

May  
2020

# The BELLOWS

## EPS Learns Virtual Meetings Really Work With A “Zoom” Connection

With participants well separated around the county, it took the Zoom program and a huge EPS team to make ‘virtual’ happen in less than a month. This, ladies and gentlemen, is what a volunteer organization team effort looks like: **Rochelle Villanueva** for the idea - **Kevin Reilly** for implementation - Program chairs to tailor each night, **Terry Smith, Jim Buch, Hernando Convers** and **Mark Gotchell** for *Competition night* - **Dave Horton** and **Jon Parker** for *Education night* - **Jerry Gowins** for *Challenge night* - **Hernando** again for the new *Photo Contest Pro* judging software that really helped speed the process - **Mike Van De Walker** for *Recording Ed night*, (*other nights as needed*), and posting on the website and - **David Jones** as the first *Ed night presenter*.

**THANK YOU ALL!**

**Kevin Reilly**

Last month’s wildlife photo story could be classified as slow moving and weighing tons, whereas wildlife for this month has to be classified as fast and weighing ounces. In other words rhinos and hippos compared to birds diving and flying.

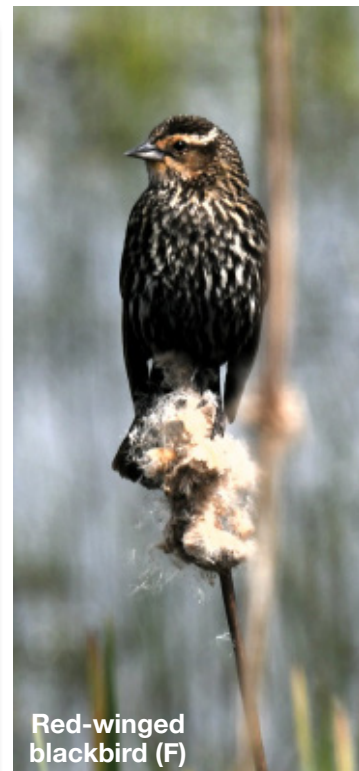
Yes, right on queue the month of May is prime time for photos of birds showing their best colors, activities and offsprings. Best of all the locations for this month’s photo ops are free and closer to home. Start with your own or neighborhood yards and gardens then to a wildlife refuge (*at the end of Royal Ave.*) adjacent to the West Eugene city limits.

Then just thirty minutes North is another wildlife refuge. Wait a minute! The gate to that



All Photos - 04/2020 - Bruce Bittle

Yellow-headed blackbird (M)



Red-winged blackbird (F)

refuge, (*Finley NWR thirty miles North on Hwy. 99W*), might be locked. Don’t panic. Pay no attention to the gate, because the hottest photo spot is located at the South end of the Refuge bordered by Bruce Rd. a public road.

*On the next pages are details & a map.*

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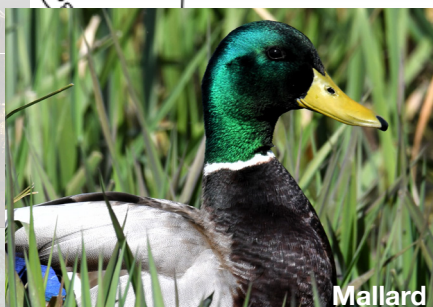
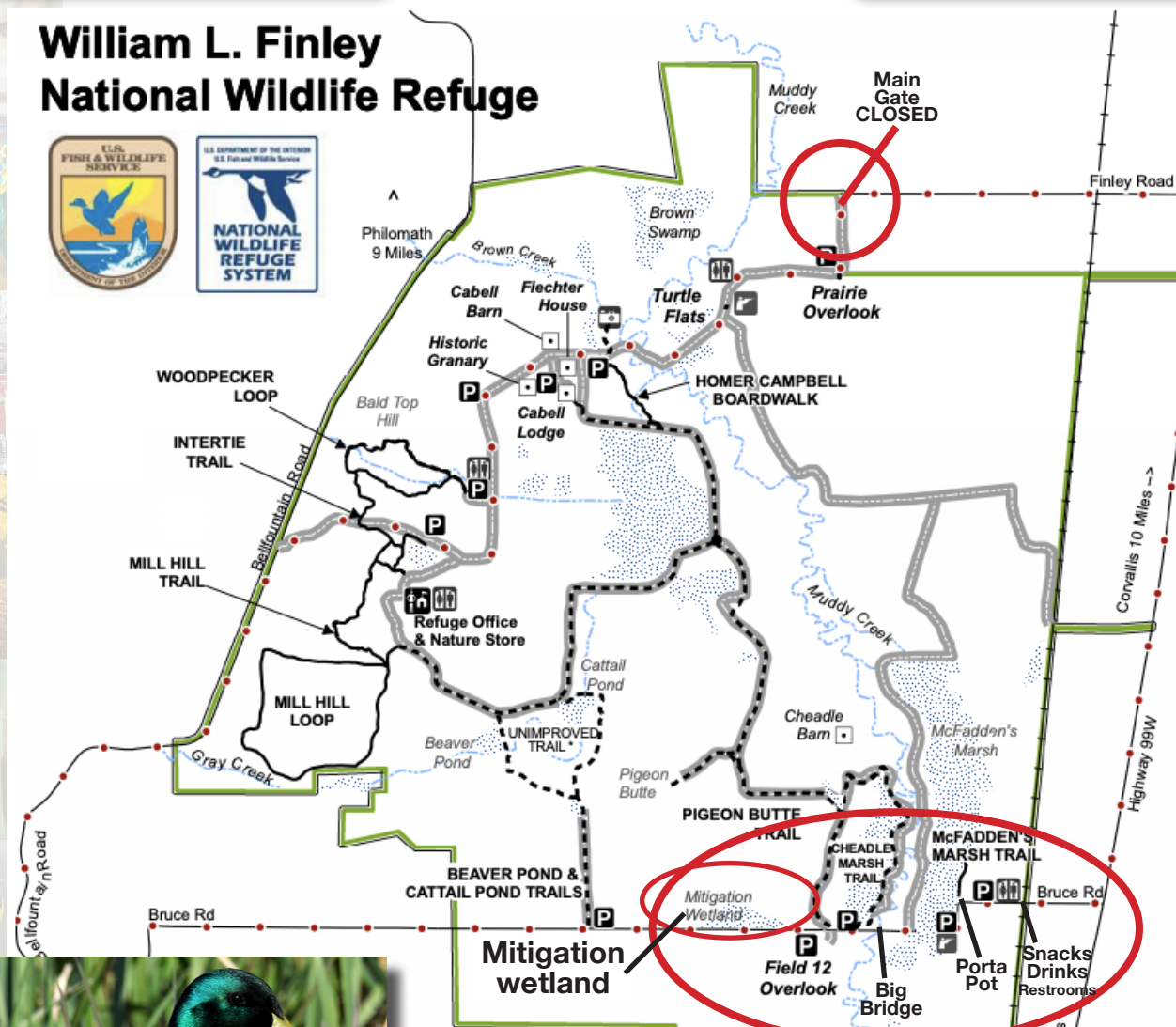
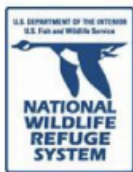


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### William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge



Mallard

**BEST BIRD SHOTS IN THIS AREA**  
Even if Main Gate is open

(If gate is open & you've never been here before, do drive through to see how big & well maintained this area is)



- Designated Parking
- Restrooms
- Headquarters
- Historic Buildings
- Hunt Kiosks

- Year Round Trails
- Seasonal Trails (April 1 - October 31)
- Auto Tour Route
- Refuge Service Roads
- County Roads

- Creeks & Streams
- Wetlands
- Refuge Boundary

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles







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Shovelers (M&F)



### FINLEY Birds seen recently near the Mitigation Wetlands

- Red-winged blackbird
- Brewers blackbird
- Yellow legs
- American bittern
- Pintail duck
- Ring-necked duck
- Northern shoveler
- Mallard duck
- Coot
- Green-winged teal
- Cinnamon teal
- Canada geese
- Dusky geese
- Pied-billed grebe
- Bufflehead
- Blue heron
- Great egret
- Redtailed hawk

Green-winged teal (M)



Cinnamon teal (F&M)



### Best Baby Coot time

Judy Elder keeps reliable yearly records, and the earliest she has recorded for baby coots is May 3rd of 2018.

Tom & Judy will keep an almost daily wetlands watch soon and send an Email Alert as soon as the first are seen. Then 'Baby Coot' watch window will last **only ten days** after the first alert.

### Birds seen here but not recently

- Virginia rail
- Sorah
- American kestrel
- Harrier

Ring-necked ducks (M&F)

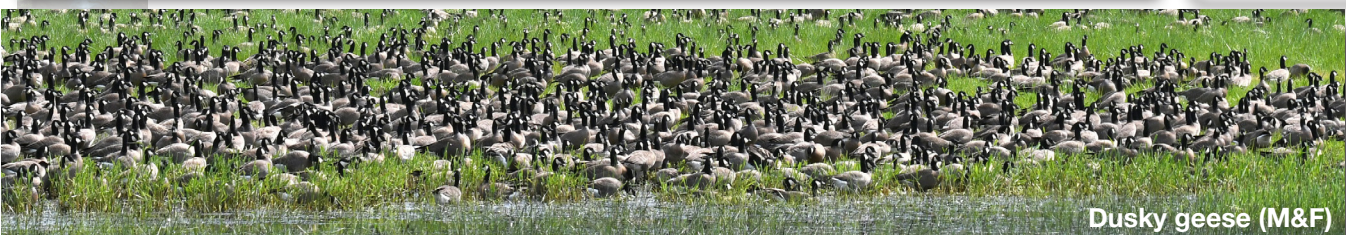


Great egrets (M&F)



**Want to win a  
First Ever Award  
from EPS?  
Capture a sharp,  
close, in full  
flight shot of any  
species of swallow.**

Dusky geese (M&F)







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### EPS Field Trips Scheduled (Tentative)

#### ***“Johnson Nursery, Coburg”*** **Sunday, May 17th, 8:30 AM**

##### **The details**

Sunday, May 17 @ 8:30

**Not open to public until 11 AM**

- 2.5 hours without customers there -

**Johnson Brothers Garden Market**

91444 Coburg Rd (0.5 mi. W. of Coburg)

Jbgardenmarket.com

Contact: **Carla Aguilar**

541-521-2985

carlacaguilar@hotmail.com

Let me know if you have any questions.



**Kevin & Rochelle**  
Have Organized  
This Year's EPS  
All Members  
**Coast Camping**  
**Field Trip Destination**

#### **Bullards Beach State Park**

**Make your reservations now**  
Arrive **Fri. September 18**  
Leave **Tuesday, Sept. 22**

• **What's to do?** -- Lots of day-time & nighttime photography, campfires, beach hikes, shopping, eating, etc.

• **Campground** -- If you're camping, reserve a site at Bullards Beach State Park. We reserved site 'A'11. It's big with close parking for non-camping guests. There are over 75 sites in the campground, a few left in 'A' loop. If you think you might go, **make your reservations now.**

• **Non-campers** -- there are a number of **motels in Bandon.** The closest to the campground is **Lamplighter Inn.**

• **Potluck** -- Saturday night at the campground.

• **Dinner out on Sunday** -- Location (TBA). Suggestions?

*A huge turnout last year at Brookings. Everybody had a great time.*

**Don't miss out on this year's trip.**  
**We want to see you there!**

**Thanks -**

**Kevin Reilly &  
Rochelle Villanueva**



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Critiquing	Terry Smith, *Jim Buch (Co-chairs)
Education	Jon Parker, **Dave Horton (Co-chairs)
Photo Forum	Rochelle Villanueva, *Kevin Reilly (Co-chairs)

\* Non-voting position    \*\* Votes as Recent Past President





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# Redwoods & Rhododendrons Field Trip (Pending)

Friday May 29th– Sunday June 2nd

*Organized by Dave Horton & Mark Gotchall*

### Destination, three Redwood State Parks close to Crescent City, CA.

Weather permitting this is the most common time to catch rhododendrons in bloom among redwood, but no guarantees.

#### Parks

**Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park** [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=413](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=413) Not many rhodies, nice hikes, big redwoods. Approx. 6 mi. (10 km) No. of Crescent City

**Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park** [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=414](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=414)

Several trails may have rhododendrons in bloom, with fog possible in redwoods. Approx. 10 mi. (16 km), So. of Crescent City.

**Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park** [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=415](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=415) Large trees, many trails, rhodies, Gold Bluffs Beach & Fern Canyon. Cal Barrel Rd on a ridge with photo shoots right from road. *Park, shoot, drive another 1/4 mile, rinse and repeat.*

Prairie Creek St. Pk. Visitors Center 32 mi. (51 km) So. of Crescent City.

Sat. restaurant lunch to compare notes. Restaurant dinner gathering, Sun. night. Location details (TBA) at later date.

#### Hotels

Recommend **Curly Redwood Lodge**, So. end Crescent City

A retro hotel - All rooms redwood paneled from one tree

<http://www.curlyredwoodlodge.com/>

Other motel options at So. end of Crescent City <https://www.google.com/maps/search/hotels+near+Crescent+City,+CA/@41.7489083,-124.1837522,16z/data=!4m7!2m6!5m4!5m2!1s2020-05-29!2i4!10e4!6e3?hl=en>

#### Campgrounds

California State Parks Reservation link. <https://www.reservecalifornia.com/CaliforniaWebHome/Facilities/SearchViewUnitAvailability.aspx>

Jedediah Smith State Park, A nice campground in the northern most park.

Mill Creek CG in Del Norte Coast Redwoods Park. Closer to Crescent City.

Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, Large campground, big trees, nice park.

Orman Ranch was recommended by EPS member [http://ormanranch.net/?page\\_id=14](http://ormanranch.net/?page_id=14)

Several CGs at So. end of Crescent City <https://www.google.com/maps/search/campgrounds+near+Crescent+City,+CA/@41.7432944,-124.1819889,15.5z/data=!4m5!2m4!5m3!5m2!1s2020-05-29!2i4?hl=en>

#### Shooting Opportunities

Battery Point Lighthouse, Crescent City - False Klamath Cove - Klamath River Overlook

- Mill Creek or Smith River - Fern Canyon, Prairie Creek Redwood Park

Elk herds at Prairie Creek - Gold Bluffs Beach or Orick, CA Bald Hills







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Note



### Once in a lifetime shot? Maybe

Four lucky EPSers all got this shot. Late on a Sunday afternoon as the sun was nearly down we heard a Piebilled Grebe call once behind some reeds. Grebes can stay under twenty seconds and swim quite far. So we waited.

We were standing side by side at the edge of Bruce Rd. cameras in hand, when suddenly the grebe popped up right in front of us not more than thirty

feet away. We thought he must have been as surprised as we were because he just sat there not moving a twitch.

We all raised our cameras and four machine-gun shutters all clicked simultaneously. Still he just sat there. Finally he casually turned and glided into the reeds.

Photo by - Tom & Judy Elder, Stephen Franzen, Bruce Bittle







## What To Know

### May 2020

- 7 Challenge Night - Theme TBA Apr. 2
- 14 Ed. Night, TBA
- 21 Digital Competition night
- 28 Photo Forum Night, Q & A, Demos

### June 2020

- 4 Challenge Night - Theme TBA May 7
- 11 Ed. Night, TBA
- 18 Digital Competition night
- 25 Photo Forum Night, Q & A, Demos

**Summer Break**  
**No meetings**  
**July - August**

### September 2020

- 3 Challenge Night - Theme TBA June 4
- 10 Ed. Night, TBA
- 17 Digital Competition night
- 24 Photo Forum Night, Q & A, Demos

### October 2020

- 1 Challenge Night - Theme TBA Sept. 3
- 8 Ed. Night, TBA
- 15 Digital Competition night
- 22 Photo Forum Night, Q & A, Demos
- 29 Board Meeting - 7 PM *All welcome*

### November 2020

- 5 Challenge Night - Theme TBA Oct. 1
- 12 Ed. Night, TBA
- 19 Digital Competition night
- 26 Photo Forum Night, Q & A, Demos

### December 2020

- 3 Challenge Night - Theme TBA Nov. 5
- 10 Ed. Night, TBA

**Only Two Meetings**  
**this month**  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
**to all EPSers**

## Where To Go

### • At the Courthouse

**No more  
print shows  
at this location  
until further notice.**

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somebody else will use it  
for a spittoon."*

Ambrose Bierce

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to all  
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