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Great Gray Owl

Helping out one of the World's Largest Owls in their Native Habitat

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The Great Gray Owl, also known as *strix nebulosa* is a majestic species native to the Rogue Valley that also happens to be the longest owl in the world wing tip to wing tip. While the Great Gray Owl live in habitats ranging from central Alaska to eastern Canada to as far south as northern California and Wyoming, they are reclusive and quiet making spotting one a high priority of birders and photographers.

The Great Gray Owl usually prefers dense conifers for perches and protection to raise their young. Where their preferred habitat is disappearing, the owl is disappearing as well. There is hope though. Human built nest platforms have

helped this beautiful species make a comeback in areas throughout the Rogue Valley.

For this talk, Peter Thiemann will dive into his experiences seeking out the Great Gray Owl in often harsh conditions. He will discuss threats to their habitat, and how work he and others are doing to improve owl habitat. Learn about what you can do to help, both on your own property or by supporting the work going on to help this iconic species thrive in its local environment.

Peter Thiemann is an author and photographer of "Great Gray Owl of California, Oregon and Washington", co-written with Harry Fuller. Thiemann is a Wildlife Photographer and directing the Great Gray Owl Nest Platform Project along with co-author Fuller through the Rogue Valley Audubon Society.

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