

# Lin Stern

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## EDUCATION

**The Evergreen State College**, Olympia, WA — *Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology*

January 2021 - June 2022

**Portland Community College**, Portland, OR — *Associate of Science*

September 2019 - August 2020

**Naropa University**, Boulder, CO — *LeapYear International Studies Program in Central America*

September 2018 - June 2019

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Portland Audubon**, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, OR — *Seasonal Field Technician*

May 2023-August 2023

- Conducted a variety of avian and vegetation surveys independently
- Set up, maintained, analyzed, and organized data from audio recording units.
- Hiked long distances in full sun and high temperatures and bugs while carrying equipment.
- Required good communication skills while leading groups of volunteers that spanned a range of backgrounds, including indigenous groups and local ranchers.
- Lived remotely

**Deakin University**, Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park, South Australia, Australia — *Field Assistant for Research on Heat Adaptation and Prenatal Acoustic Communication in Zebra Finches*

October 2022-December 2022

- Monitored nest boxes and collected eggs to be placed in experimental incubators
- Learned how to collect and process blood and fecal samples from nestlings, as well as banding them
- Developed and executed tests that focused on nestling's ability to seek shelter
- Input and organized data into Microsoft Excel
- Lived with limited to no reception with a small group of people far from civilization

## SKILLS

eBird

iNaturalist

MAPS Bird Banding

Microsoft Excel

BirdNet Audio Analyzer

## CERTIFICATIONS

Oregon Driver's License

Adult and Pediatric First Aid/ CPR/AED

Wilderness First Aid

## LANGUAGES

English

Spanish (Conversational)

## INTERESTS

Birding

skiing

Hiking

Skiing

**US Fish and Wildlife Service, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, OR**  
— *Volunteer Duck Bander*

August 2022

- Learned how to capture and band ducks and teals in eclipse plumage.
- Expanded on banding knowledge, which previously only involved passerine birds.
- Banded 50 ducks and teals

**Portland Audubon, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, OR** —  
*Volunteer Shorebird Surveyor*

August 2022

- Assisted in counting shorebirds residing in the playa habitats of the alkali lakes in Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.
- Required me to have a solid foundation of western shorebird identification.
- Hiked long distances in full sun and high temperatures while carrying equipment.
- Other aspects of these surveys involved counting and identifying thousands of shorebirds from an airboat.

**Texas A&M University, British Columbia** — *Field Assistant for PhD Research on Swainson's Thrushes in Coastal Mountains*

June 2022 - July 2022

- Located, set up mist nets, and monitored returning tagged and color banded Swainson's Thrushes, many of which had territories that were off trail in dense forest understory.
- Scribed for the Research Lead while banding, drawing blood, and applying geotags to captured birds.
- Camped remotely at various locations throughout British Columbia and one in Alaska
- Hiked up to 8 kilometers per day in forests known to have high populations of brown and black bears and moose.

**LilyRoot Flowers, Portland, OR** — *Part-time Customer Service and Floral Delivery*

June 2020- August 2021

- Interacted with customers with a professional and friendly attitude.
- Took floral orders over the phone.
- Processed sales to customers.
- Delivered flower arrangements in a safe and timely manner using my personal vehicle

**Alturas Wildlife Sanctuary, Dominical, Puntarenas, Costa Rica**—  
*Sanctuary Tour Guide and Volunteer*

January 2019 - September 2019

- Interacted positively and cheerfully with people from all walks of life and clearly informed them of the sanctuary's rehabilitation methods, local conservation efforts, and provided information on native wildlife in both English and Spanish.
- Cleaned enclosures, prepared food, fed, and provided enrichment for the sanctuary's animal residents.
- Worked long hours in hot, humid conditions with many biting insects

**Portland Audubon, Portland, OR** — *Environmental Education Intern*

Summer 2018 and June 2019

- Interacted with children of all backgrounds to inspire and teach them about the local natural world
- Assisted Environmental Educators in summer camp program planning.

## **OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

### **South Sound Chapter Leader — *Feminist Bird Club***

March 2022-Present

- Organized and led casual birding events catered to birders of all abilities, backgrounds, and identities
- Required a knowledge of birding locations in Pierce and Thurston counties in Washington.
- Allowed me to build a fun, knowledge-sharing community of with other queer birders

### **Birding Field Trip Leader — *Black Hills Audubon Society***

September 2022-Present

- Led casual walks for birders of all ability levels in the Olympia, Washington area. It was important for me to confidently know the local birds by song and sight, as well as bits of information, in order to make my walks interesting and engaging.

### **MAPS Beginning Bird Banding Class — *Institute of Bird Populations***

July-August 2021; August 2022

- Learned to catch, band, age, sex, and look at molt limits of passerine birds following the MAPS guidelines. Birds were banded at Leech Lake near Mt. Rainier
- I returned for a second season as an informal banding assistant to guide new banders

### **Winter Raptor Surveys — *East Cascades Audubon Society***

November 2021-February 2022

- Drove a preassigned route in Rainier, Oregon to catalog raptors spending the winter in the Pacific Northwest as part of a larger citizen science project.