Well, the holiday season is approaching and that means it’s time to be signing up for your Christmas Bird Counts. Here in Orange County, Sea & Sage Audubon organizes three counts, the San Juan Capistrano (South County) CBC on Dec. 14, the Northeastern (Inland) CBC on Dec. 15, and the Coastal CBC on Dec. 29. The basic point here is, CBCs are citizen science at its finest and you should all participate. These counts generate data that has been fueling conservation science for over 100 years, the longest-running such project in history. And there is room for everyone, regardless of your ability or experience. You just contact Steve or Darrell and ask to be included on that count, and they will plug you in. To make it easy on you, here is contact information for our two count organizers:

Steve Alter (714) 669-9482; scalter@pacbell.net
Northeastern and Coastal CBCs
Darrell Wilson (714) 401-7852; darrellwilson@cox.net
San Juan Capistrano CBC

If you want to be assigned to a specific area or bird with a particular area leader, that can usually be accommodated – just let the Steve or Darrell know your preference, or sign up through the area leader. (See pages 6-7 for info)

There’s a bit more to it than that too. There are several other events associated with the CBCs that can increase the fun of doing them. These are the post-count dinners. The evening after both the Northeastern and Coastal CBCs, there’s a pizza dinner held in the Learning Center (Gray Building) at San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Just let Steve know you are coming so they can order enough food, and then you can find out what the provisional species count for that CBC was and learn about any rarities that were uncovered in the count. The San Juan Capistrano CBC has post-count pizza dinner also – I just never get to it because I’m crashing before staying up all night owling for the Northeastern CBC less than 12 hours later. That’s probably a little crazy for most of you, but it’s so worth it when that little Western Screech-Owl pops into view… On the other hand, if you find these things as addictive as I do, there are also counts further afield, like the Palos Verde CBC or the Salton Sea CBC. But that’s outside our scope here. Anyway, the time to be planning this stuff is now. Get your Christmas shopping done early, and then make yourself present on the CBCs!
Our next Conservation Committee meetings will be held on Dec. 3 and Jan. 7, at 6:30 PM in the Blue House. Our next 4th Tuesday Conservation Lectures will be held on Nov. 26 and Jan. 28 at 7:30 PM in the Learning Center. We hope you will join us!

4th Tues. Conservation Lecture
Tuesday, January 28th – 7:30 pm

“Associating Genetically Diverse Tamarisk Invaders with Their Impacts in a Salt Marsh Ecosystem”
presented by Tania Asef

Tania Asef, our guest speaker for the January Conservation Lecture, is the first of our grant recipients to give a 4th Tuesday talk.

One of the key threats to native species and ecosystems is invasive species. Tamarisk, or Salt Cedar, is a shrub-like tree originally from Europe and Asia which has now invaded many ecosystems in the U.S. Invasive tamarisk has many impacts in freshwater systems including increasing soil salinity, decreasing water content, and causing a shift in food web structure. Tamarisk species originally introduced to the U.S. have hybridized and have been documented invading salt marsh systems in San Diego County, California. The main goals of this study were to determine the abiotic and biotic impacts of tamarisk within a salt marsh and among genetic types of tamarisk. (AFLP) Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphism was used to determine genetic identity of each individual salt-marsh invading tamarisk. The impacts of tamarisk were determined between different microhabitats in a salt marsh system. The impacts were also determined among different genetic types of tamarisk.

T.S. Asef, C.R. Whitcraft, and J.F. Gaskin. California State University, Long Beach, Department of Biology, Long Beach, CA 90815.

The Bloom-Hays Ecological Research Grant is available each year to high school, college, and graduate students. Three worthy proposals were selected for funding by the Sea and Sage Science Committee in 2012. The objective of the grant is to advance ecological research, particularly research related to avian species and the natural communities upon which they depend, by providing funds or supplies to support research activities benefitting native species and habitats in Southern California. Tania Asef was one of our grant recipients in 2012.

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Don’t forget the 4th Tues. Conservation Lecture on Nov. 26, at 7:30 PM in the Learning Center. The program will be on “Fairview Nature Park” and will be presented by Barry Nerhus, lead biologist responsible for the restoration of the nature park. A follow-up field trip to Fairview Park will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Information about this field trip will be available at the Nov. 26th Conservation Lecture, as well as on our chapter webpage.

Chapter Volunteers Party - Feb. 15th

Every year, we have a special party in the form of an Open House, to honor our wonderful Chapter Volunteers. This year, our party will be held on Saturday afternoon, February 15th. If you volunteered to help with a chapter activity in 2013, you are welcome to join us and will be receiving an invitation. We do hope you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you there!

Annual Dinner - March 21st

Dr. Allan Schoenherr will be the featured speaker at our March 21st Annual Dinner at the Mile Square Park Banquet Center in Fountain Valley. His program is entitled “Wild and Beautiful: A Natural History of Open Spaces in Orange County.” Full information about this event will be in the February Tattler and on the chapter webpage. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar. We hope to see you there!
As would be expected for any October in southern California, the past month saw the county flooded with numerous reports of rare and unexpected birds. The following will attempt to summarize only the most noteworthy of these.

Undoubtedly the prize for the biggest surprise (in more ways than one) goes to the immature Sandhill Crane, which flew into the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS) on Nov. 4 (Star Howard, Susan Kaveggia). The word got out quickly and a number of birders were able to see the bird before it was observed flying off in the late afternoon. The county averages as few as one or two of these impressive birds a decade.

Some of the rare to uncommon species of geese began trickling in during October, with Snow Goose observed at SJWS, Huntington Central Park (HCP), and at Tri-City Park (Jeff Bray, Trish Gussler, Doug Willick, et al.); up to ten Cackling Geese at Carr Park, Nov. 3-6 (Rick Shearer, Jim Pike), which included a very rare minima subspecies (J. Pike), Nov. 5-6; and a Greater White-fronted Goose also at Carr Park, Nov. 5-6 (J. Pike).

A report of another Manx Shearwater, this one off Newport Beach, Oct. 28 (Monte Tyler, Anthony Gliozzo), was the second report this year; there are only two other records for OC, with those occurring just last year. Other pelagic surprises included a Flesh-footed Shearwater, well-photographed from whale watch excursions in waters off Huntington Beach, Oct. 26-27 (Mark Scheel, Brian Daniels, Brad Dawson, Ryan Abe). There are very few documented records of this species in OC waters. A Northern Fulmar (apparently sick or injured), at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (BC), Oct. 4 (Vic Leipzig), was exceptional for the location. Also at BC, a juvenile Yellow-crowned Night-Heron was reported Oct. 31 (Bill Powell); this was presumably the same individual reported last month, where, remarkably, one spent a portion of the previous winter as well. A subadult (in “calico” plumage) Little Blue Heron at Upper Newport Bay, first discovered in mid-Aug., was most recently reported Oct. 20.

Noteworthy shorebirds were extremely few, although Pectoral Sandpipers were at HCP (up to five), Oct. 8-14 (Dick and Pat Cabe, et al.), and at SJWS (up to three), Oct. 4-5 (Jerry Tolman, Tom Benson, et al.). A few Pacific Golden-Plovers were found at sites that have hosted this species in past years: Talbert Marsh in Sept. (Trish Gussler), and the Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge, Oct. 3 (Michael Park). A Franklin’s Gull made a very brief visit to SJWS, Oct. 4 (J. Tolman, Darrell Wilson).

A juvenile Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was found at Carbon Canyon Regional Park, Oct. 17-27 (Valerie Wheeler). Red-naped Sapsuckers were reported from at least seven county locations (e.g., Irvine Regional Park, Laguna Niguel Regional Park [LNRP], Peters Canyon Regional Park, U.C. Irvine, Craig Regional Park [CRP], Mile Square Park [MSP] and Yorba Regional Park [YRP]). A male Vermilion Flycatcher was back at MSP, Oct. 23 (J. Pike), where multiple birds have wintered in recent years, and a female returned to El Modena Park, Nov. 3 (V. Wheeler). A Tropical Kingbird was nicely photographed at Harriett Wieder Regional Park (HWRP), Sept. 30 (M. Park). Quite exceptional was the county’s second Yellow-green Vireo of the fall, with one in HCP’s Shipley Nature Center, Oct. 8 (Steve Walker and Vincent Nichnadowicz); unexpectedly, knowledge of this bird was poorly known due to a report only being made to eBird. A difficult to find Bell’s Vireo at John Baca Park (JBP), Sept. 8-10 (J. Pike), has presumably returned for another winter here. The only Plumbeous Vireo of the season was apparently a lingering bird at YRP (Brian Leatherman). A few late, or possibly wintering, Cassin’s Vireos were observed (e.g., at JBP and the Santa Ana Cemetery). Golden-crowned Kinglets were discovered in October at MSP and HCP (Karl Fairchild, J. Pike).

As stated last month, “out-of-range” warblers are often the center of attention among southern California birders in fall. Here is a recap of the most noteworthy warblers in OC over the past month: a Tennessee at HCP, Oct. 2 (J. Pike); a Lucy’s at MSP through Oct. 8, which was presumably a continuing bird from Sept. 20; a Chestnut-sided at HCP, Nov. 6 (V. Leipzig); a male Black-throated Blue at Mason Regional Park, Oct. 23-Nov. 2 (Tom Ford-Hutchinson); a Black-throated Green at LNRP, Sept. 30-Oct. 2 (Robert McNab); multiple (as many as four!) Blackpolls (at LNRP, MSP and Newport Beach), Oct. 1-20 (J. Pike, T. Ford-Hutchinson, R. McNab, T. Benson); a Palm at MSP, Oct. 22 (T. Ford-Hutchinson); several Black-and-whites (HCP, HWRP, LNRP, JBP); with some lingering through the month; and a Northern Waterthrush at HCP, Oct. 13-Nov. 3 (J. Pike). A Protonotary Warbler (Matt Grube) and a Canada Warbler (David Evans, D. Willick) delighted many birders at MSP, over the weekend of Oct. 19-20. A Painted Redstart was reported in Laguna Woods, Oct. 21 (Bevery Gandall); additional details are desired for this report, due in part to its rarity status in the region, even though the species is not easy to misidentify.

Single Green-tailed Towhees were in Gum Grove Park, Oct. 20-Nov. 2 (Brad Dawson), and in a Huntington Beach residential area, Oct. 29 (Daniel Barica). Rare sparrows during the last month included: single Clay-colored Sparrows at LNRP, Sept. 30-Oct. 5 (R. McNab), at the Santa Ana Cemetery, Oct. 24 (D. Willick), and at HWRP, Nov. 2 (B. Daniels); single Brewer’s Sparrows in the lower Santa Ana River (SAR), Oct. 3 (J. Pike), at SJWS, Oct. 4 (J. Tolman, D. Wilson), and at Carbon Canyon Regional Park, Oct. 20 (Garett Lepper); a White-throated Sparrow in the lower SAR, Oct. 26 (J. Pike), and Vesper’s Sparrows at BC, Oct. 5 (T. Benson) and at HCP, Oct. 22 (Roger Schoedl). A young male Scarlet Tanager at MSP, Oct. 7 (J. Pike), was apparently (and unfortunately) a one-day-wonder. Summer Tanagers are rare but regular in the county at almost any time of the year, though fall is usually the best time to encounter them; this past month a female type was in LNRP, Oct. 6 (R. McNab), an adult male was at Sea Terrace Park, Oct. 26-27 (R. McNab), and a female type was at the Santiago Park Nature Reserve, Oct. 29 (D. Willick). An Indigo Bunting was along the lower SAR, Oct. 3 (J. Pike). Yellow-headed Blackbirds are rare migrants in OC (especially so in fall); therefore one at YRP, Oct. 16 (Debbie Hanson), was noteworthy as well as at an atypical location.

To report a RARE or UNUSUAL bird, or to receive reports from other birders about rare or unusual bird sightings here in Orange County, send an email to: OrangeCountyBirding-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in November, December, and January: Sherry Bass, Pat & Dick Cabe, Carolyn Cooper, Fresia Escalona, Judy Fritts, John Hargrove, Lynne Hayes, Pat Heilig, Sarah Jayne, Nancy Kenyon, Lauretta Kyle, Joann Lemberger, Donna Malloy, Joan McCauley, Grace & Bob McElhinney, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Helen Nicholas, Shirley Price, Barbara Reber, Ira Sadis, Susan Sheakley, Bev Spring, Monte Taylor, Diane Van Horn, Beryl Vogel, Pat Wells.

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.

News from our Bookstore

Our bookstore inside Audubon House is open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. We accept credit cards (Visa and Mastercard) with a $10 minimum purchase.

The bookstore is a great place to shop for the holidays with a wide selection of new books and gift items. Stop by the bookstore and shop for a special present. Browse through holiday books and music, beautiful tile boxes, floral petal and butterfly wing earrings, aromatherapy candles, new t-shirts, boxed note cards, wall plaques, coffee and soup mugs, Children’s books, award winning finger puppets, plush animal toys, playing cards, games and viewfinders. Also available is the Learning California Bird Sounds packet by Sylvia Gallagher for the class starting in January. Finish your holiday shopping with Christmas cards and 2014 calendars. Enjoy easy parking in a wildlife setting!

We now have a Bookstore Catalog which is updated monthly and posted on the chapter webpage. If you are looking for specific items, this catalog will be a big help!

Our Pancake Breakfast

Every year, it gets better and better!

The word got out that we were having another Pancake Breakfast this year, and 193 people showed up, which is the most we’ve ever had at this event! The guiding light behind the 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!

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. Mary recruited a wonderful group of Volunteers who did a super job working together. The Duck Club was decked out with festive seasonal decorations, making it a warm inviting place to eat. The food was very tasty and even the cooks looked like they were having a good time preparing it. The used book sale generated a lot of interest, the bird walks went well, the raffle tickets were eagerly filled out and stamped (winners were Judy Fritts and Marquita Miller), a lot of people went out on the bird walks while others visited the displays inside the Duck Club and the Audubon House bookstore, talked with Dave Brandt from WBU about their bird feeding problems, checked out the new optics from Optics4Birding, or just enjoyed themselves sitting inside the cozy Duck Club and visiting with friends. We would like to thank our wonderful volunteers for all their help with this year’s Pancake Breakfast: Mabel Alazard, Bob Allen, Marie Connors, Pete DeSimone, Frank Feller, Carol Freund, Judy Fritts, Jan Gaffney, Sylvia Gallagher, Chuck George, Carol & Tom Gtz, Kate Grabenstein, Monique Gray, Charlotte Gulsby, Susan Hankey, Beverly Hargrove, Lynne Hayes, Star Howard, Trude Hurd, Sarah Jayne, Lynne Jeffries, Chris Johnson, Mary Joseph, Nancy Kenyon, Margaret Kim, Jim Kissinger, Carolyn Kraber, Chuck & Cec Leavell, Vic Leipzig, Merri Levy, Doug Lithgow, Ken & Joan Louie, Eva Lydick, Donna Malloy, Joan McCauley, Gretchen McCausland, Grace McElhinney, Mike & Peggy McGlone, Jay & Marquita Miller, Wendy Miller, Susan Munson, Helen Nicholas, Linda Oberholtzer, Nora Papian, Gabrielle Rau, Margaret Renton, Shirley Reynolds, Ray Rockoff, Robert Scrimger, Mike & Barbara Sentovich, Susan Sheakley, Jean Suan, Lois Taylor, Gene Udwin, Andrea Vallejo, Philippe Varda and David Weber. Trude Hurd took some nice photos of this event which have been posted on our website. Unfortunately, I don’t have room to include them in this issue.

—N. Kenyon
Sea & Sage Audubon Society

Learning California Bird Sounds
An Intermediate-Level Birding Skills Workshop
Presented by Sylvia Gallagher

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, sponsored by Sea & Sage Audubon and 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 LCBS 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:

MON. evenings, 7:00 - 10:00 pm, Jan. 6 - March 3
TUES. mornings, 8:30 - 11:30 am, Jan. 7 - March 4
WED. evenings, 7:00 - 10:00 pm, Jan. 8 - March 5
THURS. mornings, 9:00 am -12 noon, Jan. 9 - March 6
THURS. evenings, 7:00 - 10:00 pm, Jan. 9 – March 6

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 of trips 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. 27, 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), a package containing a flash drive with sounds, plus worksheets, prepared by Sylvia Gallagher ($39.00). The old version on CDs is also OK. If two people in the same household plan to share the sounds, each one must have a copy of the worksheets. Make your own copies of the ones that come in the package. 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 Birding by Ear (in Peterson Field Guides series, published by Houghton Mifflin), Stokes Field Guide to Bird Song, Western (Little, Brown and Co, Boston, same sounds on Sibley app), and iBirdPro app are recommended. The Peterson and Stokes CDs are available at Audubon House. The required workshop package 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 – and you must have a computer (PC or Mac) in order to use the flash drive. 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. You will be seriously handicapped if you try to do the workshop without Raven Lite!

To reserve a space in the workshop, please send the form below, postmarked no sooner than Dec. 9 (two-day penalty for early reservations), to: LCBS Workshop, c/o Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneoke Ln, Huntington Beach CA 92646. Enclose a long (4”x 9½”) self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE). Confirmation, further information, and a map to the house, will be mailed Dec. 28. If you have questions, contact Sylvia by phone at 714-962-8990 or by email at sjrgallagher@yahoo.com

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**Enrollment Form for Learning CA Bird Sounds (LCBS) Workshop (2014)**

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____ THURS am____ THURS pm____
Christmas Bird Counts - 2013

We hope you will join us this year on one or more of our Christmas Bird Counts. Maps of the count areas, data from past counts, and lists of birders who have participated in the counts are on our webpage.

CBC Counts: We need everyone’s help!

My late brother used to say there were three types of people in the world. Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who open up their eyes and say “What happened?” When it comes to participation (or lack of it) in the annual Christmas Bird Counts, those categories seem to fit well.

There are a cadre of birders, in the minority when compared to the memberships we see in birding Yahoo groups and local Audubon Societies in our area, who carry the “load” and participate in not just one, but multiple Christmas Bird Counts each year. These birders not only get a “high” by using their skills for citizen science, but also use the occasion as a learning and social experience. There is always something to learn from the experienced field observer to the beginning birder, and there is always a place for both on Count day.

A Google search on reasons for participating in the Count and my own thoughts on the matter include: by force of numbers we make our presence known among the citizens and politicians of our communities and thus represent a political force; publicity generated by such counts appears in newspapers and other media and elevates public awareness of conservation problems and land preservation; we show that non-consumptive use of wildlife is just as important to a large segment of the public as people who hunt the same species we might tally; population data accumulated from the Counts support bird conservation initiatives; the information can be used to test success rates of reintroduction efforts; information accumulated is used to determine the effects of disease (such as the West Nile Virus) and weather on bird populations; as urbanization increases, the information is crucial for seeing population trends in our native and introduced species; it continues a tradition started December 25, 1900 by Frank Chapman and 26 other concerned citizens in 13 states as a response to a traditional indiscriminate killing of birds around the same date; you join over 50,000 other birders doing over 1800 count circles who show their love of bird watching with their participation; one individual can make a difference in these types of counts; it is a holiday tradition, and for our own mental health, we need to participate, encourage others to participate, and maintain such events; it’s a small payback we can make to a hobby that gives many of us a great amount of satisfaction; it gives us a chance to try out our new gadgets...digital cameras, new binoculars, ipods, etc. and justify the cost to our families (and ourselves); it gets us away from our televisions and computer monitors and into the field, and improves our mental and physical health; and everyone who participates probably has additional reasons and individual stories of past events (and good species and friendships found).

So...don’t be in the group that watches things happen by others or procrastinates about missing happenings; contact the regional coordinators of Orange County’s Christmas Bird Counts for placement on coverage teams. It’s not too late and many teams I know could use an extra pair of eyes and data-takers.

—Joel Weintraub

SAT, Dec. 14: South County CBC

Laguna Niguel Reg. Park & vicinity
Area Leader: Sharon Harrow
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San Clemente
Area Leader: Sachiko Fukuman
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San Clemente hillside area
Area Leader: Kim Lopina

Starr Ranch Sanctuary & Caspers Park
Area Leader: Megan Garfinkel
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Upper San Juan Creek & vicinity
Area Leader: Dwight Mudry
dwight.mudry@cox.net

Saddleback College & vicinity
Area Leader: Mark Kincheloe
kinch824@aol.com

Aliso-Wood Canyons & Ziggurat-Cosco Area
Area Leader: Gary Meredith
949-218-7575) couchs7@cox.net

Richard & Donna O’Neill Conservancy
Area Leader: Diane Etchison
949-388-0709; Detchison22@cox.net

Dana Point: Doheny State Beach, Dana Point Harbor, Dana Point Headlands, Salt Creek Beach, local parks, golf course
Area Leader: Joel Weintraub
jweintraub@cox.net

Pelagic Areas along the coast
Area Leader: Tom Benson
thomasabenson@aol.com

If you took part in this CBC last year and plan to do so again this year, please contact your Area Leader to let him or her know you will be there to help out. If you are new to the CBC, contact Darrell Wilson, CBC Coordinator, at darrellwilson@cox.net or 714-401-7852; Darrell will assign you to an area which needs your help. For information about this Christmas Bird Count, visit our Sea & Sage Christmas Bird Counts webpage at: http://tinyurl.com/yf7nxnn
We hope you will join us this year on one or more of our Christmas Bird Counts. Maps of the count areas, data from past counts, and lists of birders who have participated in the counts are on our webpage.

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If you took part in the CBC last year and plan to do so again this year, please contact your Area Leader to let him or her know you will be there to help out. If you are new to the CBC, contact Steve Alter, CBC Coordinator, at scaler@pacbell.net or 714-669-9482; Steve will assign you to an area which needs your help. For information about these Christmas Bird Counts, visit our Sea & Sage Christmas Bird Counts webpage at: [http://tinyurl.com/2e6239y](http://tinyurl.com/2e6239y)
December & January Field Trips
Nancy Kenyon, Field Trip Chair

For trip updates & additional trip information, check our chapter webpage at: http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org. Trips marked with an ® require advance reservations. Questions about field trips? Contact Nancy Kenyon, Field Trip Chair, at 949-786-3160 or nancykenyon@cox.net

Santiago Oaks Bird Walk
Sunday, Dec. 1st - 7:30 am to 11:00
Join Linette Lina for a bird walk at Santiago Oaks Reg. Park at 7:30 am. Directions: Take the 55 Fwy to Katella Ave in Orange. Exit and drive east on Katella 3.2 miles to Windes Dr. Turn left on Windes Dr. & 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 parking lot.
Leader: Linette Lina

Caspers Wilderness Park Bird Walk
Wednesday, Dec. 4th - 8:00 am to 11:00
Join Diane Etchison for a bird walk at Caspers Wilderness Park. Directions: Take the I-5 Fwy south to Ortega Hwy and turn left (toward the mts.). Drive 7.6 miles to Caspers Park, which will be on your left. Be prepared to pay the $3 entrance fee if you don’t have a county parks pass. Meet in the Old Corral day use area.
Leader: Diane Etchison

Monthly Wildlife Walk at the SJWS
Sat, Dec. 7th and Jan. 4th - 9:00 am to 10:30
We’ll be exploring the birds, plants, and creatures of the marsh on this wildlife walk at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Meet in front of Audubon House at 9:00 am for a 1½ hour nature walk. (See page 11 for directions.)
Leaders: Audubon Naturalists

Monthly Bird Walk at the SJWS
Sun, Dec. 8th and Jan. 12th - 8:00 am to 12:00
Join Chris Obaditch for a monthly bird walk around the ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. Meet by the front porch of Audubon House at 8:00 am. See page 11 for directions.
Leader: Chris Obaditch

Christmas Bird Counts
Sat, Dec. 14th; Sun, Dec. 15th; Sun, Dec. 29th
Although the Christmas Bird Counts are not, technically, field trips, they do constitute one of the highlights of any birder’s season. (See pages 6 & 7) This year our 1st Count will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14th, our 2nd Count will be on Sunday, Dec. 15th, and our final Count will be on Sunday, Dec. 29th. Join in the fun and support your chapter by participating in one or more of our Christmas Counts this year!

TRIP CANCELLATIONS & SERIES
Because of their conflict with the Christmas Bird Counts, both the Dec. 15th Carbon Canyon bird walk and the Dec. 29th Upper Newport Bay bird walk have been cancelled. Also, the bi-monthly trips at Santiago Oaks and Irvine Park, led by Linette Lina, will not be continuing in 2014. Linette began the monthly bird walks for us at Santiago Oaks in Oct. 2006. In Nov. 2012, she switched over to bi-monthly trips at Santiago Oaks and Irvine Park. Those of you who had the good fortune to go on some or all of her trips know what an excellent leader she is. Due to a heavy workload, Linette has to stop these monthly bird walks, but from time to time, she’ll lead other outings for us, such as the April 19th field trip to the Villa Park Flood Basin. Thanks so much, Linette, for sharing your expertise and time!

Riley Wilderness Park Bird Walk
Wednesday, Jan. 1st - 8:00 am – 11:00
Join Mike Clayton for a bird walk at Riley Wilderness Park. 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. (This park closes when it rains.)
Leader: Mike Clayton

CBC Specialties Trip
Saturday - Jan. 4th - 7:00 am to 12 or later
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 somewhere in Huntington Beach. 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. 2. To verify the meeting place, check our chapter webpage at www.seaandsageaudubon.org or contact FT Chair Nancy Kenyon at 949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net Leaders: Bruce Aird and Vic Leipzig

Dana Point Headlands & Harbor
Thursday, Jan. 9th – 8:00 am to 11:00 am
Join Diane Etchison for a morning bird walk at Dana Point headlands and harbor. Directions: Exit Fwy (5) at Pacific Coast Hwy and turn left at Dana Point Harbor Drive. Park in the lot at the corner of Golden Lantern and Dana Point Harbor Drive. Be prepared to pay entrance fee at Doheny State Park if you don’t have a State Parks pass, or you can park outside the park, using metered parking, and walk in.
Leader: Diane Etchison

Winter Pelagic Trip ®
Saturday, Jan. 11th - 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. See web page for trip information. Advance reservations are necessary. Trip fee is $50.
January Field Trips – updated 11/29
Nancy Kenyon, Field Trip Chair

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Winter Pelagic - continued
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 email address, or a self-addressed legal size envelope, for trip confirmation and additional trip info.
Leader: Jon Dunn & 5 other leaders

Antelope Valley Hawk Banding Trip
Sun, Jan. 12th — 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 our 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. If in doubt, call Nancy Kenyon (949-786-3160) the day before the trip, or check the chapter webpage.
Leaders: Pete Bloom and Scott Thomas

Upper Newport Bay Bird Walk
Wednesday, Feb. 19 & Mar. 19 - 8:15 am ®
Join us for the rare chance of birding the Upper Newport Bay from the deck of a pontoon boat. Trip duration is 2½ hrs. Trips are limited to 15 persons and there is a $10 trip fee per person payable in cash on the morning of the outing. Advance reservations are necessary; contact Nancy Kenyon to reserve a spot on the boat. Directions will be provided to those with reservations.
Leader: Nancy Kenyon
949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net

Bolsa Chica Bird Walk
Thursday, Jan. 16 – 8:00 am to 12 noon
Come prepared for a great morning of birding to check out the resident birds as well as the wintering species. Bring binoculars, a field guide, and a scope if you have one. We will meet in Harriet Wieder Park in the lot off Garfield. DIRECTIONS: From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Seapoint Ave. Follow Seapoint to its terminus at the corner of Garfield. Continue straight across Garfield into Harriet Wieder Reg. Park where there is plenty of free parking. Follow the drive lane (shown on some maps as Overlook Drive) about 1/4 mile to its end and park. (From there, it’s easy to drive to other parts of Bolsa Chica. Leader: Vic Leipzig

Laguna Niguel Reg. Park Bird Walk
Sunday, Jan. 19th – 7:30 am to 11:30
Join Garrett Lepper for a morning bird walk at Laguna Niguel Reg. Park at 7:30 am. Directions: Take the Santa Ana Fwy (5) to the La Paz Road off-ramp. Head west 4 miles to the park entrance. Be prepared to pay the $5 entrance fee if you don’t have a county parks pass. Meet at the Shelter #3 parking lot at the far end of the park where there is ample parking and a nearby restroom. (Ask for directions to Shelter 3 at the park entrance kiosk.) The park is located at 28241 La Paz Rd. in Laguna Niguel. Leader: Garrett Lepper

Upper Newport Bay Bird Walk
Sunday: Jan. 26th - 8:00 am
Join Mark Kincheloe for a monthly bird walk in Upper Newport. Bring binoculars, a field guide, and a scope if you have one. Directions: 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 & follow it to the Big Canyon parking lot on your left.
Leader: Mark Kincheloe

3 Feb. Field Trips to plan ahead for:
• Carrizo Plain Trip – Sat/Sun, Feb. 1-2 ®
• San Jacinto Wildlife Area – Sat, Feb. 8
• Seal Beach NWR Trip – Sat, Feb. 15 ® (now full)

The San Jacinto Wildlife Area trip does not require advance reservations, but the other two trips do. Full information on these 3 trips will be in the February Tattler and is now posted on our chapter webpage. As of Nov. 9th, the Carrizo Plain trip was half full. Our date for the Seal Beach trip was only recently confirmed. Do not wait until the last minute to make your reservation; these trips will undoubtedly fill well before Christmas.
Summer Nature Day Camp – 2014
Bird Banding Workshops & Connect OC

Summer Fun For Children
Sea and Sage Audubon’s nature day camps are a great way for your child to experience the wonderful world of birds and bird-watching at the beautiful San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Our experienced naturalists love nature and children, and each camp program is designed for maximum fun and discovery. Start planning now for these dates:

- **FLEDGLING CAMP** (for 7-8 year olds) – June 23-27
- **MARSH CAMP I** (for 7-8 year olds) – June 23-27
- **MARSH CAMP II** (for 9-12 year olds) – July 7-11
- **BIRDS, BUGS & BLOSSOMS** (for 11 years & up) – July 14-18
- **ADVANCED CAMP I** (for 11 years and up) – July 21-25
- **ADVANCED CAMP II** (for 11 years and up) – July 28 – Aug. 2 (*includes an overnight)

Be aware that our camps are very popular and fill up quickly, so enroll your children as soon as possible so they don’t miss out. Enrollment begins on February 1; look for the forms in the February Tattler, at Audubon House, and on our website at www.seaandsageaudubon.org. What a wonderful gift of lifelong memories about nature discovery to give to your children and grandchildren!

Bird Banding Workshops at Starr Ranch
Beginning & Advanced Banding Workshops
March 8-9 and March 15-16, 2014
Audubon California’s Starr Ranch Sanctuary in SE Orange County invites you to our spring bird banding workshops for adults. Starr Ranch Bird Observatory runs two long-term bird monitoring programs, one in winter and one during breeding season in spring and summer. We operate mist nets throughout the winter in order to examine the over-winter survivorship of migrant and resident bird populations on the ranch. Because of the specialized nature of these workshops, we are asking that only serious students and potential Starr Ranch banding volunteers attend. The workshops will be taught by ornithologist Megan Garfinkel, a certified bird bander who has run three banding stations.

**Beginning Bird Banding Workshop**
March 8-9, 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM daily; $160 or $165 if camping

**Advanced Bird Banding Workshop**
March 15-16, 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM daily; $160 or $165 if camping
BYO lunch, but morning coffee & bagels provided.

FULL INFORMATION on our Sea & Sage webpage. For Reservations and Questions: Megan Garfinkel mbgarfinkel@gmail.com; 949-858-0309

Recently Launched Website - ConnectOC - Exposes Stark Quality of Life for Some Sea And Sage Outdoor Adventures Students
In school year 2012-13, Sea and Sage Audubon’s education program administered invaluable science-based learning for 2,384 fourth to sixth grade students (a total of 80 classes) through Audubon Outdoor Adventures. More than half of these students came from the Santa Ana Unified School District who Sea and Sage and other donors contributed scholarships for 45 of their classrooms. This means the majority of our students reside in a community where poverty and unemployment is the highest in Orange County.

Consider the demographic for the Santa Ana student. The following grim Orange County realities likely affect his/her ability to thrive since he/she:
- is part of a family of four making the equivalent of $40,000 or less per year
- has a parent whose minimum wage earnings requires 133 hours of work per week to afford a one-bedroom apartment
- is one of three county residents who lack access to essential health care services, and
- was a non-proficient reader along with 45% of county third graders.

The Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) aims to improve the safety net, health care and education for the families of these students. The figures have been compiled by the OCCF, a long-term funder for our Marsh Education Project, and McKinsey & Company, a global consulting leader. The OCCF has launched a website called ConnectOC Nonprofit Central, which connects potential donors and volunteers to the many local nonprofits and organizations who strive to improve the quality of life.

Please consider contributing to real change by learning more at www.ConnectOC.org. You’ll help reciprocate for the many generous donations we’ve received from the OCCF plus ensure that more members of our community care about the long-term protection of birds and their habitats. As President Shelley Hoss of the OCCF says, “It starts with each one of us, whether it’s volunteering your time or making a financial commitment to support organizations that are truly making a difference in our community.”

A Click of Your Mouse By December 3rd Could Help Sea and Sage Receive a $10,000 Grant
Kindly spend a minute and go to the ConnectOC website here during the Orange County Community Foundation’s "VOTE YOUR THANKS!” campaign from November 19 to December 3 and vote for Sea and Sage Audubon. We hope to be one of the top six vote-getting organizations who will receive a grant between $2,500 and $10,000.

— Chuck George
Directions and Membership

Directions to Audubon House, our Chapter Meetings, and the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, Audubon Membership Form, Tattler subscriptions & delivery, Remember Us in Your Will or Trust, and Who to Notify if you are going to be temporarily away from home or are moving.

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Remember Us in Your Will or Trust
Please remember to include “Sea and Sage Audubon Society” by name (tax ID#23-7003681) in your will or trust.

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
Open daily: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
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 C3ZC150Z 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

Temporarily Away or Moving?
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.

Audubon Membership Application

Membership: we invite you to become a member of the National Audubon Society and the Sea & Sage Audubon chapter. To join: Please pay by check only; do not send cash. Make your check payable to: NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, complete this form, and mail it along with your payment to: Sea & Sage Audubon, PO Box 5447, Irvine CA 92616.

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CALENDAR OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

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15 Sun Northeastern (Inland) Christmas Bird Count .. early
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