

## The Prairie Owl



*Chapter members receive a bi-monthly newsletter, The Prairie Owl.*

*The short-eared owl, or “prairie owl,” is a ground-nesting hunter of marshes, open fields, and prairies. Once common throughout the northern United States, including Washington state, short-eared owl populations are in decline due to encroaching development and changing agricultural practices that threaten its natural habitat.*

*In our region, short-eared owls are occasionally seen in remnants of native Palouse prairie and in fallow fields during their spring and fall migrations. They may also be found in winter, if snow depths are shallow and vole populations high.*

Palouse Audubon Society is chartered in Idaho as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. We are a chapter of the National Audubon Society and serve the area



covered by Washington counties Asotin and Whitman and Idaho counties Latah and Nez Perce.

Our members share opportunities to observe birds and wildlife on chapter-sponsored field trips—and also learn more about our outdoor environment through monthly educational programs.



*Serving the Palouse Region of north-central Idaho and eastern Washington since 1973*

## Palouse Audubon Society



The mission of the Palouse Audubon Society is to promote education, conservation, and the restoration of natural ecosystems—focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats—for the benefit of humanity and the Earth’s biological diversity.

[www.PalouseAudubon.org](http://www.PalouseAudubon.org)

# Christmas Bird Count



The Palouse Audubon Society has participated in the annual Christmas Bird Count since 1971. Normally held on the Saturday before Christmas, the CBC is a fun day for birders of all ages and experience.

The National Audubon Society has sponsored the CBC since 1900, and count data is incorporated into a national database to help determine the health and status of bird populations. Check the Palouse Audubon Society website or Facebook for more information.

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## Programs

Monthly program meetings of the Palouse Audubon Society are held in Moscow, Idaho on the third Wednesday of each month—except June, July and August. Programs begin at 7:30 pm at the 1912 Center, located at the corner of Third St. and Adams St. Topics cover national, regional and community interests. All meetings are free and open to the public.

**Everyone is welcome!**

## Scholarships

Each year, the Palouse Audubon Society awards scholarships to graduate students at the University of Idaho and Washington State University.



2010 scholarship winners Kristy Bellinger (WSU) and Teresa Lorenz (UI) with PAS President Terry Gray.

## PALOUSE AUDUBON SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Financially supports the programs and activities of the Palouse Audubon Society and includes an annual subscription to The Prairie Owl newsletter.

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