

2019 LADD MARSH BIRD FESTIVAL

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Friday, May 17th Field Trip

Birds and Botany of the Ponderosa Pine Forest—Friday, May 17th, 6:30 AM – 12:30 PM; \$30 per participant

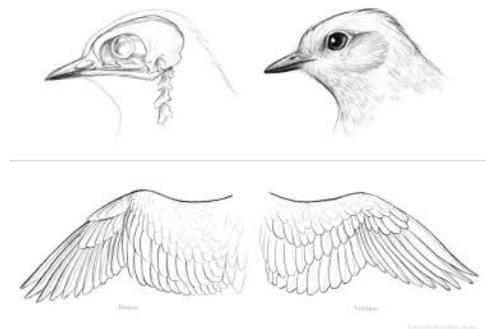
Led by naturalists, Mike and Susan Daugherty, and Kent Coe, botanist with the PNW research station, this half-day trip focuses on the flora and fauna of the ponderosa pine forest. This area supports a small population of Great Gray owls that nest on artificial platforms constructed by the Pacific Northwest Research Station. The owls are not seen every year, so there is no guarantee we'll see one, but we will make an effort to find one of these huge, regal owls. **Difficulty Level:** Moderate; approximately 3 miles walking on uneven ground, obstacles (logs and rocks) to negotiate. *Limited to 10 participants.*



Friday, May 17th Workshop

Drawing Birds from the Inside Out — Friday, May 17th, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. This workshop will meet at the Grande Hot Springs RV Resort – recreation hall, see Map on last page of this flyer. \$30 per participant which includes supplies

Artist Kylee Wiseman, a student of Fine and Studio Arts at George Fox University (visit the following links to view Kylee's work: <https://portfolium.com/kylee-wiseman> and https://www.instagram.com/wary_cassowary/), will guide you in how to draw several anatomical bird diagrams of the three areas artists most often bungle: the wings, feet and beak. Using these resources, you will then be led in a guided pencil sketch of a bird. You'll find it much easier to draw birds once you understand what's going on under their feathers. **Difficulty Level:** Beginners are welcome, but the subject matter will be fairly advanced; must be 16 years or older. *Limited to 8 participants. A second workshop may be offered on Sunday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm if there is participant interest.*



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Saturday, May 18th Field Trip

Birds and Botany of the Ponderosa Pine Forest - Saturday, May 18th, 6:30 AM – 12:30 PM; \$30 per participant

Led by naturalists, Mike and Susan Daugherty, this half-day trip focuses on the flora and fauna of the ponderosa pine forest. This area supports a small population of Great Gray owls that nest on artificial platforms constructed by the Pacific Northwest Research Station. The owls are not seen every year, so there is no guarantee we'll see one, but we will make an effort to find one of these huge, regal owls. **Difficulty Level:** Moderate; approximately 3 miles walking on uneven ground, obstacles (logs and rocks) to negotiate. *Limited to 10 participants.*



Saturday, May 18th Workshop



Photography for Birders — How to take better bird photographs with the equipment you have — Saturday, May 18th, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM; optional outdoor photo-walk. This workshop will meet at the Grande Hot Springs RV Resort – recreation hall, see Map on last page of this flyer. \$20 per participant

Russ Morgan, retired wildlife biologist and experienced bird photographer, will demonstrate photography techniques and ideas with an emphasis on the challenges of taking quality, diagnostic photographs in a variety of habitats and weather. Instruction will be geared toward photographic methods for after you find the bird, and will include elements on lighting, perspective, focus, optimal camera settings and processing of photos.

Difficulty Level: This workshop is designed for birders who want to take better bird photographs while birding. No equipment required unless participant attends the optional photo-walk (after the classroom session), then bring any camera set-up you wish to use. *Limited to 20 participants.*

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Sunday, May 19th Field Trips

Ladd Marsh Dawn Chorus - Sunday May 19th, 4:30 AM – 8:30 AM; \$20 per participant



Experience the awakening of Ladd Marsh with a dawn walk. Led by Ladd Marsh Wildlife Biologist Cathy Nowak, we will listen and look for Virginia rail, sora, American bittern, black-crowned night heron, common yellow-throat, marsh wren and others. We will travel in private vehicles to a site on the wildlife area, then walk along gentle terrain at the edge of the wetland. **Difficulty level:** Easy; walking on uneven terrain. *Limited to 12 participants.*

Birding for Beginners at Red Bridge State Park - Sunday May 19th, 6:00 AM – NOON; \$20 per participant

Led by Dr. Laura Mahrt, Associate Professor of Biology at Eastern Oregon University, this field trip will focus on birds that use riparian areas in Northeast Oregon. This habitat provides food, cover and nest sites for numerous birds such as gray catbird, Lazuli bunting, veery, Vaux's swifts and numerous warblers and woodpeckers. This field trip is not just for beginners, but is open to all birders of all levels that want to hone their birding skills. We will work on basic birding skills of size and shape, color pattern and behavior. **Difficulty level:** Easy, some walking on paved or gravel roads. *Limited to 10 participants.*



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Sunday, May 19th Field Trips

Grande Ronde Valley “Hotspots” - Sunday, May 19th, 6:30 AM – 11:00 AM; \$20 per participant

Songbirds, shorebirds, and birds of prey will be the focus of this field trip. Led by Scott and Nancy Findholt, experienced birders from Union County, this field trip focuses on birding “hotspots” in the Grande Ronde Valley, including areas at Ladd Marsh and sites on private property in the Valley. **Difficulty Level:** Easy; participants will ride together in a van to facilitate communication with the leaders; most birding will be from or near the van or during short walks on level ground. *Limited to 10 participants.*



Birds of the Ponderosa Pine Forest - Sunday, May 19th, 6:30 AM – 12:30 PM; \$30 per participant

Russ Morgan and Nolan Clements, advanced birders with intimate knowledge of the birds of Union County, will lead this half-day trip focused on the birds of the ponderosa pine forest. This area supports a small population of Great Gray owls that nest on artificial platforms constructed by the Pacific Northwest Research Station. The owls are not seen every year, so there is no guarantee we’ll see one, but we will make an effort to find one of these huge, regal owls. **Note:** This trip will not cover flora. **Difficulty Level:** Moderate; walking on uneven ground, obstacles (logs and rocks) to negotiate. *Limited to 10 participants.*

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GROWISER - Sunday May 19th, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM; \$20 per participant



Led by conservationists Laurie Allen and Dave Trochlell, this trip will be a 2 to 3-mile walk focusing on birds and flowering plants at the acclaimed 220-acre GROWISER property on the northern edge of the Grande Ronde Valley. The property contains excellent representations of Blue Mountain foothill habitats where one can hear or see a variety of migrants and local nesting birds, possibly including Great Gray Owls. Within these same GROWISER habitats can be found over 206 native plant species. Expect to see a spectacular array of late spring-season, flowering forbs and shrubs. **Difficulty level:** Moderate; walking up or down gentle to steep grades on gravel trails and dirt paths. *Limited to 10 participants. Please bring a sack lunch.*

Rhinehart Canyon for Early Risers - Sunday May 19th, 5:00 AM — 11:30; \$30 per participant

Led by professional birder, Trent Bray, and naturalist, Mike Mahoney, we will spend the morning looking and listening for birds along the Grande Ronde River at the famous birding spot, Rhinehart Canyon (about 18 miles north of La Grande). Over 140 species have been seen at this location. We may need to do some carpooling depending upon participant turnout. **Difficulty level:** Moderate, a few miles of walking over uneven and rocky terrain. *Limited to 12 participants.*



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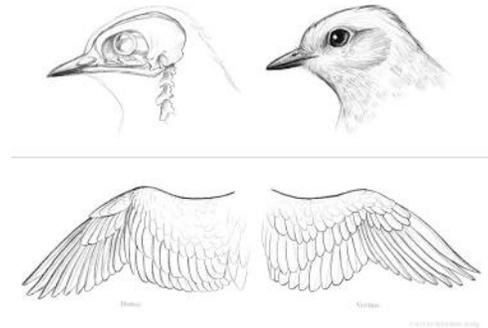
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Sunday, May 19th Workshop (Tentative)

Drawing Birds from the Inside Out — Sunday, May 19th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. This workshop will meet at the Grande Hot Springs RV Resort – recreation hall, see Map on last page of this flyer. \$30 per participant which includes supplies

Artist Kylee Wiseman, a student of Fine and Studio Arts at George Fox University (visit the following links to view Kylee's work: <https://portfolium.com/kylee-wiseman> and https://www.instagram.com/wary_cassowary/), will guide you in how to draw several anatomical bird diagrams of the three areas artists most often bungle: the wings, feet and beak. Using these resources, you will then be led in a guided pencil sketch of a bird. You'll find it much easier to draw birds once you understand what's going on under their feathers. **Difficulty Level:** Beginners are welcome, but the subject matter will be fairly advanced; must be 16 years or older. *Limited to 8 participants.*



Sunday, May 19th Field Trip

Rhinehart Canyon for Afternooners - Sunday May 19th, 11:30 — 3:00 PM; \$30 per participant

Led by professional birder, Trent Bray, and naturalist, Mike Mahoney, we will spend the afternoon looking and listening for birds along the Grande Ronde River at the famous birding spot, Rhinehart Canyon (about 18 miles north of La Grande). Over 140 species have been seen at this location. We may need to do some carpooling depending upon participant turnout. **Difficulty level:** Moderate, a few miles of walking over uneven and rocky terrain. *Limited to 12 participants.*



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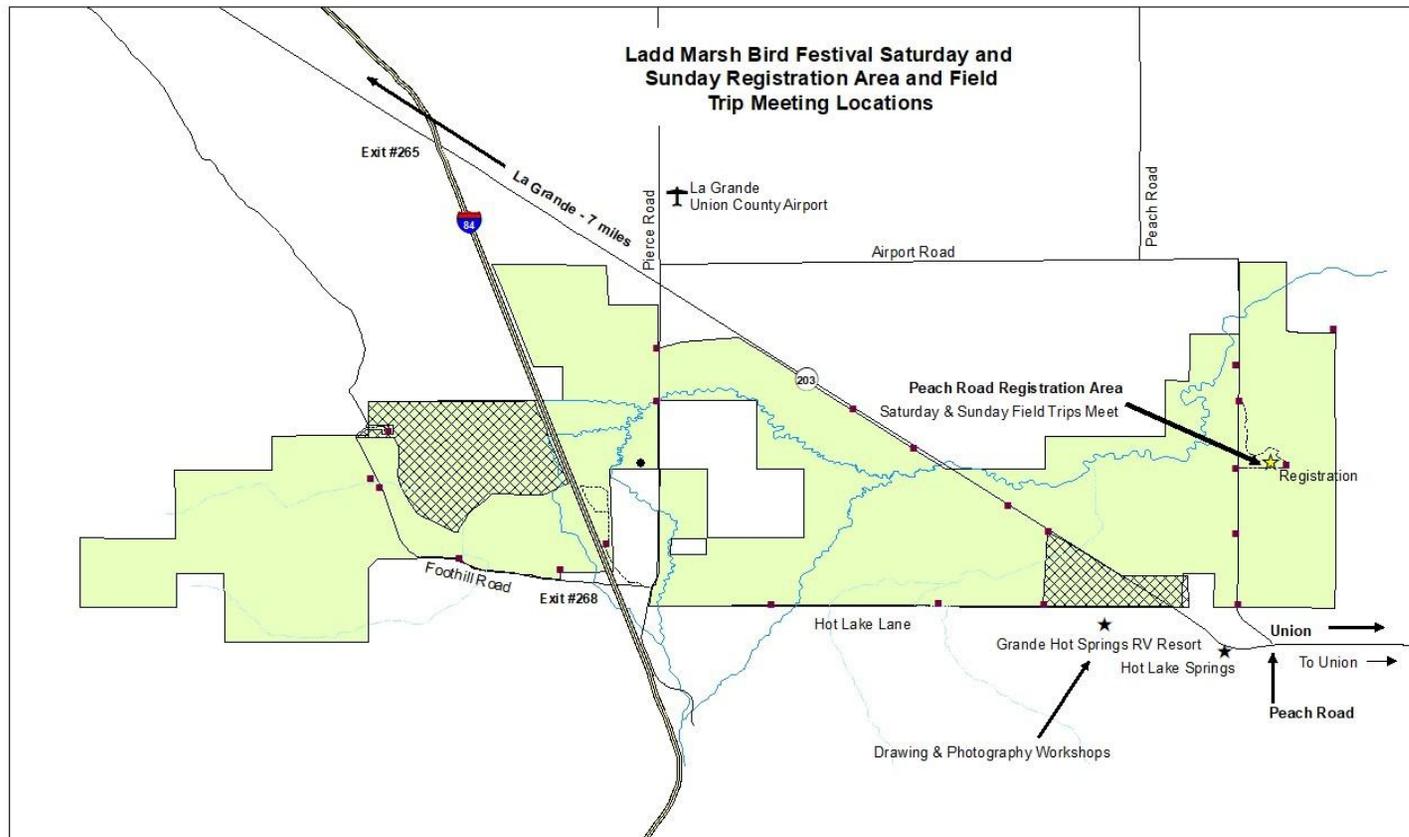


Trips will meet at the following locations:

- **Friday** — Union County Senior Center, 1504 North Albany Street, La Grande, OR 97850
- **Saturday & Sunday** — Bird Festival Peach Road Registration area (see map below)

Consider bringing the following items: a camera, binoculars, spotting scope, hiking boots, clothing appropriate for the weather, insect repellent, something to drink and food to snack on.

Please leave pets at home or make other arrangements.



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