

Oregon's Booth at World's Fair Draws Praise From Many

Salem - Praises ranging from "Best exhibit on the grounds," by a Seattle man to an exuberant "Yea!" by an Oregon miss has been the response to Oregon's exhibit at the Seattle World's Fair, according to a report to State Highway Engineer Forrest Cooper.

Perhaps the best appropriate comment of all. Booth Supervisor Art Kirkham said in his report, came from Miss

Betty Jane Rank of Seattle, who described the park-like booth as "a wooden structure with the outside built inside."

More than 7,000 persons have signed the guest book at the booth, and this is only a small percentage of the thousands who have watched the bubbling fountains and relaxed on the foam rubber cushions of the natural wood benches. The booth is operated by the Oregon state highway department.

"Beautiful" is probably the most common adjective used by visitors to describe the booth. Other quotes ranged from the "yea!" of Miss Jan Dickie, Lake Oswego, and "neat!" of Pat Harris, Portland, to "excellent" by Sue Williamson, Seattle and "very fine work," by A. Caplings, Vancouver, B. C.

Comments came from others who are more than just casual observers. "The sur-

prise hit of the Fair," wrote John F. McLeod, travel editor of Washington (D. C.) Daily News, in signing the guest registry.

"Your Oregon building is one of the little gems of the Fair," added Terrence O'Flaherty, columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle.

Progressive Architecture Magazine has selected the booth as one of two at the

fair to feature photographically in the June issue of the magazine.

Editors and photographers from Sunset Magazine and from House & Garden magazine also have viewed and photographed the booth and indicated that forthcoming issues will carry information on the booth.

All seem to find the calm

serenity of the booth a pleasant break from the hubbub of the remainder of the fair around them.

The booth was designed by Medford Architect Bob Bosworth, and constructed under the direction of Armin Richter.

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BIRDING

By JOSEPH HICKS

April was a fine month for birding. Twenty-five species of spring migrants were seen and reported during this period. Field trips were doubly rewarding as birds were plentiful and wild flowers were profusely in bloom over the valley floor.

During the first week in April at the game commission pond, I saw western and least sandpipers, greater yellowlegs, and dowitchers. Also at this pond on April 5, W. Cavanaugh saw a rare visitor, the sandhill crane.

Mrs. Leroy Thompkins reported seeing the first black headed grosbeak in the valley April 10. A solitary vireo was seen on this date by Ralph Browning. Also during this second week of April, the first appearance of orange crown warblers, barn swallows, and ring-billed gulls was noted.

Another rare visitor, the dunlin, was seen at the game commission pond April 15.

During the third week of April, prairie falcons, Wilson's warblers and large flocks of pine siskins were in evidence. Mrs. Howard Bush and W. Burgoyne both reported sighting a black-throated grey warbler April 21. And a surprising coincidence, the first report of the arrival of Bullock's orioles April 25, also was made by Mrs. Bush and W. Burgoyne.

Migrants really poured into the valley during the last week in April. Chipping sparrows and western kingbirds arrived April 21. On April 24, a pair of horned larks were seen in the Hoover lake area. On April 26, I saw a Nashville warbler and a Vaux's swift while birding on Roxy Ann. A western wood pewee and an immature California gull were seen on April 28. Large numbers of Wilson's warblers were present in the willows of the Rogue on the final week end in April. Also seen was a Trail flycatcher, western tanager and a yellowthroat warbler.

The Oregon juncos left the valley for the mountains during the first week in April. Since then, there have been flocks of white-crowned sparrows migrating through the valley, although there are still a few stragglers remaining.

In the middle of April, my daughter, Betty Jo, and I took a birding trip to Klamath Falls. North of Rocky Point in the Malone Springs area, we saw two bald eagles and a pair of white headed woodpeckers. South of Klamath Falls near Tulelake, there were avocets, western and eared grebe, double-crested cormorant and lesser yellowlegs. Also seen were large flocks of migrating geese, as well as 11 species of ducks. The western grebes were beginning to pair off; during May you can expect to see their spectacular courtship dance.

Some of our winter resident birds suffered tremendous losses during the severe winter storms. I am particularly concerned about our normally plentiful western bluebird. Last year, R. Browning constructed 12 bluebird nests and observed that nine of these nests were used in hatching young. This year there were no occupants of these nests, and in cleaning out the nests he found five bluebirds that had died during the extreme cold.

The only western bluebirds I have seen this spring were five on the Dead Indian rd. I would appreciate reports from anyone who has nesting bluebirds.


O. Bendure regrettably reports the mockingbird has gone elsewhere. Although it chose 5 a.m. to commence its morning song, Bendure says the song was so beautiful that even the neighbors were interested. Perhaps the mockingbird flew to Grants Pass, where rumor has it that a few mockingbirds are present each summer.

During May we can expect large quantities of migrants particularly warblers invading our valley and mountains. In the valley, look for birds smaller than sparrows, mostly yellow and olive, along sides of the streams and rivers. Roxy Ann and the road from Ashland to Mount Ashland are excellent places to find the warblers who prefer the mountains. If you hear a cheery song, usually with many repetitious notes, then start looking for the warblers in the willows or trees.

There are still no reports of bald eagle nests in this county. If you see any bald eagles or nests, please call me as I am still hopeful we have at least one pair of these eagles that nest here.

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