

# Starr Ranch Sanctuary & Sea & Sage Audubon

## Christmas Bird Count = 2011



We hope you will join us this year on one or more of our Christmas Bird Counts. Maps of the count areas, email addresses of the Area Leaders, & data from past counts are on our website.

### Our Christmas Bird Counts

The annual Christmas Bird Count is a 111 year old tradition that happens across the US and Canada, as well as Central & South America, the Pacific Islands, West Indies, and Bermuda. It is the longest continuously running bird survey, and has provided irreplaceable information on species status and distribution. Last year our local counts suffered from uncharacteristically bad weather. But hey, most of the country was covered in snow, so we don't have much room to complain. Out of 2215 total counts, our Coastal count circle came in 29th place in the total number of participants, and 7th place (!) for total number of species. Not too shabby for a rain-out!

Here in Orange County, we have three count circles covering different areas within the county:

- Sat, Dec. 17th - San Juan Capistrano CBC
- Sun, Dec. 18th - Northeastern (Inland) CBC
- Sun, Jan. 1st - Coastal CBC

Detailed information for each circle can be found on the Sea and Sage website:  
<http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/BirdCounts/birdcounts/CBC.htm>

We are always in need of new counters to join us. No matter what level birder you are, from novice to professional, we need your help. So check out the S&S website, find an area you'd like to help count, and call the Area Leader. Or call/write the friendly Compilers, and they'll get you in contact with a group that needs your help.

What better way to end 2011, and begin 2012 than to enjoy the birds? We hope you will join in the fun and take part in one or more of our Christmas Bird Counts this year.

- Steve Alter

### 2011 Christmas Bird Count Sign-up Form

Use this form if you are new to the Christmas Bird Count. All returning birders will be contacted by their Area Leaders.  
**San Juan Capistrano (South County) CBC (Sat, Dec. 17)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, St & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please classify your birding ability:** (This will help us assign you to the proper section.)

[ ] NOVICE    [ ] AVERAGE    [ ] PRETTY GOOD    [ ] EXPERT

**NOTE:** The results of the CBC will be published in the NAS publication, *The 112<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bird Count*. In order to cover the expense of compiling & editing all the data, each CBC participant will be asked to pay \$5. Please bring \$5 in cash with you to the count. MAIL THIS FORM TO: Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612 or contact Nancy by email at: [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net) or by phone at 949-786-3160.

### Dec. 17: San Juan Capistrano CBC

- 01 **Laguna Niguel Regional Park**  
*Sharon Harrow*
- 02 **San Clemente**  
*Sachi Fukuman*
- 2a **San Clemente hillside area**  
*Kim Lopina*
- 03 **Starr Ranch Sanctuary & Caspers Park**  
*Lauren Morgan-Outhisack*
- 3a **Owling at Starr Ranch**  
*Dan Lockshaw*
- 04 **Upper San Juan Creek & vicinity**  
*Jeff Blackburn*
- 05 **Saddleback College & vicinity**  
*Mark Kincheloe*
- 06 **Aliso-Wood Canyons & Ziggurat-Cosco Area**  
*Gary Meredith*
- 07 **Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy & Rancho Mission Viejo** *Diane Echison*
- 08 **Dana Point: Doheny State Beach, Dana Point Harbor, Dana Point Headlands, Salt Creek Beach, local parks, golf course.** *Joel Weintraub*
- 09 **Pelagic Areas along the coast**  
*Jerry Tolman*