















Oregon's high desert is a distinctive landscape holding impressive rivers, craggy canyons, broad peaks, undulating hills and ancient junipers. Innumerable petroglyphs and pictographs record Indigenous presence since time immemorial. By day, you can watch clouds sweep over the Sagebrush Sea. At night, the dark skies sparkle with a multitude of stars.

Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) is the only conservation organization dedicated exclusively to this remarkable region. ONDA aims to preserve the wonders of Oregon's high desert for future generations to know and love just as we do today.

ONDA helps people throughout Oregon and beyond connect with this incredible wild desert, and ensures that they have a say in how these public lands are managed. Thousands of dedicated donors, passionate advocates and steadfast volunteers take part in ONDA's thoughtful conservation campaigns, continuous policy vigilance and ambitious restoration work each year, working together to keep Oregon's desert natural, wild and thriving.

### **GRATITUDE**

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ROW 1 (L–R): Hikers carrying their own shade as they travel the Oregon Desert Trail through Painted Canyon. *Photo: Kate Hoch.* Elissa Pfost building a fence to support sage-grouse habitat research. *Photo: Greg Burke.* Donnelle Clark whitewater rafting on the Owyhee River. *Photo: Donnelle Clark/Momentum Expeditions.* 

ROW 2 (L–R): Dave Brendendick finding an ungulate skull at Denny Jones Ranch. *Photo: Michele Patrick.* June Sutherland campaigning for Volunteer of the Year. *Photo: Gena Goodman-Campbell.* Erin Daley enjoying a hot spring along the Owyhee River. *Photo: Evan Williams.* 

ROW 3 (L–R): Kaeli Plaks hiking through the Owyhee Canyonlands. Photo: Brad Miller. Nicole Kulovitz hitting her stride on the Oregon Desert Trail. Photo: Patrick French. The 2022 Tribal Stewards Crew. Left to right: Wyatt Samson, Cyrina Kessay, Kiari Bullhead, Alyssa James, Malik Martinez, Dylias Jose, Jevon Kindelay, Joseph Dixon, Sylvester Juan, Amare Ortega. Photo: Allen Taylor.

ROW 4 (L–R): Diego Mattoso on Steens Mountain. Photo: Steve Nichols. Jevon Kindelay gathering seed at Denny Jones Ranch. Photo: Gena Goodman-Campbell. Cindy Hull exploring Spring Basin. Photo: Bill Hull.

## CONSERVING OREGON'S DESERT PUBLIC LANDS, WATERS AND WILDLIFE

From stately bighorn sheep to diminutive horned lizards, a wide range of birds, plants, fish, insects, and animals live in Oregon's high desert, with many species dependent on its vast expanses of unbroken sagebrush steppe to survive.

ONDA has worked to protect, defend, and restore Oregon's high desert public lands since 1987. By partnering with tribes, land management agencies, landowners, elected officials and people like you, ONDA is a strong voice for conservation in Oregon's high desert.

We hope your passion for restoring and conserving the desert's essential landscapes is reignited each month as you page through the breathtaking wild scenery in this Wild Desert Calendar.

### WHERE ONDA WORKS

#### **OWYHEE CANYONLANDS**

Oregon's Owyhee Canyonlands is the largest undeveloped, unprotected expanse in the lower 48 states. Its red-rock canyons, vital rivers, and array of wildlife—including the imperiled greater sage-grouse—are unlike anything else in Oregon. Protecting the Owyhee is a top priority for the ONDA community. See April, June, August and September.

#### **CENTRAL OREGON BACKCOUNTRY**

With rolling sagebrush plains and dramatic river canyons, this gateway into Oregon's dry side offers world-class fishing, hiking, horseback riding, and more, all just a few miles outside city limits. Many of its waterways are critical spawning grounds for salmon and steelhead. ONDA works with community members to conserve the natural beauty of beloved wild areas of Central Oregon. See November.

#### JOHN DAY RIVER BASIN

Without dams to block their path from the sea, the John Day River provides safe passage for summer steelhead and Chinook salmon. The surrounding landscape offers critical habitat for mule deer, elk and more, with exceptional recreational opportunities to boot. ONDA's dedication to conserving the area was instrumental in a community-driven proposal to protect Sutton Mountain being introduced in the Senate. See March and December.

#### **GREATER HART-SHELDON**

Spanning more than 3 million acres of Oregon and Nevada, the Greater Hart-Sheldon is a diverse expanse of mountains, wetlands, sagebrush steppe and canyons that provide a safe haven for wildlife. More than 300 species thrive here, including migrating waterfowl, pronghorn antelope and the imperiled greater sage-grouse. ONDA spends many hours monitoring and restoring wildlands in this region each year. See February, May and July.

#### STEENS MOUNTAIN REGION

With wild rivers coursing through broad gorges, golden aspen groves and lush wildflower meadows, Steens Mountain is simply stunning. ONDA played a critical role in securing wilderness designation for Steens and continues to serve as a vigilant advocate for this iconic mountain today. From challenging "right idea, wrong place" industrial scale energy development to preventing unnecessary roads, we continue to protect this jewel of the Oregon desert, and care for the nearby Alvord Desert and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. See January and October.

#### **OREGON DESERT TRAIL**

With long stretches of cross-country travel stitched together by pieces of defined trail, the Oregon Desert Trail is a long-distance hiking route like no other. Whether you head out for a day, a week, or a month, this route through eastern Oregon's public lands will grant you an intimate connection to the wildest stretches of Oregon's high desert. See January, February, May, June, July, August, September, October and November.

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Oregon's high desert holds the traditional, since time immemorial, homelands of the Northern Paiute, Shoshone, Bannock, Wasco and Warm Springs peoples. Many Indigenous people live in this region today, including members of the Burns Paiute Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (Wasco, Warm Springs and Paiute), the Klamath Tribes (Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin), the Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation.





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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

THURSDAY

# JANUARY



Mule deer. Photo: Greg Burke

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

I learned the wilderness has an edge, and that things might not always turn out okay out there. It made me listen, smell, and hear like I never thought possible.

### SHELTON JOHNSON

National Park Service Ranger From "Team of Rivals," *Sierra* magazine

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New Year's Day Last day of Kwanzaa		Quadrantid meteor shower (40/hour)	Perihelion (Earth closest to Sun) 8:17A.M. PST	ONDA incorporated, 1989		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16  Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday observed	17	18	19	20	• 21
<b>22</b> Lunar New Year	23	24	25	26	27	• 28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

WEDNESDAY

American pika are active throughout the winter, rock piles, busily scampering between their stored hay piles stored in the midst of rock piles. ♦ Raptors, which can be seen in large concentrations at the Klamath National Wildlife Refuge, Fort Rock, Christmas Valley, Silver Lake, Summer Lake Wildlife Area and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, are searching for food.



## FEBRUARY



American avocets. Photo: Shannon Phifer

What	did	I really	want?
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A process, I think—everybody involved—ranchers, townspeople, conservationists—all taking part in that reimagining.

I wanted them to each try defining the so-called land of their heart's desiring, the way they would have things if they were running the world. I wanted them to compare their versions of paradise, and notice again the ways we all want so many of the same things—like companionship in a community of people we respect, and meaningful work.

Then I wanted them to get started on the painstaking work of developing a practical plan for making their versions of the right life come actual, a plan for using, restoring, and preserving the world I grew up in.

### WILLIAM KITTREDGE

Writer (1932 - 2020) From "Reimagining Warner"

Greater sage-grouse, mule deer, pronghorn and numerous other wildlife species are surviving thanks to the evergreen leaves of big sagebrush. ◆ In the growing sunlight and warmth, hardy plants like bitterbrush and ponderosa pines will begin sprouting by mid-month, the product of forgotten seed stashes made by jays in an earlier season. ◆ Perennial mosses and many of the cliff and rock ferns are green and growing.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	9 30	31	Black History Month	2	3	4
0	5 6	7	8	9	10	11
1:	2 13	14	15	16	17	18
• 19	Presidents' Day	21	22	23  Ash Wednesday	24	25
20	5 27	28	1	2	3	4



# MARCH



Bighead clover. Photo: Megan O'Neill

There can be no purpose more enspiriting than to begin the age of restoration, reweaving the wondrous diversity of life that still surrounds us.

E. O. WILSON

Biologist, naturalist, and writer (1929-2021) From *The Diversity of Life* 

As perennial plants resume growing, look for new green shoots of grasses including basin wild rye, bluegrass and fescue species, and flowers such as sagebrush buttercup, lomatium, yellow bells, grass widows, and phlox emerging in warmer, drier areas. Shrubs like manzanita and dwarf Oregon grape may be blooming on warmer, sunnier rock outcroppings. Found only in the American West, mountain mahogany trees are greening up, with both the leaves and blossoms giving off a lovely smell. Ungulates herds are moving off their winter ranges. With thin, flat bodies that heat quickly, side-blotched lizards are perching on sun-bathed rocks, the first reptile species to be active in early spring. Greater sage-grouse are courting, with male birds performing elaborate dances for the females in the mating grounds that they return to year after year.

sunday 26	MONDAY 27	TUESDAY 28	wednesday  1	THURSDAY 2	FRIDAY	SATURDAY 4
5	6	° 7	8	9	10	11
Daylight Saving Time begins, 2A.M.	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	Spring Equinox, 2:24P.M. PDT	• 21	<b>22</b> First day of Ramadan	23	24	25
26	27	<ul><li>28</li></ul>	29	Oregon Badlands & Spring Basin wilderness areas designated, 2009	31	1



## APRIL



Greater sage-grouse. Photo: Dan Streiffert

Our traditions are tied to the land. When our land is destroyed, our traditions are destroyed.

### PEOPLE OF RED MOUNTAIN

From Statement of Opposition to Lithium Nevada Corp's
Proposed Thacker Pass Open Pit Lithium Mine

As desert waterways reach peak flows, cold water fish are waking up and hungry. ◆ Tens of thousands of geese—snow, Ross', and greater white-fronted—are gathering in the Harney Basin as they migrate northward. ◆ The fabulously showy magenta blooms of pediocactus are rising above their small, very thorny barrels. ◆ As lake ice thaws, fish are becoming active again, emerging from their winter lethargy very hungry. ◆ Bitterbrush begins to bloom across cooler and snowier parts of the Great Basin, feeding bees, butterflies and other pollinators and sheltering innumerable birds and mammals. ◆ On warm, sunny days, rattlesnakes will emerge from hibernation and bask at their rocky den sites on south slopes.

sunday 26	MONDAY  27	TUESDAY 28	wednesday  29	THURSDAY 30	FRIDAY  31	SATURDAY  1
2	3	4	° 5	6	7	8
<b>9</b>	10	11	Passover (begins at sunset)	13	14	15
16	17	18	• 19	20	21	Lyrid meteor shower (20/houvr) Earth Day
23/30	24	25	26	• 27	28	



## MAY



Sage thrasher. Photo: Tara Lemezis

The desert could not be claimed or owned—it was a piece of cloth carried by winds, never held down by stones, and given a hundred shifting names...

### MICHAEL ONDAATJE

Writer

From The English Patient

In the high desert's aquatic habitats, the eggs of frogs, toads and salamanders have now hatched, attracting common garter snakes to feed on the plump tadpoles. ♦ Many waterfowl species and many varieties of warblers, tanagers and other neotropical passerines are arriving in the Malheur Wildlife Refuge and Warner Wetlands. • Pronghorn are beginning to give birth, most often to twins. ♦ Early summer wildflowers in bloom include bighead clover; the gorgeous white blooms of the sand-lily; dwarf magenta monkeyflowers; the lovely little white eyelashweed; ballhead waterleaf; wyethia, a white flowered relative of the yellow balsamroot; pink and white phlox; yellow Indian paintbrush and its relative owl clover; wild onions with either pink or white blooms. Saskatoon, several species of currants, Lewis' mockorange, spiny hopsage and other shrubs are also blooming.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	Asian American and Pacific	2	3	4	° 5	Eta Aquarid meteor
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	• 19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	<sup>©</sup> 27
28	29  Memorial Day	30	31	1	2	3



## JUNE



Pronghorn doe and fawn. Photo: Shannon Phifer

Our adventure is heightened by knowing that we are among a few who will venture into this canyon and see the sights now laid out before us. We are in a land of solitude but we are not lonely. The sanctity of isolation is palpable; this canyon holds secrets which should remain untold.

### **DEVON COMSTOCK**

Wildlife biologist, conservationist (1978 - 2021)

From "The House of the Birds"

Newly hatched flying insects are attracting and supporting many species of birds, such as swallows, flycatchers, and warblers. ◆ The nests of resident shorebirds, such as the black-necked stilt, snowy plover and spotted sandpiper, are filled with eggs, with downy chicks arriving soon. ◆ As rivers warm up and water levels drop, many cold-loving fish migrate upstream, or hunker down in deeper pools. ◆ Many widespread flowering plants and shrubs are in full bloom, including paintbrush, owl clover, desert parsley and sagebrush. If you missed some favorite wildflowers earlier in the spring, you may find them in bloom at higher elevations—such as Sutton Mountain and Pat's Cabin Wilderness Study Areas, Hart Mountain, Steens Mountain, and Beatys Butte, or on top of ranges like the Pueblo, Trout Creek, and Oregon Canyon Mountains.

sunday 28	MONDAY  29	TUESDAY  30	wednesday  31	THURSDAY	FRIDAY 2	SATURDAY O
4	5	6	LGBTQ+ Pride Month	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	• 17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Father's Day	Juneteenth	27	Summer Solstice, 7:57A.M. PDT	29	30	1
			First day of Eid al-Adha	Last day of Eid al-Adha		



### JULY



White-faced ibis. Photo: Tara Lemezis

We each hold a pen. Let us co-author a story of how humanity fell in love with itself and its Mother Earth once again.

#### LYLA JUNE

Indigenous musician, scholar and community organizer From a speech given at the Conservation Lands Foundation Summit in 2022

Wildflower species, like Cascade or Columbia lilies, blazingstar, arnica, the peach-colored collomia (a relative of scarlet gilia), many varieties of penstemon and bear-grass, abound in upper forests. In alpine meadows you can find such delights as pink elephant's head, deep blue gentian, several varieties of orchids and several monkeyflowers. ♦ Baby rodents, lagomorphs and ungulates are out and about, learning from their parents and honing their survival skills, or feeding their mammalian predators. ♦ Flies and mosquitoes, mayflies and other aquatics, butterflies and moths, and an amazing variety of beetles are at peak population now, supplying their predators with a steady food source. • Grasshoppers can be very abundant, and many types have been historically gathered for food by various Native tribes. In certain places and years, the desert experiences swarms of "Mormon crickets"—which are actually a type of katydid that grows up to 3 inches long.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	° 3	4	5	Aphelion (Earth farthest from Sun), 1:06 p.m. PDT	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	• 17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	<sup>24/</sup> 31	• 25	26	27	Delta Aquarid meteor shower (20/hour)	29



## AUGUST



Bloomers' fleabane. Photo: Kathryn Olsen

If the desert is holy, it is because it is a forgotten place that allows us to remember the sacred. Perhaps that is why every pilgrimage to the desert is a pilgrimage to the self. There is no place to hide and so we are found.

#### TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS

Writer, educator, conservationist, and activist From Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place

Seeking shelter from the sun and greener forage, the desert's hoofed mammals are moving into higher elevations. ♦ Green rabbitbrush is offering up its bright yellow blooms all across the high desert. ♦ In the upper meadows and gorges of Steens Mountain, the Hart Mountain summit, and in the Pueblo, Trout Creek, and Oregon Canyon Mountains, subalpine wildflowers, including bog and rein orchids, innumerable daisy and aster species, senecio, buckwheats, fringed grass of Parnassus (not a grass at all but a gorgeous white flower) and frasera, a lovely white gentian relative, are reaching their peak. ♦ Many shorebirds are beginning their southward migration now ♦ Seed-eating birds are fattening up on ripening plants. • While most reptiles are retreating into cool hiding places at midday, the heatadapted Great Basin collared lizard can be seen basking on boulders.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	° 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	Perseid meteor shower (60/hour)
13	14	15	16	17	Malheur National Wildlife Refuge established, 1908	19
20	21	22	23	<sup>©</sup> 24	25	26
27	28	29	° 30	31	1	2



## SEPTEMBER



Desert horned lizard. Photo: Alan St. John

The river only says things once. Listen or risk silencing this liquid jubilee. Yes, take what the river says personally. Because where water is, life is. Where water is gone, life is no more. Where water is impure, so too you and me. The limits of water are the limits of we.

#### **ELLEN WATERSTON**

Writer

From "The River Only Says Things Once"

Large numbers of Wilson's phalaropes, eared grebes and American avocets should be stopping at Lake Abert to feast on brine shrimp and brine flies in preparation for their southward migration—if water is available. ◆ Gray rabbitbrush is in bloom, feeding the same pollinators that enjoyed green rabbitbrush blooms last month. ◆ Aspen, cottonwood, hackberry, chokecherry and willow trees, along with many smaller desert shrubs and even some perennial plants, are beginning to show fall colors—especially along riparian corridors at middle and higher elevation. ◆ Several interesting flying insects can be seen, including moths, migrating butterflies, and the truly spectacular tarantula hawk wasps, with their shiny black bodies and deep orange wings—up to 2 inches long!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
The Wilderness Act passed, 1964	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	• 14	Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) Rosh Hashanah (begins at sunset)	16
Rosh Hashanah (ends at sunset)	18	19	20	21	Autumn Equinox, 11:50 p.m. PDT	23
Yom Kippur (begins at sunset)	Yom Kippur (ends at sunset)	26	27	28	° 29	30



# OCTOBER



Ferruginous hawk. Photo: Barb Rumer

Knowing that you love the earth changes you, activates you to defend and protect and celebrate. But when you feel that the earth loves you in return, that feeling transforms the relationship from a one-way street into a sacred bond.

#### **ROBIN WALL KIMMERER**

Mother, scientist, decorated professor, author and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation From Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	National Wild & Scenic Rivers Act passed, 1968					
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
John Day Fossil Beds						
John Day Fossil Beds National Monument founded, 1975	Indigenous Peoples' Day					
15	16	17	18	19	20	• 21
13	10	17	10	17	20	<b>4</b> I
						Orionid meteor shower (20/hour)
22	23	24	25	26	27	° 28
						Omnibus Oregon Wild & Scenic Rivers Act passed, 1988

The large aspen groves on Hart and Steens Mountains are taking on burnished hues of yellow, orange and red. ◆ This is mating season for deer, elk, pronghorn and bighorn sheep. Listen for elk bugling in forested areas. ◆ The blooms on most flowering shrubs have long-since faded, but big sagebrush is just coming into bloom. ◆ Mushrooms appear across a variety of habitats, especially following rains. ◆ Many species of raptors migrate south as prey species begin to den up and diminish in abundance.

Steens Mountain Cooperative Management & Protection Act passed, 2000 2

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# NOVEMBER



Northern flicker. Photo: Greg Burke

We really live on a planet where birds give us a dawn chorus to start each day. I still can't believe this.

### **CORINA NEWSOME**

Environmental justice and wildlife conservation advocate From a tweet on her @hood\_naturalist account

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			Native American Heritage Month			
			First Day of Dia de los Muertos	Last Day of Dia de los Muertos		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	O	/	O	/	10	11
Daylight Saving Time ends, 2a.m.		Total Lunar Eclipse, maximum at 2:59а.м. PST				Veterans Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Diwali					Leonid meteor shower (15/hour)	
19	° 20	21	22	23	24	25
17	20	<b>∠</b> I		23	24	23
				Thanksgiving		

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The first snows have driven larger animals down from the high country, seeking shelter along riparian corridors and in more heavily vegetated areas. ◆ American pika have cut, dried and stored enough greens from the growing season to survive until spring—assuming they are not hunted by a weasel, their primary predator, over the winter. ◆ Tundra swans are assessing the temperatures and how much of the water has frozen over, and deciding whether they will stay for the entire winter at Summer Lake Wildlife Area and Klamath National Wildlife Refuge, or carry on southward.



# DECEMBER



Great horned owl. Photo: Shannon Phifer

I believe we all have a stake in the future of our country, and I believe that every one of us shares a common bond: our love for the outdoors and a desire and obligation to keep our nation livable for future generations.

### SECRETARY OF INTERIOR DEB HAALAND

From her confirmation speech in 2021

New Year's Eve

Christmas

First Day of Kwanzaa

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4	5	6	Hanukkah (begins at sunset)	8	9
10	11	• 12	Geminid meteor shower (100/hour)	14	Hanukkah (ends at sunset)	16
17	18	19	20	Winter Solstice, 7:27 p.M. PST Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge established, 1936	22	23
24/31	25	° 26	27	28	29	30

Most squirrels, marmots, and bears are denned up. ♦ Large groups of pronghorn, elk and mule deer are congregating in their winter ranges, hunted by cougar, coyote and, increasingly, wolves. ♦ Raptors are scavenging carrion and actively hunting near water sources where geese and ducks overwinter. ♦ Migratory birds have essentially left the area; most of the bird species remaining will tough it out over the winter, including some surprisingly small species like mountain chickadees and pine siskins.

### OREGON'S HIGH DESERT THROUGH THE SEASONS



JANUARY STEENS MOUNTAIN REGION



FEBRUARY GREATER HART-SHELDON



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DECEMBER JOHN DAY RIVER BASIN

This Wild Desert Calendar will drop you into twelve of the most dramatic, soul-lifting landscapes in Oregon's vast high desert. Your experiences will include a bird-song filled marsh in the Summer Lake Wildlife Refuge, a thunderstorm in the Owyhee Canyonlands, and a pastel sunset in the Oregon Badlands Wilderness. You'll also enjoy a closer look the wildlife that hide throughout this landscape and can appreciate the courtship displays of American avocets and greater sagegrouse, the precariousness of a days-old pronghorn taking its first steps, the grace of ferruginous hawk in flight and more. Prose, poetry and thoughts from Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, Robin Wall Kimmerer, William Kittredge and others will inspire contemplation and action. And, with moon phases, meteor showers, expected wildflower blooms and migratory bird arrivals provided, you can use this calendar as a guide to immersing yourself into Oregon's high desert.

All proceeds benefit Oregon Natural Desert Association. ONDA protects, defends and restores public lands in eastern Oregon in the Owyhee Canyonlands, Central Oregon Backcountry, Greater Hart-Sheldon, John Day River Basin and Steens Mountain. To conserve the desert places you love, visit ONDA.org/give.



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