



LEFT: A 'sneaky Great Pink Heron' at Netul Landing. RIGHT: A Lewis & Clark National Historic Park ranger leads a birding group.

## The Great Backyard Bird Count comes to Astoria

ASTORIA — The 23rd annual Great Backyard Bird Count will be held Feb. 14-17.

The event, led by the Lewis and Clark National Park Association and the National Park Service, offers citizens to participate in science hands-on. During the event, participants will record bird observations inside Fort Clatsop at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park.

The observations will be part of an international bird count which tracks bird popu-

lation changes.

The park's bird count will also feature activities and speakers. On Saturday, naturalist Mike Patterson will lead an 8:45 a.m. birding walk, starting at the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center. Dogs aren't allowed.

On Sunday, bird enthusiast Barbara Linnett will present "Common Birds of Fort Clatsop, Then and Now." The talk is part of the monthly "In Their Footsteps" guest speaker series, and takes place at 1 p.m. in the visitor center's Netul River Room.

A "Great Pink Heron Scavenger Hunt" will be ongoing at the Netul Trail. A "Birds of Fort Clatsop" display and other bird-themed displays will be featured in the park.

All ages can participate in the bird count. Admission is \$10 per adult, and free for ages 15 and under. The park is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at 92343 Fort Clatsop Road. Binoculars will be available to rent and bird field guides will be available to buy.

## Bird enthusiast to discuss hummingbirds

ASTORIA — The 23rd annual Great Backyard Bird Count will be held Friday through Monday.

The presentation is part of the library's monthly science and nature speaker series, "Natural Selections." The talk will be held at the library, 250 10th St.

Linnett will discuss hummingbirds' colorful appearance and hummingbird care.

Linnett is an eight-year volunteer of the Wildlife Center of the North Coast. She specializes in baby songbirds and baby hummingbirds. Linnett is also an amateur birdwatcher.

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