President’s Message
by Bruce Aird

So it’s December, and the thought on everyone’s mind is… the holidays? No, what all birders are thinking about is Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs). You don’t know about those? How is that even possible?! CBCs are a long-standing holiday tradition - one of the best there is. It’s as non-denominational as holiday cheer gets, and for just a $5 fee, it’s way cheaper than most of those other traditions. This is when that bright Wilson’s Warbler, so common as to be unworthy of notice three months ago, is suddenly a prize. The winter vagrants are settled in and now we work to find them for the CBCs. Trust me, there’s no better present under the tree than a previously unreported Varied Thrush!

Here’s how it works. Within established count circles of 15 miles diameter, on a given day, teams of people go out and try to systematically identify and count every bird within their assigned areas. From owls to sparrows, Bald Eagles to Rock Pigeons – everything gets counted. By counting the same locations at the same time of year and carefully documenting those data, scientists get a rough snapshot of the state of birdlife all over North America and beyond. The data are invaluable, and it’s an opportunity for everyone, no matter what level of experience, to get out and make a contribution to science. If you are not able to identify the birds yourself, you can help by keeping the tally. Area coordinators always pair beginners with experienced counters so it’s a priceless opportunity for new birders to learn in the field. At the end of the day, we all get together for pizza to discuss the day’s results.

I usually do three CBCs per year, and if the schedule works out, sometimes more. Here in Orange County, we start with the San Juan Capistrano CBC on Saturday, December 17th. The Northeastern (Inland) CBC follows on Sunday, 18-DEC-11. This year the Coastal CBC is on New Year’s Day, 2012. Could there possibly be a better way to ring in the new year? No! To get involved, contact CBC coordinator, Steve Alter (see pages 6 & 7). I hope to see you all out there.

General Meeting
January 20th - Friday evening - 7:30 pm

“A Photographic Adventure at Midway Atoll”
presented by Bob Steele

Midway Atoll (mid-way between the U.S. mainland and Japan) is important for many historical and biological reasons. Today it is part of three federal designations - Midway Atoll NWR, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, and the Battle of Midway National Memorial. Well over a million seabirds use the three tiny islands in the atoll to breed each season, including over half of the world’s population of Laysan Albatross. Join wildlife photographer Bob Steele as he explores the human and natural history of this unique and fascinating place.

Bob has been a nature photographer of birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and flowers for 20 years. He travels widely to places such as Costa Rica, Australia, South America, Antarctica, and Midway Atoll. His photos have been on the cover of many of the top birding magazines and have also appeared in Stokes’ Guide to Birds of North America. He has led workshops at festivals such as Mono Basin and Morro Bay.

The program will be presented at the Duck Club, at San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. The doors open at 7:00 for refreshments and fellowship, and the meeting and program begin at 7:30 pm. We hope you will join us. (See page 11 for directions to the meeting.)

Remember that you must access Riparian View from Campus Drive, not from Michelson, and bring a flashlight to light your way to and from the parking lot.

Pat and Dick Cabe, Program Co-Chairs

※ Remember to keep this issue of the Tattler until the end of January! ※
Conservation News
by Scott Thomas

Our next Conservation Committee meetings will be held on Dec. 6 and Jan. 3, at 6:30 PM in the Blue House. Our 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture will be at 7:30 PM on Jan. 24 in the Learning Center. We hope you will join us! Scott Thomas, 949-293-2915.

4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture

“Orange County Cactus Wren Survey”
presented by Dr. Kris Preston

Please join us for a lecture by Dr. Kris Preston, Nature Reserve of Orange County, to hear exciting updates from her intensive research on Coastal Cactus Wrens.

The Nature Conservancy, Audubon Starr Ranch Sanctuary, Sea and Sage Audubon, OC Parks, and Nature Reserve of Orange County are continuing our collaborative effort to recruit more volunteers for the Orange County Cactus Wren Survey Team. The volunteer-based, scientist-led team will assist in surveys to assess the long term status of the Coastal Cactus Wren in Orange County. In spring 2012, we also seek a limited number of experienced birders for our second season at Starr Ranch surveying for five other important songbirds of coastal sage scrub: California Gnatcatcher, California Thrasher, Wrentit, Black-chinned Sparrow, and Rufous-crowned Sparrow.

You have the opportunity to be a part of the 4th annual Coastal Cactus Wren survey. This is a unique chance for naturalists and birders, to learn survey methods from Cactus Wren scientists and to perform eight surveys from March through June in the following tentative locations: O’Neill Regional Park, Saddlecreek North and South, Cleveland National Forest, and others. Training, data collection materials, field assistance, and plenty of encouragement will be provided.

SKILLS REQUIRED – Basic birding skills, ability to walk moderate distances, reliable transportation, a good pair of binoculars, readiness to learn, and enthusiasm about birds! (More experienced birders will be needed for the Starr Ranch study in the spring.)

SCHEDULE:

• January 24 – Lecture by Dr. Kris Preston on Coastal Cactus Wrens – 7:00 pm at Sea and Sage Audubon Education Center, San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine.
• February (date TBD) - Training session led by ornithologist, Robb Hamilton - at Starr Ranch Sanctuary
• March - Surveys begin. Surveys are done in the morning, twice per month from March through June (eight surveys). Volunteers work in pairs.

To Sign-up & Reserve a Seat in the Training Sessions, or for Questions, contact:

Sandy DeSimone
Audubon Starr Ranch Sanctuary (949) 858-0309, sdesimone@audubon.org

For additional information visit: www.starr-ranch.org or http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Conservation/BirdResearch/CactusWrens.html

Chapter News

Chapter Volunteers Party

Every year, we have a special party in the form of an Open House to honor our great Chapter Volunteers. This year, our party will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 12th. Those of you who volunteered to help with a chapter activity in 2011 will be receiving an invitation. We do hope you will be able to attend!

Annual Dinner - March 16th

John Muir Laws will be the featured speaker at our March 16th Annual Dinner this year at the Mile Square Park Banquet Center in Fountain Valley. His program is entitled “Natural History of the Sierra Nevada.” On the following morning, he will be conducting a drawing workshop. Full information on these special events will be in the February Tattler and on the chapter webpage. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar. We hope to see you there!

Silent Auction Items Needed

Cheryl Thomas is working diligently to obtain some special donations for our silent auction at this year’s Annual Dinner. Do you know a person or business who might have something to donate? We are looking for unique items that would appeal to a large crowd. Please contact Cheryl if there is anything you can contribute, or if there is someone you know who can. Thanks!

Cheryl Thomas
949-294-2275; cthomas1313@cox.net
Chapter News & Announcements

For more information about Sea & Sage activities, check our Calendar of Chapter Activities on our chapter website (www.seaandsageaudubon.org). It lists the dates of Meetings, Field Trips, Special Events such as the Annual Dinner, Summer BBQ, Pancake Breakfast, Summer Nature Day Camp, Summer Bat Walks, Christmas Bird Counts, Great Backyard Bird Count, Birdathon, etc.

Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in November and December: Sonia Appell, Pat & Dick Cabe, Deana Collins, Carolyn Cooper, Tom Drovet, Cheryl Egger, Fresia Escalonan, Judy Fritts, Carol Getz, Beverly Hargrove, Lynne Hayes, Cindy Herrera, Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Lauretta Kyle, Donna Malloy, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Betty Purdy, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, Susan Sheakley, Bev Spring, Betty Swift, and Beryl Vogel.

Audubon House is open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Our Volunteers greet visitors, answer the phone, sell merchandise, answer questions about birds, check out binoculars, etc. If you are interested in helping at Audubon House, please call Judy Fritts at 949-551-4513.

The Best Breakfast of the Year

We've been hosting our Annual Pancake Breakfasts since 1993. Each year, something memorable happens at these events that makes each one an unforgettable experience. At our 1st breakfast, the power went out at 6:00 am causing a delay in heating up the coffee pots. Several years it rained and we had to frantically move all the books from the tables in the parking lot to a sheltered spot elsewhere; other years, we had dense fog, high winds or blowing ash.

This year, we had beautiful weather and everything ran smoothly. We had a great turnout of 215 people. The breakfast was delicious, the Duck Club tastefully decorated, the food set out in an inviting manner with the book sale tables contributing a feeling of warmth and activity. Our Volunteers at the Chapter Ambassador's Table and the Marsh Education Table greeted everyone as they entered, and from the kitchen came the hum of cheerful voices as the Volunteers worked on preparing more food for the hungry crowd. Everyone had a good time, browsing through the book sale items, checking out the binoculars on the back porch, talking with the Volunteers in the entry room about chapter volunteer opportunities, visiting Audubon House, talking with Dave Brandt about feeding birds, going out to the ponds on one of the bird walks, and getting close-up views of the birds through the scopes. No one seemed in a hurry to leave, which made us very happy. We like to see people enjoy themselves, especially when visiting our favorite place!

The guiding light behind this year's Pancake Breakfast was Mary Joseph. She put in many hours preparing for this event and had everything planned down to the very last detail. Nothing was left to chance! She recruited a wonderful group of Volunteers who did a super job working together. Gretchen McCausland was in charge of the food and her advance planning and guidance in the kitchen were responsible for the breakfast being so delicious. Susan Sheakley and Jan Gaffney were in charge of the Used Book Sale; they and their helpers did a great job sorting and pricing the books in advance, transporting them over to the Duck Club the day before and setting them up for display in such an attractive manner. Our team of experienced cooks did a super job on those pancakes and sausages. We would like to thank our wonderful Volunteers for all their help with this year's Pancake Breakfast: Bruce Aird, Mabel Alazard, Deborah Brin, Joni Campbell, Joan Curtis-Louie, Pete DeSimone, Christine Dickey, Barbara Dixon, Cheryl Egger, Frank Feller, Elena Fettig, Carol Freund, Judy Fritts, Jan Gaffney, Sylvia & Jim Gallagher, Susan Hankey, Beverly Hargrove, Joe Hazelet, Mary Ann Hazelet, Cindi Herrera, Trude Hurd, Steve Jelnick, Chris Johnson, Jerry Joseph, Mary Joseph, Nancy Kenyon, Vic Leipzig, Merri Levy, Ken Louie, Donna Malloy, Gretchen McCausland, Michelle McCausland, Bob McElhinney, Grace McElhinney, Mike McGlone, Peggy McGlone, Sally Menzel, Jay Miller, Marquita Miller, Eunice Morita, Shiz Morita, Helen Nicholas, Carolyn Noble, Linda Oberholtzer, Amber Oneal, Kelly Porter, Shirley Price, Deb Reed, Margaret Renton, Shirley Reynolds, John Scroggins, Barbara Sentovich, Mike Sentovich, Hal Sheakley, Susan Sheakley, Jean Suan, Robbie Suan, Judy Vlastakis, Beryl Vogel, Donelda Warhurst, David Weber and Steve Zarate. We couldn't have done it without your help! Thank you!!! -N. Kenyon

Holiday Shopping at Our Bookstore

Our bookstore inside Audubon House is open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is also open 45 minutes before our General Meetings. We have lots of great gifts for the holiday season including nature books; CDs, DVDs & CDRoms; birding items; children's plush toys, puzzles, games & magnifiers; t-shirts, sweatshirts, caps & stockings; bird-themed jewelry & kitchen items; holiday cards, gift tags & stickers. Also holiday books, specialty items & 2012 calendars. New titles in stock/forthcoming: Nat Geo FG to Birds of NA (6th ed); Finding Birds in SE Arizona (8th ed), foreign field guides to (South Africa, East Africa, Australia); Sierra Nevada titles (natural history, geology); Roadside Geology of North/Central CA; Bats of the US and Canada; In the Field Among the Feathered; FG to Amphibians and Reptiles (of San Diego region). We now accept credit cards (Visa & Mastercard) with a $10 minimum purchase. Easy parking, no long lines, and weekly holiday specials!
As is often the case at this time of year, October was another exciting month for Orange County (OC) birders. Since I have a rather lengthy list of reports to try and squeeze in, this summary will have to highlight the more significant discoveries. To go along with several Reddish Egrets, which have become very regular visitors to Bolsa Chica (BC) in the last few years, an American Bittern was observed here on Oct. 14 (BC monthly bird census group). American Bitterns were also reported at Upper Newport Bay, Oct. 13 and 26 (Leslie Metcalfe). A Cattle Egret near the mouth of San Juan Creek, Oct. 22 (Robert McNab), may have been the only one reported during the entire fall. Raptor highlights, in addition to reports of White-tailed Kites, Merlins and Peregrine Falcons, included a Golden Eagle near the Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary, Oct. 15 (Bruce Aird), and a dark-morph Ferruginous Hawk along the southern edge of the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, Oct. 20 (Steve Morris).

One of the most notable highlights of the past month was a Mountain Plover seen at the south end of BC, Oct. 14 (Brian Daniels), with a second bird, or quite possibly the same, seen in an agricultural field on the inland side of BC, Oct. 18 (Richard Erickson). At one time this species used to winter regularly in OC, but with development of the county’s agricultural fields, and the bird’s overall population decline, it has become quite rare and irregular as a fall/winter visitor. A decline, it has become quite rare and irregular as a county’s agricultural fields, and the bird’s overall population to winter regularly in OC, but with development of the county. Four second to be reported this fall. A Parasitic Jaeger at BC, Oct. 27 (Peter Barnes), may potentially have been the same bird that lingered here awhile at the beginning of the month. Late Common Terns were at BC, Oct. 14 (Jerry Tolman), and the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS), Oct. 15 (Doug Willick). Single Burrowing Owls were reported from the “lower mesa” of BC, Oct. 14 (BC monthly bird census group), and in the vicinity of a Huntington Beach strip mall, Oct. 20 (Lindsay Messett), the latter apparently being a migrant. Common Poorwills are a rare fall migrant along the coast of southern California, so three in OC this past month were exceptional; they included one at Westminster Memorial Park (WMP), Oct. 8 (D. Willick), and singles at Huntington Central Park (HCP), Oct. 10 (B. Daniels) and 22 (Tom Benson). Red-naped Sapsuckers turned up at Santiago Park, Oct. 6 (D. Willick), and at Laguna Niguel Regional Park (LNRP), Oct. 7 (Dwight Mudry).

The only flycatcher species of note during the last month was a Tropical Kingbird at Bolsa Chica, Oct. 14 (presumably a continuing bird first discovered last month). A Bell’s Vireo at John Baca Park (JBP), Oct. 9-15 (D. Willick), and again on Nov. 1 (Jim Pike), may potentially be wintering. Plumbeous Vireos, which are slowly becoming more common as a winter visitor in the county, were at LNRP (R. McNab); at WMP, Mason Regional Park (MRP)(B. Daniels), Fairhaven Memorial Park and Eisenhower Park (D. Willick); and two were at Yorba Regional Park (Brian Leatherman). A Brown Creeper was noted at Carbon Canyon Regional Park, Oct. 30 (John Fitch). A Varied Thrush was a nice find at HCP, Oct. 14-15 (Dinuk Magammana). A Sage Thrasher at Sea Terrace Park, Oct. 16 (R. McNab), was the second one in two weeks in the Dana Point area.

After a nice showing of warblers last month, October picked up right where September left off. The more noteworthy species included a continuing Lucy’s Warbler at HCP; a Tennessee Warbler at HCP, Oct. 9 (Leo Ohtsuki); a Chestnut-sided Warbler at Hilltop Park, Oct. 16 (Jonathan Rowley); Magnolia Warblers at JBP, Oct. 9-10 (D. Willick), and MRP, Oct. 11-23 (R. McNab); Palm Warblers at HCP, Oct. 6 (Steve Morris), Canyon Park, Oct. 16 (B. Leatherman), SJWS, Oct. 18-20 (Wayne Gochenour), and MR, Nov. 1 (Jay Keller); a hybrid Hermit x Townsend’s Warbler at JBP, Oct. 9-15 (D. Willick); a Blackpoll Warbler a LNRP, Oct. 10 (R. McNab); American Redstarts at LNRP, Oct. 12 (R. McNab), at JBP, Oct. 18+ (J. Pike), at Canyon Park, Oct. 19 (J. Pike), and at MRP, Oct. 23 (Steven Ingraham); Black-and-white Warblers at MRP, Oct. 18+ (Dave Chadsey), and SJWS, Oct. 28 (Barbara Boethling); and a much-searched-for Ovenbird at MRP, Oct. 17-23 (B. Daniels). A male type Hooded Warbler at Irvine Regional Park, Nov. 5 (Donelda Warhurst), was especially noteworthy, as most OC records of this southeastern U.S. warbler have occurred during late spring.

A Green-tailed Towhee was at Castaways Park, Oct. 29 (Tom Benson). Clay-colored Sparrows were at BC, Oct. 18 (R. Erickson), and at HCP, Oct. 21 (L. Ohtsuki, S. Morris). R. McNab had a monopoly on Brewer’s Sparrows, with one to two on the Dana Point Headlands, Oct. 8 and 15, and another near Doheny State Beach, Oct. 15. Robert also had a Vesper Sparrow on the Headlands, Oct. 8. A White-throated Sparrow at Harriet Wieder Regional Park, Oct. 16 (B. Daniels), was very likely the earliest fall record for the county.

A Summer Tanager at Centennial Park, Oct. 19 (J. Pike), was only the second for the fall period (both have been bright adult males). A young male Rose-breasted Grosbeak at WMP, Oct. 15 (D. Willick), was also only the second to be reported this fall. A Yellow-headed Blackbird at BC, Oct. 25 (Peter Knapp), was likely one of very few for this location. A flock of ten Lawrence’s Goldfinches were in Limestone Canyon, Oct. 15 (B. Aird); interestingly, this species is quite rare as a fall migrant in the county. Four Purple Finches at SJWS, Nov. 5 (B. Daniels), were exceptional as well. During the last 20+ years this species has become exceedingly scarce as a migrant, or winter visitor, in the county’s coastal lowlands.
Accomplished birders depend on their ears much more than their eyes for detecting and identifying birds, especially when they are in wooded or brushy habitats. These people walk along listening and only try to see the bird if they are uncertain about the identification of a vocalization they hear. Usually more than 90% of the birds they find are identified first by the sounds they make. If you are still bird-watching most of the time, here’s a chance to start bird-listening. A series of Birding Skills Workshops, presented by Sylvia Gallagher at her home in Huntington Beach, will serve as an introduction to LEARNING CALIFORNIA BIRD SOUNDS (LCBS). Around 60 common species of the California lowlands west of the mountains, that are most frequently detected first by voice, will be covered. In addition, there will be a short lecture each week on the nature and meaning of bird sounds.

If you have a fairly good knowledge of the appearance of the common birds, you should be well prepared for this nine-week workshop series. (The 10-week Sea & Sage series of Introductory Birding Skills Workshops is the level of experience presumed for this series.) Those who have done the workshop before are welcome to repeat the series as many times as they wish.

Five sections will be offered, but be aware that there is a possibility that one or more of them will be cancelled if too few people enroll. Be sure to list as many choices as you can. The dates (including holidays) and times are as follows:

**TUES. mornings, 8:30 - 11:30 am, Jan. 3 - Feb. 28**

(*The 1st meeting will be Tues. evening, Jan. 3, but the rest of the sessions will be on Monday nights, including holidays.)

**WED. evenings, 7:00 - 10:00 pm, Jan. 4 - Feb. 29**

**THURS. mornings, 9:00 am -12 noon, Jan. 5 - Mar. 1**

**THURS. evenings, 7:00 - 10:00 pm, Jan. 5 - Mar. 1**

The series will be accompanied and followed by MANY field trips, led by present and former workshop members. We'll try to have a couple scheduled every week, some on weekends, some on weekdays. In order to get full benefit from this workshop, plan to spend at least three hours every week listening to birds in the field in a variety of locations; these trips are designed to help you do this.

The maximum enrollment for each section is 22. If any section does not have at least 12 people enrolled by Dec. 24, it will be cancelled. Reserve early though, because sections frequently fill rapidly. A donation of $100 or more is requested, if you can afford it. (Bring money to first meeting.)

The required "textbook" for the workshop series will be LEARNING CALIFORNIA BIRD SOUNDS (1998 edition), seven CDs with worksheets, prepared by Sylvia Gallagher ($35). If two people in the same household plan to share the CDs, each one must have a copy of the worksheets. Make your own copies of the ones that come with the CDs. In addition, the commercially available packages, Bird Songs of California by Keller (Cornell Lab of Ornithology, formerly available on CDs but now must be purchased online), Western Bird Songs (in Peterson Field Guides series, published by Houghton Mifflin) and Stokes Field Guide to Bird Song, Western (Little, Brown and Co, Boston) are recommended. The last two of these items are available at Audubon House. The required CDs & worksheets must be obtained far enough in advance of the first session that you will have time to do a little homework prior to the first meeting. This will be outlined in your confirmation letter.

Your workshop experience will be greatly enhanced if you install Raven Lite sonogram-making software on your computer. This free service from the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology is available online from RavenSoundSoftware.com. It is also available on the latest edition(s) of Thayer Birding Software and may be easier to install from that source.

To reserve a space in the workshop, please send the form below, *postmarked no sooner than Dec. 5* (2-day penalty for early reservations), to: LCBS Workshop, c/o Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln, Huntington Beach CA 92646 Enclose a stamped self addressed envelope (SASE). Confirmation, further information, and a map to the house, will be mailed Dec. 26. If you have questions, call Sylvia at 714-962-8990, or e-mail her at: sjrgallagher@yahoo.com

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**Enrollment Form for Learning CA Bird Sounds (LCBS) 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:

MON pm____ TUES am____ WED pm (Full) THURS am____ THURS pm (Full)
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/birdcountsCBC.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

Dec. 17: San Juan Capistrano CBC

01 Laguna Niguel Regional Park
Robert McNab

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
Nancy Kenyon and Donna Malloy

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

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 112th 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: Lauren Morgan-Outhisack, 100 Bell Canyon Rd, Trabuco Canyon CA 92679 or contact Lauren by email at: sustainablebird@gmail.com or by phone at 949-858-0309.
Sea & Sage Audubon
Christmas Bird Counts - 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.

Dec. 18: Northeastern (Inland) CBC

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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.

[  ] Northeastern CBC (Sun, Dec. 18) — [  ] Coastal CBC (Sun, Jan. 1)

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 112th 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: Steve Alter, 18001 Bigelow Park, Tustin CA 92680 or contact Steve by e-mail at: scalter1@pacbell.net or by phone at (714) 669-9482.
Monthly Field Trips

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<td><strong>3rd Wed - Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15 - 8:15 am</strong></td>
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<td>Join Linette Lina for a monthly bird walk at Santiago Oaks Regional Park at 7:30 am. The mix of oak riparian and coastal sage scrub habitats make Santiago Oaks one of the best places in Orange County to find a variety of songbirds. This will be a great time to see which birds are wintering in the park. <strong>Directions:</strong> Take the 55 freeway to Katella Ave in Orange. Exit and drive east on Katella 3.2 miles to Windes Dr. Turn left on Windes Dr. and follow the signs to the park. Be prepared to pay the $5 entrance fee if you don’t have a county parks pass. Meet in the upper end of the parking lot.</td>
<td>Join us for the rare chance of birding the Upper Newport Bay from the deck of a pontoon boat. Spotting birds from the water offers one a different perspective and the birds seem to view us differently also. Trip duration is 2 1/2 hrs. These trips are in a large capacity pontoon boat belonging to the Newport Sea Base; passenger limit is 15 persons and there is a $10 trip fee payable in cash on the morning of the trip. <em>(These trips often fill up months in advance. Check the chapter webpage to find out which trips are already full before making your reservations.)</em> Directions to the boat dock will be provided to those with reservations. <strong>Leader:</strong> Nancy Kenyon 949-786-3160; <a href="mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net">nancykenyon@cox.net</a></td>
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<td>Join Mike Clayton, Naturalist, on a bird walk and learn about Trabuco Canyon birds and their habitat. The walk will cover two distinct habitats within the park: oak woodland and coastal sage scrub. Possible birds in the oak woodland area are hawks, Band-tailed Pigeons, 4 sp. of woodpecker, Western Bluebird, Mt. Chickadee, &amp; when in season, Phainopepla &amp; Purple Finch. Possible birds in the coastal sage scrub area are CA Quail, White-throated Swift, Northern Harrier, Cactus Wren, Wrentit, &amp; CA Thrasher. All levels of birders are welcome. <strong>Directions:</strong> From the 405 or 5 Fwy, exit on El Toro Rd &amp; head inland toward the mountains. Turn right on Live Oak Canyon Rd. &amp; follow it to O’Neill Park. After entering the park, take 1st right to parking lot. We will meet in the Nature Center which is on the left side of the parking lot. Be prepared to pay the entrance fee ($3 on weekdays; $5 on weekends) if you don’t have a county parks pass.</td>
<td>Join Mark Kincheloe for a monthly bird walk in Upper Newport Bay to check out the seasonal shorebirds, ducks, grebes, herons &amp; egrets, etc. that frequent the bay. Birding will start from a good vantage point at the edge of the parking lot where we will watch for Black Skimmers and terns flying over the water as well as herons &amp; egrets stalking their prey in the shallows. The group will then move on to check out other areas along Back Bay Drive. Bring binoculars, a field guide, and a scope if you have one. The length of the bird walk will depend on the tide and the number of birds to be seen. <strong>Directions:</strong> We will meet in the Big Canyon parking lot in Newport Beach. This is easily reached from Jamboree. Take San Joaquin Hills Road west toward the bay where it intersects with Back Bay Drive. Turn right on Back Bay Drive and follow it to the Big Canyon parking lot on your left. <strong>Leader:</strong> Mike Clayton</td>
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<td>Join Chris Obaditch for a monthly bird walk around the ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine at 8:00 am. All the wintering ducks and other water birds should be there as well as some of the more unusual song birds which show up in the winter months. The walk, which is open to interested birders of all ages, will meet by the front porch of Audubon House. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult. (See directions to the SJWS on page 11.)</td>
<td>Join Mike Clayton on a bird walk at Riley Wilderness Park. All levels of birders are welcome. As a wildlife sanctuary, Thomas F. Riley Wilderness Park is home to an abundant number of native plants and old groves of Western Sycamores and Coast Live Oaks which border the park’s two seasonally flowing creeks. The remaining land features rolling hills and canyons of Coastal Sage Scrub and grasslands. Come prepared for a morning of exploring this delightful park and its abundant bird life. Wear shoes with good traction; some of the trails are quite steep. <strong>Leader:</strong> Chris Obaditch</td>
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January Field Trips

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Riley Park Bird Walk - continued
Directions: From the #5 Freeway, exit on Oso Pkwy. and drive inland towards the mountains. Watch for the park entrance on the right just before the road ends at Coto de Caza. For those without a wilderness park decal, the parking fee is $3; you will need to purchase a day-use permit from the park ticket machine. (Because the roads & trails in the park are dirt, the park closes when it rains.)

Leader: Mike Clayton

CBC Specialties Trip
Saturday - Jan. 7th - 8:00 am

The purpose of this trip is to search for some of the more unusual birds seen on this year’s CBCs. We will meet either in the parking lot by Audubon House or the Slater Street Parking lot at Huntington Central Park. Be sure to bring an Orange County map with you. The length of the trip depends on the weather and the number of birds to be seen. Trip meeting location will be decided by Jan. 4. To verify meeting place, call Audubon House (949-261-7963), FT Chair Nancy Kenyon (949-786-3160); or check: www.seaandsageaudubon.org

Antelope Valley Hawk Banding Trip
Sun, Jan. 15th — 7 am

In the fall and winter months, migratory raptors flood into the Antelope Valley and upper desert regions. Red-tailed Hawks are a sure bet with many others such as Prairie Falcons, Rough-legged and Ferruginous Hawks, American Kestrels, Northern Harriers, and even Golden Eagles. Unlike most birding trips, this one offers close-up views of the raptors because Pete Bloom & Scott Thomas are going to be banding those they catch. (Photos from past hawk-banding trips are on the webpage.)

DIRECTIONS: We will meet at Ave. A and Hwy.14 in the Antelope Valley. From Orange County, take the #5 Fwy. north to #14 (Antelope Valley Fwy.); exit on #14 and drive north approximately 45 miles (through Lancaster) until you reach Avenue A. Turn left on Avenue A and park. Morning temperatures can be very chilly! Dress in layers; bring lunch, a map, and a full tank of gas. Don’t forget your binoculars, scopes, and cameras. We will be out until at least 2:00, rain or shine. If bad weather is predicted, the trip may be cancelled. Call Nancy Kenyon (949-786-3160) the day before the trip, or check the chapter webpage.

Nature Walk at the Marsh
Sat, Jan. 7th — 9:00 am

The Seasons of Nature Walks are now on a new schedule. From now on, they will be offered monthly on the first Saturday of each month. Meet in front of Audubon House at 9:00 am for a ½ hour nature walk in the marsh.

Winter Pelagic Trip out of Dana Point ®
Saturday, Jan. 21st — 7:30 am to 2:00 pm

Join us for a 6 hour pelagic trip along the coast or out to the Fourteen Mile Bank, depending on where the most interesting birds are. Possible species for this trip include: shearwaters, storm-petrels, fulmars, and jaegers, as well as loons, grebes, ducks, terns, gulls, a variety of shorebirds, and possibly some whales and dolphins. Our trip will be led by Jerry Tolman. We will be using the 70 ft. Sea Explorer, a research vessel belonging to the Ocean Institute of Dana Point. Advance reservations are necessary. Trip fee is $50 per person, payable to Sea & Sage Audubon. Mail to: Pelagic trip, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Include your phone number & your e-mail address, or a self-addressed legal size envelope, for trip confirmation and additional trip info.

Leader: Jerry Tolman

Salton Sea weekend trip ®
Sat. & Sun., Jan. 28-29 — 9:00 am (Sat.)

The Salton Sea area provides some of the best year round birding in Southern California. In species diversity alone, the area is one of the leading localities in the country; some 360 species have been sighted there. In the past, we’ve had woodpeckers, Verdins, Abert’s Towhees, Burrowing Owls, American & Least Bitterns, Sandhill Cranes, White-faced Ibis, and vast numbers of geese, pelicans, ducks, gulls, shorebirds, and shorebirds. At the start of the trip on Saturday morning, Vic will discuss the trip itinerary which always involves a number of locations we will drive to in order to see the special birds of the Salton Sea. Sunday morning, we will get up before it’s light and drive out to Unit 1 to listen and watch the awesome spectacle of thousands of geese, Sandhill Cranes & White-faced Ibis rising from the surrounding fields at sunrise. Many of us consider this the highlight of the trip. (See webpage for a list of birds seen on last year’s trip.) Advance reservations are necessary; trip size is limited and it will fill quickly. Trip fee is $25. Make check payable to Sea & Sage Audubon and mail to: Salton Sea, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Be sure to include your phone number & e-mail address, or a stamped, legal sized envelope for trip information & confirmation.

Leader: Vic Leipzig
THE CHILDREN’S BOOK FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 2, 2011, marked our third year of participation in the Children's Book Festival at OCC, an event which is totally free to the public and attended by approximately 22,000 persons each year. The Festival administrators estimate that this number represents approximately 6,000 families, mostly young with small children. A total of 668 attendees stopped at our booth, spent some time and asked for some of our literature to take home with them.

This level of success is due to the passion and enthusiasm of the volunteers who staffed the booth: David Weber, Don Thomas, Mary Joseph, Lynne Hayes, Tom and Carol Getz, Steve Kaye, Helen Nicholas and Vic Leipzig all spent more time than they had signed up for. These volunteers couldn’t have been a more responsive and enthusiastic group of staffers. Based on the numbers, each volunteer spoke to an average of 75 people in the course of their 2-hour shift. I think it's fair to say that no one had time to twiddle their thumbs. The vast majority of those we talked to were unaware of the existence of the SJWS. All of us concluded that it was a very fun day and one well spent. Thank you, each and every volunteer (and the taxidermy Great Horned Owl)! You were AWESOME!

NEW CO-COORDINATORS for Group Tours Program

The Group Tours Program is an abbreviated form of the Outdoor Education Tours that are given on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to fourth and fifth grade school classes. The Group Tours are designed for scout troops and other children's and adults’ groups. Thus the volunteers for leading group tours may have to drive home in rush hour traffic or give up part of their weekend to lead these tours. Yet, the following individuals were committed enough to do this. I would like to express my sincere thank you to Mary Joseph, Frank Feller, Jay Miller, Bobbie Miller, Christine Dickey, Judy Vlastakis, Joan Curtis, Pat Vranicar, Pat Sparks and Bev Hargrove. Together they led 9 walks, which included 83 children and 51 adults. Two of these dedicated volunteers, Jay Miller and Judy Vlastakis, have agreed to take over as co-coordinators, allowing me to go further into semi-retirement. It’s a great program and it has two great people running it for the 2011-2012 program year. They deserve your continuing support. My sincere thanks to all of you for your enthusiasm for the Program.

- Helen Nicholas, Past Coordinator

2011 SPRING BRUNCH PROGRAM

A series of four gourmet spring brunches were sponsored by Sea and Sage between the months of April and May, 2011. Please forgive the tardiness of this report, but there are some very special people that I wanted to be sure to recognize for their part in making this program a success. Between David Weber, Judy Vlastakis and Bobbie Miller, the attendees, most of whom had never been in the Marsh before, received an excellent introduction to the SJWS while walking around the ponds. Janna Hobbs was always there to help with the set up, serving and clean up, as was Cynthia Schroeder. But Cynthia also spent hours in my kitchen, helping to prepare the food and trying to keep me sane. The weather cooperated as well, so eating in the meadow was very enjoyable. Staff and participants both went home with smiles on their faces and some color on their cheeks. Thanks to all of you volunteers. You all performed commendably, thus making your service invaluable to me.

- Helen Nicholas, Coordinator

NEW SUMMER BAT WALK Program Coordinators

The reins of the Summer Bat Walk Program are being handed over to new co-coordinators, Lynne Hayes and Ellen Mansour, both of whom are dedicated volunteers and passionate about the Bat Walk Program. I have been feeling the need to return to semi-retirement, but I couldn’t turn over the reins until I had found someone who loved the Program as much as I do. When Lynne and Ellen showed such great interest, I knew the time was at hand.

I have enjoyed every bat walk that I have ever been on in the SJWS, and that’s quite a few of the 7 or 8 years that I’ve been involved in the Program. Of course, the Program would not have existed without the bats and our local bat biologist, Stephanie Remington. That being a given, the main reason for my enjoyment was the loyalty of a great group of volunteers. They responded to my emails and shared their love of the Marsh and respect for the bats and their impact on the human species with 417 men, women, and children in the 2011 summer season through a series of 13 different walks. The names of these very special volunteers are: Ellen Mansour, Jay & Marquita Miller, Christine Dickey, Lynne Hayes, Pat Vranicar, Pat Sparks, her granddaughter Emile and her friend Mackenzie, Gretchen & Mike Mavrovouniotis, Gillian Martin, Carolyn & Charlie Noble, Taylor and Andrea Gee, Pat Cabe, Frank & Shirley Feller, Bev & Elijah Lyall, Karin Roberts, Carol Freund, Teresa & Kevin Cullen, Carol Counter, Evalie duMar, Cynthia Schroeder, and Joan & Ken Louie. They performed their duties well and there was nothing but glowing comments about the volunteers as well as the Program itself. I hope that you will give the same level of support to Ellen and Lynne as they prepare for the 2012 season. A giant thank you to each one of you for all the magical evenings I was able to spend in the Marsh. You can be sure that I will return frequently as a participant for my “bat fix.”

- Helen Nicholas, Past Coordinator

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Directions and Membership

Directions to Audubon House, Chapter Meetings, and the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, Audubon Membership Form, Tattler subscriptions & delivery, and Remember Us in Your Will or Trust

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Directions to Audubon House, our Chapter Meetings & the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary

Our entrance is now from Campus Dr., not Michelson
From the San Diego Fwy (405): Exit on Jamboree, south toward Newport Beach. At the 1st signal, Michelson, turn left. Continue on Michelson (past the old entrance to the SJWS) to the 5th signal which is Harvard and turn right. Drive to University & turn right. Drive to Campus Drive & turn right. Stay in the far right lane and immediately turn right onto Riparian View which will enter the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. The entrance road is marked by a green sign. If you miss the turn and reach Carlson, turn right and go around the block again to Harvard. The sanctuary is open every day from dawn until dusk.

Audubon House
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949-261-7963

Your Membership Payment
If you are signing up as a new Audubon member, be sure and use the membership form below that has the code C9ZC150Z in the lower right hand corner. This tells National Audubon who to credit for your recruitment. Sea & Sage gets 100% of a new member’s dues, even if you sign up for more than one year. If you are feeling generous at renewal time and you want Sea & Sage to benefit, you should send your renewal fee to National Audubon and a separate check to Sea & Sage for your donation to the chapter. If you have any questions, please contact Membership Chair, Chuck George, at cgeorge@george-sd.com

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Please notify Membership Chair, Chuck George, of your new address if you are temporarily, or permanently, moving from your current address. If you do not want to continue receiving the Tattler at your new address, let him know. This will save us from paying return postage fees.

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SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

December 2011
04 Sun Santiago Oaks monthly bird walk ................. 7:30 am
06 Tues Conservation Committee Meeting ................. 6:30 pm
07 Wed O'Neill Reg Park bird walk ................. 8:00 am
11 Sun SJWS monthly bird walk ................. 8:00 am
13 Tues Board Meeting ................................. 7:30 pm
17 Sat San Juan Capistrano CBC ....................... early
18 Sun NortheasternCBC .............................. early
20 Fri NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER
25 Sun UNB bird walk cancelled due to Christmas

January 2012
01 Sun Coastal CBC ................................. early
01 Sun Santiago Oaks bird walk - cancelled due to holidays
03 Tue Conservation Committee Meeting .......................... 6:30 pm
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