

## **Tualatin River NWR Volunteer Update - January 2010**

Happy New Year! We lost one of the eagle's favorite perches in December. Fear not! The eagles are still hunting in the wetlands almost daily. During the December cold spell the wetlands iced over forcing the waterfowl to find food elsewhere. With ice gone and water levels rising waterfowl numbers continue to increase. Also keep your ears open for bird songs on warm mornings. Song sparrows are among the birds beginning their spring serenade.

**Special Thanks To:** Bob and Joan T., Arlin, and Sharon for helping keep the Wildlife Center open and running while Kim and Sarah were away; Miriam for lending us a book about Native Americans in our region; all the rovers who have been turning in their reports. Thanks again for all you do for the Refuge!

## **January Refuge Events**

January 7: Store Committee Meeting - <http://www.friendsoftualatinrefuge.org/>

January 7: Tualatin River Photo Society Meeting - <http://www.friendsoftualatinrefuge.org/>

January 14: FOR Board meeting - <http://www.friendsoftualatinrefuge.org/>

January 18: MLK Day, Admin Office closed.

## **Final Prescott Bluebird Project 2009 numbers**

Project wide, Prescott teams banded 1,917 nestlings and 151 adults for a total of 2,068. 374 previously banded adults were recovered. Sherwood area teams banded 268 nestlings and 15 adults for a total of 283. Recovered adults totaled 36. Refuge boxes housed 12 egg clutches. Hopefully we'll see some of those nestlings in the coming years!

## **New Americorps Members start January 20: Stacie Powell and Peter Hvidsten**

Welcome to our two new Americorps Members! Stacie will be working alongside Jenna and Sarah in the EE program. She will be focusing on developing the Volunteer Naturalist program to keep up with the demand for Refuge Field trips. Peter has been a familiar face on the Refuge since his June start as a Student Conservation Association intern. During his Americorps term he will be helping recruit and support volunteers in the biological program. Stop by and introduce yourself!

## **Upcoming Hummingbird Program on OPB**

Jan. 10 at 8:00pm: *Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air*

New scientific research sheds light on these tough, energetic flashing jewels of the natural world. Learn about some of the characteristics that make these small birds such hardy members of the animal kingdom.

## **A Walk on the Refuge Side – <http://walkonthetualatinriverrefuge.blogspot.com/>**

Check out the informational blog started and maintained by Jenna. She will be posting her weekly walks, and including awesome photos, stories, and information relating to wildlife on the Refuge. Let her know if you have anything exciting to include and she might add it to her next post!

## **Thanks again. See you at the Refuge!**

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