

# ***Forest Forum***

## **Washington County Small Woodlands Association**

**June 2023**

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THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT INSERTS INSIDE!**

**Tree Farmer of the Year Details for the Jamieson's July 15 Tour  
Registration is Required by July 1**

**and**

**Seedling Order Form – First Come, First Served  
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### **2023 WCSWA Monthly Programs**

<b>J u n e</b>	<b>22-24  24</b>	<b>OSWA Annual Meeting  Native Plants and Backyard Habitat</b>	Estacada High School  Master Gardener event: PCC Rock Creek – see page 7
<b>J u l y</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TFOY Tour  Herbs</b>	Jamieson Family Tree Farm All the information you've been waiting for is in the enclosed form <b>Registration required by July 1</b>  Master Gardener event: Jenkins Estate – See page 7
<b>A u g u s t</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Bell Timber Pole Operations</b>	10:00am Longview, WA. Field trip to Bell Timber pole yard. BYO Lunch for a picnic after. More details in the July Forest Forum

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Contact Cathy Dummer for web postings and information.

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### Forest Forum Newsletter

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### The Tree Farm Tradin' Post

*You can place a free advertisement in Forest Forum. A free service to our members (3 month limit). List tree farm items/land to buy, sell, or trade. Contact Tom Nygren, 503-628-5472.*



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## Fire Season Will Be Here Soon

By Don Sohler

After the 2020 disastrous fire season, there was talk among members about having fire protection equipment on our properties.

With that in mind, I compiled 3 options for consideration into a 17-page manual. You can download the manual from our website. Go to [www.wcswa.com](http://www.wcswa.com) and click on the link.

This equipment would be for an initial attack of a small fire and not an extended attack. Leave the extended attack and mop up to the ODF and fire department crews.



One example: Scott Hayes firefighting unit

Hope to see many of you at the 2023 Oregon Family Forest Convention the last week of June. I have missed too many of these over the years largely due to conflicts with family vacations, and so I am really looking forward to this one. At the Convention OSWA recognizes outstanding volunteers of the year, and I am very fortunate that WCSWA has a lot of great volunteers putting in substantial time that makes the chapter function so well. Volunteerism ranges from an ongoing commitment such as newsletter production, website maintenance and coordinating program events to annual events like Seedling and Native Plant Sales, Tree Farmer of the Year, and Annual Meeting. With so much activity it's hard to pick out one person but I'd like to officially announce Kathy Brock as this year's WCSWA volunteer of the year. She has been involved in much over the last year including:

- Serving on the board
- Organizing last year's Annual Meeting and Banquet
- Chairing the Community Investments Committee
- Plant Sale Committee Member and event volunteer

These are all big responsibilities, so take a minute to thank Kathy for all her help.



**Until next time continue to stay safe!**



### **Pictures from Forestry for the Birds Workshop**

May 20 was a beautiful day to learn techniques to incorporate into your management plan the idea of:

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*See page 6 for a write-up on the tour*





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Around the O, May 22, 2023

Researchers from the University of Oregon and two other schools will use a \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation to advance mass timber technologies in Oregon and Washington. The other institutions are Oregon State University and the University of Washington.

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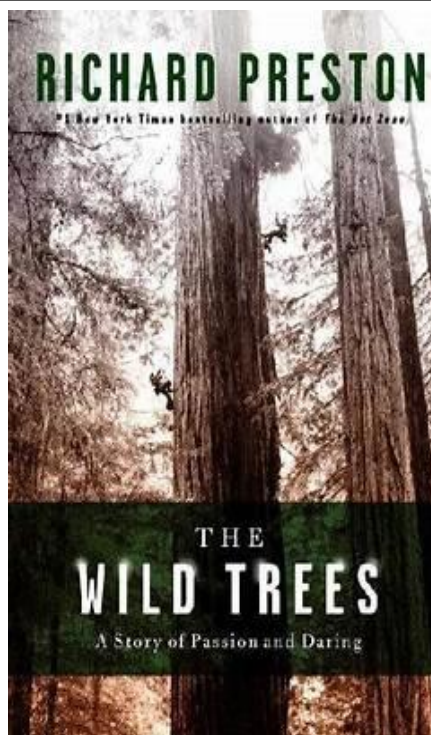
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## Visiting the Wild Trees

By Bonnie Shumaker

On a recent trip with the Hanschus down the Oregon Coast to Crescent City, California, Anne loaned me this book. I managed to read it while we moseyed down Hwy 101 for four enjoyable days along the coast.

The book emphasized how much more there is to know about coastal redwoods, *Sequoia sempervirens*, than that it is the tallest but not the biggest redwood, and this is the only place in the world it grows.

Richard Preston identifies his book as narrative non-fiction. His writing draws you into the story of young, daring people who discover so much more than the challenge of climbing these trees. They end up adding much more scientific knowledge of the ecology of this impressive tree.

I highly recommend this book and give thanks to Rick Zenn for steering us onto it.





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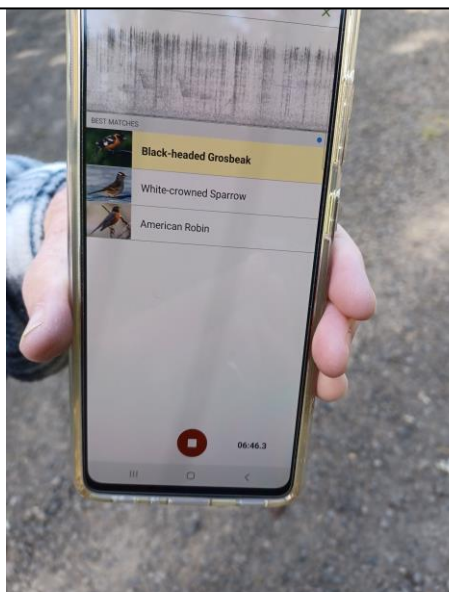
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**Forestry for the Birds  
Workshop, May 20, at  
Anne and Richard  
Hanschu's woodland.**

Merlin app from Bonnie's 5-minute  
woods walk



It was a beautiful day for whatever you were doing, and twenty-five woodland owners showed up for an informative day talking about Forestry for the Birds. Maura, Riley, and Nicole from the Forest Stewards Guild gave us some history of the program and ideas for our forest management keeping birds in mind. They gave participants a newly published book "Forestry for the Birds, Western Oregon," the first such book on the west coast.

The first "Forestry for the Birds" book originated in Vermont by the Vermont Audubon Society. They had noticed that birds in the local flyway were reduced and that most of the forests were privately owned. Their book could help make these forests more bird friendly. Maine, Rhode Island, New Jersey and others followed suit for their areas and now Western Oregon has joined with the same goal "To keep common birds common and forests forested."

For the Western Oregon book, twelve focal bird species were selected. They are all common birds with specific habitats and are easy to identify. Necessary bird-friendly components are: Canopy, Health, Resources and Protection (CHRP) A variety in each component is advised. We were told to remember that "birds love a messy forest."

We observed a riparian area, a new planting, a densely forested area, and a mature forest - all with unique habitats for birds.

We were also introduced to an app from Cornell Labs called "Merlin" which identifies birds through sounds or visuals. It's free and fun.

WCSWA members will be informed when other tours are scheduled. Check out more pictures on page 3.



**Josh Miller**

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and impudent birdies  
who insist we all sing  
the constant  
moaning  
and groaning of frogs  
mix  
with alarming  
sounds under logs  
"We're so glad you could be here."  
the mosquitos all hum  
"Your blood is too thick  
we'll just thin it out some."  
I really should be going  
but I think I'll stay till  
the moon's in the pond  
and some stars in the rill.  
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here  
It is still.

-Don Ediger

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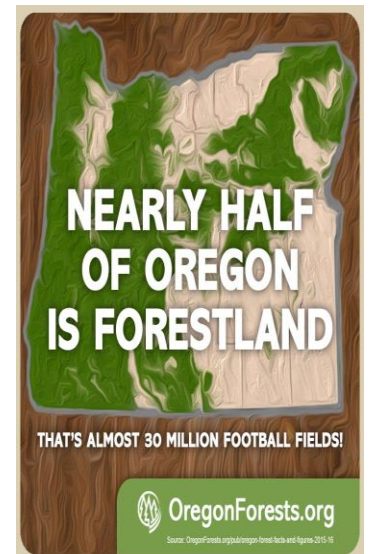


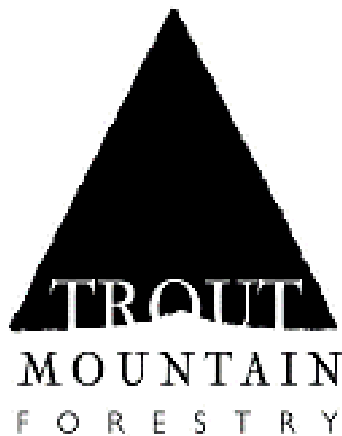
## Two Master Gardener's Free Classes

**Native Plants and the Backyard Habitat Certification**  
**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 11am.**  
**Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek**

**Herbs!**  
**Saturday, July 22nd, 10 a.m. – noon**  
**WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate**

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## REMEMBER THE PHOTO CONTEST!

At the Family Forest Convention, June 22-24, there will be a photo contest celebrating WOOD, WATER, WILDLIFE, AND RECREATION!

You can submit one entry in each of the categories. Send your photos digitally to [wyldac@gmail.com](mailto:wyldac@gmail.com).

We are making a power point of all the photos to show at the Convention, and everyone there will have a chance to vote for their favorite in each category.

We have a prize for each category, and you need not be present to win.

Help us celebrate these four parts of our forests! If you have any questions, give me a call at 541-797-9734 or email to the above email address.

Wylde Cafferata, OTFS Co-Chair



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## Fact sheets detail new forest regulations

OFRI has developed a series of fact sheets summarizing the Private Forest Accord (PFA) targeted at small forestland owners. Fact sheets cover what the PFA is, how it affects forestland owners, and specific proposed changes to the Oregon forest practice rules.

The three fact sheets explain the significance of the Accord, related changes to the Oregon Forest Practices Act, and plans for the state to seek a Habitat Conservation Plan for private forests. Order at [OregonForests.org](https://oregonforests.org)

[https://oregonforests.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/OFRI\\_PFA-Conservation.pdf](https://oregonforests.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/OFRI_PFA-Conservation.pdf)

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- Register for classes



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## IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT SEEDLINGS: SEE ORDER FORM ENCLOSED



The seedling supply for the 2024 planting season looks to be in good order with Lewis River Reforestation reporting 50,000 to 55,000 Douglas-fir seedlings transferred to the planting beds.

With a normal survival rate in the high 90 percentile, we should have a good supply of seedlings for WCSWA members and a few available for non-members.

These will be from the Dallas seed zone.

5,000 Western Red Cedar Hi-Terpene have also been ordered. Bob Shumaker and I talked about going back to the straight-run cedar, but decided there is only a few cents difference between the two cedars.

This is just a friendly reminder to sharpen your tree planting shovels and hodads as planting season is only 6 months away.

Submitted by Don Sohler, Seedling Chair



# WCSWA May Potluck and Speaker Recap

Tuesday, May 23 was our annual Potluck, held this year at Jackson Bottom Wetlands. The weather was so fine that it was hard not to go for a walk in the beautiful Wetlands, but the camaraderie and good food put that off until another day. After the meal, Julie Woodward introduced us to OFRI's new hire, Kathryn Charlton. Julie has recently been promoted to Director of Forestry after the retirement of Mike Cloughesy, and Kathryn will fill Julie's former position of Forest Landowner Education Manager. Read more on Kathryn in OFRI's press release below.

Julie told us of OFRI's three-fold mission of public education, K-12 education, and landowner education. OFRI has eight staff members, and a 13-member Board of Directors. It is funded by a portion of the harvest tax with an average annual budget of four million dollars. This budget funds TV fall and spring commercials for public education, K-12 education for teachers and students, and landowner education. Forty-five of OFRI's programs are certified by the state which brings in federal funding, too. OFRI supplies funds for buses for field trips. Their funds also support ONREP (Oregon Natural Resources Education Program) and Talk about Trees, a K-8 in-class learning module. Then there is the Rediscovery Forest at the Oregon Gardens and many great publications available to woodland owners and the public. Check out OFRI's website at [www.knowyourforest.org](http://www.knowyourforest.org).



**Speaker Julie Woodward and new OFRI hire Kathryn Charlton**



**Friends socializing before dinner in Jackson Bottom's delightful setting**



**Time to dish up for dinner!**



**Good food and friends**



**More good food and friends**



**Clean-up crew at evening's end**



**Kathryn Charlton**

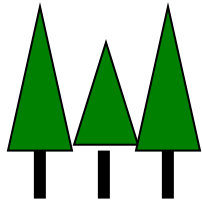
## **OFRI Hires Forest Landowner Education Manager**

Press release PORTLAND, Ore.

Forester and silviculturist Kathryn Charlton joined the OFRI staff in May to help deliver forest landowner education programs and manage the Institute's 15-acre Rediscovery demonstration forest in Silverton. She will also assist the public and K-12 education programs as a forestry subject matter expert. Before starting her position at OFRI on May 1, Charlton worked for the Bureau of Land Management as a forester and silviculturist, and the U.S. Forest Service. She earned a bachelor's degree in forest management from Oregon State University.



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**New Members:** Welcome to new members. We are here to help members achieve their management goals. To get the most out of your membership, come to the meetings and tours that are scheduled throughout the year. You'll find many kindred spirits among our diverse membership – and many opportunities to learn and share together! If you have any questions or need help, contact any of the Directors, Officers, or Newsletter Editors listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

**REMINDER:** If you intend to use power-driven machinery this year, please submit your application through the FERNS (Forest Activity Electronic Reporting and Notification System) website of Oregon Department of Forestry@ <http://ferns.odf.oregon.gov>, The Oregon Forest Practices Act (FPA) requires forest landowners and operators to notify the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) of operations at least 15 days before they begin forest operations. If you have questions or need help with the website, please call your ODF local office; (Forest Grove 503-357-2191). They are wanting and willing to help.

### Recommended Fire-safe Brochures:

[NFPA - Preparing homes for wildfire](#) (Home Ignition Zone)

[Defensible Space - Ready for Wildfire](#) (Defensible Space)

Firewise Landscaping Checklist: [checklists \(oregon.gov\)](#)

[FireWise: Living With Fire | OSU Extension Service \(oregonstate.edu\)](#)

Fire Resistant Plants for the Home Landscape: [Fire-Resistant Plants for Home Landscapes | OSU Extension Catalog | Oregon State University](#)

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- <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics> read OSU Extension's "Tree Topics" blog
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