

Watch birds for science

MANZANITA — Scientists are calling on beach and bird lovers to help collect data on local nesting seabirds along the Oregon Coast this summer.

Local environmental groups — the Audubon Society of Portland, Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, Haystack Rock Awareness Program and others — will host opportunities to get involved in researching the birds at various sites on the North Coast.

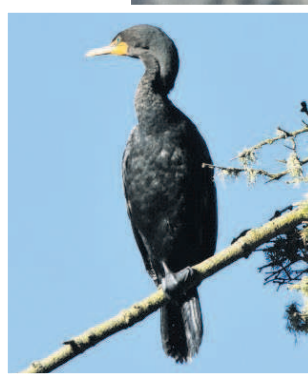
From early June through

August, participants must commit to a minimum of twice-monthly bird-watching sessions, each approximately three to four hours per visit. Organizers will work with participants to accommodate their schedules. Scopes will be made available.

A training — with free snacks and beverages — will be held 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at Cannon Beach City Hall (163 East Gower St.). The event includes a presentation covering seabirds, how the data

informs policy makers, and how people can get involved.

For more information, visit the Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve Facebook page (www.nehalemtrust.org/capefal-conmr), audubonportland.org/issues/citizen-science, www.nehalemtrust.org/capefal-conmr, and ci.cannon-beach.or.us/hrap.



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HRAP offers summer day camps for kids, adults

CANNON BEACH — This summer, the Haystack Rock Awareness Program (HRAP) is offering educational opportunities for all ages.

For kids, there will be two one-day camps — led by Lisa Habecker, the program's Education and Volunteer Coordinator — focusing on tide pool creatures. The li'l learners will have a chance to make an art project to take home.

In addition, HRAP — in partnership with the Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve — is offering two week-long day camps for children ages 6 through 12 for more “in-depth opportunities to connect the land to the sea,” organizers wrote.

For adults, there will be two one-day camps, each two hours long, where they will learn about birds and tide pool lifeforms — followed by a drink at Public Coast Brewing or The Wine Shack.

One-day classes are \$35, week-long classes \$135.

Kids camps:

• “Just Jellin’”: 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 21: Learn about the world of cnidarians and make a felt jellyfish to take home. All ages. \$35.

• “Sea Stars” daily camp: 8 a.m. to noon Monday, June



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In 2015, Genevieve “Gigi” Gardner, then 5 years old, breaks out the binoculars to see tufted puffins nesting on Haystack Rock. Kids and adults alike will find lots to see and do during the Haystack Rock Awareness Program's summer day camps.

26, through Friday, June 30: Explore the land to the sea in an entire, week-long ecosystem adventure. Ages 6 through 12. \$135.

• “Egg Crate Sea Creatures”: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23: Learn about Haystack Rock's intertidal animals. All ages. \$35.

• “Puffins” daily camp: 8

a.m. to noon Monday, July 10, through Friday, July 14: Explore the land to the sea at an advanced level during a week-long ecosystem adventure. Ages 8 through 12. \$135.

Adult camps:

• “Beach, Bird & Brew Quest”: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 26: Discover



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Tufted Puffins will play an important role in the Haystack Rock Awareness Program's adult and kids camps this summer.

the beach and observe seabirds in an entirely new way, and end up at Public Coast Brewing. Ages 21 and older. \$35.

• “Puffin Stuffin’”: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9: Learn about this iconic sea bird and make a fabric puffin, then enjoy samples of Puffin Wine from The Wine Shack. Ages 21 and older. \$35.

Participants should prepare for all weather conditions and to become immersed in the elements, including the beaches and forests of Cannon Beach, organizers cautioned.

For more information, or to register, visit ci.cannon-beach.or.us/hrap/page/camps, or contact Habecker at Habecker@ci.cannonbeach.or.us or 503-436-8064.

Bird walk with ‘Bird Notes’ author

CANNON BEACH — Susan Peterson, a local birder and author of the Cannon Beach Gazette's “Bird Notes,” will lead a walk featuring Cannon Beach birds and their diverse habitats 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 4.

Participants will be birding around the Loop: Starting at the lagoons on Second Street, walkers will trek along Ecola Creek to the ocean, up to Haystack Rock, then back through neighborhoods to end at the lagoons.

Walkers can be present for the full event or only part of it. Bring binoculars, and wear appropriate clothing and sun screen. All ages are welcome.

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Susan Peterson

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