

# MAKING TRACKS

NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE TUALATIN RIVER NWR

JOYFULLY CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE WONDER OF THE REFUGE



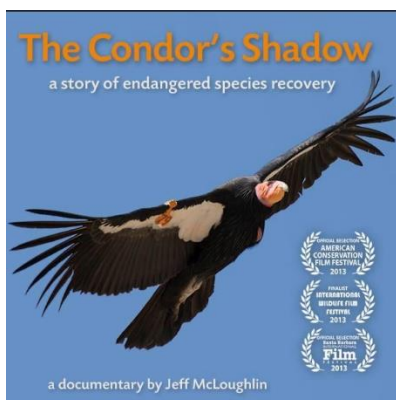
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We invite you to screen **THE CONDOR'S SHADOW: a story of endangered species recovery** for free from May 1- 15<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.FriendsofTualatinRefuge.org](http://www.FriendsofTualatinRefuge.org) for detail.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

[2021 TRBF Screening of THE CONDOR'S SHADOW](#)

April 24, 2021 12:00 AM  
Vimeo

## [2021 TRBF Chicken Creek Restoration Project](#)

May 14, 2021 1:00 PM  
Live Zoom Webinar

## [2021 TRBF Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde: Wapato Lake Videos](#)

May 14, 2021 3:00 PM  
Virtual

## [2021 TRBF Northern California Condor Restoration Program: Cultural and Ecological Revitalization in the Pacific Northwest](#)

May 14, 2021 6:30 PM  
Live Zoom Webinar



Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

# VIRTUAL BIRDFEST 2021

**LIVE** BRINGING THE CALIFORNIA CONDOR BACK TO THE PNW  
WITH MEMBERS OF THE YUROK TRIBE, USFWS, AND THE OREGON ZOO  
MAY 14TH 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**LIVE** CHICKEN CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT  
AND FISH SALVAGE WITH REFUGE STAFF AND FISHERIES  
MAY 14TH 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

**LIVE** THIS IS KALAPUYAN LAND  
FIVE OAKS MUSEUM GUEST CURATOR STEPH LITTLEBIRD FOGEL  
(GRAND RONDE, KALAPUYA) AND MARIAH BERLANGA-SHEVCHUK  
THE FIVE OAKS MUSEUM CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGER  
MAY 15TH 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

THE ANDEAN CONDOR MUSIC & STORYTELLING  
INSPIRATIONAL SOUNDS FROM LATIN AMERICA WITH GERARDO CALDERON  
MAY 15TH 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

**AND SO MUCH MORE**  
PLEASE CHECK THE FRIENDS WEBSITE  
FOR ALL OF THE DETAILS

[WWW.FRIENDSOFTUALATINREFUGE.ORG](http://WWW.FRIENDSOFTUALATINREFUGE.ORG)

[2021 TRBF This IS  
Kalapuyan Land  
Presentation and Panel  
Discussion](#)

May 15, 2021 10:00 AM  
Live Zoom Webinar

[2021 TRBF Backyard  
Birding with Elaine  
Murphy](#)

May 15, 2021 12:00 PM  
Virtual

[2021 TRBF Live  
Broadcast from Wapato  
Lake NWR with Refuge  
Manager](#)

May 15, 2021 1:00 PM  
Live Zoom Webinar

[2021 TRBF The Andean  
Condor -Music &  
Storytelling Inspirational  
Sounds from Latin  
America with Gerardo  
Calderon](#)

May 15, 2021 2:00 PM  
Virtual

**Friends Board Meeting**  
Virtual Meeting Planned

May 24, 2021 6:30 PM  
Contact by May 19, 2021  
[Info@FriendsOfTualatinRefuge.org](mailto:Info@FriendsOfTualatinRefuge.org)  
if you would like to receive an  
invitation to attend our ZOOM  
meeting. Subject line **Zoom  
Invite to May Board Meeting**



SOCIAL MEDIA



Join us online May 14 & 15 for the 25th Annual (VIRTUAL) Tualatin River Bird Festival

- **LIVE-** Presentation on the restoration efforts and upcoming release of the **California Condor** back to the Pacific Northwest with members of the **Yurok Tribe- Chris West & Tiana Williams-Claussen**, and the **Oregon Zoo's Kelli Walker**. **Joseph Brandt** from **USFWS** will moderate the presentation and Q & A session



- **LIVE-** Get an up-close view of the **Chicken Creek Restoration Project with Refuge Staff and Fisheries-** What is lurking in the water and why it matters?



## Fish and Aquatic **CONSERVATION**

Conserving Aquatic Species for 150 Years

- **LIVE- THIS IS KALAPUYAN LAND** – Five Oaks Museum Guest Curator **Step Littlebird Foget** (Grand Ronde, Kalapuya) and **Mariah Berlanga-Shevchuk**, the Five Oaks Museum Cultural Resource Manager. Discuss this ground breaking exhibit *"The exhibition prompts critical thinking around representation of Indigenous history and identity in non-indigenous institutions"*



**THIS IS  
KALAPUYAN  
LAND**



HELP THE FRIENDS  
WHILE YOU SHOP





- **Gerardo Calderon—Music & Storytelling- The Andean Condor** – is the national symbol bird of Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Columbia and Chile and is highly respected by many of the people of these countries and has inspired a number of legends,



- **and so much more-** Please check the Friends website for all of the details. [www.FriendsofTualatinRefuge.org](http://www.FriendsofTualatinRefuge.org)



Join over 2000 local students and take the bird count challenge Look for this image on our website



#### WHAT FRIENDS DO: ADVOCACY FOR ARCTIC NWR

One of the most important things refuge Friends groups do is to advocate for their own refuge and for the refuge system as a whole. This is a role that is taken seriously by our Friends group. Among the current issues that we are actively advocating for is The Arctic Refuge Protection Act (S. 282/H.R. 815).

This critical legislation would restore essential protections for the coastal plain of the Arctic NWR while safeguarding the subsistence rights of Arctic Indigenous peoples. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 mandated two oil and gas lease sales for the coastal plain of the refuge and, despite failure of the first sale, without congressional action, the second sale is still mandated. Restoring protections is in keeping with the majority of the American public who oppose oil and gas drilling in one of America's greatest remaining wild places. Congressional action is needed to prevent the destruction of this treasured wildlife refuge that the Gwich'in people call "the Sacred Place Where Life Begins."



Our Past Friends President, Alan Christensen, spent some of his career working in this area doing research on sockeye salmon and later working with the Elk Foundation and others to rebuy some of the lands that had been exploited for timber. He passed along his deep love for the area to his children, who also value these treasured lands. Alan says, "Alaska is no longer the 'last frontier' to exploit without regard...Tourism, sustainable use of natural resources, and the allure of natural landscapes is a huge economic factor that can outlive drilling for oil."

If you would like to help us advocate for the protection of Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, here is a link to our national organization, National Wildlife Refuge Association, that will give you more information and a sign-on letter

<https://www.refugeassociation.org/arctic-national-wildlife-refuge>

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## News from Nature's Overlook Shopping for Mother's Day or Looking for a Special Gift for a Grad or Dad?

While the Friend's retail store remains closed due to Covid-19 restrictions, we want to remind you that much of our inventory is available for purchase online, with pickup curbside on Saturday mornings or by reservation if you need a different pickup time. Please check out our merchandise at <https://bit.ly/2V1l6zP>

We have perfect gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, or any other occasion (or a treat for yourself!). And if you remember something you've seen in our store before but don't find it on the website, contact us at 971-420-5989 and we'll find a way to sell it to you.

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## We have an exciting new addition to the Refuge in the form of Purple Martin Nest Boxes!

By Carly Hirschmann, Friends of the Refuge

Students from the Sherwood High School Key Club came out to help us finish them off with a fresh coat of white paint. We put up 12 boxes total on three separate poles. They are on a pulley-system which allows us to take them down, clean, and store them each year. The boxes are located in the middle of the wetland, and visible from the viewing platform with a scope or binoculars. Here are some frequently asked questions that you may have about them.



## Love Books? Love to Volunteer?



The Friends are looking for a new volunteer book buyer for our Nature's Overlook Store in the Refuge Visitor's Center.

For more information, contact our Store Manager at (503) 539-8315 or email the Friends at [Info@FriendsOfArcticNationalWildlifeRefuge.org](mailto:Info@FriendsOfArcticNationalWildlifeRefuge.org)



- Friends of TRNWRC donated over \$400 to purchase supplies needed for this project. Thank you for your support of the Friends so that we can help make a difference on the Refuge.

## Purple Martin FAQ's

- **What are Purple Martins?**

## This June-Backyard Bird Shop Supports Friends of Tualatin River NWRC



**May 6th** Our guest speaker and presenter is Darrel Rhea

Here on Behance, I am sharing my personal explorations in photography, art and illustration. It's non-commercial and my source of zen and play. I hope you enjoy and find inspiration in the work. I have been a Designer, Design Management Consultant, and a Design Researcher my whole career. I have been privileged to work closely with many of the world's leading graphic, brand, industrial, interaction, and architectural designers. I have worked on many of the world's leading brands, and have been a design industry spokesperson and advocate for decades. Working with world-class creative pros has made me very humble. I'm a much better strategist than an artist, but I'll keep trying and learning.



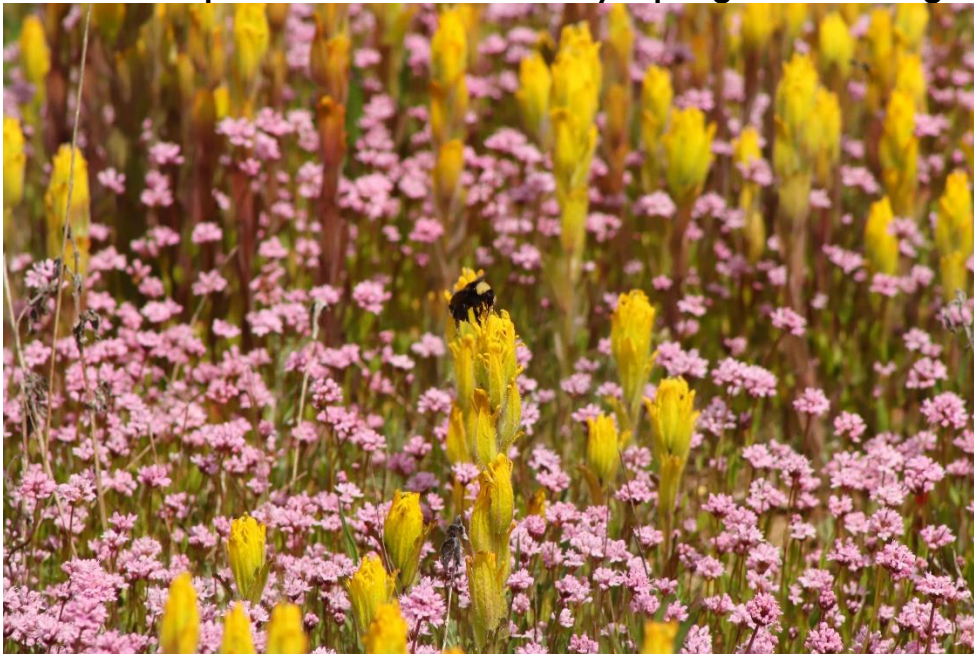
**June 3rd** Our guest speaker and presenter is **Weldon Lee** and the title is **Rocky Mountain Wildlife**

Wildlife photography transports me into the spirit world of my wild brothers and sisters, where I find myself connecting with them and listening to what they have to say. When I create a work of photographic art, I want it to portray the things I see, and hear, and feel, when I'm in that magical space. My art is a collaboration between myself and my wild brothers and sisters.

If Interested in attending a program, please RSVP Willem Stoeller  
- [wstoeller@icloud.com](mailto:wstoeller@icloud.com) . Willem will send you a Zoom invite.

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**Restoration Update in Photos from Carly- Spring On the Refuge-**









The Friends are working towards becoming a truly inclusive organization that rejects racism in all its forms and embraces cultural and economic diversity. The Board of Directors for the Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge is keenly aware that despite undergoing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) training, we have much progress to make for our organization to reflect the diversity of our urban area. We further seek to give equal value to all voices in helping to articulate our mission, vision, policies and best practices. Although we are directing our outreach to better reflect diversity, equity and inclusion, we understand we need to continue to improve and commit to examining all activities through a DEI perspective. We invite your ideas. We want all to feel welcome and safe to visit the Refuge. We need the quiet, the beauty and the peace that nature and wildlife bring to our souls. It is imperative people of all colors and ethnicities are aware of this sanctuary and comfortable in searching solace.

Friends of Tualatin River NWR Statement on Racism



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Notification on wearing a mask on Federal Land (land under executive branch control- such as the Refuge) 1/20/2021 Executive Order

For Refuge updates, please visit the *FWS.gov website*.

When you visit the Refuge, please know that all facility buildings are closed. Port-a-johns are available and the parking lot is partially open. Pets are not permitted on the Refuge, and please use social distancing when walking the trail. See this helpful graphic from our partners at Metro



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Donations to help us continue our work to support the TRNWRC are more important than ever as our Natures Overlook Store is closed.

Consider a donation to the Friends or Shopping our Online Store

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### **New Refuge Phone System**

The Refuge has new phones and a new phone system. Now when you call the main Refuge number you will get an automated menu with options for: a directory, hours of operation, trail status, and getting re-routed to the state Fish & Wildlife office for injured wildlife calls. To reach someone at the Refuge, you can either wait and listen through the menu or use the first option of the directory to be connected to a specific person. If anyone was in the habit of using previous extensions, they now have '15' added to the beginning of the number (e.g. Friends office extension is now 15227). Please note- the Friends' Office phone is not being monitored during the pandemic. Please contact us via email at [Info@FriendsofTualatinRefuge.org](mailto:Info@FriendsofTualatinRefuge.org)





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