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Form 990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung
benefit trust or private foundation)

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2009 and ending 12-31-2009

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization American Ornithologists' Union		D Employer identification number 72-6019246
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Doing Business As		E Telephone number (254) 776-3550
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 5400 Bosque Blvd Suite 680		G Gross receipts \$ 660,407
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	Room/suite		
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Waco, TX 767104446		
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	F Name and address of principal officer SCOTT GILLIHAN 5405 VILLA VIEW DRIVE FARMINGTON, NM 87402		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending			H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status 501(c) (3) ► (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ► www.aou.org

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ► L Year of formation 1883 M State of legal domicile DC

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO ADVANCE THE SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING OF BIRDS, TO ENRICH ORNITHOLOGY AS A PROFESSION, AND TO PROMOTE A RIGOROUS SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF BIRDS	
2 Check this box ► if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets	
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 16
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 16
5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5 0
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 170
7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 0

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 65,453	Current Year 213,796
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	343,155	360,051
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	145,288	83,987
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	322,233	2,573
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	876,129	660,407

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	122,534	94,187
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	74,697	45,420
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	663,532	556,753
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	860,763	696,360
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	15,366	-35,953

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 4,676,079	End of Year 5,586,492
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	270,212	124,535
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	4,405,867	5,461,957

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge		
***** Signature of officer SCOTT GILLIHAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	2010-11-10 Date	

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ► Donn R McMahan	Date	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► JAYNES REITMEIER BOYD & THERRELL PC 5400 BOSQUE BLVD STE 500 WACO, TX 767104459		EIN ►	
			Phone no ► (254) 776-4190	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

TO ADVANCE THE SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING OF BIRDS, TO ENRICH ORNITHOLOGY AS A PROFESSION, AND TO PROMOTE A RIGOROUS SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF BIRDS

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses
Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a	(Code) (Expenses \$ 94,906 including grants of \$ 94,187) (Revenue \$)
RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS AND DONATIONS	
4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 215,744 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 137,746)
PRINTING AND PUBLICATION OF A QUARTERLY JOURNAL "THE AUK" DEALING WITH THE STUDY OF ORNITHOLOGY	
4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ 256,954 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 224,878)
SUPPORT OF RELATED ORGANIZATIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING	
4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
4e	Total program service expenses \$ 567,604

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3 No	
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4 No	
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6 No	
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7 No	
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8 No	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9 No	
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10 Yes	
11 Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. • Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII. • Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII. • Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX. • Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. • Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. 	11 Yes	
12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	12 No	
12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year?	12A Yes	12A No
If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional		
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III	16 Yes	
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23		No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)	28a		No
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	29		No
30	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
31	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	31		No
32	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	32		No
33	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	33		No
34	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	34		No
35	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	35		No
36	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		No
37	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	37		No
38	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	38	Yes	
Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O				

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	21
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	0
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
5c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	No
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	No
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	No
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	No
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	Yes
7h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h	Yes
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . .	1a 16	
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . .	1b 16	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2 No	
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3 Yes	
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4 No	
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5 No	
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6 Yes	
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a Yes	
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b No	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	8a Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9 No	

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a No	
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b No	
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11 Yes	
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990		
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a No	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b No	
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c No	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13 No	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14 No	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b No	
	If "Yes" to line a or b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a No	
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b No	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► VA

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply
 Own website Another's website Upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ►
 THE SCHNEIDER GROUP INC
 5400 BOSQUE BLVD SUITE 680
 WACO, TX 76710
 (254) 776-3550

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons.

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current or former officer, director, trustee or key employee.

1b Total	45,420	0	0												
2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization 0															
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	Yes	No													
3		No													
4		No													
5		No													
Section B. Independent Contractors															
1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization															
(A) Name and business address		(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation												
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS 2120 BERKELEY WAY BERKELEY, CA 94704		PRINTING & PUBLISHING SERVICES	108,820												
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization 1															

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a			
	b Membership dues	1b 186,182			
	c Fundraising events	1c			
	d Related organizations	1d			
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 27,614			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ►	213,796			
Program Service Revenue	2a ANNUAL MEETING _____ b PUBLICATIONS _____ c _____ d _____ e _____ f All other program service revenue	Business Code			
		900,099	222,305	222,305	
		511,190	137,746	137,746	
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ►	360,051			
	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ►				
	83,987			83,987	
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . ►					
5 Royalties ►					
6a Gross Rents	(I) Real	(II) Personal			
b Less rental expenses					
c Rental income or (loss)					
d Net rental income or (loss) ►					
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(I) Securities	(II) Other			
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
c Gain or (loss)					
d Net gain or (loss) ►					
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
b Less direct expenses b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . ►					
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
b Less direct expenses b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ►					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
b Less cost of goods sold b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ►					
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a MISCELLANEOUS	900,099	2,573	2,573		
b _____					
c _____					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ►	2,573				
12 Total revenue. See Instructions ►	660,407	362,624	0	83,987	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.****All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).**

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	74,795	74,795		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	19,392	19,392		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	45,420		45,420	
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management	1,015		1,015	
b Legal	781		781	
c Accounting	12,090		12,090	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	31,875		31,875	
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	2,236		2,236	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	2,918		2,918	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	194,438	194,438		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a PUBLISHING	215,744	215,744		
b Membership in OSNA and	62,516	62,516		
c GOVERNANCE	10,271		10,271	
d COMMITTEE EXPENSES	8,481		8,481	
e CREDIT CARD PROCESSING	8,426		8,426	
f All other expenses	5,962	719	5,243	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	696,360	567,604	128,756	0
26 Joint costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	158,771	1 24,787
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	8,348	2 476,099
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	192,786	4 11,559
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L	5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L	6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	1,995	8
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	8,281	9 1,066
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b	10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	11	
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	4,305,898	12 4,940,494
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11	13	
	14 Intangible assets	14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	0	15 132,487
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	4,676,079	16 5,586,492
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	157,258	17 16,482
	18 Grants payable	18	
	19 Deferred revenue	112,954	19 108,053
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D	21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L	22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	24	
	25 Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D	25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	270,212	26 124,535
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.		
	27 Unrestricted net assets	3,564,334	27 4,620,424
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	638,533	28 638,533
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	203,000	29 203,000
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.		
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund	31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	4,405,867	33 5,461,957
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	4,676,079	34 5,586,492

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

c If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
 If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O

d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separated basis

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a	Yes	
2b		No
2c	Yes	
3a		No
3b		

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(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization
American Ornithologists' Union

Employer identification number

72-6019246

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.

2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E)

3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.

4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)

6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.

7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)

10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.

11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

e **a** Type I **b** Type II **c** Type III - Functionally integrated **d** Type III - Other

f By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

g If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box

h Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?

(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

i Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	64,056	205,234	197,690	277,279	192,504	936,763
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	64,056	205,234	197,690	277,279	192,504	936,763
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						936,763

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	64,056	172,356	197,690	277,279	192,504	936,763
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	43,040	172,356	314,848	145,288	83,987	759,519
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets			2,606	1,200	2,573	6,379
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						1,702,661
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	1,416,494
13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						►

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	55 020 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►
b 33 1/3% support test—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►
18 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		►

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
b 33 1/3% support tests—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions	

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions

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(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**
American Ornithologists' Union**Employer identification number**

72-6019246

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? Yes No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Yes No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure) Preservation of an historically importantly land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ► _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a Public exhibition
b Scholarly research
c Preservation for future generations

d Loan or exchange programs
e Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance	841,533	1,256,164			
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses		-387,834			
d Grants or scholarships		26,797			
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	841,533	841,533			

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► %

b Permanent endowment ► %

c Term endowment ► %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i) unrelated organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
(ii) related organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3a(i)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3a(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3b	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

	Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land					
b Buildings					
c Leasehold improvements					
d Equipment					
e Other					

Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ► 0

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
VANGUARD TOTAL STOCK MARKET	2,633,936	F
GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FUND	290,006	F
INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND	358,566	F
MID CAP VALUE FUND	385,623	F
SMALL CAP VALUE FUND	716,545	F
VANGUARD FTSE INDEX FUND	271,826	F
VANGUARD EMERGING MARKETS INDEX FUND	283,992	F
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)	4,940,494	

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12) 4

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.)

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25

2. Fin 48 Footnote In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48.

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1 Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1
2 Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2
3 Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3
4 Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4
5 Donated services and use of facilities	5
6 Investment expenses	6
7 Prior period adjustments	7
8 Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8
9 Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9
10 Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1 Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1
2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12	
a Net unrealized gains on investments	2a
b Donated services and use of facilities	2b
c Recoveries of prior year grants	2c
d Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3
4 Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1	
a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a
b Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5 Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1 Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1
2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	
a Donated services and use of facilities	2a
b Prior year adjustments	2b
c Other losses	2c
d Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3
4 Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:	
a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a
b Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5 Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
		PART V, LINE 4-INTENDED USES OF ENDOWMENT FUND TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE FIELD OF ORNITHOLOGY

SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

American Ornithologists' Union

Employer identification number

72-6019246

Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 **For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 **For grantmakers.** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds outside the United States

3 Activities per Region (Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed)

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000 Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ► _____

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities ► _____

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16. Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
AOU Research Award is awarded to student members of AOU based on the quality of the research as described in their application. The awards are determined by a committee of AOU members who are unrelated to the applicants	Canada	4	9,500	Check			
Van Tyne Research Award is awarded to student AOU members based on the quality of the research as described in their application. The awards are determined by a committee of AOU members who are unrelated to the applicants	Canada	1	500	check			
Carnes Research Award is awarded to student AOU members based on the quality of the research as described in their application. The awards are determined by a committee of AOU members who are unrelated to the applicants	Canada	1	1,000	check			
Student Travel awards to enable students members and students presenting papers or posters to travel to the annual meeting of AOU	Canada	11	4,274	check			
Student Travel awards to enable students members and students presenting papers or posters to travel to the annual meeting of AOU	Mexico	2	897	check			
Student Travel awards to enable students members and students presenting papers or posters to travel to the annual meeting of AOU	Australia	2	2,588	check			
Student Travel awards to enable students members and students presenting papers or posters to travel to the annual meeting of AOU	United Kingdom	1	333	check			
Best Paper Award is awarded to student AOU members based on the quality of the their research and preparation of their paper. The awards are determined by a committee of AOU members who are unrelated to the applicants	United Kingdom	1	300	check			

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any additional information

Identifier	ReturnReference	Explanation
Procedure for Monitoring Grants Outside the U S		Schedule F, Part I, Line 2 The organization maintains a list of individuals who applied for each award, the amount of each award the selection criteria used to determine who received the award and a list of the grantees

**Schedule I
(Form 990)****2009****Open to Public
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Internal Revenue Service**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

► Attach to Form 990

Name of the organization
American Ornithologists' UnionEmployer identification number
72-6019246**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States ►

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed ►

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
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2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations ► _____

3 Enter total number of other organizations ► _____

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
See Additional Data Table					

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Procedure for Monitoring Grants in the U.S.	Part I, Line 2	Schedule I, Part I, Line 2 The organization maintains a list of all candidates for the awards, the selection criteria and the awards granted

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(Form 990)**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 3		THE SCHNEIDER GROUP PERFORMED ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION THE LAST PART OF THE YEAR AND WAS PAID \$14,400 BURK & ASSOCIATES PERFORMED ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION THE FIRST PART OF THE YEAR AND WAS PAID \$15,675 OSNA MANAGEMENT MANAGES THE ORGANIZATION'S INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS-COLLECTS DUES, MAINTAINS MEMBERSHIP LISTS, SENDS RENEWAL NOTICES, AND PROVIDES A MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY OSNA ALSO PROVIDES A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, WHICH IT DISTRIBUTES, AND MAINTAINS AN ONLINE LISTING OF JOB OPENINGS, SENDS E-MAILS TO MEMBERS, AND MANAGES ELECTIONS FOR AOU COUNCIL AND OFFICERS
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6		ORGANIZATION HAS MEMBERS WHO PAY DUES
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a		MEMBERS ELECT A COUNCIL AND OFFICERS, COUNCIL MEETS TWICE EACH YEAR TO ADDRESS GOVERNANCE ISSUES
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		THE 990 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNCIL (THE GOVERNING BODY) FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO FILING
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15a		COMPENSATION IS SET BY COUNCIL DURING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		ORGANIZATION PUBLISHES THE PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE, WHICH INCLUDES MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING AND COPIES OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THIS PUBLICATION IS SENT TO ALL AOU MEMBERS AND TO ALL INSTITUTIONS WITH A SUBSCRIPTION THE INSTITUTIONS INCLUDE MANY PUBLIC COLLEGES ALSO, THIS PUBLICATION AND ANY GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS, POLICIES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
Form 990, Part XI, line 2c	Process of Financial Oversight	The prior year financials were not audited, therefore, the process changed to having an audit of the financial statements
		Part V, Endowment Funds The information for the changes in the Endowment Funds is pending. The organization is working to obtain the information necessary to properly report the changes in the endowment funds, however, the information was not available as of the filing deadline. The organization is filing the return with the best available information and will file an amended return if necessary when the information is received

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Form 990, Schedule I, Part III, Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
AOU RESEARCH AWARDS is awarded to student AOU members based on the quality of the research as described in their application. The awards are determined by a committee of AOU members who are unrelated to the applicants	15	33,500			
VAN TYNE Research Award is awarded to student AOU members based on the quality of the research as described in their application. The awards are determined by a committee of AOU members who are unrelated to the applicants	1	2,000			
WETMORE Research Awards is awarded to student AOU members based on the quality of the research as described in their application. The awards are determined by a committee of AOU members who are unrelated to the applicants	5	8,000			
CARNES Research Awards is awarded to student AOU members based on the quality of the research as described in their application. The awards are determined by a committee of AOU members who are unrelated to the applicants	1	1,000			
BLEITZ Research Awards is awarded to student AOU members based on the quality of the research as described in their application. The awards are determined by a committee of AOU members who are unrelated to the applicants	2	3,000			
NICE Research Awards is awarded to student AOU members based on the quality of the research as described in their application. The awards are determined by a committee of AOU members who are unrelated to the applicants	1	1,500			
Spring STUDENT PRESENTATION Awards are awarded to student members based on the quality of the student's research and skill in presenting it. Selection is determined by a committee of non-student members of AOU who are unrelated to the applicants. Students selected present their paper at the annual conference	3	900			
Fall STUDENT PRESENTATION Awards are awarded to student members based on the quality of the student's research and skill in presenting it. Selection is determined by a committee of non-student members of AOU who are unrelated to the applicants. Students selected present their paper at the annual conference	3	900			
BREWSTER MEMORIAL Award is given annually to the author or co-authors (not previously so honored) of an exceptional body of work on birds of the Western Hemisphere	1	1,000			
COUES ACHIEVEMENT Award recognizes outstanding and innovative contributions to ornithological research	2	1,000			
SCHREIBER Conservation Award honors extraordinary scientific contributions to the conservation, restoration, or preservation of birds and/or their habitats by an individual or small team	1	1,000			
YOUNG INVESTIGATOR Award recognizes work by an ornithologist early in his/her career who shows distinct promise for future leadership in the profession	1	1,000			
Student Travel awards to enable students members and students presenting papers or posters to travel to the annual meeting of AOU	56	19,995			

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Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
EDWARD BURTT PRESIDENT	3 00	X		X			0	0	0
JOHN FAABORG PRESIDENT	3 00	X		X			0	0	0
FRANK GILL TREASURER	3 00	X		X			0	0	0
JAMES HERKERT TREASURER	3 00	X		X			0	0	0
SARA MORRIS SECRETARY	3 00	X		X			0	0	0
SUSAN M HAIG PRESIDENT-ELECT	3 00	X		X			0	0	0
PETER ARCESE DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
BONNIE S BOWEN DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
MARY BOMBERGER BROWN DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
ANDRE DESROCHERS DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
JANIS L DICKINSON DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
ROBERT C FLEISCHER DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
PATRICIA J HEGLUND DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
GEOFFREY E HILL DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
REBECCA L HOLBERTON DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
J MICHAEL REED DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
AMANDA D RODEWALD DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
BRIDGET JM STUTCHBURY DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
JEFFREY R WALTERS DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
MICHAEL S WEBSTER DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
DAVID W WINKLER DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0
SCOTT GILLIHAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	20 00	X		X			45,420	0	0

Form 990, Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses - 24a - 24e Other Expenses

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
PUBLISHING	215,744	215,744		
Membership in OSNA and	62,516	62,516		
GOVERNANCE	10,271		10,271	
COMMITTEE EXPENSES	8,481		8,481	
CREDIT CARD PROCESSING	8,426		8,426	