with land management programs. In 2009 the Klamath Bird Observatory-Redwood Sciences Laboratory Avian Data Center maintained three nodes of the Avian Knowledge Network, including: one that hosts data from the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion, another that is international in scope, and finally Klamath-Siskiyou eBird, which represents a partnership among local Audubon chapters within the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion and promotes involvement of the local birding community.

**International**

Klamath Bird Observatory's model of informing conservation through applied research and monitoring is in international demand. In 2009, through collaboration with many domestic and international government and non-government organizations, we were asked to participate in several international training efforts. The US Forest Service International Programs sponsored a US tour for Middle Eastern conservation leaders and KBO was one of the featured stops. We toured our Upper Klamath Field Station discussing how we use multiple monitoring methods at multiple scales to transcend administrative boundaries as we address land management challenges and bird conservation. We joined in partnership with the Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds participating in a bird monitoring workshop in the Bahamas, presenting at their annual meeting in Antigua, and helping to write a bird monitoring manual for the Caribbean. We began a long-term partnership in Trinidad and Tobago, to establish a bird monitoring and training program at the Asa Wright Nature Centre. Working with Peruvian partners we offered a banding training course at the Tarikaya Ecological Reserve in the Madre De Dios region of the Amazon Basin. Additionally, we continued offering international internship opportunities hosting our third Park Flight intern.

**Bridging the Gap: Science as Conservation**

At the heart of KBO's research and monitoring work is the delivery of scientific results to the people who can implement bird conservation on the ground. We strive to relay information at all levels: 1) locally, land managers help pose our research questions and then use our results to make decisions and design projects that benefit birds and their ecosystems; 2) regionally, our results are used to better account for bird conservation in broader land management planning efforts; and 3) nationally and internationally, we contribute to conservation efforts that span the entire ranges of the migratory birds that we study, and the habitats

where they occur throughout their lifecycles. In 2009, the Science Team delivered our results through 16 reports, 13 presentations, and nine publications in regional and national journals. In addition, we co-authored nine presentations at scientific meetings and participated in 10 scientific conferences at regional and national scales. One of the highlights of our science delivery in 2009 was the development of a 12-page Decision Support Tool on fuel reduction within riparian areas of mixed-conifer forests. We worked in conjunction with our Education and Outreach Team and Bureau of Land Management partners to publish this multi-discipline and multi-taxa publication.

**Leadership**

KBO's progress and growth since our incorporation in 2000 has been due to the effective implementation of our mission to advance bird and habitat conservation through science, education, and partnerships. Along with growth and success comes responsibility. KBO's Science Team has stepped up to this challenge by contributing to bird conservation in many arenas through participation in an array of research, management, and conservation organizations. Our involvement as leaders in these various arenas helps us to relay our applied science, and our lessons learned from the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion, helping to carry bird conservation forward throughout the Western Hemisphere. This past year we had the opportunity to contribute to a national report, *The State of the Birds 2009*, in which KBO engaged through both our science and education roles.

**Leadership Roles**

Partners in Flight: Science Committee; Implementation Committee; Oregon-Washington, Chair; California Executive Steering Committee  
 North American Bird Conservation Initiative Monitoring Sub-committee  
 USDA Forest Research Advisory Committee  
 Western Bird Banding Association (WBBA), Board of Directors  
 North American Banding Council: WBBA Representative; Evaluation Committee, Co-Chair; Training and Workshops Committee, Chair; International Committee  
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## KBO 2009 Education and Outreach Year in Review

Annie Kilby, KBO Education & Outreach Program Manager

In 2009, Klamath Bird Observatory's Education and Outreach Team (E&O) increased both our science-based youth education programs and our popular community education programs. All of this was accomplished while our E&O Team underwent a transition with some of our team fledging the KBO nest to pursue new and exciting opportunities, others taking on new leadership roles, and still others joining our team bringing new experiences and ideas. KBO continues to be recognized as a leader in environmental education through our partnerships with local school districts, government and non-government organizations, local businesses, and community members.

### K-12 Education and Partnerships

The Klamath Bird Observatory has been building a science-based outdoor education program that involves educators and students working side-by-side with KBO biologists. Together we study birds, learn about ecosystems, and engender a passion for science and stewardship. Our education programs are aligned to national and state education standards. Evaluation continues to play a critical role in our education programs. Through formal evaluations, we build on what works and adapt other aspects of our efforts to assure that our programs are meeting their goals in teaching science and fostering stewardship.

*Songbirds, Science, and Schools.* KBO's longest running K-8<sup>th</sup> grade education program continues to reach out and inspire Rogue Valley elementary students helping them to see their own potential as scientists and stewards. Educators went into 38 classrooms using birds to teach students about the scientific method and life sciences. Field trips to our ecological monitoring stations at the Jefferson Nature Center and Willow Wind Community Learning Center showed students the connection between the species they find at these sites, the resources offered by riparian ecosystems, and the importance of protecting and restoring local riparian areas.

*Songbirds, Science, and Outdoor Schools.* Excited by multiple visit programs and partnerships, KBO joined with the Siskiyou Field Institute (SFI) at the Deer Creek Center to kick off this new Josephine County program. *Songbirds, Science, and Outdoor Schools* brings together the best of KBO's successful model for science-based outdoor

<p><b>K-12 Education Program Fast Facts</b>  2561 Students  34 Classroom visits to Ecological Monitoring Stations  168 Program Days</p>	<p>education and SFI's renowned ecology programs, carrying new lessons to 10 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade</p>
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Walker Elementary School teacher Debbie Blair with KBO volunteer Sally George Peterson help students focus their binoculars and find our feathered friends on a *Songbirds, Science, and Schools* field trip at the Willow Wind Community Learning Center. Photo: Rachel Werling

classes in the Grants Pass and Illinois Valley area. Students participating in the pilot year of this program are studying ecology, birds, and conservation through hands-on classroom lessons and field trips to the Deer Creek Center in Selma, Oregon. We will continue working with these classes during the spring of 2010.

*Protecting Wetlands, Water, and Waterbirds.* Through this project we worked with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Chiloquin Elementary school in Klamath County, Oregon. The students conducted citizen science projects using eBird, studied riparian and forest ecology, and learned about the importance of our National Wildlife Refuges. They studied in the classroom, and explored habitats adjacent to their school and canoed the Upper Klamath Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The project culminated with an open house where the community was invited to come and celebrate the students' learning through art displays, scientific presentations, and group activities.

*Finding Home.* This project, developed by the Jefferson Nature Center (JNC), brings together all of the organizations with whom we share our JNC home (Bear Creek Watershed Council, Bear Creek Watershed Education Partners, and Rogue Valley Audubon Society). These education partners worked together to deliver a comprehensive place-based education program for six 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes from the Medford and Phoenix-Talent School Districts. Throughout the school year, 113 students worked with educators studying birds, plants, mammals, reptiles, and macro-invertebrates. KBO conducted a comprehensive evaluation of this program using pre and post student surveys, and student and teacher interviews.

## Education in Review (continued)

**Other Youth Education Efforts.** KBO educators offered several other shorter education programs at home and throughout the region in 2009. In Ashland, we offered five different week long camps for Rogue Valley youth at the ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum. We also participated in several day long camps with partners including Ashland's North Mountain Park, Southern Oregon University, Klamath Outdoor Science School and Oregon State University Extension Center. As part of the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Shorebird Sister Schools Program, KBO educators traveled to the Oregon coast to help 194 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Bandon and Coos Bay view shorebirds and find ghost shrimp at the Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Our educators ventured to Lava Beds National Monument and Alturas, California and taught lessons to 452 students using our birding trail education kits. These kits were designed for Lava Beds National Monument and Crater Lake National Park augmenting our library of education tools which include the Klamath Basin and Basin and Range Birding Trail Education kits. In October, KBO educators joined many of our Upper Klamath Basin partners to work with Oregon and California students from Klamath and Modoc County middle schools as part of Fins and Feathers Field Days. These students rotated through stations on cultural heritage, recreation, fish biology, macro-invertebrates, and field techniques in ornithology.

William Garcia, our National Park Service Park Flight Intern from Belize, took his remarkable story of conservation and passion for studying and banding birds to four Spanish-English immersion classes at Phoenix and Talent Elementary Schools reaching 99 students.

### Community Outreach and Education

KBO's education and partnership efforts extend far beyond our youth programming. In 2009 Klamath Bird Observatory reached over 1,400 people through festivals, adult education and community classes, bird walks, banding demonstrations, and presentations. KBO educators and volunteer bird walk leaders reached 280 participants through 25 bird walks to 18 local sites. During six banding demonstration days, we provided

#### **2009 KBO Volunteers**

Dick Ashford  
Terre DeVilbiss  
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opportunities for the community to learn about our conservation science while watching our biologists in action. KBO participated in the Winter Wings and Godwit Days Festivals introducing our eBird Festivals concept which turns festival field trips into citizen science outings that contribute data to Klamath-Siskiyou eBird. We participated in Oregon and California Migratory Bird Day celebrations in Ashland, Klamath Falls, Tule Lake, and Yreka. At the end of the summer we brought our supporters together at our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Wings and Wine Gala.

### Leadership

The Education and Outreach team plays a critical role in the Klamath Bird Observatory's efforts to advance bird and habitat conservation through science, education and partnerships. While delivering education throughout the region, we share our mission-based approach to education in the national and international bird conservation arena. Our efforts to evaluate environmental education programming were presented at the North American Association for Environmental Educators 39<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Portland, Oregon, and were the subject of a peer-reviewed manuscript published in the Proceedings of the Fourth International Partners in Flight Conference: Tundra to Tropics. In 2009 KBO took leadership roles in the Bird Education Alliance for Conservation and the Partners in Flight Education Working Group.

We look forward to continuing and expanding our education and outreach programs in 2010. After leading our Youth Education Program for more than a year, I am honored to take the lead of our Education and Outreach Team. I am joined by Northwest Service Academy AmeriCorps Education Specialist, Liz Williams who has worked as a field biologist throughout the western United States.

## **New in 2009: Klamath Bird Observatory Website!**

*Liz Williams, AmeriCorps Education Specialist*

KBO is proud to announce the launch of our new website - [www.KlamathBird.org](http://www.KlamathBird.org). Our new site contains extensive information about KBO's programs and partners, along with lots of resources for birders and community members. Thanks to KBO staff members John Alexander, Annie Kilby, Danni Morris and Liz Williams and volunteers Robert Mumby & Kathleen Kudo for their hard work on the new site. Stop by and visit as our new web site continues to grow and evolve!



## Calendar—Join KBO for Winter and Spring Events

### February 6<sup>th</sup>: KBO Birding by Snowshoe to Mt. Ashland

Join KBO for our first snowshoe birding tour on Mt. Ashland! We'll depart by 8:00 am from the [Northwest Nature Shop \(Ashland\)](#) and carpool to the Grouse Gap trailhead. Dress for cold weather and bring a lunch. We will be snowshoeing 2-4 miles over moderate terrain as we look for Pileated Woodpecker, Sooty Grouse, Mountain Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and more. Bring your own snowshoes. Leader: David Machamer, KBO member & volunteer, and Frank Lospalluto, KBO contract biologist & member. To register, call 541-482-3241.

### February 13<sup>th</sup>: KBO Bird Walk to Central Point Greenway

Join new KBO bird walk leader and birding enthusiast Jeff Tufts for birding along the Central Point Greenway. American Wigeons will likely be in abundance on Bear Creek, we'll also look for Cedar Waxwings, Ruby-crowned Kinglets and other winter residents. We will be walking approximately 3 miles on a flat, paved path. Meet at [Wild Birds Unlimited \(Medford\)](#) at 8:00 am. Leader: Jeff Tufts, KBO member & volunteer. To register, call 541-770-1104.

### February 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>: Winter Wings Festival, Klamath Falls OR

For more information see: <http://www.winterwingsfest.org/>

### March 6<sup>th</sup>: Hawks (and maybe ducks)! All-Day Field Trip to the Klamath Basin with Dick Ashford

Don't miss your final chance of the season to enjoy the many raptors of the Klamath Basin. Although we'll focus on hawks and eagles, large numbers of waterfowl might also be passing through, en route to their breeding grounds. Meet at 8:00 am at Shop N Kart in Ashland to carpool. Return at 4:30pm. Advance registration required (limit 15). To register, call 541-201-0866. \$25 nonmembers, \$15 members.

### March 6<sup>th</sup>: KBO Bird Walk to Emigrant Lake

We should find wintering waterfowl and raptors, resident songbirds in the oak woodlands and possible early migrants moving north. We will be mainly driving, with short walks at each stop. Meet at the [Northwest Nature Shop \(Ashland\)](#) at 8:00 am. Leader: Harry Fuller, KBO member & volunteer. To register, call 541-482-3241.

### March 13<sup>th</sup>: KBO Bird Walk to Denman Wildlife Area

We will bird Touvelle Road and the banks above Little Butte Creek. Expect waterfowl, California Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, raptors and oak woodland species. Expect a three mile walk on generally level paths. Meet at [Wild Birds Unlimited \(Medford\)](#) at 8:00 am. Leader: Harry Fuller, KBO member & volunteer. To register, call 541-770-1104.

### March 20<sup>th</sup>: Early Birders, Family Bird Activities

Children ages 5-12 and their parents, join us for a fun-filled morning of learning about birds. Try out binoculars and field guides and learn about our local feathered friends. Meet at [Northwest Nature Shop \(Ashland\)](#) at 10:00 am. Leader: Liz

Williams, KBO Education Specialist. To register, call 541-482-3241.

### April 3<sup>rd</sup>: KBO Bird Walk & Wine Tasting in the Applegate Valley

Join KBO for a birding and wine tasting tour in the Applegate Valley. We will bird a number of locations in the Applegate Valley for the first three hours, looking for Acorn Woodpeckers, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, Oak Titmice, raptors and more. At 11:00, we'll migrate to Cowhorn Vineyard (<http://www.cowhornwine.com>), a certified biodynamic winery for 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. Meet at [Northwest Nature Shop \(Ashland\)](#) at 8:00 am. Leader: David Machamer, KBO member & volunteer. To register, call 541-482-3241.

### April 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>: Godwit Days Festival, Arcata CA

For more information see: <http://www.godwitdays.com/>

### April 10<sup>th</sup>: KBO Bird Walk to Lower Table Rock

Spend a spring morning at Lower Table Rock looking for Oak Titmice, woodpecker species, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, California Towhees, Western Bluebirds, Anna's Hummingbirds, and migrating warblers. Expect two to three miles of walking on gentle terrain. Meet at [Wild Birds Unlimited \(Medford\)](#) at 8:00 am. Leader: Frank Lospalluto, KBO contract biologist & member. To register, call 541-770-1104.

### May 1<sup>st</sup>: KBO Bird Walk to Jacksonville Woodlands and Cemetery

Celebrate May Day with a bird walk in the oak woodlands and riparian habitats of the Jacksonville woodlands and cemetery. Rufous hummingbirds, Violet-green Swallows, Pacific-slope and Ash-throated Flycatchers, Cassin's and Warbling Vireos, and a variety of woodpeckers and migrating warblers may be seen. Expect 2-3 miles of walking along gentle paths. Meet at [Northwest Nature Shop \(Ashland\)](#) at 8:00 am. Leader: Jeff Tufts, KBO member & volunteer. To register, call 541-482-3241.

### May 8<sup>th</sup>: International Migratory Bird Day in Ashland, OR; Klamath Falls, OR; Yreka, CA;

### May 15<sup>th</sup>: Tullake, CA

Celebrate this year's International Migratory Bird Day theme "Power of Partnerships" with bird walks, bird banding demonstrations, and kids' activities. For more information, visit: <http://www.birdday.org/>

*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](mailto:KBO@KlamathBird.org) or call 541-201-0866.*



**Power of Partnerships**

Annie Kilby, Education and Outreach Program Manager

KBO owes much of our success to the partnerships we have formed since our incorporation in 2000. For example, KBO emerged out of our partnership with the US Forest Service Redwood Sciences Laboratory, a partnership that resulted in the Klamath Bird Monitoring Network. Our science and education programs have strengthened and grown through partnerships and collaborations. We would like to extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to the organizations who we partnered with in 2009. From our partnerships comes our success.

**Networks & Collaborations**

- Avian Knowledge Alliance
- Intermountain West Joint Venture
- Joint Fire Sciences Program
- North American Banding Council
- North American Bird Conservation Initiative
- Pacific Coast Joint Venture
- Partners in Flight
- Sagebrush Bird Conservation Network
- Southern Oregon Regional Environmental Education Leaders
- Trinity River Restoration Program
- Western Bird Banding Association

**Businesses & Corporations**

- Bowerbird and Company
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- Northwest Nature Shop
- Traditions Mexico

**Public Agencies**

- City of Ashland
- California State Parks
- Canadian Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Klamath County

- National Park Service
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Forest Service
- US Geological Survey

**Foundations**

- Anna May Family Foundation
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- Gwladys and John Zurlo Charitable Trust
- JiJi Foundation
- Kinsman Foundation
- MJ Murdock Charitable Trust
- Mountaineers Foundation
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- National Park Foundation
- New Belgium Philanthropy
- Trust Management Services, LLC
- The Wetland Trust

**Non-Government Organizations**

- American Bird Conservancy
- American Fish Society
- Audubon Society Chapters
- Bear Creek Education Partners
- Bear Creek Watershed Council
- Deer Creek Center
- Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
- Hummingbird Monitoring Network
- Institute for Bird Populations
- Jefferson Nature Center
- Klamath Outdoor Science School
- Lomakatsi Restoration Project
- National Center for Conservation Science and Policy
- Nature Conservancy

- Northwest Service Academy
- Oregon State University Extension
- PRBO Conservation Science
- The River Center
- Rotary Clubs of Ashland
- ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum
- Siskiyou Field Institute
- Winter Wings Festival

**International**

- Alamos Wildlands Alliance, Mexico
- Asa Wright Nature Centre, Trinidad
- Caribbean Conservation Corporation
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- Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds
- Tarakaya Ecological Reserve, Peru
- Trinidad Ministry of Agriculture Forestry Department
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**Academic Institutions**

- Ashland School District
- Bandon School District
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- Evergreen State College
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