

## For the Birds

SPRING-SUMMER, GOLD BEACH  
& BROOKINGS

THE KALMIOPSIS AUDUBON Society invites bird experts and novices alike to bird-watching outings held once a month throughout the South Coast area.

The season begins March 5 with an evening owl-themed trip to the Rogue River Walk near Gold Beach. April 2 the program features a morning excursion to the Port of Brookings-Harbor. May 7, the group will return to the Rogue River Walk for a morning bird trip along the Jim Hunt Loop, and to the Orchard Bar Loop on June 4. Other trips include those to Crissey Field on July 9, the Rogue River estuary on August 13, Lake Earl in California on September 10, and Pistol River on October 1.

The outings offer opportunities to identify bird species, add to "Life Lists," and interact with birds.

"On one of our outings, we spotted a peregrine falcon circling about 200 feet above the Winchuck River," says Audubon member and trip organizer Gary Maschmeyer. "The falcon suddenly rocketed down at a steep angle right across our field of view. Just before hitting the water, it



Black-crowned Night-Heron

pulled out of its dive to nab a dove—but missed. It was thrilling to closely witness such an intense moment of natural drama."

No birding experience is required. Experts are welcome to come and share their knowledge. The outings usually require less than one mile of walking on level ground with frequent stops to observe birds. Binoculars are recommended, but there are a few binoculars that first-timers may borrow. Most of the excursions return by lunchtime, and are weather-dependent. Carpooling is available, see the Kalmiopsis Audubon website for specific meet times and locations ([www.kalmiopsisaudubon.org](http://www.kalmiopsisaudubon.org)). For more information, contact Gary Maschmeyer. (541-412-0806; [gmasch@charter.net](mailto:gmasch@charter.net))