Birding In and Around Oakridge/Westfir
Hot Spots for a Diversity of Birds

West Cascades Conifer Woodland Birds

Hike the Willamette National Forest (U.S. Forest Service):
- Buckhead Interp. Trail (0.5 mile paved loop; parking; restroom)
  - Wren Loop Trail (0.5 mile loop; parking)
- Willamette Fish Hatchery Interp Trail (0.5 mile loop; parking; restrooms)
- Wetland Below Hills Creek Dam (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lands; 1 mile loop; parking)

- Woodpeckers (Pileated, Hairy, Downy, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Northern Flicker)
- Raptors (Barred Owl, Northern Spotted Owl, Great Grey Owl, Western Screech-owl, Northern Pygmy-owl, Saw-whet Owl, Great Horned Owl, Northern Goshawk, Cooper’s Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Osprey, Bald Eagle)
- Upland Birds (California and Mountain Quail, Ruffed and Sooty Grouse)
- Hummingbirds (Anna’s and Rufous Hummingbird)
- Passerines (Varied, Swainson’s and Hermit Thrush; Pacific and Bewick’s Wren; Brown Creeper; Hutton’s Vireo, Black-capped and Mountain Chickadees; Red-breasted Nuthatch; Hermit, Yellow-rumped, Yellow, Black-throated Gray, Wilson’s, and MacGillivray’s Warblers; Spotted Towhee; Western Tanager; Evening and Black-headed Grosbeaks; Pine Siskin; Song, Fox, White-crowned, Golden-crowned and Lincoln’s Sparrows; Lesser and American Goldfinches; Western Bluebird; Band-tailed Pigeon; Violet-green, Tree, Northern Rough-winged, Bank, and Barn Swallows)
- Corvids (Gray, Steller’s, and Western-scrub Jays, Common Raven, American Crow)
- River Birds (American Dipper, Common Merganser, Harlequin Duck)

Area Specialties
Northern Spotted Owl
Great Gray Owl
Harlequin Duck
Black Swift (Salt Creek Falls)
Mountain Quail

Areas to View Wetland/Water Birds During the Winter Months
(these are areas for spotting scope viewing)
- Oakridge Mill Ponds (access along Fish Hatchery Road)
- Oakridge Sand and Gravel Ponds (view from Willamette Mountain Mercantile Parking Lot)
  - Wetland Below Hills Creek Dam (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lands)
  - Hills Creek Reservoir

Online Resources
Lane County Audubon Society
http://www.laneaudubon.org

Oregon Birding Trails
http://oregonbirdingtrails.org/

Oregon Birding News Updates
http://birding.aba.org/maillist/OR01

Forest Service NatureWatch (search on "Willamette National Forest")
http://sxgstc02.gsc.wo.fs.fed.us/naturewatch/index.htm