



**WINTER WINGS FESTIVAL
FEBRUARY 12 – 15, 2015
Klamath Falls, Oregon**

Print-Friendly Schedule

2015 Winter Wings Festival Activity Descriptions

February 12 - 15, 2015

Key

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



Birding



Photography



Dinner Buffet



Cash Bar

THURSDAY

Field Trips-----

F01 Shoot with a Pro with Terry Spivey 1 [New]



7:00 am - 2:00 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Bring your own camera and gear and join veteran photographer Terry Spivey (<http://terryspiveyphotos.photoshelter.com>) for wildlife and bird photography tutoring in the field. In a small group you'll visit local refuges and learn tips on how to capture pictures of wildlife in their natural environments. Get personalized tips in the art of approaching and capturing unique wildlife pictures. Limited to 8 participants. Includes lunch.

Fee: \$90

F02 Running Y Feeder Hop 1



9:00 am - Noon, Meet at the Lodge at Running Y Ranch lobby (carpool field trip)

Join **Darrel Samuels** to look for the Running Y's winter bird visitors, including White-headed Woodpeckers that are known to frequent local feeders. You'll visit several feeder locations.

Fee: \$15

F03 Lava Beds National Monument Cave and Petroglyphs Tour [New]

9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Lava Beds is home to more than 700 lava tube caves, and historic camps and battlefields from the Modoc War of 1872-1873. Tour this dramatic desert landscape with an interpretive ranger to view ancient rock art at Petroglyph Point, walk through Captain Jack's Stronghold, tour the monument's visitor center, and explore Valentine Cave, where you will discover the secret behind its spectacular silver and gold ceiling. This tour is recommended for ages 10 and up, children 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Includes lunch.

Fee: \$30

F04 Klamath Marsh Owl Prowl



Thursday 2:30 pm - Noon Friday, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

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** 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, beverages, and breakfast (www.WinterWingsFest.org/event-menus/)

Fee: \$120

Reception-----

R1 Welcome Meet and Greet at the Yacht Club [New]



5:30 - 8:30 pm, Klamath Yacht Club

Greet old friends and meet new ones as well. Share birding insights and photography tips. Grab a beverage at the cash bar. Get fueled up at the kick-off buffet that will begin at around 6:30 pm. Our buffet dinner will be catered by local favorite Yummy's. See www.WinterWingsFest.org/event-menus/ for the buffet menu.

Fee: \$20

Field Trips-----**F05 Shoot with a Pro with Terry Spivey 2 [New]**

7:00 am - 2:00 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Bring your own camera and gear and join veteran photographer Terry Spivey (<http://terryspiveyphotos.photoshelter.com>) for wildlife and bird photography tutoring in the field. In a small group you'll visit local refuges and learn how to capture pictures of wildlife in their natural environments. Get personalized tips in the art of approaching and capturing unique wildlife pictures. Limited to 8 participants. Includes lunch.
Fee: \$90

F06 Big Day Team 1

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

Feeling competitive? Join one of the teams vying to see the most species on a single winter day in the Basin. You will be led by **Dave Hewitt** and **John Sullivan** to a variety of habitats, including Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge and a number of other hotspots. The pace will be quick; if you want to take photos, this is not the trip for you. For advanced level birders, listers, or intense intermediates. Limited to 12 participants. Includes lunch.

Fee: \$75

F07 Eagles, Eagles, Eagles for Photographers! [New]

7:30 am - 2:00 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Join our first ever field trip devoted to photographing eagles. Local photographer **Gerry Hill** will take you to his favorite spots to photograph and appreciate Bald Eagles. While we will be "focusing" on eagles, we can also stop for other photogenic raptors that come our way. Includes lunch.

Fee: \$50

F08 Running Y Feeder Hop 2

9:00 am - Noon, Meet at the Lodge at Running Y Ranch lobby (carpool field trip)

Join **Darrel Samuels** to look for the Running Y's winter bird visitors, including White-headed Woodpeckers that are known to frequent local feeders. You'll visit several feeder locations.

Fee: \$15

F09 Birding Basics 1

9:00 am - Noon, OIT Room TBA (carpool field trip)

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 you'll carpool to nearby hotspots to put your new skills to work. A fun and informative session for the novice birder.

Fee: \$15

F10 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 **Marshal Moser** from a bus that leisurely loops through the Basin. You'll have an opportunity to stop along the way and view the famous Bald Eagles of the Basin, winter waterfowl, and numerous raptors. Birders of all skill levels are welcome to learn about Basin birds and their habitats. Includes lunch.

Fee: \$50

F11 Tracking and Snowshoe Adventure [New]

10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

During this nature walk through a ponderosa pine forest and wet meadow, **Hallie Rasmussen** will discuss winter survival of many local wildlife species and help you to discover and identify wildlife tracks. Your adventure begins with a bus ride to the Pelican Guard Station located 30 minutes west of Klamath Falls. At this historic facility your guide will teach you how to identify wildlife footprints, as well as demonstrate some simple techniques for using provided snowshoes. We will then head out to the nearby Fremont-Winema National Forest on a guided 1-mile winter wildlife nature walk. Includes lunch.

Fee: \$50

F12 Klamath Falls Owl Prowl

7:30 - 10:00 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

What could be more fun than an after dinner search for owls with other birding nuts? **Dave Hewitt** and **Zia Fukuda** will take you to at least a couple of local spots to listen and look for owls. Finish the night with hot chocolate and a short presentation about owls by Zia.

Fee: \$10

Workshops-----

W1 The Amazing Night Sky: Shooting from Dusk to Dawn and Tips and Techniques for Nature Photographers [New]

8:30 am - 12:30 pm, OIT Room TBA

Photographing after the sun has set and before sunrise offers a whole new world of images and photographic opportunities. **Jennifer Wu** will teach you how to photograph the stars, the Milky Way, meteors, the full moon and the crescent moon. Find out how to make long exposures for star trails and for photographing the ocean surf for a wispy effect. Learn about the quality of light at night and to use light in your photographs. Jennifer will demonstrate the gear, flashlights and gels she uses for night photography. Jennifer will offer tips and suggestions for photographing twilight, and she will discuss light painting techniques that can be used to add another dimension to night photography. Jennifer takes you on a journey through the night sky in time-lapse movies you will surely enjoy.

Fee: \$45

W2 Lightroom - The Basics [New]

10:00 am - Noon, OIT Room TBA

Have fun using Lightroom to import, organize, process and share your images. This 2 hour FunShop™ by **Jim Stamates** will get you started with Library and Develop modules and the process of importing and exporting (sharing) your photos. We will explore the many features of this powerful program for photographers of all levels. Learn some quick tips to help you make organizing, finding, and sharing your images fun.

Fee: \$45

W3 Lightroom - Advanced Develop Techniques [New]

2:00 - 4:00 pm, OIT Room TBA

If you know the basics, or have taken The Basics class, this is for you. The *Develop* Module in Lightroom is a very powerful tool. **Jim Stamates** will lead you through all the advanced features of the *Develop* module to make your images the best they can be. Advanced features like Detail Masking, HSL, Target Adjustments, Tone Curve and more will be explored. Jim will share his FunFlow and lots of tips and tricks to make your processing fun, quick, and easy. Advanced techniques in other modules will be explored if time allows.

Fee: \$45

W4 Put a Camera on It: Beginning Photography for Birders [New]

2:00 - 5:00 pm, OIT Room TBA

One thing you cannot help in this world is seeing birds. They're everywhere. While today's birders have a vast knowledge of where to look for birds, what the species are, and what type of equipment they need to view them, many have trouble taking a picture of one. In this class **Jim Dicecco** will teach the birder the basic fundamentals of using a Canon camera to capture that perfect bird image, what is the best type of camera to use, as well as what lens is needed. We will also give instructions on how to set up the camera to catch that elusive bird in flight. You will be using one of Canon's latest cameras as you learn to become both a birder and a photographer. Your instruction continues on Saturday's F17 field trip.

Fee: \$60 includes F17 field trip

W5 Raptor Identification with Dick Ashford

2:00 - 5:00 pm, OIT Room TBA

This always-popular workshop returns for 2015! **Dick Ashford** will provide a straightforward introduction to the identification of our local hawks, eagles, and falcons. The classroom presentation will help you sharpen your raptor ID skills. These skills will be put to the test on either the companion Saturday trip, OR the companion Sunday trip (please choose one). Recommended for intermediate or advanced birders.

Fee: \$45 includes **W5** and the Saturday **F21** or Sunday **F28** field trip and lunch

Mini-Sessions-----

M1 Secrets of Crittercam Photography Revealed

2:30 - 3:45 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 also demonstrate basic computer cropping techniques. Even if you have attended this session in the past, you can expect updated information and new photos of some **very** elusive critters!

FREE but registration **required**

M2 Golden Eagles in Oregon: Status of Oregon's Other Eagle [New]

4:00 - 5:00 pm, OIT Room TBA

Golden eagles received very little attention in Oregon until the wind power boom. The overlap of wind power projects with golden eagle habitat resulted in concern about the effects of wind turbines on golden eagles. The first annual statewide survey of golden eagles in Oregon was conducted in 2011 and surveys continued through 2014. This presentation by **Frank Isaacs** will discuss the results of the annual surveys with emphasis on population size, distribution, and nesting success.

FREE but registration **required**

Receptions-----

No Host Bar



5:00 - 6:00 pm, OIT College Union downstairs

A relaxing interlude! 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 or photographed and check out our vendor area for those special items.

R2 Keynote Buffet



6:00 - 7:15 pm, OIT College Union Crater Lake Complex (upstairs)

See www.WinterWingsFest.org/event-menus/ for the buffet menu.

Fee: \$15

Keynote-----

K1 Keynote: Nature's Elusive Beauty [New]



7:30 - 9:00 pm, OIT Auditorium

This inspiring and entertaining presentation is a must see for anyone interested in nature and taking photographs of it. **Jennifer Wu** will talk about the five elements of composition and creating depth and interest in your photographs. She will tell you how she got the shots as well as stories from the field full of adventure and fun. She will share a night sky time-lapse movie and will conclude with images of the stars and beautiful night sky. View her images at www.jenniferwu.com.

FREE but registration **required**

SATURDAY

Field Trips-----

F13 Celebrity Photography Trip with Jennifer Wu [NEW]



7:00 am - 1:30 pm, 3:30 - 5:00 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Join **Jennifer Wu**, a Canon Explorer of Light, in this field workshop, where Jennifer will share her composition and exposure techniques. Bring your wide-angle to show the birds in the context of their environment and telephoto lenses for portraits. All cameras welcome. In the afternoon, you will reconvene in a classroom where Jennifer will offer critiques of your photos and you will have the opportunity to share photos from your day in the field with your group. Includes a special lunch. Limited to 10 participants.

Fee: \$225

F14 Big Day Team 2



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

Feeling competitive? Join one of the teams vying to see the most species on a single winter day in the Basin. You will be led by local birders **Kevin Spencer** and **Dave Haupt** to a variety of habitats, including Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge and a number of other hotspots. The pace will be quick; if you want to take photos, this is not the trip for you. For advanced level birders, listers, or intense intermediates. Limited to 12 participants. Includes lunch.

Fee: \$75

F15 Shoot with a Pro with Jim Stamates 1



7:15 am - 1:30 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Join **Jim Stamates** in the field as we travel to the local refuges looking for that perfect shot. Jim will guide you on the best camera settings for capturing birds in flight as well as for close portraits. Jim will also share his three essentials to making great images as well as panning techniques, tripod use, and how to find your vision. All camera brands welcome. Limited to 12 participants. Includes lunch.

Fee: \$150

F16 Eagles, Eagles, Eagles for Birders! [NEW]



7:30 am - 2:00 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Join our first ever field trip devoted to watching eagles in the field. If you want to take photos, this is not the trip for you. Leader **Dave Mauser** will take you to where the eagles are feeding and roosting based on local knowledge and reports. We'll see how many we can find in one day. A short indoor presentation will cover life history strategies, foraging resources, and how Basin habitats on refuges are managed for the wintering period. Includes lunch.

Fee: \$50

F17 Put a Camera on It: Beginning Photography for Birders [New]



8:00 am - Noon and 1:00 - 2:00 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center Entrance

See **W4** for class description. This comprises the field trip portion with a post-lunch classroom period for evaluation of newly acquired photographic skills with **Jim Dicecco**.

Fee: Included in **W4**

F18 Watching Them Watch Us Watch Them:



Admiring and Aging Bald Eagles [New]

8:00 am - 1:00 pm, OIT Room TBA followed by bus field trip

This session will begin with a brief classroom discussion about Bald Eagles and their plumage characteristics by **Frank Isaacs**. The classroom session will be followed by a field trip to locate and watch wild Bald Eagles with emphasis on behaviors and aging by plumage.

Fee: \$45

F19 Up in the Sky: It's a Bird, a Hawk, or an Eagle? [New]



8:30 am - 9:30 am, OIT Room TBA followed by bus trip 9:45 am - 1:30 pm

Come learn the basics of identifying birds of prey such as hawks, eagles, and falcons with **Damian Fagan**. Using shape, size, general behavior and field marks, you'll learn to sort out the hawks from the eagles. This course will feature a one-hour classroom session and a field trip looking at and identifying different raptors in the Klamath Basin. A fun and informative session for the novice "raptorophile". Includes lunch.

Fee: \$50

SATURDAY *(continued)*

F20 Demystifying Ducks: Getting to Know Your Waterfowl

8:30 am - 2:00 pm, OIT Room TBA

Waterfowl are not only one of the most attractive groups of birds, but they are also some of the best to begin to identify, as they are all color-coded. Begin with a workshop on waterfowl identification led by **Ducks Unlimited** volunteers and **ODFW** staff and then head into the field to put your skills to use! Handouts provided. We'll visit a couple areas that are hotspots for waterfowl, such as Miller Island or Tule Lake NWR. Includes lunch.

Fee: \$50

F21 Field Raptor Identification with Dick Ashford 1

8:30 am - 3:15 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance (carpool field trip)

The Saturday companion field outing to **W5** will continue the teaching/learning experience in a mobile field classroom setting. The goal is for you to be able to identify 90% of the hawks you'll encounter during our day together and have fun doing it! Carpooling is mandatory so we can access some special spots in the Basin. Includes lunch.

Fee included in **W5**.

F22 Birding Basics 2

9:00 am - Noon, OIT Room TBA (carpool field trip)

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 you'll carpool to nearby hotspots to put your new skills to work. A fun and informative session for the novice birder.

Fee: \$15

Workshop-----

W6 Getting Great Bird Shots and Knowing What You Shot [New]

3:00 - 5:00 pm, OIT Room TBA

This workshop is designed for photographers with a desire to capture great images of birds. We will discuss how to locate birds, how to approach them, and how to identify them once we have an image. **Gerry Hill** will introduce you to a variety of resources bird photographers use to get great shots of birds. This will include photo equipment, attracting birds with food, water, and calls, and the use of photo blinds. He will also review a number of bird identification resources, including books, apps for phones and tablets, and eBird.

Fee: \$25

Receptions-----

No Host Bar

4:45 - 6:00 pm, OIT College Union downstairs

A relaxing interlude! 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 or photographed. You'll have a chance to meet several presenters and purchase their books. Don't miss the vendor offerings!

R3 Keynote Banquet

6:00 - 7:00 pm, OIT College Union Crater Lake Complex (upstairs)

See www.WinterWingsFest.org/event-menus/ for the banquet menu.

Fee: \$22

Mini-Session-----

M3 Protecting the Pacific Flyway: Superhighway in the Sky [NEW]

7:15 - 7:45 pm, OIT Auditorium

Join **Michael Sutton** to learn how Audubon is working to safeguard the Pacific Flyway, which stretches 10,000 miles from the Arctic to Patagonia. Today our birds face a new threat: A changing climate that eventually may render their traditional habitats unsuitable. Audubon is working to protect strongholds for birds like the Klamath Basin that they will need today and in the future.

Included in K2 keynote registration

SATURDAY *(continued)*

Keynote-----

K2 Keynote: Past, Present and Future [NEW]

8:00 - 9:00 pm, OIT Auditorium

Come hear **Richard Crossley's** tales of lessons learned while growing up in the wild British birding scene, from travels around the world, to living in Japan and settling down for good in his birding utopia Cape May, NJ. It will be a fast-paced story told in a brogue through a camera lens that loves color and art, but with a strong point of view. With humor and depth Richard will also highlight the thoughts behind the revolutionary 'The Crossley ID Guide' series. But is changing *how* we look at books and birds enough? 'Heck, no!' says Richard. With new initiatives such as Pledge to Fledge and Race4Birds, come and listen to Richard talk about a changing and very optimistic outlook for birding, lifestyles and conservation. Perhaps you will see an increasing role in it!

Fee: \$12

SUNDAY

Field Trips-----

F23 Celebrity Birding Trip with Richard Crossley [New]

7:00 am - 1:00 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Join the festival's featured birding speaker for an exclusive day of birding. **Richard Crossley** 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 12 participants. Includes a special lunch.

Fee: \$115

F24 Shoot with a Pro with Jim Stamates 2

7:15 am - 1:30 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Join **Jim Stamates** in the field as we travel to the local refuges looking for that perfect shot. Jim will guide you on the best camera settings for capturing birds in flight as well as for close portraits. Jim will also share his three essentials to making great images as well as panning techniques, tripod use, and how to find your vision. All camera brands welcome. Limited to 12 participants. Includes lunch.

Fee: \$150

F25 Canon Professional Lens Field Trip

8:00 am - 2:00 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance

Join the team of Canon instructors as they take you out into the field and teach you how to use many of Canon's professional lenses. Discover the right way to set up the lens to capture the movement and the moment of all the birds that the Klamath Basin has to offer. Learn what type of equipment is needed, and how to set up your Canon camera to be able to follow and track moving subjects. You will also experience for yourself the advantages of using certain lenses and focal lengths over others, what lenses will allow the use of the Canon convertors, and the benefit of using the Canon Pro series glass such as EF 800mm - EF 200-400mm - EF 400mm F2.8 lenses. Lunch included.

Fee: \$60

F26 Chase Tour

8:15 am - 4:15 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 **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. Includes lunch.

Fee: \$65

F27 Wintering Woodpeckers and More! [New]

8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance (carpool field trip)

Fourteen hardy individuals will have the privilege of joining **Jherime Kellermann** for a carpool trip exploring our wintering woodpecker species. We'll hike or snowshoe into the diverse habitats on Caledonia Ranch, a private local refuge that includes restored oak woodlands. We'll search for White-headed Woodpeckers, Acorn Woodpeckers, and other wintering species.

Fee: \$25

F28 Field Raptor Identification with Dick Ashford 2 

8:30 am - 3:15 pm, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance (carpool field trip)

The Sunday companion field outing to **W5** will continue the teaching/learning experience in a mobile field classroom setting. The goal is for you to be able to identify 90% of the hawks you'll encounter during our day together and have fun doing it! Carpooling is mandatory so we can access some special spots in the Basin. Includes lunch. Fee included in **W5**.

F29 Klamath Falls Feeder Hop [New] 

9:00 am - Noon, Meet at OIT Dow Center entrance (carpool field trip)

Join **Kevin Spencer** as he stops along Lakeshore Drive and other nearby areas to look for winter visitors. You'll visit several feeder locations.

Fee: \$15

F30 Discover the History of the Klamath Reclamation Project and How It Affects Water Delivery Today [New]

9:00 am - 1:00 pm, OIT Room TBA (carpool field trip)

Wildlife in the Klamath Basin has been drastically affected by human activities, especially since the arrival of European-Americans in the 1800s. **Todd Kepple** will provide an overview of how people have altered the environment of the Klamath Basin, and what efforts have been made over the past century to mitigate the impacts. Then the group will carpool to several key locations in the Project, including diversion dams, irrigation facilities, and restoration projects. Fee: \$25

Mini-Sessions-----

M4 Oregon Falconry and Raptors Talk and Demo [New]

9:30 - 11:00 am, OIT Room TBA

Learn about Oregon raptors and falconry from **Karen Cottrell**, a licensed Master Falconer. You will see first-hand the special relationship falconers have with their birds. Weather permitting, the session will include an outdoor flight demonstration with a live hawk.

FREE but registration **required**

M5 Room and Board is for the Birds

11:15 am - 12:15 pm, OIT Room TBA

Providing food, water, and shelter to birds near our homes can allow us to enjoy many species at close range. **Darrel Samuels** will lead a discussion on foods and feeders geared to specific birds such as nuthatches, chickadees, finches, woodpeckers, and others. **Tom Essex** will share how to recognize the right nest box for each species and will provide examples of nest boxes.

FREE but registration **required**