

The Klamath Bird

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An Inside View as Klamath Bird Observatory Embarks on its Next Decade

Liz Williams, KBO Education & Outreach Project Leader

After an 11 month term of service as an Americorps member with KBO, I was excited to be offered a staff position in August 2010. As I have immersed myself in KBO's many projects from field science to education, I have come to realize that KBO is a very unique organization. Through excellence in science and education, training programs, innovative partnerships, and leadership in bird conservation initiatives, KBO is truly fulfilling its mission to advance bird and habitat conservation.

In addition to developing a successful model for science-based bird conservation, over the past decade KBO has grown a close-knit community of dedicated staff, board members, partners, volunteers, interns, supporters, and friends. I believe that KBO's family-oriented culture, along with a deep commitment to a shared mission, is what has allowed the organization to succeed and grow. Here are a few thoughts from my first year as a member of the KBO family.

Working in the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion

KBO does its work in a region of spectacular biological richness—the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion of southern Oregon and northern California. This incredibly diverse region encompasses portions of the Cascade, Sierra, and Klamath Mountain ranges, the Great Basin desert, the Pacific Coast, and two major river systems—the Rogue and the Klamath. Due to its



KBO Staff celebrate a successful field season at the Humboldt Bay Bird Observatory in Arcata, CA in October 2010.

complex geology and climate, the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion contains a wide variety of habitat types and vegetation, which in turn support a plethora of wildlife species including birds. Working in this diverse corner of the world is exciting, challenging, and fun, and presents endless opportunities for monitoring, research and education.

Did you Know?

KBO grew out of Partners in Flight monitoring efforts in the early 1990's that were designed to inform conservation in the Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion.

International Connections

Since its early days, KBO has fostered collaborations with partners in the Americas in order to advance bird conservation throughout the range of our shared migratory bird species. KBO's long-running six-month student volunteer internship program has

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brought interns from 17 different countries to receive intensive training in mist-netting and banding techniques. These efforts have resulted in many success stories (see "Full-lifecycle Stewardship: Capacity Building for Hemispheric Monitoring and Research" in the Fall 2010 *Klamath Bird*). In addition to building capacity for international partners, KBO's international focus helps to foster cross-cultural understanding, appreciation, and friendship among staff, interns, students and community members.

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KBO's International Interns

Argentina	Jamaica
Australia	Mexico
Belize	Netherlands
Brazil	New Zealand
Canada	Peru
Colombia	Spain
Costa Rica	Trinidad and Tobago
Ethiopia	United Kingdom
Hungary	

Note from the Executive Director

John Alexander, KBO Executive Director

I'm happy to report that 2010 was KBO's strongest year on record. Financial support for our programs was at an all time high. As a result, both our science and education programs continued to expand. Our ability to bring about this growth, and to meet the challenges it presents, is a testament to KBO's excellent staff, which also grew in 2010!

We also had some exciting transitions within our Board of Directors last year. David Krantz and BJ Matzen have joined our board, bringing years of experience. Welcome to both of you! After 2 years of dedicated service, Margaret Widdowson has stepped down as KBO's Board President and remains a board member. Dick Ashford, a prior Board President, has stepped into that role once again and is excited to help guide KBO's growth in the coming years. Margaret, your leadership and wisdom has been much appreciated. Dick, welcome back to the President's Perch!

People, and our relationships with them, are what make our bird and habitat conservation efforts succeed. It is through relationships between KBO's staff members and our partners that we develop our in-demand applied research and monitoring efforts and high quality

education programs. Through partnerships with the public and our supporters, we assure that our work to advance bird and habitat conservation remains relevant to the human condition in an ever-changing world. Through collaboration with our board, we approach our work and organizational growth responsibly. And through our relationships with each other, as a team, we work together to improve the service and products that KBO has become internationally recognized for, while having fun doing it!

Despite continued economic uncertainties, KBO's work remains in high demand. By this, we are both humbled and motivated, and most of all thankful for the relationships that allow us to have the best jobs in the world! Thank you all for your support!

John Alexander and students at a KBO Banding Techniques Workshop at the Sevenmile Guard Station on the Fremont-Winema National Forest.



The President's Perch

Dick Ashford, KBO Board President

Dear Friends,

Ten-plus years ago, John Alexander founded a small (friendly, personal) organization known as the Klamath Bird Observatory. This was accomplished largely due to John's (friendly, personal) energy and, as he would say, a lot of help from his friends...

Back then, KBO's mission was the same as it is today: "Advancing bird and habitat conservation through science, education, and partnerships." During KBO's first decade, science projects focused on that mission were so successful that KBO gained *international* recognition for its work. Today, Klamath Bird Observatory (that small, personal, friendly organization) continues to be internationally respected within the bird conservation community. I'm proud to be associated with KBO, and I hope you are as well.

Our success is due to the quality of KBO's science team as well as the quality of the education and outreach team that makes that science available to both the public

and the scientific community. And, of course, a lot of help from a growing number of our friends. That's you.

Our original mission statement still drives us. This is important work, with global implications. As you've heard me say before, we couldn't do it without you. YOU helped make KBO's first decade a successful, record-setting one. Let's do it again!

As always, thank you for your continuing support. The birds need it and deserve it.

Cheers,

DICK

Dick Ashford

Dick Ashford teaches Hawk ID during a field trip to the Butte Valley in northern California.



The Board's Wisdom

David Krantz, KBO Board Member

I am excited to have been elected as KBO's newest board member. Over the past 12 years, I've had opportunities to work throughout the Pacific Northwest, from Alaska to California, with federal land management agencies. I've seen first-hand the application of KBO's efforts in various resource management planning documents. As always, the science-based approach being implemented by KBO keeps true to the integrity of its partnerships with both nonprofit and government agencies.

From a federal agency perspective, I see these partnerships strengthening as agency funding decreases, making it more difficult for land managers to perform mandated inventory, monitoring, and analysis and to implement studies. During the economic downturn, we have seen a new direction where government is reaching out to the private sector through stimulus funds, grants, and special project funding. KBO is poised to assist agencies in performing critical research and monitoring over the next several years.

For example, federal land management agencies in the region are beginning to revise outdated resource management planning documents, many of which are nearly 20 years old. Since the last round of plan revisions, new agency guidance has been developed.

Great Birds and Projects in 2010 at the Humboldt Bay Bird Observatory

Josée Rousseau, HBBO Program Director

In 2010, Humboldt Bay Bird Observatory (HBBO) ran its year-round constant effort banding stations for the 29th consecutive year. Thanks to our many volunteers and the efforts of our Project Leader, Kim Hollinger, we captured over 2,500 birds. We were visited by some unexpected visitors such as Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Northern Waterthrush, and Cerulean Warbler!

Education is an important part of our program. In 2010 we gave group demonstrations for students and the public, trained several biologists, and certified many bird banders under North American Banding Council standards. We also had the opportunity to participate in various research projects, including an isotope study of Barn Swallows and a project looking at molt and migration of one of our long distance migrants, the Swainson's Thrush. Our participation in the Klamath Bird Monitoring Network's small owl monitoring resulted in the banding of ten Northern Saw-whet Owls.

The USDA Forest Service initiated a Landbird Strategic Plan in 2000, and an Executive Order was signed in 2001 to begin implementing this plan. Together, these documents set forth goals and actions to assist the Forest Service in meeting its

commitment to provide habitat for resident and migrant landbirds and to monitor their populations. Out of this, Partners in Flight (PIF) Conservation Plans were developed through a collaborative process that focuses conservation efforts on the ecosystems and habitats that these birds depend on. KBO has been a key partner in the development of several PIF Conservation Plans.

The groundwork is laid and I have no doubt that KBO will be integral to regional and national conservation efforts throughout the next decade and beyond. I know that KBO is up to the challenge, and I'm excited to be here to assist with our efforts. We are very fortunate to have the knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm of a dedicated staff to carry forward KBO's mission. See you all soon!



*Red Crossbill is a PIF focal species for mature conifer forests in Oregon.
Photo by Jim Livaudais © 2011.*



An affiliate of KBO, HBBO is based in Arcata, California. In 2010, KBO and HBBO formed a Leadership Team and initiated a strategic plan to expand the KBO-HBBO profile on the north coast of California.

In partnership with the Redwood Sciences Laboratory, HBBO was involved in two other major projects. We compiled and analyzed 20 years of offshore bird data from the Oregon border to Shelter Cove, California to inform plans for alternative energy development. As part of the Landbird Monitoring Network of the Americas (LaMNA), we were successful in formatting and compiling more than 700,000 bird banding records from 1978 to 2009, from more than 75 banding stations. This was a major effort and is great news for bird conservation!

KBO 2010 Science Year in Review

Jaime Stephens, KBO Research & Monitoring Director

As Klamath Bird Observatory celebrated our 10 year anniversary, the Science Team had another successful year. We had a great field season which included both new and continuing projects. Our field work focused on the migration and breeding seasons and included the study of both landbirds and aquatic birds. Our 2010 field crew included 14 student volunteer interns, who joined us to help promote bird conservation through field studies and to receive training in bird banding, nest searching, and aquatic bird monitoring techniques. We also employed and contracted 21 skilled field biologists who completed breeding and migration season surveys throughout the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion. The substantial number of birds that were counted and banded represented the many bird communities that inhabit the diverse ecosystems of 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, longevity, and bird health. At these sites we use mist nets to capture, band and release birds while surveying the areas using area search and species 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 2010, we ran 14 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 Headquarters—year round. We also banded birds in conjunction with isotope research, demonstration sites, and a Rapid Ornithological Inventory. Our long-term landbird monitoring also includes spring breeding season point counts that are completed at select locations, including our long-term monitoring project within the National Park Service Klamath Network.

In 2010, KBO's landbird monitoring also assessed the effectiveness of restoration in meadows, riparian habitats, and oak woodlands. Two new studies, focusing on Fourmile Meadow in the Klamath Basin and a series of meadows in the Illinois Valley, assessing the effects of restoration of these habitats. We also continued to monitor the effects of wetland restoration at Wood River Wetland in the Klamath Basin. In addition, we began a new study to assess the effects of the removal of Gold



A Black-and-white Warbler in breeding condition was one of several oddities captured during the 2010 bird banding season. The Black-and-white Warbler is a regular transient west of the Rocky Mountains, with few records outside the spring and fall migration seasons in Oregon. Photo by Jim Livaudais © 2011.

Ray Dam and related restoration on the Rogue River. Finally, surveys were completed on several private land parcels to evaluate oak woodland restoration. By studying the bird communities in these locations, KBO is helping to evaluate the success of restoration efforts.

In 2010, KBO conducted applied research to inform conservation efforts. We continued a series of studies that started within the last ten years, using landbirds to understand the ecological effects of wildfire and fuel reduction. These include studying the effects of fuel reduction on bird populations in the Klamath and Rogue River Basins, and the effects of wildfire on birds in areas burned by the Applegate Quartz Fire in 2001.

Landbird Field Season Fast Facts

14 Ecological Monitoring Stations:

285 banding days

106 species captured

9,610 birds captured

Point Counts and Area Search Surveys:

126 locations

145 survey days

187 species

57,495 birds detected

Aquatic Birds

KBO's aquatic bird monitoring efforts increased substantially in 2010. Our data contribute to the Western Colonial Waterbird Survey, being implemented by the US Fish and Wildlife Service from 2009-2011, which focuses on 17 species in 11 western states. In 2010, in collaboration with the American Bird Conservancy, KBO implemented surveys for marsh-nesting waterbird breeding colonies for select target species including

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...2010 Science Year in Review

<p>Aquatic Field Season Fast Facts</p> <p><i>Colonial Waterbird Surveys:</i></p> <p>220 locations</p> <p>200 survey days</p> <p>7 focal species</p> <p>78 colonies</p> <p>26,407 adult birds</p>

Black Tern, Forster’s Tern, White-faced Ibis, Western Grebe, Clark’s Grebe, Eared Grebe, and Franklin’s Gull. KBO also continued to build the groundwork for statewide partnerships through the Oregon Coordinated Aquatic Bird Monitoring Program. This partnership, which contributes to west-wide efforts, involved creating written site descriptions for 81 important Aquatic Bird Sites throughout Oregon and northwestern California. These products provide details about physical attributes as well as current and historic bird surveys at these sites, and offer up-to-date information for land managers, scientists, and bird enthusiasts.

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. These efforts provide the information needed to integrate Partners in Flight bird conservation objectives with land management programs. In 2010 the Klamath Bird Observatory-Redwood Sciences Laboratory Avian Data Center maintained three nodes of the Avian Knowledge Network: a node that hosts data from the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion, a node that is international in scope, and Klamath-Siskiyou eBird. Klamath-Siskiyou eBird represents a partnership between KBO and local Audubon Chapters, and promotes the involvement of the local birding community.

International

The Klamath Bird Observatory model of informing conservation through applied research and monitoring is in demand internationally. In 2010, through collaboration with domestic and international government and non-governmental organizations and other partners, we helped build international capacities for participation in global migratory bird monitoring efforts. We continued a partnership in Trinidad and Tobago, working to establish a long-term bird monitoring and training program at the Asa Wright Nature Centre. We are furthering our partnerships in Peru with the Centro Ornitológica y Biodiversidad, which is working to set up a bird banding network throughout the country.

We also supported bird monitoring in Costa Rica by expanding our partnerships with the National Institute of Biodiversity of Costa Rica, the Mesoamerican Society for Biology and Conservation, and Meso Partners in Flight (PIF). KBO staff also participated in a bird monitoring workshop and bander certification with the Costa Rica Bird Observatories (CRBO) at the new CRBO Madre Selva Field Station. We continued our partnership with the Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds, contributing to the development of a bird monitoring manual for the Caribbean. Additionally, with support from the National Park Service, U. S. Forest Service and Rotary World Community Service, we hosted five international student volunteer interns during 2010.



KBO Interns during an orienteering training session on Mount Ashland in October 2010.

Bridging the Gap: Science as Conservation

At the heart of KBO’s research and monitoring work is the delivery of scientific results to people who implement bird conservation on the ground. We strive to relay information at all levels: 1) locally, often directly with a land manager that helped develop our research questions and will use the results to make decisions and design projects that benefit birds and their ecosystems; 2) regionally, to those who use our results to better integrate bird conservation into land management planning efforts; and 3) nationally and internationally, where we contribute to conservation efforts that span the entire ranges of the migratory birds that we study. In 2010, KBO’s Science Team delivered our results through nine reports and three published manuscripts in regional and national journals. In addition, we co-authored 23 presentations at scientific workshops and conferences.

Leadership

In 2010, KBO’s Science Team participated in an array of collaborations spanning research, management, and conservation planning within regional, national, and international arenas. We contributed to Partners in Flight’s

Looking Back on 2010: KBO Education and Outreach

Annie Kilby, KBO Education & Outreach Program Manager

KBO's Education and Outreach Team works closely with the Science Team to share and promote our work for conservation. KBO's excellence in science serves as a platform from which our educators work with students, community members, and colleagues. In 2010 KBO continued to be recognized as a leader in science education, using birds to explore the connections between science, stewardship, and conservation.

K-12 Programming: Inspiring Scientists & Stewards

Our K-12 programs aid teachers in meeting state and national education standards and provide meaningful outdoor experiences that connect our youth to the natural world. In 2010, KBO educators worked with over 1,500 students throughout southern Oregon and along the central Oregon coast.

Protecting Wetlands, Water, and Waterbirds

In fall 2010, KBO completed a fifth season of this comprehensive education program for 91 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students at Chiloquin Elementary in Klamath County, Oregon. Through classroom lessons, walking field trips to local riparian areas, and field trips to banding stations and wetlands along Upper Klamath Lake, Chiloquin Elementary students investigated wetland ecosystems, birds, and water quality.



Students build and discuss aspects of a healthy riparian habitat as part of the Protecting Wetlands, Water, and Waterbirds program in Chiloquin, Oregon.

Songbirds, Science, and Schools

In partnership with the Ashland, Medford and Phoenix-Talent school districts and the Rogue Valley Audubon Society, KBO delivered two more successful seasons of our longest-running education program. *Songbirds, Science and Schools* integrates a classroom lesson with a field experience at one of KBO's bird banding stations, teaching students about the connections between birds, habitat resources, and local conservation efforts. This

past year, one of KBO's field trips was filmed as a part of LetzCreate Production's "Adventures in Education!" In addition, KBO's 2010 National Park Service Park Flight Intern Diego García Olachea visited two Spanish-English immersion classes at Talent Elementary, giving a presentation in Spanish about working with birds in both Peru and the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion.

Songbirds, Science, and Outdoor Schools

In spring 2010, KBO and the Siskiyou Field Institute (SFI) completed the pilot year of a place-based program for ten 4th and 5th grade classes from schools in Josephine County. This year-long program featured multiple classroom visits and field experiences at the Deer Creek Center in Selma, Oregon, and a comprehensive evaluation component. The program aims to improve students' science skills and knowledge, increase students' connection with nature, and foster a strong conservation ethic. During the 2009-2010 school year, students explored the ecosystems at Deer Creek, studied spring migration at KBO's bird banding station, and completed stewardship and journaling projects. Building on this program, KBO has joined with SFI and Oregon Caves National Monument to develop and deliver a comprehensive curriculum for 4th through 6th grade students in the Illinois Valley.

Willow Wind Community Learning Center

Being headquartered at the Ashland School District's Willow Wind Community Learning Center provides KBO with a unique opportunity to offer courses to students enrolled in this alternative K-8 grade school. In 2010 KBO offered three programs at Willow Wind. In a Winter Ecology workshop, students explored winter plant and animal adaptations through field studies and nature writing. Through a semester-long Field Ecology course, students conducted a variety of field investigations at the natural area at Willow Wind. In Wild About Birds! students learned about bird's habitats, food sources, and nesting behaviors and visited KBO's banding station at Willow Wind. Forty-one Willow Wind students participated in these three KBO classes.

KBO K-12 Education Program

Fast Facts

7,800 hours of student instruction
1,504 students
55 classes
46 banding station visits
16 schools
8 school districts

...2010: KBO Education and Outreach

Partnerships in Education

In 2010, KBO worked with partners to collaborate on many different education efforts. In Spring 2010 KBO took part in *Riparian Outdoor School* with partners Bear Creek Watershed Council, Bear Creek Watershed Education Partners, Jefferson Nature Center, and Rogue Valley Audubon Society. In April we presented at Southern Oregon University's Advocates for Women in Science, Engineering, and Math Symposium. Working with Lomakatsi Restoration Project, KBO offered three days of spring riparian ecology programming for 12th grade students at Ashland High School. During summer 2010, working with the Northwest Service Academy, North Mountain Park, and the Jefferson Nature Center, we offered a four day nature writing summer camp. KBO also partnered with ScienceWorks Hands-on Museum to offer four week-long summer camps, and with our US Forest Service partners, offered sessions at the Resources and People camp for high school students. In June KBO assisted fellow AmeriCorps members at the USFWS Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge NWR Complex with guided kayak tours of the Siletz Bay NWR for 70 middle school students. KBO is continuing to work with partners in the Klamath Basin as part of the Klamath Outdoor Science School's Stewardship Initiative Program, a collaborative effort to make outdoor education a part of every Klamath County student's education. Finally, in 2010, KBO's Annie Kilby served as the co-chair for the Southern Oregon Regional Environmental Education Leaders, becoming the Chair of the group in Fall 2010.

Community Education: Connecting the Public with Bird Conservation

Connecting our community to KBO's science was again a priority in 2010. Over the course of the year, KBO staff and volunteers reached out to over 2100 individuals through our community outreach and public education efforts. In 2010 KBO worked with the Northwest Nature Shop in Ashland, Wild Birds Unlimited in Medford, and a team of dedicated volunteer bird walk leaders to host 22 free bird walks for 239 participants throughout the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion. Species lists from KBO bird walks were entered into Klamath-Siskiyou eBird, an online citizen science tool that helps bird watchers contribute to international bird monitoring efforts. With the support of local Audubon chapters, KBO participated in two official eBird Festivals: Winter Wings in Klamath Falls, Oregon and Godwit Days in Arcata, California. KBO also took part in regional International Migratory Bird Day celebrations in Ashland and Klamath Falls, Oregon, and Yreka and Tulelake, California. During these celebrations KBO hosted kid's activities, led bird walks, and provided banding demonstrations to the public. KBO staff, interns,

and community volunteers also took part in Rogue Valley Earth Day, the Oregon Country Fair, and the Rocky Point Barbeque. In Ashland, KBO participated in meetings for the Ashland Forest Resiliency Stewardship project.



2010 KBO Park Flight Intern Diego García Olaechea demonstrates bird banding techniques with biologists from the National Park Service during an International Migratory Bird Day celebration in Tule Lake, California.

KBO offered many community presentations in 2010, reaching 170 community members. We once again offered our popular "Hawk 101" and "Better at Birding by Ear" adult courses and field trips. KBO staff gave presentations for community members at North Mountain Park, Soroptimists International of Ashland, and to the Rogue Valley and Siskiyou Audubon Society chapters, sharing our work with members of these groups. Finally, on September 25th, KBO celebrated ten years of success in science-based conservation and education with 170 of our supporters at our 3rd annual *Wings and Wine* Gala at Historic Hanley Farm in Central Point.

KBO Board President and hawk expert Dick Ashford sets up a spotting scope to "look ahead" during a hawk ID field trip.



Looking Ahead

This coming year, KBO looks forward to continuing our education and outreach programs in southern Oregon and northern California. In 2011, in addition to continuing our K-12 programming, KBO will develop curriculum kits for teachers and partners to use for connecting kids with the natural world, and is working with partners to develop teacher trainings throughout the region. We will also continue to reach out to our community through bird walks, popular presentations, workshops, classes and festivals throughout the region. We hope to see you out there!

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Supporters

As KBO celebrates its strongest year to date, we would like to recognize those who have shown support for our work over the past year. On the following two pages we list 2010 funders, volunteers, and donors (donors listed by cumulative contribution). Your generous support allows us to carry out our mission of advancing bird conservation through science, education and partnerships. We are honored to have your support—thank you.

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Your support makes it all possible!



Liz Diver from Badger Run Wildlife Rehabilitation gives a volunteer presentation about raptors to students in the Wild About Birds! class at the Willow Wind Community Learning Center.

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Join KBO for Spring 2011 Events

February 5th: KBO Bird Walk to Denman Wildlife Area

KBO volunteer and member Vince Zauskey will lead a trip along Kirtland Road, High Banks Road, and the Gold Ray Road area. Dress for winter weather, and be prepared for light walking. We'll look for waterfowl and a variety of wintering sparrows. We may also see raptors such as Red-shouldered Hawk, White-tailed Kite, Merlin, Prairie Falcon, and possibly Peregrine Falcon. Another key species we'll look for is Northern Mockingbird. Bring a lunch if you'd like and we'll eat at Denman if the weather is nice. Meet at 8:00 am at the Northwest Nature Shop in Ashland. Limited to 15 participants. To register, call 541-482-3241.

February 12th: KBO Bird Walk: Central Point Greenway

Join KBO member and contract biologist Frank Lospalluto for winter birding along the Central Point Greenway. American Wigeons will likely be in abundance, and we may also see Bufflehead, Green-winged Teal, Ruddy Duck and other waterfowl. We'll look for Cedar Waxwing, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and other winter residents. We will be walking approximately 2 miles on a paved path. Meet at 8:00 am at Wild Birds Unlimited in Medford. Limited to 15 participants. To register, call 541-770-1104.

February 18-20th: Winter Wings Festival in Klamath Falls

This President's Day weekend, join KBO and hundreds of other bird lovers for the 32nd annual Winter Wings Festival in Klamath Falls, OR. This three-day festival will offer classes, workshops, lectures, bird walks and family outings for novice to advanced birders. The Klamath Basin is home to thousands of wintering waterfowl and raptors, and has the highest concentration of wintering bald eagles in the lower 48 states. For more details and to register, visit <http://www.winterwingsfest.org>.

March 5th: KBO Bird Walk to Emigrant Lake

Join local expert Harry Fuller to spot waterfowl, wading birds, raptors, and songbirds wintering at this Ashland Lake. Emigrant Lake is a southern Oregon birding hotspot where Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle, Oak Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Ruby-crowned Kinglet and a variety of waterfowl can be seen. Bring a spotting scope if you have one, and be prepared for short walks along trails. Meet at 8:00 am at the Northwest Nature Shop in Ashland. Limited to 15 participants. To register, call 541-482-3241.

March 12th: KBO Bird Walk to Agate Lake

Join Harry Fuller to 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. Meet at 8:00 am at Wild Birds Unlimited in Medford. Limited to 15 participants. To register, call 541-770-1104.

March 12th: KBO Hawk Field Trip

Join KBO Board President Dick Ashford for this all-day raptor outing. We will tour the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuges and may head into California in search of Ferruginous Hawk, Prairie Falcon, Great Horned Owl, American Kestrel, Golden and Bald Eagle, and many more. Field trip will meet at Shop 'N Kart in Ashland at 7:30 am. We will return by 4:30 pm. Bring a lunch and dress for cold weather. Limited to 15 participants. Cost: \$15 members, \$25 nonmembers. To register, call 541-201-0866.

April 2nd: KBO Bird Walk to Lily Glen and Howard Prairie

Join KBO volunteer and new bird walk leader Gretchen Hunter for an early spring tour of the Howard Prairie/Hyatt Lakes area. We will start around Lily Glen horse campground and Howard Prairie, looking for Sandhill Crane, Western Meadowlark, Western Bluebird, and Lark and Vesper Sparrow. Around Howard Prairie and Hyatt Lakes, we may see shorebirds and waterfowl like Northern Pintail and Green-winged Teal. Dress in layers, and bring a lunch. We will return to Ashland in the early afternoon. Meet at 8:00 am at the Northwest Nature Shop in Ashland. Limited to 15 participants. To register, call 541-482-3241.

April 9th: KBO Bird Walk to Lower Table Rock

Spend a spring morning birding on the trails of beautiful Lower Table Rock with KBO member and contract biologist Frank Lospalluto. We will look for Oak Titmouse, Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher, Anna's Hummingbird, California Towhee, American Kestrel, and a variety of woodpeckers. We will cover about 2 miles along moderate trails. Meet at 8:00 am at Wild Birds Unlimited in Medford. Limited to 15 participants. To register, call 541-770-1104.

May 7th: KBO Bird Walk & Wine Tasting in the Applegate Valley

Join KBO staff for a birding and wine tasting tour. We will bird a number of locations in the Applegate Valley, looking for Acorn Woodpecker, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Oak Titmouse, and more. Then we'll migrate to Cowhorn Vineyard (<http://cowhornwine.com>), a certified biodynamic winery, for a behind the scenes tour to learn how biodynamic practices benefit wildlife. The tour will be topped off by a tasting of Cowhorn's award-winning wine. Meet at 8:00 am at the Northwest Nature Shop in Ashland. Leader: TBA. To register, call 541-482-3241.

May 14th: International Migratory Bird Day celebrations (IMBD) in Ashland and Klamath Falls, OR and Yreka, CA May 21st: IMBD Tulelake, CA

Celebrate this year's IMBD theme of "Go Wild, Go Birding" by attending a celebration in your area. For more information visit <http://www.birdday.org/>.

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Professional Growth Opportunities

KBO has a great reputation for encouraging professional growth and development among staff, and for encouraging promotion from within. While demanding, working for KBO is incredibly rewarding. KBO's family atmosphere, open communication structure, and close social connections among staff all contribute to a supportive work environment. Within this setting, staff members are encouraged to challenge themselves and to take on new roles and responsibilities, as well as to participate in training opportunities such as workshops, conferences, and classes.

Loyal Community of Supporters

Since putting down roots in the Rogue Valley and the Klamath Basin over a decade ago, KBO has cultivated the support and friendship of hundreds of community members, businesses, agencies, non-profit organizations and schools throughout the Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion. KBO is unique in the deep level of commitment shown by its supporters.

Fun!

Finally, KBO staff members and supporters understand the importance of having fun and celebrating all of the great work that we do. From our annual Wings and Wine fundraising gala, to our many bird walks, hawk classes, field trips, public banding demonstrations, and participation in community festivals, KBO is truly a fun organization to be a part of.

Thanks for all of you for your support, and for being part of the journey thus far.

Here's to another great ten years!

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first tri-national vision for landbird conservation. We hosted the second joint meeting of Oregon/Washington and California Partners in Flight, focused on bird conservation in the context of climate change. This past year we also had the opportunity to contribute to a national report on climate change, The State of the Birds 2010. Our involvement as leaders in these arenas helps us to use our applied science results, and our lessons learned from the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion, to help carry bird conservation forward throughout the Western Hemisphere.

KBO Science Team Leadership Roles

- Partners in Flight: Science Committee; Implementation Committee co-Chair; Monitoring Working Group co-Chair; PIF Oregon-Washington Chair; PIF California Executive Steering Committee
North American Bird Conservation Initiative: Monitoring Sub-committee; State of the Birds Science Committee
US Department of Agriculture Forest Research Advisory Committee
Western Bird Banding Association: Board of Directors
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Membership & Contributions

Your contributions help KBO advance bird and habitat conservation. Additionally, we are able to leverage dollars from matching grants and demonstrate public support when applying for new grants. Check out www.KlamathBird.org/donate to see how you can contribute through an in-kind gift, endowment, planned giving, or adopting a bird or day of banding.

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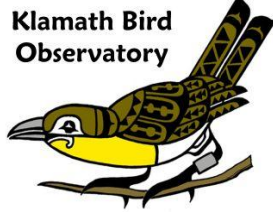
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