

Sea & Sage Audubon Society
Learning Mountain Bird Sounds
 an Advanced Level Birding Skills Workshop
 presented by *Sylvia R. Gallagher*



Sylvia Gallagher will present an eleven-week workshop on LEARNING (WESTERN) MOUNTAIN BIRD SOUNDS (LMBS), covering 78 species. The workshop will presume that you are familiar with the appearance of these birds; no slides will be shown. The 2011 workshop, WESTERN MOUNTAINS AND THEIR BIRDS, covered this material, but you may have learned the birds on your own, so it is not a formal prerequisite. The workshop will also presume that you have fairly well learned the sounds in the introductory aural series, LEARNING CALIFORNIA BIRD SOUNDS.

Four sections will be offered, each meeting once a week:

- ~~Mon. evenings, 7:00 - 10:00 pm, March 5 - May 14~~ (This section has been cancelled.)
- Wed. evenings, 7:00 - 10:00 pm, March 7 - May 16
- Thurs. mornings, 9:00 am - 12 noon, March 8 - May 17
- Thurs. evenings, 7:00 - 10:00 pm, March 8 - May 17

The "textbook" for the workshop will be Sylvia's completely revised CDs and worksheets, LEARNING (Western) MOUNTAIN BIRD SOUNDS, 3rd ed. These will be on sale (\$35.00 including tax) at Audubon House by early-February. (Your 1991 and 1994 tapes and worksheets are obsolete!) Be sure to purchase them in advance, for there will be homework prior to the first meeting. Only people enrolling in the workshop will be permitted to purchase the workshop materials at this time. After they are class-tested and revised, they will go on sale to everyone; workshop participants will get a discount if they wish to purchase the revised edition.

In addition, you must also have the following tapes or CD's:

- Colver, Kevin J. with Donald and Lillian Stokes. 1999. *Stokes Field Guide To Bird Song (Western)*. Little, Brown and Co., Boston. (Most of these sound clips are also on the Sibley Birds app for smart phones, but it's inconvenient to make sonograms from that source.)
- Cornell Lab of Ornithology. 1992. *Peterson field guides--Western Bird Songs*, Houghton Mifflin, Boston and New York.
- Keller, Geoffrey. 2003. *Bird Songs of California*. Cornell Lab. of Ornithology, Ithaca, NY.
- Gallagher, Sylvia R. 1998. *Learning California Bird Sounds*. Sea and Sage Audubon Society, Irvine, CA.

(Please buy them all at Sea and Sage's Audubon House; the last one is only available there. Our prices are competitive & include tax.)

The maximum enrollment for each section is 22. If any section does not have at least 12 people enrolled by Feb. 25, it will be cancelled. Reserve early though, because sections frequently fill rapidly. A donation of \$150.00 is requested, if you can afford it. (Bring money to first meeting--installment plan OK.)

The workshop will be followed by a June field trip to the northern Sierra Nevada. See separate article.

To reserve a space in the workshop, please send the form below to:

LMBS, Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92646.

Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE). Confirmation, further information, and a map to the house will be mailed Feb. 27. If you have questions, call or email Sylvia, (714) 962-8990, sjrgallagher@yahoo.com

Enrollment Form for Learning Mountain Bird Sounds Workshop (2012)		
Names of all participants		
Address(es)		
City & Zip Code		
Phone(s)	SASE enclosed?	
E-mail Address		
Check or rank at least 2 choices of section:		
WED pm ____	THURS am ____	THURS pm ____

Northern Sierra Nevada Field Trips

June 2012

Participants in Sylvia Gallagher's WESTERN MOUNTAINS AND THEIR BIRDS workshop in 2011 and/or LEARNING (WESTERN) MOUNTAIN BIRD SOUNDS (LMBS) this year are invited to participate in one of four field trips to the Northern Sierra Nevada in June. People who did earlier versions of either of these workshops in 2001 or 2004 may also come, space permitting.

Scenic Plumas and Sierra counties, an hour's drive northwest of Reno, are our destination. All aspects of the natural history of these areas will be examined: biotic zones and how to recognize them, trees and other plants, geology with emphasis on the effects of glaciation, and, of course, **the birds**--what they look like and sound like.

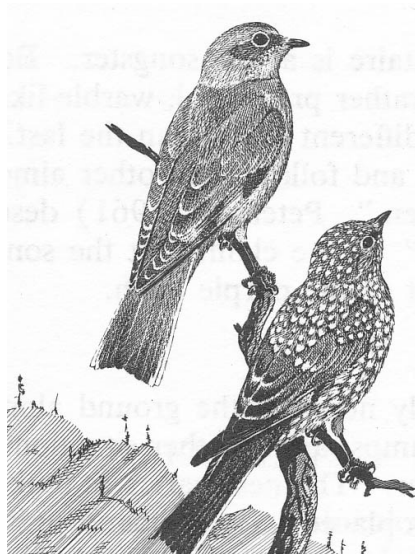
The same trip will be offered four times in order to keep the parties as small as possible. Each runs from 7:00 am Wednesday through noon on Sunday, with a choice of starting dates: June 6, 13, 20, or 27. From our home base in the small village of Graeagle, it's less than an hour's drive to a great variety of different habitats; each day we'll head off in a different direction.

There will be no charge by Sea and Sage Audubon for these trips, but you will be responsible for making your own arrangements for transportation, eating, and sleeping.

Complete information about the field trips and a reservation form are on the Sea and Sage website: www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Classes

If you don't have access to the internet, send a long (4" x 9 1/2") self-addressed stamped envelope to: Mtn. FT Info., Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92646. Reservations may be postmarked no earlier than Feb. 13. Confirmations will be mailed March 12. Reservations will be accepted after that date if there is still room.

Trip Leaders: Sylvia Gallagher and Donelda Warhurst



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