

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/maillistOR01>

Forest Service NatureWatch (search on "Willamette National Forest")
<http://sxgsc02.gsc.wo.fs.fed.us/naturewatch/index.htm>

Willamette National Forest

Buckhead Interpretive Trail

High Prairie

Wren Loop Trail
Middle Fork Ranger District Office

Willamette Fish Hatchery

Oakridge Sand and Gravel Ponds

Greenwater Park

Mill Ponds

Wetland Below Hills Creek Dam

Hills Creek Reservoir

Hills Creek Lake

