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Bend Area

Plan ahead: The Oregon Field Ornithologists will hold their annual summer meeting and birding field trips in Bend at Central Oregon Community College the weekend of June 22-24: http://www.oregonbirds.org/07annualMeeting.html

Camp Sherman Area: black-backed and three-toed woodpeckers, white-headed woodpeckers and red-naped sapsuckers, green-tailed towhees and fox sparrows

Check out some of the recent forest burn areas around Santiam Pass and the Metolius area to see several woodpecker species including Black-backed and Three-toed Woodpeckers, White-headed Woodpeckers and Red-naped Sapsuckers. Green-tailed Towhees and Fox Sparrows are common understory species where bitterbrush and manzanita occur.

For birdwatchers, the white-headed woodpecker is one of the most sought-after western birds. It is a striking species with a white head and throat and white wing patches that contrast with a coal-black body.

The Audubon Society: http://www.audubonportland.org/science/wh_woodpecker/document_view

The Metolius River: http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/oregon/preserves/art6806.html

Madras Area: waterfowl, upland game birds, raptors, shorebirds, small mammals, deer, pronghorn, coyotes

The on the Crooked River National Grasslands has a interpretive trail (with an ADA-approved portion) and two blinds where the public can view a variety of waterfowl, upland game birds, raptors, shorebirds, small mammals, and occasionally deer, pronghorn and coyotes.

Rimrock Springs Wildlife Management Area information and directions: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/wildlife/sites/29-rimrocksprings.shtml

Prineville Area: waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors including bald and golden eagles, and osprey

The Prineville Reservoir Wildlife Management area offers opportunities to see a wide variety of waterfowl, some shorebirds and raptors including bald and golden eagles, and osprey.

Prineville: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlifearea/prineville.htm

The Dalles: bighorn sheep

Visitors to Lower Deschutes Wildlife Area can see California bighorn sheep on a regular basis upstream of Harris Canyon (RM 12). Access will be by boat or bicycle. Sheep can also be seen on the Deschutes River down the Mackâ€™s Canyon Road down stream of Shearerâ€™s Falls with a major lambing grounds at Beavertail.

The Wildlife Area is located 17 miles east of The Dalles.Directions: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlifearea/lowerdeschutes.htm

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