

## 2024 ASLC Birdwalk and Event Calendar

All of our Audubon bird walks are free, family-friendly, and open to the public. No prior experience is needed and you do not need to pre-register. The walks are led by experienced birders and we provide the free use of binoculars and field guides. Dress for coastal weather as we hold our birdwalks rain or shine. Please remember to bring water. Note that dogs are not allowed on these walks. For more information and updates, visit [lincolncityaudubon.org](http://lincolncityaudubon.org).

### JANUARY

#### **Friday, January 12, 9-11am - Regatta Park and Devils Lake**

Regatta Park, with playground, picnic area, and lake access, is a favorite spot for local families. Less well known are the park's nature trails. We'll start with a walk through the woods looking for songbirds, then check the lake for wintering waterfowl. Meet in the parking lot off of NE 14th in Lincoln City. *Sponsored by Lincoln City Parks and Recreation and Explore Lincoln City.*

#### **Saturday, January 13, 9-11am - Hatfield Marine Science Center (HMSC) Nature Trail and Yaquina Bay South Jetty**

Yaquina Bay regularly hosts thousands of wintering waterfowl. After walking the trail, we'll drive to the south jetty as time permits. We should see Harlequin and other diving ducks, loons, and other wintering birds. This trip offers short easy walks to viewing areas. Meet in the HMSC visitor center parking lot.

### FEBRUARY

#### **Saturday, February 10, 9-11am - Friends of the Wildwoods Open Space**

This is an easy walk through the forest right in the heart of Lincoln City. We'll look for year round residents such as Downy Woodpecker as well as wintering sparrows. Meet at the trailhead on NE West Devils Lake Rd. There is limited parking along the street at the trailhead. *Sponsored by Lincoln City Parks and Recreation and Explore Lincoln City.*

#### **Friday, Feb 16 - Monday, Feb 19 ~ Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC)**

Everyone is welcome to participate - from beginners to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one day, or you can count for as long as you like each day of the event. It's free, fun, and easy—and it helps the birds. Learn more at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org).

### MARCH

#### **Friday, March 8, 9-11am - Spring Lake Open Space**

Spring Lake Open Space is a hidden treasure within the city limits about a quarter of a mile from Highway 101 on NE 14th Street. Except for the paved trail at the top, most trails are muddy and uneven. The trail follows the lake edge closely most of the way. We will look for winter sparrows and other songbirds. Meet in the Spring Lake Open Space parking lot on Port Ave. *Sponsored by Lincoln City Parks and Recreation and Explore Lincoln City.*

#### **Saturday, March 9, 9-11am - Yakona Nature Preserve (meet at 8:45am)**

The Yakona Nature Preserve & Learning Center is a privately owned property located on the Yaquina Bay in Newport, with limited public access. It includes both deep forests as well as bay frontage. The walk is moderately difficult with some elevation gain. Meet at the locked gate at the end of SE 40th/SE Harborton near WolfTree Brewery in South Beach (near the OCCC Central Coast Campus). Please be there **at 8:45am to carpool onto the property.**

### APRIL

**Friday, April 12, 9-11am - The Villages Open Space and Road's End State Park**

The Villages walk provides diverse habitat for an interesting array of birds. April is a great time to see the last of the wintering songbirds and enjoy early arrivals such as warblers. We will walk downhill past the Sal La Sea wetlands to the parking lot at Roads End State Park to look for near-shore birds. Meet on NE Devils Lake Blvd past the golf course (watch for our ASLC sign).  
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**Saturday, April 13, 10am\*-Noon - Nestucca National Wildlife Refuge, Two Rivers Loop**

\*Please note starting time.

The two-mile Two Rivers Nature Trail boasts a sweeping viewpoint of the confluence of the Nestucca and Little Nestucca Rivers. The walk is moderate with elevation changes and uneven terrain. Early April offers a unique opportunity to view early migrants along with lingering winter birds and waterfowl. Meet at the lower parking lot off Christensen Rd.

**MAY**

**Friday, May 10, 9-11am - Cutler City Open Space and Siletz Bay**

Large trees in this wooded wetland host species such as Pileated Woodpecker while the marshy brush is home to Common Yellowthroat and other songbirds. After walking the woods, we'll move on to Siletz Bay where we will enjoy the herons and look for shorebirds. Meet at the pull-out on SW 63rd. *Sponsored by Lincoln City Parks and Recreation and Explore Lincoln City.*

**Saturday, May 11, 9-11am - Grass Mountain on Cascade Head (meet at 8:45am)**

The Sitka Center for Art & Ecology's Grass Mountain property is an 80 acre preserve on the southwest side of Cascade Head. Largely undisturbed for decades, the property has limited public access and entry is via a locked gate. The walk is moderately difficult with some elevation gain.

**Meet at 8:45am** at the Sitka Center at 56605 Sitka Dr, to carpool onto the property.

**May 11-12 (TBD) - World Migratory Bird Day festival**

World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is an international event. In 2024, we plan to again hold our WMBD festival celebrating birds and their habitats. Watch our website for more information.

**JUNE**

**Friday, June 7, 9-11am - Hostetler Park & Devils Lake**

join us for a walk through diverse habitat along D River, crossing a hidden boardwalk through unique wetlands, then on through the campgrounds to Devils Lake. We'll look for wintering birds like Hermit Thrush, sparrows, and waterfowl. Meet at NE 1st street parking area on the east side of Hwy 101 in Lincoln City.

**Saturday, June 8, 9-11am - Ona Beach & Beaver Creek SRA**

Starting with a walk through the woods along the creek, we'll make our way to the ocean beach, looking for nesting birds including warblers and swallows, resident wading birds and songbirds. From there, time permitting, we'll drive to Beaver Creek. We will meet at the Ona Beach parking area.

**Thursday, June 20, 5-7:30pm - ASLC Annual Potluck and Business Meeting**

Save the date for our annual potluck and business meeting!