

## Crooked River Wetlands

### Our Home and Playground

Located just northwest of Prineville along the Crooked River, the Crooked River Wetlands is a series of ponds conceived, constructed and managed by the city of Prineville. Lush vegetation and abundant water attracts birds from all over. Resident and migrant birds use this special resource for feeding, nesting and relaxing.



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California Quail



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### RECOMMENDED BIRDING WEBSITES

East Cascades Audubon Society  
<http://www.ecaudubon.org/>

Oregon Birding Association  
<http://orbirds.org/index.html>

Birding Oregon Site Guide (1100 Birding Sites in OR)  
<http://www.ecaudubon.org/birding-locations>

Bird Checklists For All Of Oregon's 36 Counties  
<http://www.ecaudubon.org/county-checklists>

Birding Central Oregon You Tube Video  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLrTX78T7QA>

**COME BIRD WITH US!**



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The Prineville Bird Club (PBC) developed from a desire by local bird enthusiasts to have a place and time where they could share their sightings, learn more about birds and join others in the field to experience first hand the joy and wonderment of our local avian friends. The club was originally formed in the 1990s but disbanded after a couple of years. It never really left the minds of local birders and the possibility of starting up again was always a matter of discussion. Finally, in the summer of 2017, former members Chuck Gates and Jim Van Vlack decided it was time to bring the gang back together. The first meeting of PBC ver. 2.0 was in July 2017.



**The Western Tanager is a common bird in Crook Co. in spring, summer and fall.**

Monthly meetings now occur at the Crook County library on the second Thursday of the month. Meetings consist of a rundown on local sightings, photo sharing by members, field trip or project planning and, finally, a presentation by local or visiting experts. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30) and usually end around 8:15-30 p.m.. There are no dues, fees or bylaws. The club is open to anyone, regardless of birding experience and walk-ins are welcome.

## Monthly Meeting/Program

As mentioned previously, the PBC meets every second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Crook County Library and usually in the Broughton Room. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. to encourage fellowship and socializing.

Monthly programs will vary and may cover just about any topic relating to birds. Most of them are educational in format. Attending a PBC meeting might result in learning how to identify sparrows or how birds manage to fly. Some presentations will be trip reports. Guest speakers may show birds and discuss trips from far off lands or from our own back yards. Other presentations may cover bird art, birding the internet or birding techniques. Presentation topics are member driven so feel free to suggest ideas at an upcoming meeting or contact Chuck Gates. As the birds say, the sky is really the limit.



**Crook Co. is home to 11 species of owls, including the Burrowing Owl.**

To find out about upcoming meetings or to get on the club email list, contact **Chuck Gates** at **541-280-4957** or **cgates326@gmail.com**. Aside from the evening program, other activities often will occur. Each month, members are encouraged to bring bird photographs for member viewing and identification. Field trips (discussed below) are planned at the meet-

ings and other projects are proposed and discussed.

## Field Trips

Learning about birds in a library is fun and fulfilling. However, the true joy of birding comes from getting out into the field and enjoying the birds in their natural surroundings. For this reason, the PBC plans and leads field trips throughout the year. Most of the trips are local and take up a whole morning. A few trips may expand out into other parts of Oregon and may even involve multi-day experiences.

Field trips are carpooling affairs so it is expected that riders chip in a few dollars for expenses incurred by the drivers.

## Membership

Membership involves simply showing up for any or all meetings and/or field trips. There are no fees or requirements other than to show up and have a good time.



**Rufous Hummingbird**