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Our mission is to encourage residents and visitors to protect and enjoy the native birds, other wildlife, and habitats found on the Central Oregon Coast.

## IN THE NEWS

**Saturday, July 13, 9-11am**

**Lincoln City Bird Watching Clinic ~ Alder Island Loop Trail.** Join us at Alder Island Loop Trail on Millport Slough, part of the Siletz National Wildlife Refuge [More info...](#)

**Saturday, August 10, 9-11:30am**

**Lincoln City Bird Watching Clinic ~ The Knoll Open Space.** Join us on our most difficult and rewarding bird walk of the year as we climb The Knoll at the north end of Lincoln City. [More info...](#)

## TAKE ACTION!

**Take action to protect our rocky coastal habitats.**

Thanks to strong requests from coastal residents like you, Oregon will soon be empowering communities to propose lasting protections for the coast. But decision-makers need to hear from you on the next steps. [More info...](#)

**Take action to protect our sea and shorebirds.**

We need volunteers to help with surveys and monitoring of sea and shorebirds. Portland Audubon has taken the lead for many years on a variety of community science projects along the coast. Help is needed for such projects as Black Oystercatcher and Brown Pelican surveys, Snowy Plover Patrols, and Seabird Colony monitoring. All you need is time and willingness to learn. [More information...](#)

**Take action to ban plastic bags and styrofoam in Oregon.**

This legislative session, we have the chance to make a difference here in Oregon. House Bill 2509 would ban plastic bags statewide, and House Bill 2883 would ban styrofoam take-out containers and cups. Please urge your representative to vote yes on these bills. [Contact them here...](#)

## SUPPORT US

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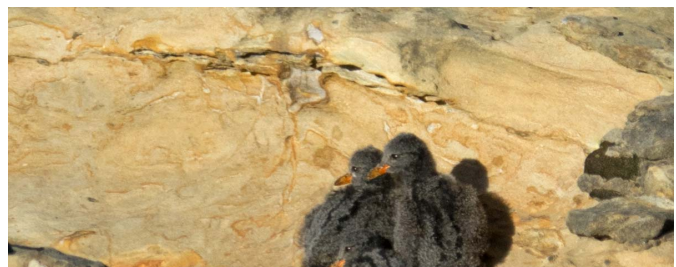
## Protecting Our Black Oystercatchers ~ Karen Driscoll at Work - by Howard Shippey

Karen Driscoll has shown a dedication to the Black Oystercatchers of Otter Rock that I've seldom seen in volunteers before.

We first met at Otter Rock last year on the trail overlooking what we now call Nest #1. I had discovered the nest on my own, and wasn't aware that anyone else knew of it. Similarly thinking it a secret, when Karen showed up one morning to log her observations for Audubon and found a photographer already there, gear spread all about and camera pointed at "her" birds, I worried for a moment that there might be a fight.



Good thing there wasn't — Karen is tough! It's extremely hard to stand for 7 hours in the sun and wind without a break, waiting for a third egg to hatch, but that's precisely what we did at Nest #1 this year. Though a few years her junior, I gave up before she did. The sunburn that Karen earned for her effort might still be peeling — but she was back at the nest site bright and early the very next day.



Lincoln City. To go directly to ASLC's support account, go to: [smile.amazon.com/ch/20-3795649](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-3795649).

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## RESOURCES

Whether you are a resident state birder or a visitor, you might be interested in finding out **what birds were**

**sighted where** in the state and when. Click [here](#) for up-to-date reports from the **OBOL (Oregon Birders Online)**.

If you are interested in signing up to receive Oregon bird sightings reported to **OBOL**, click [here](#).

**eBird** includes reports of birds seen locally and around the world. For recent reports and places to bird in **Lincoln County**, click [here](#). For **Tillamook County**, click [here](#).

Want to know the status of bird migrations? Check out [BirdCast](#), the realtime migration forecast by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

See our [Links](#) page for more resources.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Injured birds, dead mammals, poaching**, call: State Police: 800-452-7888

**Injured Birds along central OR coast**, call Harry Dodson (Lincoln City) 541-921-0048

**Injured Bird and Mammal Rehab Centers:**  
[Chintimini Wildlife Center](#) (Corvallis) 541-745-5324  
[Wildlife Care Center](#) (Portland) 503-292-0304  
[Turtle Ridge Wildlife Center](#) (Salem) 503-540-8664  
[Wildlife Center of the North Coast](#) (Astoria) 503-338-0331

**Injured Raptors**  
[Cascades Raptor Center](#) (Eugene) 541-485-1320



Once Nest #1 was safely hatched, Karen straight away launched a plan to shield Nest #2 from the beach-level human encroachment that caused last year's nest to fail — the oystercatchers simply couldn't stay on the nest long enough to hatch the eggs. Dressed in her bright-orange all-weather gear, she posted signs along the beach that she made and paid for herself, and began intercepting beachwalkers as they unknowingly approached too close to the nest, politely asking them to give the birds a little space.



Most people proved happy to comply, and Karen's hours-long efforts on a very busy weekend for human activity allowed the birds to stay on the nest longer than I'd ever seen them do before — and lo and behold, a new hatchling was soon the happy result.



"Above and beyond" comes quickest to mind when I search for words to describe Karen's dedication to the Black Oystercatchers of Otter Rock. But that expression, and this little profile, don't tell half of her story. [Learn more about monitoring Black Oystercatchers.](#)

All photos courtesy of Howard Shippey, [Nature's Coast Oregon](#) Visit Howard's webpage for wonderful videos of 2018 Black Oystercatchers (and much more).

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