

Yachats Lions Club Speaker Series Feb 23 – Oct 26

2025 14 Dates

Sunday, April 27th at 2:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Ruth Shelly

Seven Capes Bird Alliance: 20 Years of Working Together for Birds and Nature

Development Coordinator Ruth Shelly will provide an overview of Seven Capes Bird Alliance, the Audubon chapter that serves Yachats. Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2025, Seven Capes is dedicated to conservation, education, and community science on the Oregon coast. Learn more about how Oregon's youngest Audubon chapter is exceptionally impactful--most recently obtaining Marine Conservation Area status for Cape Perpetua and Cape Foulweather. In Seven Capes' third year of the Osprey Awareness Initiative, more than 50 volunteers document activity at nests throughout Lincoln County. Seven Capes was founded as Audubon Society of Lincoln City in 2005. A nonprofit membership organization and chapter of the National Audubon Society, Seven Capes is active in education about and protection of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats in Lincoln and Tillamook Counties. Activities span from monthly bird walks to inclassroom science enrichment, and conservation advocacy for ocean rocky habitats to the coastal forest.

Ruth Shelly, Seven Capes Development Coordinator, retired in 2020 after 45 years in the museum field. Most recently, Ruth was Executive Director of Portland Children's Museum and Madison Children's Museum in Wisconsin. Prior to children's museums, Ruth served in management and exhibit design roles at the San Diego Museum of Natural History, Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Fernbank Museum of Natural History, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, and the Albuquerque Museum. Ruth currently serves as the part-time Development Coordinator for Seven Capes Bird Alliance. Ruth remarked, "Working with Seven Capes aligns perfectly with my life priorities and offers a way to give back to the Oregon Coast I love."









