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Due to the global Coronavirus pandemic, all ASC planned in- person programs and meetings through 2020 have been cancelled or postponed. For the latest info, please visit our website at auduboncorvallis.org.



ASC General Meeting (webinar via Zoom)

Oct 15, 7 pm – Jamie Cornelius

Lessons from the field: How small songbirds survive unpredictable and harsh environments

Jamie M. Cornelius is Assistant Professor of the Department of Integrative Biology at OSU. She grew up in the great outdoors of the Pacific Northwest and is thrilled to have returned to Oregon this past year (even considering 100-year pandemics and fires!). Her training started in the Zoology department at University of Washington and she recently joined the Integrative Biology department at Oregon State University, but she moved around the globe in the interim. Jamie earned her PhD at UC Davis in California before becoming a post-doctoral scholar at the Max Planck Institute of Ornithology in Germany, a Fulbright fellow at St. Petersburg State University in Russia, an instructor at Cal-State Monterey Bay and an assistant professor at Eastern Michigan University.

Throughout all of these moves she has maintained a passion for field research and seems to have become a bit nomadic like the bird she studies... the red crossbill. Jamie will take you along for the ride as she explains some of the fascinating adaptations that this little bird uses to cope with one of the most stressful and dangerous conditions that animals face in their environments that of unpredictable food and harsh winters.

ASC members who registered their email address with their membership should receive an invitation prior to the webinar. Additionally, instructions on the website can provide directions to the webinar.

Online programs will begin at 7:00 PM and will be followed by a short business meeting, if needed.

Next month's program: November 19: with Bill Origer, *Hummingbirds and How to Photograph Them*.

Suggestions for future speakers are always welcome. Send them to mark.baldwin2@comcast.net

Mark Baldwin, Vice Pres. & Program Chair

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Presidents' Corner

Wildfires and Us—It's complicated

Wildfires have devastated Oregon over the last two months, leading to loss of lives, homes, forests, livelihoods, and our sense of security. Oregonians have responded well in support of those most affected by the fires, offering both physical aids like clothing and food as well as emotional support for those who have lost all in the fires. Fire has always been a factor on Pacific Northwest landscapes, but fires in recent decades have burned hotter, faster, and more destructively than in the past, and we must find a way forward to reduce their threat.

The roots of the extreme fires go deep: a century of fire suppression, allowing build-up of brush that ignites the forest canopy; climate change, melting the winter snowpack faster and making forests drier and hotter; buildings, especially homes, in the wildland-urban interface in proximity to catastrophic fire; logging of ancient forests, where the research shows fires burn slower and cooler.

What can we do, individually and collectively, to keep ourselves, our communities, and our wildlands healthy and safe? Well, we can take care of immediate needs while we start addressing the long-term causes. Immediate needs include protecting our own living places by cutting back brush close to our dwellings, making firebreaks and thinning forests, in areas close to towns, and perhaps increasing our firefighting ranks that have become depleted in recent years. In doing these, we can't forget the bigger picture. We can work to reduce climate change, both in our personal lives and in the political arena. We can do more prescribed burns, which were used by humans for millennia in this area, to reduce fuels and prevent the more extreme fires. We can control growth in the wildland-urban interface (we have laws addressing development in flood-prone areas, but none for fire-prone ones). None of these will be a magic bullet that can slay the monster of extreme fire by itself, but collectively they can go a long way toward preserving our people, our towns, and our wildlands.

Lastly, we will undoubtedly see calls for large increases in logging to prevent wildfire. Thinning of forests makes sense, near towns, but you can bet that fire will be used as an excuse for extensive cutting that has nothing to do with fire: logging in areas where it will make no difference for the impact of fire on people, of logging projects rushed through without oversight or forethought, and logging of older trees – the more valuable ones – that are actually more fire-resistant than younger ones. Please keep your eyes open for these attempts and don't let fire provide a smokescreen for actions that will make little difference for our safety.

Co-presidents Dave Mellinger and Karan Fairchild

Our Website Keeps You Aware

Reporting Injured, Banded, or Rare Birds

The ASC website (auduboncorvallis.org) has links for who to contact if you find a bird that is injured, dead, banded (especially metal band), or has a deformed beak. Unusual birds or other animal sightings are also welcomed. Phone numbers, office hours, email addresses, and more are provided.

- **Injured or abandoned birds** - [Chintimini Wildlife Center](http://ChintiminiWildlifeCenter.org)
- **Dead or dying birds** - [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife](http://OregonDepartmentofFishandWildlife.org)
- **Banded bird** - [Patuxent Wildlife Research Center](http://PatuxentWildlifeResearchCenter.org) Bird Banding Laboratory
- **Deformed beak** - [USGS Alaska Science Center](http://USGSAlaskaScienceCenter.org)
- **Rare, unidentifiable, bird observations for The Chat, or other interesting animals** - [Joel Geier](http://JoelGeier.com)

Keep in touch and send a message to us at

audubon.corvallis@gmail.com.

Sue Powell, ASC Website

Learn about what's new with ASC and share your questions, photos and exciting bird sightings: at Audubon Society of Corvallis or tag us on [Facebook@corvallisaudubon](https://www.facebook.com/corvallisaudubon).

Want to see a wonderful [video about the Audubon Society of Corvallis](#) by our youngest board member, Kai Frueh? See it on ASC's Facebook page now!

Kai Frueh and Nancy DeMasi, ASC Facebook

Or check us out on Instagram: [@auduboncorvallis](https://www.instagram.com/auduboncorvallis).

Christina Linkem, ASC Instagram

Education News

Make your yard a mini-refuge

If we think of our yards as refuges for the wild creatures with whom we share the world (as well as for ourselves), we can go a long way toward keeping those creatures from extinction, or at least serious reduction in numbers. This seems especially important now that the recent and still burning fires have taken out a good bit of wildlife habitat. For those of us who haven't suffered the catastrophic losses these fires have wreaked on our neighbors in other parts of Oregon, here are some things to contemplate when developing/enhancing our outdoor spaces:

- Reducing lawn area to a smaller size that doesn't require as much water and can be weeded by hand;
- Including a variety of native plantings in a variety of ways;
- Leaving some bare ground for bees and other pollinators that nest there; using leaves from your shrubs and trees to mulch your plantings rather than sending them off for someone else to use;
- Providing water for wildlife if you are interested in attracting them to your space: Water is actually more important than feeders, especially if you have plenty of berries and other plantings that birds like;

- Restricting cats to a catio, or a fenced off area that keeps them away from birds, or keeping them indoors;
- Keeping the use of insecticides/pesticides or other poisons in your yard to an absolute minimum;
- Talking to your neighbors about the ideas listed here; a wildlife corridor or mosaic is a great thing to develop.

No matter the size of your yard, you can be a refuge. You probably already are and just don't recognize it. The soil in which you grow the plants you love, the growth and blooms of those plants, the bees and other pollinators that feed on those blooms, the greenery that fades to brown in the fall, the falling leaves that enhance that soil: you know all these things as the framework for a wonderful outdoor space. This framework is the basis for a refuge for all manner of creatures that keep us all thriving. It doesn't have to be huge or complex; small spaces are attractive to insects and birds if they provide food, shelter and water. Any yard can be a mini refuge!

*Phyllis Bailey
Education Committee, ASC*

Help Find Safe Ways to Connect with Nature

Education team volunteers are working now to develop online options for reaching out to our members and neighbors to help everyone safely Connect with Nature. This effort will be led by new ASC Board member and OSU intern Mikaela Lea. If you would like to participate or have ideas, please send them to us at: chateditors@gmail.com

Mikaela Lea & Teri Engbring, ASC Education Team

Hesthavn News

October Update

As I read of the devastation in Santiam Canyon, along the McKenzie, and down in Phoenix and Talent, I feel sorrow for those who lost so much. I also feel relief that we were spared this time. There is a potential for such a devastating fire to happen in the Oak Creek basin where our little nature center is located. Local residents are very concerned about the fire potential. There has been at least one workshop on rural fire safety held for the benefit of the Oak Creek residents. Information on escape routes has been sent around (and there aren't many). We do try to keep a defensible space around the barn by keeping the grasses mowed and the tree branches from growing over it. It is helpful that our roof now is metal. The Corvallis Rural Fire Protection District has installed an address sign along Oak Creek Drive to simplify the identification of Hesthavn for fire dispatch crews. Thankfully, it appears that this year we avoided such a calamity. Keeping the barn and property fire-safe is one of the tasks that we engage in during our work parties. As always, we welcome volunteers to come help us out. Stay safe everyone.

Work Parties

All work parties are from 10 am – 2 pm

Sunday, Oct. 11 Weed work party. We possibly will be still working on the caged plants at this time, or we may move on to working on one of our other weed problems (shiny geranium, yellow archangel, or Himalayan blackberry).

Sunday, Oct. 25 Barn and yard work party. Once again, we will be working from our task list. Tasks range from raking leaves to checking mouse traps.

Sunday, Nov. 8 Weed work party. We work on our perennial favorite (blackberries), or we may work on shiny geranium.

Sunday, Nov. 22 Barn and yard work party. We'll be working from the usual check-list of tasks. There

will probably be emphasis on fall activities such as raking leaves or clearing the gutters.

Ray Drapek, Hesthavn Chair

Directions to Hesthavn

8590 NW Oak Creek Drive, Corvallis. Take Harrison west from downtown Corvallis; after you cross 53rd, it becomes Oak Creek Drive. Pass Bald Hill farm and follow the brown signs for 'Nature Center.' Hesthavn will be on your left shortly before the end of Oak Creek Dr.

Field Trip Schedule

Second Saturday Field Trips Are CANCELLED Until Further Notice

Check the ASC website and CHAT for updates.

Duncan Evered and Caryn Stoess

Weekend Field Trips

2021 Extended Field Trips Will Not Occur Unless Pandemic Situation is Resolved

ASC's multi-day field trips ordinarily entail long stretches of riding enclosed in passenger vans. This is definitely taboo until Covid-19 has been defeated. If that rosy prospect occurs, we will plan on a full schedule for 2021: Bandon; Klamath Basin; Rogue Valley with Shakespeare; Malheur NWR; Summer Lake; Wallowas; Steens Mtn.; and a Shorebird Search. If not, we will try to find other venues and/or other transportation, so that we may enjoy this great state of ours. Stay tuned and keep up to date on our website. Suggestions are welcome.

Fred Ramsey, Weekend Field Trips Chair

Community Notes

Winter Wildlife Field Day 2021

Anyone who wants to participate in planning for Winter Wildlife Field Day 2021 (a "virtual" event) should contact Samantha Bartling, Visitor Services Manager for the Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex, at samantha_bartling@fws.gov and ask to have your e-mail address added to her distribution list. She can then send you the Zoom login code. The first planning team meeting is set for Oct 12, 2:30-4:30 pm.

Robert Murray, ASC Rep to Winter Wildlife Field Day Steering Committee

Cabell Marsh Restoration



Cabell Marsh at Finley NWR was drained early this spring. In recent years, it has been drained in order to kill carp or to encourage germination of Wapato, a food source for waterfowl and wildlife. The purpose this year was not obvious to me, so I contacted Brian Root, Biologist for the refuge complex. The following is a summary of his thorough response.

The project is a long overdue rehabilitation of the marsh, mainly to control Reed Canary-Grass (RCG). RCG is a serious invasive weed in the Pacific Northwest, outcompeting virtually all other species, thereby damaging the ecological productivity of the site. Cabell Marsh is intended to provide moist-soil wetlands in the southern section and semi-permanent

wetlands in the north. Controlling RCG will temporarily restore high productivity of the marsh.

Most of the restoration work has consisted of extensive disking to break up RCG rhizomes and kill them by drying. Other areas are being lightly disked to thin Spikerush and improve plant diversity.

After cultivation, the area will be seeded with native wetland grasses and forbs before heavy rains start. The RCG areas will be heavily seeded with American Sloughgrass, Western Mannagrass, and Water Plantain. These species will compete with the RCG for several years, though eventually RCG will dominate. Wetter areas will be seeded lightly with Water Plantain, Bur-reed, and Wapato. All of these species provide excellent waterfowl and bird food, and the grasses will provide nesting cover. The roosting islands will be augmented with additional woody material, including two new islands created closer to the observation blind.

Finally, the dry marsh has provided a seedbed for phenomenal germination of willow seedlings, now waist-high. Brian said these will be mowed and disked, as the willow won't provide the quality of wetland habitat they are trying to restore.

In summary, Brian hopes that Cabell Marsh will be much more productive for birds starting this year and for several years to come. The refuge staff plan is to control RCG every 5-7 years hence. We all should be looking forward to seeing and appreciating the improvements.

William Proebsting
Photos by Brian Root

Gardening for Birds

California Fuchsia



About 30 years ago, I was walking past the Horticulture Garden next to Cordley Hall on OSU's campus and heard an unusually loud buzz of bees nearby. The source was several low-growing plants covered with bright orange, tubular flowers. A quick search back in the office identified the plants as cultivars of *Zauschneria californica*, variously known as California Fuchsia, Hummingbird Trumpet or Hummingbird Flower. That is my kind of plant and Lena and I have been captivated and entertained by it ever since.



California Fuchsia (CF) is native to the southwest U.S.,

mainly California, with the range creeping into southwestern Oregon. This makes it "nearly native" for the Corvallis garden. CF has a confusing taxonomy. Although currently described as *Epilobium canum* and lumped in its own section of *Epilobium*, which includes fireweed, the old name *Zauschneria* is still found in nurseries. To add to the uncertainty, CF is not a fuchsia. Almost any combination of these scientific and common names can be found in nurseries.

There are many horticultural selections of CF with a variety of flower colors, foliage color and growth pattern. They can be generalized as bright orange, trumpet-shaped flowers, gray-green to silver foliage, 12-18" tall and clumped to spreading growth types.

CF starts flowering sometime in July and continues through September or October until beaten down by rain or frost. This makes a great splash of summer color with the orange flowers contrasting with the gray-green to silver foliage. We don't have many native perennials flowering during the summer at our elevation and this timing coincides with migration of Rufous Hummingbirds. CF is guaranteed to attract their attention and Anna's as well.

In the hummingbird photo, note the bird's throat contacting the stigma and anthers of the flower as it inserts its bill and tongue into the tubular flower to sip nectar. Picture the bird visiting the next flower and leaving some pollen behind and gathering more. This is a classic plant-pollinator relationship. Many species of plants throughout the West depend on this relationship to produce seed. The Rufous Hummingbird population has declined roughly 50% over the last 50 years. Loss of habitat for these native plants is undoubtedly one reason.

Bees are also attracted to CF as I experienced in the Horticulture Garden lo those many years ago. CF are not typical bee-pollinated flowers. I have read sources reporting that bees will chew into the base of the flower to rob nectar. I have not observed this behavior, rather honeybees and bumblebees work around the mouth of the flower, apparently settling for pollen, rather than reaching nectar inaccessible at the base of the flower. Tiny bees and syrphids simply head down the floral tube directly to the nectaries.

CF is easy to grow and is very drought-tolerant, but will look best with occasional summer water,

well-drained soil, and full sun. It is well-adapted to almost any style of gardening. Most generally, it is an outstanding addition to a diverse perennial border. More vigorous, spreading varieties form an excellent bank cover and complement other drought-tolerant shrubs such as manzanita and ceanothus. It can be a component of prairie-type gardens, rock gardens or planted to spill over rock walls – almost any situation that receives a lot of sun. Shade and poor drainage are to be avoided. It has ironclad deer-resistance.

Other than occasional summer water, CF is low maintenance and unfussy. Whereas the shoots are perennial in California, they mostly die during our winters. Therefore, simply shear the shoots down to the ground and the plants will produce a vigorous carpet of attractive leaves followed by summer flowers. I generally wait until after New Year for jobs like this.

In a recent walk in her Seattle neighborhood, my daughter and I noticed CF was commonly used there. I would hope that Corvallis would match or exceed this performance. CF is very ornamental, attractive to hummingbirds and drought-tolerant, the perfect package for these times. Dancing Oaks Nursery regularly has several cultivars in stock. I checked with two local nurseries and they occasionally carry it.

Bill Proebsting

Atop the Nest Box

2020 Bluebird Trail Nesting Report



Another nesting season for Western Bluebirds in the Willamette Valley has come to a close. In the nest boxes monitored by Bluebird Trail volunteers in Benton and Linn counties this year, the first bluebird egg was laid around April 4, and the last chick fledged

(i.e., left its nest) on September 3. The table below summarizes the nesting data from 2020 and the average nesting data from the years 2009–2019.

	2020	Average, 2009–2019
Nesting attempts	224	229
Eggs laid	1,104	1,126
Eggs laid/nesting attempt	4.9	4.9
Eggs hatched	875	889
% Eggs hatched	79	79
Chicks fledged	727	758
% Chicks fledged	83	85

In this table, a nesting attempt is defined as a nest that contained at least one bluebird egg. Overall, the results from this year were similar to those from the preceding 11 years. You can examine the year-by-year data from 2009–2020 on the ASC website: auduboncorvallis.org/bluebird-trail.

You may remember that the weather in our area was wetter than usual during the second-half of last spring, a period when many bluebird nests were occupied by hungry chicks. At our home in north Corvallis, for example, we collected 5.02 inches of rain from May 1 through June 19, nearly three times our average for that period (1.80 inches) since we moved here in 2014.

Cool, wet weather can have a negative effect on chick survival, as such conditions make it difficult for adult bluebirds to find enough insects to keep their nestlings well fed. Therefore, I was curious to know if bluebird nests begun in spring this year were less successful than nests begun in summer, when the weather was drier.

Bluebird Trail monitors noted the date when the first egg was laid in 217 of the 224 nesting attempts they recorded this year: 153 nesting attempts in spring (first egg laid before June 20) and 64 in summer (first egg laid on or after June 20). Although a higher percentage of eggs hatched in the spring nesting attempts (81% vs. 72%), the percentage of chicks that fledged was lower in the spring nesting attempts (80% vs. 91%). Fledging percentage is a good measure of nesting success, so these results suggest that the nests begun

in spring were less successful than those begun in summer.

Of course, rainy weather isn't the only thing that can affect the survival of bluebird chicks - other factors include predators, parasites, and heat stress - so we can't be sure what caused the lower fledging percentage in the spring nesting attempts this year. Analysis of future years' nesting results may shed more light on this question.

Matt Lee, Bluebird Trail

Audubon Society of Corvallis (ASC) Business

MEMBERS: Please review for vote 10/15/20

This document incorporates the revisions recommended by the By-Laws Committee and approved by the Board of Directors September 10, 2020, subject to approval by the General Membership on October 15, 2020.

CONSTITUTION Article 1: Name

This organization shall be known as the Audubon Society of Corvallis.

Article II: Purpose

Section 1. The purpose and objectives of this Society shall be to engage in any such educational, scientific, investigative, literary, historical, philanthropic, and charitable pursuits as may be part of the stated purposes of the National Audubon Society, of which the Society shall function as a Chapter.

Section 2. This Society is not organized, nor shall it be operated, for pecuniary gain or profit, and it does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits, or dividends to the members thereof, or to any private shareholder or individual. The property, assets, profits, and net income of this Society are irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the property, assets, profits, or net income of this Society shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. Upon the dissolution, or upon

abandonment, the assets of this Society remaining after payment of or provision for all debts and liabilities of this Society, shall be donated to such corporation or corporations, association or associations, fund or funds, or foundation or foundations having similar objects and purposes as this Society, as the Board of Directors of this Society may designate, subject to the order of a Court as provided by law: provided that none of such assets shall be donated to any organization other than one organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes as presently set forth in Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 3. This society shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. That part of the Society's activities which shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, shall be limited as required by current IRS regulations to be consistent with the Society's non-profit status.

BY-LAWS

Article I: Membership

Section 1. Any person interested in the purpose of the Society is eligible for membership.

Section 2. Classes of membership should include all categories currently recognized by the National Audubon Society and in addition shall include all members of the Audubon Society of Corvallis.

Section 3. For all classes of National Audubon Society membership, annual dues shall be as established by the National Audubon Society. Annual dues of the Audubon Society of Corvallis shall be as established by the Board of Directors of the Audubon Society of Corvallis.

Section 4. All classes of members as established by the National Audubon Society shall enjoy all the rights and privileges pertaining to the members of the National Society. Audubon Society of Corvallis members who are not also National Audubon Society

members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of the Audubon Society of Corvallis.

Section 5. Membership dues shall be payable at the time of application and shall be effective from the date of the application and yearly thereafter. In the case of Life members, dues shall be paid in full in one sum at the time of application.

Section 6. If a member does not pay membership fees within three months after they are due, that person shall no longer enjoy the rights and privileges of membership until the membership fee is paid in full.

Article II: Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Society shall be held each month from September through May.

Section 2. The Annual meeting of the Society shall be the regular meeting in May, at which time new officers and members-at-large will be elected. New officers and members-at-large will be installed at the next Board meeting.

Section 3. Twenty-five (25) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called regular or special meeting.

Section 4. Special meetings may be called by the President, or called pursuant to a resolution of the Board. Written notice of any special meeting, stating the objectives thereof, shall be sent to each member in accordance with the recommendations of the Oregon Attorney General for notifications.

Article III: Board of Directors

Section 1. All Board members shall be members of the Audubon Society of Corvallis. The control and conduct of business of the Society shall be vested in its Board of Directors. The Board shall determine the policies of the Society. The Board shall consist of four (4) elected Officers, the past president, six (6) elected Members-at-Large, and the standing Committee Chairs or their proxies.

Section 2. No individual shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms in any single elected position as a member of the Board. A term is one (1) full election year of service.

Section 3. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held once per month, September through May and once in the summer between May and September.

Section 4. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 5. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or upon the request of the majority of the Board, according to policies set by the Board.

Section 6. All meetings of the Board will be open to the general membership.

Section 7. At the summer Board meeting, responsibilities shall be transferred from old to new board members and Committee Chairs. At this meeting all officers and Committee Chairs will review the past year budget in preparation for the next annual budget.

Section 8. A Board member's position shall be deemed vacant if a) the position was not filled at the regularly scheduled election, b) upon written resignation of the Board member, or c) a vote by 75% of Board members at a regularly scheduled meeting declares the position to be vacant. In the event that clause "c" above is invoked, the Secretary shall notify the Board member in advance of the next meeting. The Board member may appeal the decision to the next general meeting of the Society, which may vote to reinstate the Board member by a simple majority. A vacancy in any elective position shall be filled by a member elected by the majority vote of the Board of Directors to hold that position until the next Board is installed.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. All officers shall serve for one (1) year terms, but no individual may hold the same office for more than three (3) consecutive terms. An exception is

the Treasurer, who may be elected to additional terms upon determination of the board that special circumstances warrant this extension of office. With the exception of the President, an individual may hold more than one office, but no individual may have more than one vote on the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The President shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors, and an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall perform all other duties associated with the office of President.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the carrying out of duties and shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall chair the Program Committee.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Board, and of the official business of the society. The secretary shall maintain a file of all official correspondence of the Board.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall have custody of the Society's funds. The Treasurer shall report to the Board of Directors at their regular meetings, or as requested. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual report on the financial condition of the Society for distribution upon request.

Section 6. All checks and drafts of the Society shall be signed by the Treasurer or the President; provided that neither Treasurer nor President shall sign a check to himself or herself. Expenses incurred by a member of the Society prior to approval of an authorized budget shall not be binding on the Society. Disbursement of funds shall at all times be kept within limits of the previously approved budget unless specifically authorized by a vote of the Board.

Article V: Nominating Committee

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall annually appoint a Nominating Committee to consist of no fewer than three (3) members. The names of the members of the Nominating Committee shall be made known to the membership of the Society and suggestions for

nominations for officers may be submitted to the committee by any member of the Society.

Section 2. The nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for offices to succeed those whose terms of office expire, and shall ascertain the willingness of their nominees to serve. Its report shall be presented to the membership prior to the annual meeting.

Section 3. Nothing herein contained shall prevent nominations of officers from the floor at the time of the meeting at which elections are to be held.

Article VI: Elections

Section 1. The election of officers and members-at-large shall take place at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Elections shall be conducted by written, secret ballot by the members present at the Annual Meeting, or by voice vote with the approval of members present. Officers will be elected by a majority vote. Should a tie occur, the decision shall be made by lot.

Section 3. The six (6) nominees receiving the most votes for Members-at-Large will be elected.

Article VII: Committees

Section 1. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint chairs of Standing Committees. In making and approving such appointments, the President and Board may seek the advice of incumbent members of standing committees, but need not be bound by them. Chairs of Standing Committees may select their own committee members. Terms of office shall be for one (1) election year or until their successors are appointed and approved.

Section 2. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint Special or Ad Hoc Committees whose terms of office will be determined by the length of the assignment to be done, and whose status may be reviewed at the beginning of each new administration.

Section 3. Standing committees of the Society shall be as follows:

Conservation Committee

Education Committee

Outreach (Publicity) Committee

Membership Committee

Hesthavn Committee

Article VIII: Commitments

This Society, or its officers or Board of Directors, shall not enter into any commitments binding on the National Audubon Society without authorization from the latter. In like manner, the National Audubon Society shall make no commitments binding on this Society without its consent.

Article IX: Discontinuance

Termination is pursuant to the procedures set forth in the 2001 Audubon Chapter Policy adopted by the National Audubon Society's Board of Directors on December 8, 2001.

Article X: Parliamentary Authority

In matters not covered by these By-Laws, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern.

Article XI: Amendments

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of members present at any regular meeting, provided such amendments have been approved by a majority of the Board at a regular or special Board meeting, and provided further that notice of such amendments shall have been published in the newsletter prior to the General meeting at which the vote is taken.

Article XII: Policy Statements

The Board of Directors may issue policy statements from time to time as it sees fit, and, unless in violation of other provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws, the policy statement shall be binding on all future boards unless specifically rescinded or modified. All policy statements shall be attached to, but not become part of, the By-Laws.

Board Meeting Summary

for September 10, 2020

1. VP Mark Baldwin is working on filling speaker slots, but we are "good till January."
2. ASC volunteers are almost done reorganizing education materials and displays, kiosk signs are up, and they are developing a Backyard Spotlights and bird coloring contest for our website.
3. Robert Murray represents ASC on 2021 Winter Wildlife Field Day Steering Committee. It will be a virtual event next Spring, with first planning team meeting in October. As 2020 event was cancelled, ASC will get back the 2020 patches to use in our programs this fall.
4. Ray Drapek reported much progress at Hesthavn. He will look into hiring contractor for back porch repairs. Mark will rebuild door on lower kiosk to make new poster. Sue Powell added that a nature trail guide brochure is in the works. A mouse proof display case is needed to hold Bluebird Trail exhibit and Dodie Wilson will coordinate the effort.
5. Board approved proposed changes to bylaws and policy updates. Only the bylaws need board and general membership approval at October meeting.
6. Malheur Field Station has a \$2,000 field trip housing deposit from ASC. Board okayed allowing them to have \$1,000 of that money to use as needed.
7. Dave Mellinger suggested e-mail designations rather than having board member names attached. Kai will help set up new e-mails.
8. Christina mentioned a central site for posting on our social media. It is media.audubon.corvallis@gmail.com
9. October board meeting will be held on Zoom, Thursday, October 8th -7 p.m.

Susan McNutt, Secretary

Open Board Meetings

ASC Board of Directors meetings are open to all ASC members, and the board encourages you to come and see what we do. Our monthly Board meeting is on Thursday, one week before the General Meeting. See the Board meeting minutes or ASC website for location and time.

Membership Corner

General Membership Renewal Information

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Thank you for your generosity and support!

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Oct. 8 ASC Board Meeting on Zoom, 7 pm
Oct. 11 Hesthavn Weed work party, 10-2
Oct. 15 ASC General Meeting on Zoom, 7 pm
Oct. 22 November Chat submissions due
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