

Welcome

WINTER WINGS FESTIVAL
February 17–19, 2012
Klamath Falls, Oregon



**DARRELL GULIN,
FEATURED PHOTOGRAPHER**

The Klamath Basin Audubon Society (KBAS) welcomes you to the 33rd Annual Winter Wings Festival based at the Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT). We invite you to experience the beauty of the Klamath Basin, where hundreds of eagles and other raptors and thousands of ducks, geese, and swans take up residence in the winter. We offer a huge assortment of birding and nature-related activities for all ages and skill levels, from novice birder to life-long birding enthusiast. In addition, nature photographers of all skill levels will be impressed by the rich diversity of wildlife present in the Klamath Basin during wintertime, as well as the depth, variety, and quality of photography-oriented workshops, field trips, and instruction.

Families take center stage on Saturday. Almost all of the day's children's activities are free and are open to the public, including photo contests and art contests. Highlighting the family activities is **Denny Olson**, a master of theatrical performances who creates various persona from the natural world.

Please join us for breathtaking moments in the field, insights into birds and nature, new skills, new friends, and fun!



**KENN KAUFMAN,
FEATURED BIRDER**

The Winter Wings Festival continues to host top-notch birding talent! World-renowned author, naturalist, and birding expert **Kenn Kaufman** will make his first appearance at the Festival. Kenn is a legend among birders. A field editor for *Audubon* magazine and a regular contributor to every major birding magazine, he is the only person ever to have received the American Birding Association's lifetime achievement award twice! His natural history pursuits have taken him to all seven continents, but he has made a special study of North American birds. Kenn's books include *Kingbird Highway*, *Lives of North American Birds*, and *Flights Against the Sunset*. He also edits the *Kaufman Field Guides* series, which includes books on birds, butterflies, mammals, insects, and advanced birding. His keynote program will recount his adventures as a teenager, when he hitch-hiked around North America to find as many bird species as he could. *Kingbird Highway*, the story of that adventure, has become a cult classic. Learn more about Kenn at www.KaufmanFieldGuides.com/KennKaufman.htm.

Registration

Registration is required for all activities with an associated fee, including field trips, workshops, mini-sessions, receptions, and keynotes. Register early to ensure your place; our field trips and photography workshops fill rapidly. Some discounts are available for students and volunteers. Registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received. Free activities do not require registration unless otherwise stated.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

ONLINE: We strongly prefer that you register online at our festival website www.WinterWingsFest.org/register. Using this method you can charge your fees to a credit card or mail a check (address and information below). You will receive an immediate e-mail confirmation of your selections. Online registration is expected to be available in early December 2011.

BY MAIL: You can also download a registration form from the website www.WinterWingsFest.org and send it with a check payable to KBAS–Winter Wings Festival to the Registrar: Molly Russell, 5548 Sturdivant Avenue, Klamath Falls, OR 97603. You will be provided with a written confirmation. You can also call (877) 541-BIRD (2473) to request a registration form.



Registration (cont'd) and Planning

ON-SITE REGISTRATION AND HELP DESK

The Registration and Help Desk will be in front of the fireplace on the first floor of the OIT College Union. This is where you will pick up your registration packet if you registered in advance. Walk-ins can register for open activities, but you should expect limited availability. This is also where you can get answers to any questions about the festival and pick up maps of the local area.

THE REGISTRATION AND HELP DESK ARE OPEN:

Friday	2:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday	7:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Several activities are scheduled to begin on Thursday or Friday before the Festival officially opens at 2:00 pm on Friday at the OIT College Union. If you have registered and paid for any of the activities that begin at or before 2:00 pm on Friday, you may pick up your packets Thursday evening between 5:00 and 8:00 pm at the Best Western Olympic Inn. If you cannot pick up your packet in advance, just meet at your first activity pick-up point and your leader will have your packet.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The Winter Wings Festival reserves the right to cancel any event for any reason. If we cancel an event because a key leader/presenter is unable to participate, you will receive a full refund for that event. If we cancel an event due to weather-related conditions, no refund will be issued. If an attendee cancels a registration to any event for any reason, the following policy will apply:

- Cancellations made prior to February 13, 2012 will result in a full refund of fees paid less a \$10 processing fee.
- No refund will be given for cancellations made on or after February 13, 2012 for weather-related conditions or other reasons, or for no-shows.

WHERE IS THE FESTIVAL LOCATED?

All festival activities take place in the Klamath Basin, in and around the city of Klamath Falls. Unless otherwise stated, the activities take place at the OIT campus located at 3201 Campus Drive. For a map of the campus, see www.oit.edu/campus-map. For questions on handicap accessibility call OIT at (541) 885-1000. Field trips leave from the lobby of the Martha Anne Dow Center for Health Professions on campus or from one of the host hotels as indicated in the descriptions.

WHO TO CONTACT FOR TRAVEL PLANNING?

Contact Discover Klamath at (800) 445-6728 or (541) 882-1501; stop by their Klamath Falls office at 205 Riverside Drive; or go to www.DiscoverKlamath.com. A good introduction to birding the Klamath Basin can be found at www.KlamathAudubon.org/birds.

WHAT TO WEAR/BRING?

For field trips, bring layered clothing, gloves, hat, comfortable walking shoes or boots, binoculars / spotting scopes, camera, bird identification guide, water, and snacks. Bird checklists for the Klamath Basin can be found at www.KlamathAudubon.org/birds.

WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE?

The average daily high temperature in February is 46 degrees, but mornings can be cold. Snow is a possibility at this time of year, so be prepared.

WHERE TO EAT?

A list of local restaurants will be available at the Registration and Help Desk. Food services are available at OIT on the weekend during the day. Check www.oit.edu for current food service hours. See www.WinterWingsFest.org for festival reception menus. You can order convenient box lunches; just indicate your choice of lunch option on the registration form. Opportunities to sign up for lunches and receptions at the festival will be very limited—order early!

WHAT ABOUT ACCOMMODATIONS?

The following host hotels are major sponsors of the Festival and will offer discounts to Festival attendees:

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| • Running Y Lodge
5500 Running Y Rd.
(888) 850-0275 | • Best Western Olympic Inn
2627 S. Sixth St.
(541) 882-9665 |
| • Microtel Inn and Suites
2716 Dakota Ct.
(541) 273-0206 | • Cimarron Inn
3060 S. 6th St.
(541) 882-4601 |

WHAT ABOUT TRANSPORTATION?

The festival provides transportation for field trips unless they are identified as a carpool trip in the event description. Some of the field trips leave from the host hotels and the rest leave from the OIT campus. Pick up your ordered lunch ahead of time (if applicable) and arrive at the rendezvous point at least 20 minutes early to check in with the leader. Note that parking on campus may be limited because of other OIT activities; allow extra time to find a parking spot and walk to the rendezvous point.



KEY TO NUMBERING SYSTEM

F = Field Trip	K = Keynote Presentation
W = Workshop	R = Reception
M = Mini-Session	

Note: All activity locations refer to facilities at the Oregon Institute of Technology unless a host hotel is specified.

FIELD TRIPS

FO1 KLAMATH MARSH OWL PROWL

2:30 pm Thursday–Noon Friday, Meet at Best Western Olympic Inn

Be one of the lucky ten to experience this unique birding adventure—an overnight owling trip to the Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge with experts **Faye Weekley**, **Kevin Spencer**, and **Damian Fagan**. The target species will be the Great Gray Owl, but no promises of course. You'll overnight in a comfy refuge bunkhouse that has several 2-3 person rooms. We'll provide the guides, transportation, dinner, and breakfast. You bring a great attitude and your birding by ear skills. Fee: \$120

FO2 BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE KLAMATH REFUGES 1

8:00 am–12:30 pm, Meet at 8:00 am at Best Western Olympic Inn or 8:15 am at Microtel Inn

Spend a morning with National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) biologist **Dave Mauser** for a tour through the Lower Basin Refuges. Learn about Refuge ecology and management as you experience some of the most spectacular winter birding in the Basin. This trip includes visits to areas usually closed to the public. Fee: \$30 (\$25 stdnt)

FO3 CANON LONG GLASS 1 [NEW]

8:00 am–2:00 pm, Meet at 7:30 am at Running Y Lodge

Join the representatives from Canon for an early morning photo safari. This tour is centered on a convergence of Bald Eagles in the Klamath Basin. Your Canon instructors will guide you to the best locations and teach you how to capture the best shoot. In this private workshop you will get hands on instructions in using some of Canon Professional lenses like the EF 800mm, EF 500mm and the EF 400mm. You'll learn how to achieve the best composition and proper exposure, plus master your Canon Camera shooting modes. Fee: \$25

FO4 BIRDING THE LAVA BEDS AND BEYOND [NEW]

8:15 am–3:30 pm, Meet at 8:15 am at Best Western Olympic Inn or 8:30 at Microtel Inn

This trip will focus on getting a big day count with Lava Beds National Monument staff **David Larson** and **Nancy Hadlock** while exploring the county roads, fields, and parks along the eastern and southern edge of the Tulelake basin. Lunch will be provided at the Winema Lodge where you will be treated to a presentation on the wildlife, geology, and history of Lava Beds National Monument. The afternoon will be spent looking for additional species such as shrikes, other songbirds, longspurs, and raptors on the tour route of the Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge and northern areas of Lava Beds. Fee: \$50

FO5 LAKE OF THE WOODS SNOWSHOEING ADVENTURE

8:45 am–3:15 pm, Meet at Running Y Lodge

Want to experience a winter wonderland? Only 40 minutes away is this fabulous mountain lake with adjoining resort. We'll provide the snowshoes for an adventure through the cascade woodlands. **Mike Angeli** will teach you some basic skills like proper winter protection, shelter building, and fire starting for survival in a harsh environment. Lunch is included. Must be in good health and capable of moderate hiking. All ages. Fee: \$45

FO6 RUNNING Y FEEDER HOP AND BIRD BANDING DEMO [NEW]

9:00 am–Noon, Meet at Running Y Lodge (carpool field trip)

Come for the Running Y neighborhood's winter bird visitors, including the White-Headed Woodpecker that is known to frequent local feeders. Klamath Bird Observatory's **John Alexander** will do some trapping and a banding demonstration at a private residence and we will learn how conservation scientists use subtle plumage variations to evaluate the health of our bird populations. Fee: \$15

FO7 DIGISCOPING AND OPTICS IN THE FIELD

Noon–3:00 pm, Meet at Running Y Lodge (carpool field trip)

After a brief overview of optics and the concept of digiscoping by Kowa rep **Jim Danzenbaker**, you'll carpool to a comfortable private residence in Klamath Falls and develop your skills with help from a pro. Try your hand at digiscoping birds from a sheltered, friendly environment. Fee: \$15



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☐ F08A HAWK IDENTIFICATION IN THE KLAMATH BASIN (PART A)

1:30–3:30 pm, Meet at Running Y Lodge

Are you interested in sharpening your Hawk ID skills? If so, this class and field trip combination is for you. Join **Dick Ashford**, American Birding Association and Klamath Bird Observatory board member, for a straightforward introduction to the identification of our local hawks. Our classroom presentation will focus solely on those field marks we can expect to see on our daylong field trip, which will take place Saturday morning. The goal? For you to be able to identify 90% of the hawks we'll encounter during our day together, and have fun doing it! This class is a prerequisite to F08 Part B. Fee: \$30 includes Part A and B

WORKSHOPS

☐ W01 HIGH DYNAMIC RANGE (HDR) PHOTOGRAPHY [NEW]

10:00 am–3:30 pm, Meet at Running Y Lodge

In this interactive hands-on workshop **Mark Fitzgerald** will teach you how to use Photomatix Pro to create High Dynamic Range (HDR) images. Bring (1) a laptop with Photoshop CS4 or CS5 and Photomatix Pro installed and ready to use (30-day trial versions of both programs are available online), and (2) a dSLR, tripod, and media card reader. Fee: \$125



☐ W02 HOW eBIRD WILL MAKE YOU A BETTER BIRDER [NEW]

2:00–4:00 pm, Meet at Running Y Lodge

Most of you have already heard of eBird (www.ebird.org), the free online bird reporting tool that allows you to keep track of the birds you've seen while making your data available to science and conservation—but can using eBird make you a better birder? Absolutely! **Brian Sullivan** will explain how using eBird can improve your birding skills and knowledge, simply by entering your observations into the system. The workshop will start with a guided bird walk where we'll identify and count the birds we see, and then conclude with a hands-on eBird tutorial. After this workshop you'll know how

to use eBird, why it's good for you, birding, and conservation, and you'll have your first eBird checklist in the system. Join us, and become part of the eBird flock! Fee: \$18 (\$15 stdnt)

☐ THE FEATHER ATLAS: A WEB-BASED RESOURCE FOR FEATHER IDENTIFICATION [NEW]

4:15–5:15 pm, College Union Crater Lake Complex

Even experienced birders are often frustrated when trying to identify feathers that they encounter in the field. **Pepper Trail** will show how to use the Feather Atlas, a web-based feather identification resource developed at the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory. Attendees are encouraged to bring photographs of "mystery feathers" for identification. (No actual feathers, please! Those require a salvage permit, as will be explained at the workshop.) FREE

MINI-SESSIONS

☐ BIRDS OF THE BASIN AND THE EXPERTS THAT KNOW THEM [NEW]

5:00–7:00 pm, College Union Crater Lake Complex

Greet old friends and meet new ones as well. Grab a beverage at the cash bar. Get fueled up at the kick-off buffet. Then feel free to drop by one or both of these free and informal talks and Q and A sessions designed to help you get your bearings for the rest of the weekend. There will be time to ask questions of local experts and find out what activities still have openings. Birders and photographers welcome. FREE

◆ *5:30–6:15 pm:* **Ron Larson** will give a crash course in the bird species that you're likely to encounter during the festival, and to get an update on current conditions for birding in the Basin. Maps and local birding site guides will be available. FREE

◆ *6:30–7:00 pm:* **John Alexander**, Executive Director of Klamath Bird Observatory, our region's local science-based bird conservation organization, will provide national and local examples of how your eBird data are used to advance bird conservation. He will encourage us all to use our passion for bird watching as a force for conserving the birds we cherish and protecting the ecosystem on which birds and people all depend. FREE

RECEPTION AND KEYNOTE

☐ R1 BBQ BUFFET

5:00–7:00 pm

College Union Crater Lake Complex

See www.WinterWingsFest.org for menu. Fee: \$17



❑ **K1 KEYNOTE: BIRDS OF ANTARCTICA, AFRICA, AUSTRALIA AND THE ARCTIC [NEW]**

7:15–9:00 pm, OIT Auditorium

Canon Explorer of Light master photographer **Darrell Gulin** will headline the photography component of this year's Festival. His presentation will feature birds from the 4 A's (Antarctica, Arctic, Australia and Africa) and the Pantanal of Brazil. See feathers and close-up patterns of many birds from around the world. Fee: \$12



 **Saturday, February 18**

FIELD TRIPS

❑ **F09 FLYOUT 1**

5:45–8:30 am, Meet at 5:45 am at

Best Western Olympic Inn or 6:00 am at Microtel Inn

Travel to Bear Valley National Wildlife Refuge to watch Bald Eagles leave their night roost. Fee: \$12

❑ **F10 SHOOT WITH A PRO WITH DARRELL GULIN [NEW]**

7:00 am–Noon, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Ever wanted to shoot like one of Canon's Explorers of Light? Well, now you can! Join **Darrell Gulin** as he gives you his insight into what it takes to capture the perfect image. Darrell will share his experience on how to market your images and what it takes to get them published. From there the lucky 10 people take a bus ride out to the Klamath Basin with Darrell. There he will go over his tips and techniques on shooting birds. Register early; these slots will go fast! Fee: \$199

❑ **F11 BIG DAY**

7:00 am–4:30 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Join local birding experts **Kevin Spencer** and **BJ Matzen** to see how many species you can find on a winter day in the southern Klamath Basin. You'll visit Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge and a number of other hotspots. The focus will be on wintering raptors and waterfowl, but you'll look for other winter species such as shrikes, owls, horned larks, and perhaps a longspur (rare). The pace will be quick; if you want to take photos, this is not the trip for you. For intermediate level birders. Fee: \$60 (\$55 stdnt)

❑ **F12 BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE KLAMATH REFUGES 2**

8:00 am–12:30 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance
Same as F02.

❑ **F08B HAWK IDENTIFICATION IN THE KLAMATH BASIN (PART B)**

8:30 am–1:30 pm, Meeting place TBD during the prerequisite Part A session (carpool field trip)

Now you put your new skills from Part A into practice. Carpool to raptor hot spots in the southern Klamath Basin. At the end of the day you'll be a certified raptor enthusiast. Fee: \$30 includes Part A and B

❑ **F13 BEGINNING BIRDING**

9:00 am–Noon (carpool field trip), OIT room TBA

If you enjoy seeing birds in your backyard and want to learn how to identify them, or if you've been looking for a new nature-oriented hobby, this is the class for you. **Karl Wenner** will begin with a presentation that introduces the major groups of birds and explains how to use field marks to identify common birds of the Klamath Basin. Then we'll carpool to nearby hotspots to put our new skills to work including a visit to a private waterfront home with stellar views of bird life on and around Upper Klamath Lake. Fee: \$15

❑ **F14 LAID BACK BIRDING**

9:30 am–3:30 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Not ready to leave at the crack of dawn? Bird with biologist **Larry Pecenka** from a bus that leisurely loops through two of the Basin's refuges. You'll have an opportunity to stop along the way and view the famous Bald Eagles of the Basin, waterfowl, and raptors. Birders of all skill levels are welcome to learn about Basin birds and their habitats. Fee: \$40 (\$35 stdnt)

❑ **F15 TRACKING AND SNOWSHOE ADVENTURE [NEW]**

10:00 am–3:30 pm, OIT room TBA

This brand new activity begins with a classroom session where wildlife expert **Vince Belleci** will teach you how to identify wildlife footprints, as well as demonstrate some simple field techniques for making plaster casts of wildlife tracks. He will also give a brief overview of some tricks to use in the field to facilitate wildlife observation. Grab your boxed lunches and come join Fremont-Winema National Forest staff. Participants will be bused to the Pelican Guard Station located 30 minutes west of Klamath Falls. While warming at this newly restored historic facility, a Klamath Ranger District employee will discuss the Lower Fourmile Creek



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Restoration Project before participants put on their snowshoes and head out on a tour of the Forest's newest Nature Watch site. During this walk through a ponderosa pine forest and wet meadow, your guide will discuss winter survival of many local wildlife species and help find tracks for participants to cast. Fee: \$40

☐ F16 SHOOT WITH A PRO WITH LARRY TURNER

Noon–5:00 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Bring your own camera and gear and join professional photographer **Larry Turner** (www.larryturnerphotography.com) for one-on-one bird photography tutoring in the field. In a small group, you'll visit local refuges and learn tips on how to capture great pictures of birds in their natural environments. Get personalized help with camera settings and insider information on the latest techniques in bird photography. Limited to 10 participants. Fee: \$100

WORKSHOPS

☐ W03 CHOOSING A CANON LENS [NEW]

9:00–10:30 am, OIT room TBA

Choosing a new Canon lens can be expensive, time consuming and confusing. Canon makes over 70 lenses, all of which have a different purpose and specialty. **Genaro Arroyo** will help you sort out some of that confusion. Learn the difference between a telephoto and a zoom lens, why the Canon "L" lenses are really the right lens for that aspiring professional, the benefits of using a lens hood and the pitfalls of choosing a bad low grade filter. For those that shoot video, learn why you may want to purchase a Canon prime lens. Fee: \$10

☐ W04 THE WOODPECKER'S TONGUE [NEW]

9:00–11:00 am, OIT room TBA

Woodpeckers have a truly amazing tongue that allows them to reach insects that live deep within the wood. They also have many other unique adaptations that give an advantage for their lifestyle. **Dan Gleason** will look at these fascinating adaptations and how they work, then extend a look into other adaptations equally interesting that other kinds of birds have evolved and how that assists their lifestyles. Fee: \$18 (\$15 stdnt)

☐ W05 INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED RAPTOR IDENTIFICATION

9:00 am–Noon, OIT room TBA

This popular session returns for 2012! Join **Jeff Smith** for an in-depth discussion of raptor ecology and identification. Hone your raptor identification skills through a discussion of behavior, flight characteristics, and field marks, and view comparative photos. This workshop will take your understanding of raptors to the next level, and is designed as a companion to field trip F23 on Sunday. For intermediate/advanced level birders. Fee: \$30 (\$25 stdnt)

☐ W06 BIRD DRAWING FOR YOUTH [NEW]

10:30 am–12:30 pm, OIT room TBA

Sketching birds with young people is a wonderful way to help them better observe nature. In this workshop, **Barbara Gleason** will help you develop good skills for sketching birds, plants, insects or other organisms in nature. You will learn techniques applicable to all objects, using simple shapes and one-on-one assistance to get started. Participants and parents should bring sketching supplies, particularly pencils of various softness and hardness, or colored pencils, along with sketchbook or paper. Ages 8-17. Fee: \$15 (Parents free when accompanied by a child aged 10 or under.)

☐ W07 LEARNING FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY [NEW]

11:00 am–12:30 pm, OIT room TBA

Over the years, Wireless E-TTL has been embraced by many advanced enthusiasts and pros for its quick operation, and its ability to turn a snap shoot into a photograph. Canon's latest speedlites have opened a whole new realm of still imaging possibilities to the enthusiast who wants to break away from on camera flash photography. This class will take you through the Canon line up and their benefits. You will learn wireless flash photography using the Canon EX 580 II on and off camera and why you may want to use a flash modifier. **Jim Dicecco** will also cover the benefits of using a light panel or soft box with your Canon flash. Fee: \$10

☐ W08 SECRETS OF SHOOTING RAW

1:00–2:30 pm, OIT room TBA

Learn to leverage the massive amount of data captured in a RAW file. In this class, **Mark Fitzgerald**, an Adobe Certified Photoshop Expert and author, reveals the secrets to shooting and processing RAW files. He explains the terminology and shows you the best workflow for using Photoshop's Adobe Camera Raw to quickly make your RAW photos look their best. This workshop is an excellent preparation for W16. Fee: \$40

❑ **W09 WILD CSI: INSIDE THE WORLD'S TOP WILDLIFE CRIME LAB [NEW]**

2:30–4:00 pm, OIT room TBA

Birds and other wildlife face a daunting array of threats from illegal human activities, ranging from poaching to oil spills to the trade in animal parts. The National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon is the world's premier wildlife crime lab. Ornithologist **Pepper Trail** will give a behind-the-scenes look at how Lab scientists combine classic methods and cutting-edge research to help enforce our conservation laws and protect wildlife populations. Fee: \$15

❑ **W10 CANON PRINTING AND LEARNING CANON RAW SOFTWARE [NEW]**

2:45–4:15 pm, OIT room TBA

Now you have taken all those bird photos, what are you going to do with them? Why not learn how to process the RAW files in the Canon Digital Photo Professional (DPP) software and then print them on the Pixma Pro series printers. **Richard Villia** will take you through the advantages of printing and why it should be done using the Canon RAW software and printed on a Canon Pixma Printer. We will cover ink technology and why Canon printers have a distinct advantage. Richard will also cover the new 13x19 Canon Pro 1 Printer that was just announced. Fee: \$10

❑ **W11 BIRDING BY EAR**

3:00–5:00 pm, OIT room TBA

Birding by ear is an essential tool for detecting more birds in the field, and your birding experiences will be greatly enhanced as you improve your birding-by-ear skills. In this workshop, **John Alexander** will teach bird songs and calls using sound recordings, mnemonic devices, sonograms, and drawing. The workshop integrates lecture, images, guided listening, and participation. We will focus on breeding songbirds of the Klamath Basin, comparing sound-alike species of riparian, fir, pine, oak, and shrub steppe habitats. This year, special guest and expert bird vocalization impressionist, **Denny Olson**, will join us to help with a fun test of your birding by ear skills. Fee: \$18 (\$15 stdnt)

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❑ **M01 MARINE CONSERVATION, BIRDS, AND THE LAND-SEA CONNECTION [NEW]**

10:00–11:00 am, OIT room TBA

Hear about the natural wonders of Oregon's complex marine food web. **Paul Engelmeyer**, a respected coastal conservation voice, will speak about efforts to expand protection for

seabirds and their habitats, both westward into the ocean and onshore within the coastal rainforest. He will present a short video: *Ocean Frontiers, New Era in Ocean Stewardship*, featuring conservation efforts in the Port Orford area. Paul will also provide an update on the status of Central Coast Marbled Murrelet Important Bird Area (IBA), and Oregon's marine reserve process, including the recommended Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve. Fee: \$6

❑ **M02 OREGON OWLS**

11:15 am–12:15 pm, OIT room TBA

There's something magical about hearing an owl call in the middle of the night. Join **Damian Fagan** for one of our most popular sessions. This class focuses on the haunts and habits of owls and how to identify them by sound and sight. Fee: \$6

❑ **M03 UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU SEE FOR BETTER BIRD ID [NEW]**

1:00–2:15 pm, OIT room TBA

Spring 2011 marked the publication of the brand-new *Kaufman Field Guide to Advanced Birding*. Despite the title, this book was definitely NOT intended just for "advanced birders"—it was designed to help birders at all levels of experience to increase their skill at bird ID. **Kenn Kaufman's** basic point of the book is that learning to identify birds is not a matter of memorizing more and more field marks. Rather, it relies on building up a better understanding of what we are seeing and hearing. Drawing on key sections of the book, this program will give an overview of this approach, with surprising examples involving familiar birds. Kenn will show how to avoid being misled by tricky birds, and how a few basic and general ideas can make the identification of all birds less confusing and more fun. Fee: \$10

❑ **M04 HOW TO BE A BETTER BIRDER—EVEN IF YOU ARE ALREADY AN EXPERT! [NEW]**

2:30–3:45 pm, OIT room TBA

Kimberly Kaufman has spent the last 15 years of her life completely immersed in the world of birds and birding. She and her husband Kenn have traveled the world studying birds, and in this fun and enlightening presentation, Kimberly will take you along on some of their adventures. Experience their most memorable encounters with birds—and birders, and learn some tips for getting more from every birding opportunity. Fee: \$10





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☐ M05 RAPTORS AND REHAB

4:00–5:00 pm, OIT room TBA

This workshop will introduce the basics of bird first aid. You find an injured or orphaned bird—what do you do next? Rehab expert **Liz Diver** will share best practices from years of experience caring for and rehabilitating wild birds. Learn how to apply basic wraps and feeding techniques. Fee: \$6

☐ M06 eBIRD—GLOBAL TOOLS FOR BIRDERS [NEW]

4:15–5:15 pm, OIT room TBA

eBird (www.ebird.org) is a free online checklist program that allows birders to record and share observations, keep track of lists, and explore observations from the Klamath Basin and throughout the world. Submitted observations also benefit the science and conservation community by contributing to a better understanding of bird distribution and abundance. Join **Brian Sullivan** to learn about the great tools eBird has developed to make birding better and easier, and to see some of the fascinating results that are being generated—such as visualizations of continent-scale bird migration. FREE

RECEPTION AND KEYNOTE

☐ KEYNOTE GATHERING

5:30–6:00 pm, College Union

A relaxing start to the festival's big night! Have a drink from the cash bar and mingle with old and new friends. Discuss the things you've done at the festival and the great birds you've seen. You'll have a chance to meet the keynote speaker, **Kenn Kaufman** and his wife **Kimberly**, and to purchase some of his bestselling books. Kenn will also be available to sign copies of his books. FREE with cash bar.



☐ R2 BANQUET

6:00–7:15 pm, College Union Crater Lake Complex

See www.WinterWingsFest.org for menu. Fee: \$25

☐ K2 KEYNOTE: KINGBIRD HIGHWAY: EXTREME BIRDING IN ANOTHER ERA [NEW]

7:30–9:00 pm, OIT Auditorium

The idea of “Big Year” birding has developed enough appeal in recent years that it has even attracted the attention of Hollywood! But this type of birding has a long history. Continent-wide attempts at big years go back at least to the late 1930s. **Kenn Kaufman** is known today mainly as a bird identification expert and an editor of field guides to nature subjects, but as a teenager he was a rabid bird-lister. He spent five years hitch-hiking around North America in pursuit of birds, culminating in an all-out Big Year effort on a budget of less than a thousand dollars. His book about that adventure, *Kingbird Highway*, has become a cult classic. In this program, Kenn tells some of the stories behind the story, and relates that intense era to today's birding scene. Fee: \$12



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FIELD TRIPS

☐ F17 FLYOUT 2

5:45–8:30 am, Meet at 5:45 am at Best Western Olympic Inn or 6:00 am at Microtel Inn

Same as F09.

☐ F18 CANON LONG GLASS 2 [NEW]

7:00 am–Noon, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Join the representatives from Canon for an early morning photo safari. This tour is centered on a convergence of Bald Eagles in the Klamath Basin. Your Canon instructors will guide you to the best locations and teach you how to capture the best shoot. In this private field trip you will get hands on instructions in using some of Canon Professional lenses like the EF 800mm, EF 500mm and the EF 400mm. You'll learn how to achieve the best composition and proper exposure, plus master your Canon Camera shooting modes. Fee: \$20

☐ F19 CELEBRITY BIRDING WITH KENN KAUFMAN [NEW]

7:00 am–3:00 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Join the festival's featured birding speaker for an exclusive day of birding. Writer, naturalist, and birding tour guide **Kenn Kaufman** will lead this trip assisted by a local expert, targeting hotspots for raptors and other winter specialties of the Klamath Basin. This trip is guaranteed to fill quickly! Limited to 10 participants. Includes a gourmet box lunch. Fee: \$150

❑ F20 RAPTOR RALLY

7:30 am–3:00 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Brian Sullivan and **Larry Broderick** will be your leaders for this trip that specifically targets the best sites for raptors in the Basin. Site selection will be based on scouting a variety of areas for overall numbers of raptors and diversity of species, with attention to species such as Golden Eagle, Ferruginous Hawk, and falcons. Sites that may be included are the lower Basin refuges, Butte Valley in California, and Swan Lake, Poe, and Langell Valleys to the east. Fee: \$40

❑ F21 BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE KLAMATH REFUGES 3

8:00 am–12:30 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance
Same as F02.

❑ F22 CHASE TOUR

8:15 am–1:15 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance
Missing some of the key birds of the Basin? Hop onto the Chase Tour bus for a highlights tour with **Dave Larson** and **Marshal Moser**. Potential destinations and species will be reviewed with the group based on prior sightings and you'll have input into where the tour bus goes. Be prepared for a flexible and fun outing. Limited to 10 participants. Fee: \$55 (\$50 stdnt)

❑ F23 INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED RAPTOR IDENTIFICATION IN THE BASIN

8:30 am–4:30 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance
Learn the fine points of identifying birds of prey through behavior, flight characteristics, and field marks with **Jeff Smith**. This will be an extensive trip throughout the southern Klamath Basin, including Butte Valley, and large numbers of both adult and subadult eagles and other raptors are expected. Put your new found skills from Saturday's workshop to the test! For intermediate/advanced level birders. Fee: \$40 (\$35 stdnt)

❑ F24 FREE FAMILY OUTING TO THE KLAMATH BASIN REFUGE [NEW]

9:30 am–2:30 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance
Families are invited to a fun, free, and educational day at the Klamath Basin Refuges to learn about and to view bald eagles. We will head to the Tule Lake Refuge Visitor Center where refuge staff will provide a program about Bald Eagles and their amazing adaptations before heading out to view the majestic birds in person. Lunch can be eaten on the bus on the way to the Lower Klamath Refuge to view the eagles and other wildlife. Open to all ages—children must be accompanied by an adult. FREE

WORKSHOPS

❑ W12 ORGANIZING AND ARCHIVING YOUR PHOTO IMAGES

9:00–11:00 am, OIT room TBA

In this two hour workshop, **Jordan Jones**, a local photographer, will explain the value of images and why backing up and organizing them is so important. He will demonstrate how to effectively organize an image library using his own library of nature and wildlife images. He will showcase two of the top image browsing programs available—Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 3 and Photo Mechanic by Camera Bits. Fee: \$18 (\$15 stdnt)

❑ W13 BIRD CARVING

9:00 am–Noon, 1:15–4:00 pm, OIT room TBA

Come for in-depth instruction with **Dale Faries** to create your own masterpiece from a block of wood. At the end of this daylong workshop, you will take home a stylized small basswood bird ready to hang. See the festival website for a photo of the product. You also will have the option of purchasing a handmade carving knife at the end of the day. Ages 12 and up. Fee: \$35

❑ W14 BIRD DRAWING FOR ADULTS [NEW]

10:00 am–Noon, OIT room TBA

Have you ever wanted to sketch an unfamiliar bird in the field so you can identify it later, but you don't try because you think you "can't draw a stick?" Despair not! In this workshop **Barbara Gleason** will teach drawing techniques applicable to all objects, although birds will be our focus. Sharpen your observation skills and learn to "see" birds in a new way. We'll discuss bird anatomy, and tips to help you quickly get the gist of a bird on paper before it flies... for those who want to make better sketches in the field, or as introduction to those more serious about drawing birds for pleasure or to paint. Put techniques into practice using live birds or mounts, or photo references. Bring sketching supplies you have, particularly pencils of various softness/hardness, or other sketching material you want to try (such as colored pencils), along with sketchbook or paper. Fee: \$18

❑ W15 OREGON BIRDS IN WINTER [NEW]

10:00 am–Noon, OIT room TBA

Dan Gleason discusses some of the birds that can be found in Oregon during the winter and how their lives may differ from birds that call Oregon home for breeding. Some species are the same throughout the seasons, some birds are only found in Oregon during the winter, and some choose



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to leave the state completely. This program will examine what kinds of adaptations and changes in lifestyle are needed for winter living and contrast these needs with those of summer. Fee: \$18 (\$15 stdnt)

❑ W16 BASIC LIGHTROOM 3

10:00 am–Noon, 1:00–5:00 pm, OIT room TBA

Photographers are hearing a lot about Adobe Lightroom these days, because it's changing the world of digital photo post-production. Common tasks that used to be cumbersome in Photoshop are now a breeze. Many photographers find that they can accomplish everything they need to do to their photos without ever leaving Lightroom. Spend a day getting up to speed with this amazing new tool with **Mark Fitzgerald**, author of *Adobe Photoshop Lightroom & Photoshop Workflow Bible*. If you're new to digital editing, this will start you off on the right foot by showing you how to organize and edit your photos quickly and intuitively. If you've been using Photoshop, you'll learn how to adapt your workflow to Lightroom. You will need: a laptop with Lightroom 3 installed (30-day demo available for free online), a camera card with photos on it, and a card reader. Fee: \$150

MINI-SESSIONS

❑ M07 WHAT'S OUT THERE? PELAGIC BIRDS OF THE OREGON COAST [NEW]

9:00–10:00 am, OIT room TBA

Seabirds fly from every corner of the Pacific Ocean to feed in the rich waters of the California Current off the Oregon coast. What is the California Current, what seabirds can be found there, and where do they come from? Join **Greg Gillson** to learn about these common Oregon birds that are rarely glimpsed from shore. Fee: \$6

❑ M08 PERUVIAN AVIAN RICHES AND CONSERVATION [NEW]

10:15–11:30 am, OIT room TBA

Experience the birds and culture of Peru in a slide presentation by **Doris Valencia**, professional guide for Habitats Peru. Peru is recognized as one of the richest countries in the world for birds with more than 1,800 species, of which 85% are all-time residents, 117 being endemic to the country. This presentation will highlight some of the most amazing tropical

birds that can be found in Peru. Also, you will learn about Peruvian conservation efforts to protect bird habitats in the Lucumayu Valley adjacent to the Machu Picchu Historical Sanctuary. FREE

❑ M09 CRITTER CAM ARTISTRY [NEW]

11:15 am–12:15 pm, OIT room TBA

Anyone can learn to take stellar photos with the help of a game spy camera. Newer game cameras have superior resolution and features allowing for fantastic results suitable for gallery walls. Most importantly, these remotely triggered cameras create much less disturbance to your subject than if you were actually there! **Jonne Goeller** will guide you through camera selection, lighting techniques, composition and how to lure your birds/critters in close. She will demonstrate basic computer cropping techniques and will premiere her video *Dance of the Pelicans* created from 2,300 sequential critter cam photos taken over four days and nights. Ages 13 and up. Fee: \$6

❑ M10 SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA [NEW]

11:30 am–12:30 pm, OIT room TBA

Greater Sage-Grouse were once abundant on the Modoc Plateau, but have declined to the point of near extinction. Over the past decade, efforts by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and its partners have sought to increase the local population on Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Biologist **John Beckstrand** will describe various conservation efforts, including juniper tree removal, rangeland improvement, translocation of birds from Oregon and Nevada, and a study of the nesting success of hens tagged with radio transmitters. And you'll get to see up close and personal videos of interactions between hens and nest predators! Fee: \$6

RECEPTION

❑ R3 WETLANDS, WINE, AND CHEESE

2:30–6:30 pm, Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance

This reception celebrates the evolution of organic agriculture and wildlife conservation in the Klamath Basin. Join us for a sampling of the bounty of this organic harvest at an incredibly beautiful residence at the Running Y. USFWS staff and local organic farmers will be on hand to give you a first person account of how the Walking Wetlands program works. This is a casual event that will leave you comfortably sated and informed! Fee: \$50

Canon Equipment Check-out

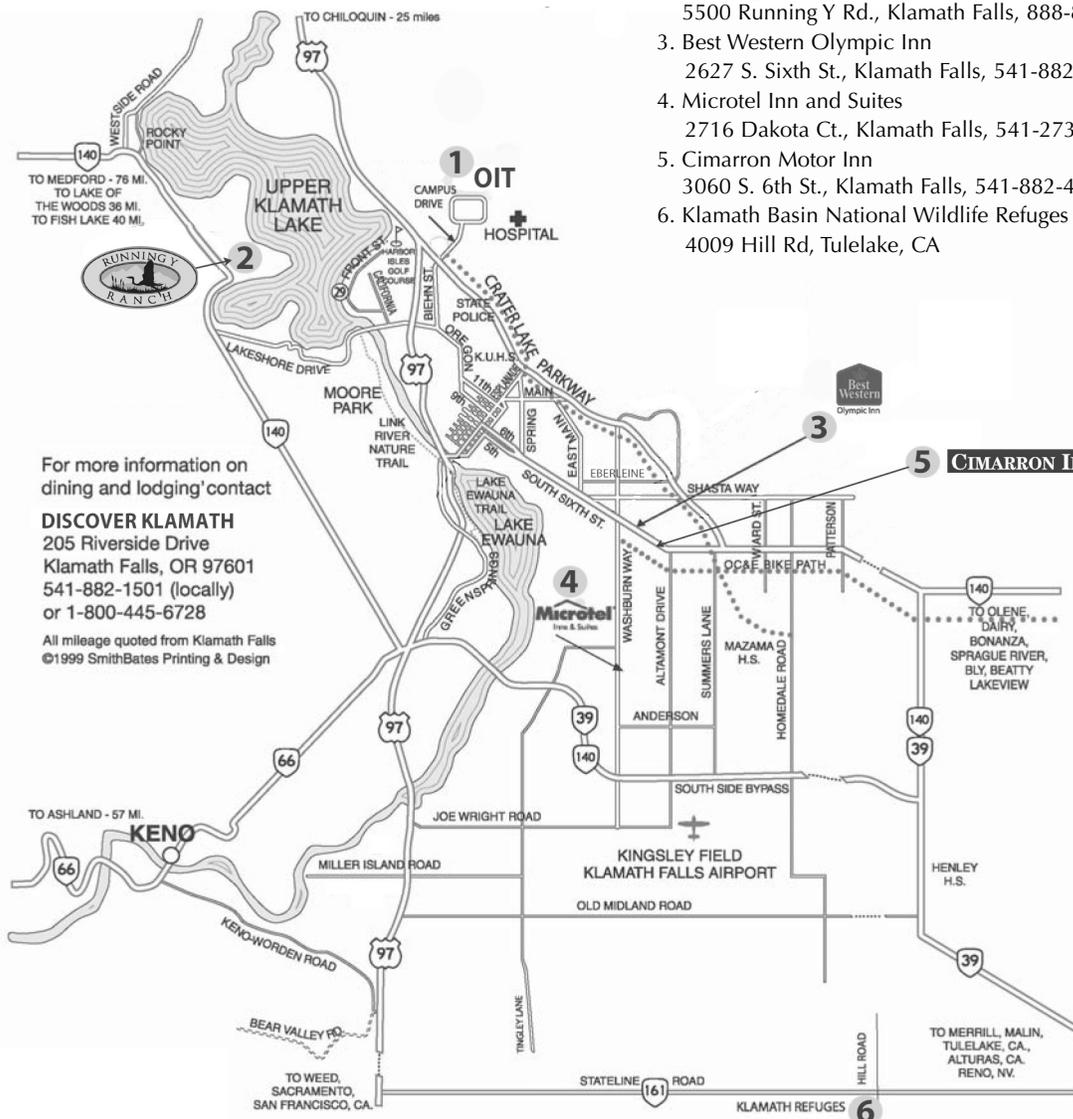
Registered Canon attendees may check out Canon gear for use during the weekend. Driver's license and credit card required.

PICK-UP: Friday 4:00–6:00 pm
RETURN: Sunday 1:00–3:00 pm
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