



Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

QUARTERLY NEWS

FALL EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2013



Fall at the Refuge

As fall rains begin and temperatures cool, Arctic-nesting birds begin to arrive here from their northern breeding grounds. In search of open water, food and shelter, waterfowl find what they need on the Refuge. At the same time, bald eagles become a regular visitor to the Refuge, hunting the increasing numbers of waterfowl found here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHY ENTHUSIASTS!



Focus on Nature Photography Weekend

Friday October 4th – 6th

Focus on Nature is a fundraising event for the Friends of the Tualatin National Wildlife Refuge. Participants will enjoy a variety of photography seminars and workshops to enhance and share their knowledge of photography and nature with other like-minded individuals. The keynote event will be held Saturday evening, Oct. 5th at 6:30pm at Laurel Ridge Middle School Cafeteria, 21416 SW Copper Terrace, Sherwood OR. The winners of the 2013 Focus on Nature Photo Contest will also be announced following the keynote address. For more information please visit: www.trphoto.org.



COMING THIS NOVEMBER!



Freeway Birding San Francisco to Seattle

Saturday the 23rd

9:00am guided bird walk; 1:30pm presentation;

2:15pm book signing

Join local author Harry Fuller for an afternoon on the refuge. **About the Author:** Harry Fuller had a long career in TV news and recently retired to Ashland in Oregon's Rogue Valley. He has led birding field trips in Northern California, Oregon and Washington State for two decades, including field trips for Pt. Reyes National Field Seminars in Marin County, CA. Annually, he leads trips for the Pt. Reyes Bird and Nature Festival in early May, and also for Klamath Bird Observatory, Rogue Valley Audubon and Osher Lifetime Learning at Southern Oregon University. He guides private clients and leads trips for Partnership for International Birding (PIB). He knows what birds are especially prized by visitors as well as what birds the locals want to see.

**Tualatin River Refuge
Fall Programs and Events
2013**



FALL TEACHER WORKSHOP

Open Your Eyes to Wildlife (K-8)

*Saturday the 12th
8:30am-2:30pm*

The Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge offers an Environmental Education program which enables students to learn the value of our ecosystems. It extends the learning process beyond the conventional classroom limits and encourages students to make connections with their natural environment. This free workshop provides teachers with the tools they need to bring students out for teacher-led field trips. Parent volunteers are encouraged to join the workshop too. Resources for participants include: strategies for planning a successful field trip to the Tualatin River NWR, a CD with the Refuge's EE curriculum, a walking tour of the Refuge, a 10% discount in Nature's Overlook on the day of the workshop, and answers to your questions. Email gardiner_platt@fws.gov with your name, address, phone number, school, and grade(s) you teach.



OCTOBER PROGRAMS

Night at the Refuge

*Friday the 18th
7:00-8:30pm*

Have you ever touched a coyote, seen a bat skeleton, or hooted like an owl? Join refuge staff and volunteers for Night at the Refuge starting October 18th, 7:00-8:30pm. Learn about the nocturnal creatures that call the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge home, and what makes them so unique. We will start inside exploring pelts, skulls, feathers, and much more. Then we will head out on the trail to look and listen for the sights and sounds in the night. This is a family friendly event.

What's Growing on the Refuge?

*Saturday the 19th
10:00am-12:00pm*

Discover what's blooming and how native plants are vital to healthy wildlife habitats on a walk with Refuge Botanist Ginny Maffitt. Be prepared to be outside. We encourage you to bring cameras, plant identification guides if you have them, and nature journals if you like. Binoculars are always handy for those watchable wildlife moments. To register contact: Jenna_Mendenhall@fws.gov; 503-625-5944 x222. Give us your name, phone number, and the number of people in your group.

All programs are located at the
Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge
19255 SW Pacific Highway
Sherwood, Oregon 97140
unless otherwise noted.

Reservations are required for all programs.

Please call (503)625-5944.
Programs may be cancelled due to hazardous weather.

The Wildlife Center is open Tuesday through Sunday
from 10:00am-4:00pm. Refuge trails are open daily
from dawn to dusk.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS



Waterbird Watching 101

Saturday the 16th

8:00-10:00am

Do you enjoy watching birds in wetlands, lakes, and streams, but are not sure what they are doing, where they came from, or even know their name?

Do you want to learn more about bird behavior, migration, identification, or how to use binoculars? Join U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biologist, Michelle McDowell, to learn the basics of birdwatching and nature observation and open your eyes to the wonders that can be discovered at Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. Fall and winter are the best time to experience migrating waterfowl that travel through the refuge by the thousands. All experience levels are welcome. Space is limited so register early by emailing or calling jenna_mendenhall@fws.gov 503-625-5944 x222. We explore the refuge in rain or shine so dress for the weather. We will take a leisurely easy stroll on our wheelchair accessible nature trail. Bring your binoculars and field guides if you have them or borrow ours during the walk.

Naturescaping Basics

Free Workshop

Saturday the 23rd

9:00am - 1:00pm

Naturescaping is the practice of designing a vibrant, chemical-free landscape that conserves water and reduces pollution. This workshop explores how gardening with native plants can benefit the fish, wildlife, and people that are connected to our local waterways. Join your neighbors to learn how naturescaping can save you time, money, and energy! The Refuge is hosting this workshop in partnership with the Tualatin River Watershed Partners for Clean Water and the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. Space is limited and advanced registration is required, so please register online at: www.emswcd.org.

DECEMBER PROGRAMS



Night at the Refuge

Friday the 20th

6:00-8:00pm

Have you ever touched a coyote, seen a bat skeleton, or hooted like an owl? Join refuge staff and volunteers for Night at the Refuge. This month's theme is owls. Learn about these nocturnal creatures that call the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge home, and what makes them so unique. We will start inside exploring skulls, feathers, and much more. Then we will head out on the trail to look and listen for the sights and sounds in the night. This is a family friendly event. Registration is required. Please contact Jenna Mendenhall at jenna_mendenhall@fws.gov or 503-625-5944 for more information or to register.

Connect with the Refuge...

Fish and Wildlife Website

<http://www.fws.gov/tualatinriver>

Friends of the Refuge website

<http://www.friendsoftualatinriver.org>

Find us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/trnwr.friend>

Coming in Winter 2014

- **Teacher workshop**
- **Waterbird Watching 101**
- **Night at the Refuge**
- **Volunteer Naturalist Training**