Audubon needs your support more than ever. . .

Vic Leipzig, President

Donald Trump riveted the nation's attention through the election campaign of 2016, and that focus of attention is not likely to fade now that he is president. Those who love him as well as those who despise him will continue to hang on his every word and action and keep their eyes glued to TV and social media. Since the new president's policies can greatly affect the environment, those of us concerned about the health of the natural world need to pay attention to the most recent breaking news. But it's also worthwhile to take the long view. The goals of the Audubon Society—protecting birds and their natural habitats—are very long term goals. Audubon has been struggling on behalf of birds and nature for over 120 years. The very first challenge Audubon faced was the millinery industry and its widespread slaughter of birds for the feathers to decorate ladies' hats. It took Audubon many decades to bring that practice to an end. The challenges that we face today—habitat destruction, pollution, invasive species, and the atmospheric build-up of greenhouse gases, and so many others—will not be overcome in a day, or in a week, or in a presidential term of office. We will not win, or lose, with any one election. I believe that ultimately, we will win by getting our message across to people the slow way, one person at a time. Regardless of who is president, the Audubon struggle will be a long one.

And not all environmental issues are matters of national politics. Around the world, most issues are entirely local, and Orange County is loaded with them. Over the years, we have won a few (like Bolsa Chica and the tollroad extension), but the fight goes on at Banning Ranch and Coyote Hills. And a recent County proposal to allow dogs off leash at the mouth of the Santa Ana River is a direct threat to endangered Least Terns and threatened Snowy Plovers.

Audubon, at the national level and the chapter level, needs your support now more than ever!

General Meeting

Friday evening, February 17 - 7:30 pm

“America's Royalty: The Monarch Butterfly”

presented Susie Vanderlip

Join us on Friday, February 17th, for a fascinating presentation by Monarch Butterfly expert and author, Susie Vanderlip. We will explore Ms. Vanderlip’s life work as she raised Monarch butterflies in Orange County, California. She has studied, photographed, videotaped, tagged, and monitored life cycles from egg to caterpillar, pupae and then butterfly. Through her citizen science, she has studied these pollinators in great detail and captured their beauty and life cycle with photography and video. She will share fascinating information about the plight of the Monarchs and their critical role as pollinators in the world today. During her presentation, she shares anecdotes and fascinating facts as she reveals how she raised hundreds of Monarch caterpillars into butterflies and she will share how to attract Monarch’s to your garden with tips on raising your own crop of caterpillars into butterflies.

Ms. Vanderlip is nationally known for her work and has authored the storybook The Story of Chester, the Monarch Caterpillar/Larva. She has been speaking on this topic for the last 24 years, and has presented to over a million youths and adults across the United States and around the world. She graduated from UCLA with a degree in Math/Computer Science, and is a native of California, born and raised in Lakewood. To round out her life, she is an Associate Professor in Dance for the Coastline Community College District.

Join us for an evening of the industrious and majestic Monarch Butterfly in all of its glory and splendor. Our program will be held in the Duck Club at the SJWES 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.)

—Doug Lithgow, Programs Chair
Conservation News
Susan Sheakley, Conservation Chair

Our next Conservation meeting will be on February 7, at 6:30 PM in the Learning Center. Our next 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture will be on February 28th at 7:30 PM in the Learning Center. We hope to see you there.

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4th Tues. Conservation Lecture
Tuesday, February 28th – 7:30 PM
Learning Center, SJWS

“Local Ocean Restoration”
presented by Captain Nancy Caruso,
Marine Biologist & Founder of Get Inspired, Inc

At our February ‘4th Tuesday” we will learn from Nancy Caruso about the science and practicalities of ocean restoration work in Orange County. We will also hear a dynamic and inspiring speaker. Nancy says, “I will be talking about the "power of a small group of people to change the world", and says further:

“In these times of continuous focus on what's wrong with our actions and what's going to heck in our world, I can assure you, we CAN make a difference if we focus on it and put our money and energy into it.”

“We have successfully restored the kelp, we have released over 1000 white sea bass and now we are focused on bringing back green abalone. We are working on the largest collaborative effort to restore a marine species in Southern California! There will be 40,000 kids and 100 … divers involved over the next 10 years and we hope to educate 1 million people about how we nearly ate 7 species of abalone to extinction.”

Join us for an upbeat talk packed with lots of biology and scientific information and meet a dynamic speaker! Doors open at 7:00 PM for snacks and social; program is at 7:30.

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Western Snowy Plover
Field Trip to Salt Creek
Saturday, February 11, 8:00 AM
on the beach!

One of Orange County’s beaches where the Western Snowy Plover (WSPL) consistently roosts is Salt Creek in February. You are invited to come on a special field trip to Salt Creek – a search for the well-camouflaged and oft-thought invisible Western Snowy Plover. We had the good fortune to see the Snowy Plover in October on our trek to Balboa Peninsula. We hope we’re lucky at Salt Creek too!

During the field trip, Sea and Sage Audubon will share information about how Snowy Plovers use the beaches of Orange County – where they feed, roost and nest. This is an opportunity to learn a little about the natural history of the Snowy Plover, and see – we hope - the cutest bird on the beach!

Please join us! Allow yourself 30 minutes to walk from the Parking Area to the Meeting Place on the beach. It’s a beautiful location and worth the walk.

Meeting Place: On the beach in front of the restroom and Zack’s burger stand which are just to the right at the bottom of the paved road from the Parking Area. The walk will last about 2 hours, north to Salt Creek and back.

Parking Area: Pay Parking for Salt Creek Beach Park, South Pacific Coast Hwy. and Ritz-Carlton Drive (33333 South Pacific Coast Hwy, Dana Point)

Sea and Sage Audubon OC WSPL Team
Members: Cheryl Egger, Susan Sheakley
Sea & Sage Annual Dinner
Friday, March 17th at Mile Square Park Banquet Center
Our Guest Speaker is David Yarnold
President & CEO of the National Audubon Society
He will speak on the State of Our Audubon Union.

The Sea & Sage Annual Dinner will again be held at the Mile Square Park Banquet Center on Friday evening, March 17. This year’s speaker will be David Yarnold, President and CEO of the National Audubon Society. Mr. Yarnold became Audubon’s 10th president in 2010, charged with leading a turnaround that would expand Audubon’s effectiveness while building on the organization’s strong conservation legacy. With 463 local chapters, 22 state offices, and 44 Audubon centers across the country. Audubon connects nearly four million people using science, advocacy, and education. “We are all Audubon,” Yarnold says. “No other organization has our wingspan when it comes to being able to drive conservation action, whether in individual backyards or in Congress.” Mr. Yarnold is an excellent speaker, so I know you will really enjoy his program.

The evening will also include a silent auction and the presentation of our chapter's Fern Zimmerman Conservation Award and Letters of Commendation. The Mile Square Park Banquet Center is located at the south end of Mile Square Park, at the intersections of Warner and Ward in Fountain Valley. Free parking is available. Below is the schedule for the evening:

- **No Host Bar:** 6:00 p.m.
- **Dinner:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Program:** 8:00 p.m., sharp!
- **Location:** Mile Square Park Banquet Center
- **Tickets:** $49 for all reservations received before March 1st
  - $54 for reservations received on or after March 1st
- **Entrees:** Chicken or Vegetarian

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. Seating will be assigned in the order the reservations are received. If you wish to sit with friends, make sure they send in their reservations on the same date you do. To reserve a seat, make your check payable to: Sea & Sage Audubon; include the name of each person for whom a reservation is made. If you wish group seating, please indicate that on the reservation form; each table will seat 9 people. (To make the tables a little less crowded, we’re seating 9 people instead of the usual 10 at each table. If that number does not fit into your plans for seating your friends at the table, then go ahead and make your list for 10 people instead.)

Make your check payable to: Sea & Sage Audubon. Mail your check and reservation form to: Annual Dinner, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln., Irvine CA 92612. A message confirming your reservation will be sent back to you along with directions, a map, and information about the dinner and silent auction. Be sure to include your email address and phone number on the reservation form if you have not attended one of our annual dinners in the past. **Please Note:** ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH. If you are late in sending in your reservation, please phone or email me to let me know that you wish to come. (949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net)

Name ________________________________________________Entree_________________________
Name______________________________________________________________________________Entree__________

With whom do you wish to sit? ___________________________________________________________

Email address for confirmation & map ___________________________________________________

Phone (in case we need to contact you quickly) ___________________________________________

**Entrees:** [C] Chicken  [V] Vegetarian. All dinners will include a salad, fresh vegetables, freshly baked rolls, coffee, tea, or decaf, and dessert.

**Make your reservations to:** Annual Dinner, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612
Much has transpired in the Orange County (OC) “birding world” since the last Rarities column of two months ago. This time around I will just try to “catch up” to the beginning of the OC Christmas Bird Counts, so will be summarizing the more significant discoveries from where we left off last time (early November), and on through mid-December. This will include a few late fall migrants of note, and then many sightings of birds undoubtedly beginning to appear for the winter.

To begin, two of the standouts from the late fall/early winter period in the county were a female Tufted Duck in Anaheim, and an American Tree Sparrow at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (BCER). The Tufted Duck was found along the upper Santa Ana River, near Lakeview, Nov. 20+ (Mike Huang). This was exactly where a female was present last winter (in Jan. and Feb.), and is undoubtedly the same individual back for another winter. This was the first (and only) Tufted Duck to be recorded in OC. On Nov. 23, Neil Gilbert discovered the American Tree Sparrow at BCER, which was seen by many birders through the 24th. This was OC’s third record for this species, one that only very rarely ventures as far south as Southern California (generally during late fall or winter).

A variety of rare-but-regular waterfowl turned up during this period, including a Ross’s Goose at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS), Dec. 10 (Jeff Bray); a Long-tailed Duck at BCER, Nov 24 (original finder unknown), which was joined by a second individual, Nov. 28 (Jim Pike)—both hung around till at least the end of December; a male Black Scoter in the surf off Sunset Beach, Dec. 10 (J. Bray), with five(!) photographed here on Dec. 14 (Rick Shearer); and Common Goldeneyes at a few locations, including three at BCER, Dec. 1 (Peter Knapp). Bolsa Chica was the place for several rarities during this period, which included a sub-adult Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Dec. 1+ (J. Pike); up to two juvenile individuals, from earlier in the fall, were not reported after Oct. 31.

Rare shorebirds included a late migrant Pectoral Sandpiper at SJWS, Nov. 12-15 (Don Hoechlin), and a Red Phalarope at Sunset Beach, Dec. 11 (Trish Gussler). Not necessarily rare, but 16 Black Oystercatchers at Crescent Bay Point, Nov. 14 (Vic Leipzig), was a large concentration for the county. Unusual bird of prey sightings during the period being covered here included what was likely the same adult Zone-tailed Hawk in Rancho Santa Margarita, Nov. 29 and Dec. 10 (Mark Girardeau).

Two Short-eared Owls were at BCER during late Nov. (Peter Knapp). A male Williamson’s Sapsucker in Laguna Woods, Nov. 26-Dec. 2+ (Jami Fidler) was, amazingly, at least the 11th to be found in Orange County.

An Eastern Phoebe was a nice find along the Brightwater Trail (above BCER), Nov. 22+ (John Oliver, Ed Stonick). A Hammond’s Flycatcher at Turtle Rock Nature Center, Nov. 26 (Doug Willick), was possibly wintering at this location, while one in Hummingbird Park, Dec. 12-Jan. 3+ (J. Bray), is likely the same individual that wintered here last year. Two apparently wintering Bell’s Vireos in the county is exceptional—these include a bird apparently returning for its sixth winter at John Baca Park (Roger Schoedl, J. Pike), and one observed at Anaheim Coves Park, Nov. 27 (D. Willick). Up to eight Mountain Bluebirds were located in fields within, and adjacent to, the U.C. Irvine Freshwater Marsh Reserve, Dec. 7+; the birds were found during the monthly survey that Sea & Sage birders conduct there.

A Painted Redstart was in Silverado Canyon, Nov. 19+, in the same general area where presumably the same bird wintered last year (Sherry Meddick). Otherwise, rare warblers were few and far between: a Northern Waterthrush continued its wanderings around Huntington Central Park, and Black-and-white Warblers were found in Mason Regional Park (MRP), Nov. 26, at Carbon Canyon Regional Park (CCRP), Dec. 7, and at Santiago Park Nature Reserve (SPNR), Dec. 10 (D. Willick, M. Huang and Shawn Nielsen). Rare sparrows included a Clay-colored Sparrow at Craig Regional Park, Nov. 9+ (M. Huang), and a White-throated Sparrow at Starr Ranch Audubon Sanctuary, Nov. 18 (D. Willick). Summer Tanagers were well represented, with ultimately two being found at both the SPNR and MRP, and a single bird at CCRP.

A Rose-breasted Grosbeak was at Gilman Park, Nov. 9-22 (M. Huang), and a Painted Bunting was brought to Vicki Andersen’s Songbird Care and Education Center, Nov. 25, after it had hit a window. A male Orchard Oriole continued into Dec. at Mile Square Regional Park, while a male Baltimore Oriole was discovered in MRP, Dec. 3+ (Howard King).

photos by Don Hoechlin
Comprehensive workshops on raptor identification will be presented during two weekends in February and March, 2017. The instructor for the course will be Bill Clark, coauthor of *Hawks*, the raptor field guide in the Peterson series, and the *Photographic Guide to North American Raptors*. Bill has been conducting these popular workshops in Orange County and elsewhere for many years.

Although the pace and emphasis will vary with the experience of the participants, both workshops will first cover the basic field marks for the identification of California raptors. Then, a more thorough coverage of the field ID of Accipiters, eagles, and Buteos will be presented. Also discussed will be molt and its use in field ID, terminology, albinism and other unusual plumages. The field ID of vagrants to be expected in California will be covered, as well as how to document their sightings.

An **INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP** will be presented the weekend of Feb. 24-26. The workshop will start with about two hours of classroom instruction on Friday evening, starting at 7:15. It will meet all day Saturday and Sunday with a break for lunch. On each of those days, some of the time will be spent in the classroom and the rest in the field visiting a variety of raptor locations. Details will be announced at the Friday evening session.

The **INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED WORKSHOP** will take place the weekend of March 3-5 and have the same time schedule as the introductory one. It is designed for people who have had some experience observing hawks, maybe only the preceding weekend. The basic field marks will be covered, but more quickly, allowing time for several advanced topics.

Transportation will be in private vehicles; carpools will be arranged. You will be required to sign a liability release form in order to participate in the field trips. Each vehicle must have an FRS radio (short-range radio for communication between vehicles). Bring yours, if you have one; loaners will be available.

The required text for the workshop will be the second edition of *Hawks* by Clark and Wheeler (Houghton Mifflin Co., 2001). Recommended, but not required, is *Photographic Guide to North American Raptors* by Wheeler & Clark. Copies of both books will be available for purchase at the workshop.

Bill Clark has many decades of experience working with birds of prey and has published on a variety of raptor subjects, including many papers on raptor identification. Classes will be held at the home of Sylvia Gallagher in Huntington Beach. A map to the meeting place will be enclosed with workshop confirmation.

The cost of the workshop is $150.00 for each weekend—to be enclosed with your registration. Enrollment each weekend will be limited to 25 participants and may be cancelled if there is insufficient registration by Feb. 9. Don’t wait until the last minute to register; your workshop may have been cancelled because you forgot to register! Confirmations and further information will be mailed out on Feb. 11, 2017.

Mail your enrollment form, check for the workshop fee, and a long, self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to: Raptor Workshop, c/o Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln, Huntington Beach CA 92646. Your form should be **postmarked no sooner than Jan. 9, 2017** (two-day penalty for early reservations). If you have questions, call Sylvia at 714-962-8990 or email her at sjrgallagher@yahoo.com

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**Enrollment Form - Raptor Weekends with Bill Clark - 2017**

Names of all participants ________________________________

Address(es) __________________________________________

City ____________________________ ZIP ___________ Phone(s) ________________________________

E-mail __________________________ SASE enclosed? ____________

Check your choice(s) of weekends. (Some people attend both.)

___ Introductory (Fri. evening - Sun, Feb. 24-26) — $150 per person

___ Intermediate/Advanced (Fri. evening - Sun, March 3-5) — $150 per person

Workshop fees enclosed? _____ (Make check payable to: Sea & Sage Audubon Society)

Which books do you plan to purchase at the workshop (see above)? Indicate number if more than one.

___ Required Book ___ Supplemental Book
Thank you so much!

Sea and Sage depends on your financial contributions to support our conservation and education programs. Your donations help make us a strong chapter. The following is a list of Annual Direct Mail Appeal Donors whose donations were received prior to January 15, 2017.

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Chapter News & Announcements

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Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in January and February: Sherry Bass, Chris Byrd, Pat & Dick Cabe, Lynne Domash, Fresia Escalona, Ann Harmer, Lynne Hayes, Pat Heilig, Patti Henshaw, Sarah Jayne, Cailey Jonas, Nancy Kenyon, David Kramer, Lauretta Kyle, Joann Lemberger, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Barbara Mitchell, Eunice Morita, Dagmar Muthamia, JoAnn Nothelfer, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, Susan Sheakley, Bev Spring, Beryl Vogel, Marilyn Walter, and Pat Wells.

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 Susan Sheakley at 949-552-5974 or email her at susansheakley@cox.net

News from our Bookstore

The new Sea and Sage caps are available in two different designs. Handy for our rainy winter weather is the Rite-in-the-Rain series of pens and spiral notebooks. Other recent additions: The Laws Guide to Drawing and Journaling (which combines science and art with step-by-step illustrations and exercises to develop skills in looking at nature through drawing and writing); Roadside Geology of S CA (some of the most diverse geology of the world) combines the latest scientific information with a "field guide by car' accessibility. February's special: One Wild Bird at a Time by Bernd Heinrich ($27 - sale price $17).

Bolsa Chica Parking Lot Problems

When you park in the PCH lot at Bolsa Chica, be very careful when leaving your car. There have been numerous break-ins there so do not put anything of value in the trunk after you get there or leave anything in plain sight in the front. (Someone may be watching.) Obviously, you shouldn’t leave anything of value in your trunk anyway, but if you have to, put it there before you arrive!

Also, when you’re leaving and have camera and/or binocular equipment, watch to be sure no one follows your car when you leave.

Chapter Volunteers Party – Feb. 11

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, February 11th in the Duck Club. We hope you will join us for some refreshments, good conversation with fellow volunteers, a short program, and some live music. If you volunteered to help with a chapter activity in 2016, 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!

Orange County Birding

After 16 years (since its inception in 2000) as owners and co-moderrators of our OrangeCountyBirding listserv, Joel Weintraub and Bob Allen have decided to retire and hand the reins over to someone else. We all owe them a debt of gratitude for their work in establishing this listserv, as well as their efforts in moderating it over the years. So on behalf of all Orange County birders, we thank Joel and Bob for their service to the Orange County birding community.

Ownership of the listserv has been transferred to Sea and Sage Audubon, with Jeff Bray, Ryan Winkleman, and Tom Benson serving as the new co-moderrators. All the rules regarding posting to the listserv remain unchanged. We look forward to reading your posts to OrangeCountyBirding.

Ryan Winkleman
Jeff Bray
Tom Benson

To join this yahoo group in order to report and/or receive information about Orange County birds, send an email to: OrangeCountyBirding-subscribe@yahooogroups.com

Great Backyard Bird Count – Feb. 17-20

JOIN IN!
Count birds in your backyard, local park, or wherever you spot a bird, and submit your observations online at birdcount.org
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Anniversary Coming
Oral History Project Underway!

Members of Sea & Sage Audubon Society will celebrate the chapter's 60th Anniversary in 2018. Plans for the anniversary year are being developed, and we need your "old" photos and documents! If you have photos or other memorabilia that you think might help us in reconstructing the early history of the chapter, please contact Chris Byrd, webbyrd@sbcglobal.net (714-639-0967), or Doug Lithgow, DMLithgow@aol.com (714-962-4145).

We have also begun planning to conduct oral history interviews during 2017 with individuals who were influential in the chapter in earlier years. If you have experience in oral history you’d be willing to share, suggestions to make, or would like to join us in this effort, please get in touch with Chris or Doug.

Bird Banding Workshop
Beginning & Advanced Banding Workshops
March 11-12 and March 18-19

Audubon California’s 4000-acre 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.

Beginning Bird Banding Workshop
March 11-12, 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM daily. $200

Advanced Bird Banding Workshop
March 18-19, 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM daily. $200

BYO lunch; morning coffee & bagels provided $205 if camping

FULL INFORMATION is on our Sea & Sage webpage under the heading of “Bird Classes.” For Reservations and Questions, contact Kayla Baker, 949-858-0309 or by email at: kaylambaker17@gmail.com

Birding Skills Workshop

Why have Tricolored Blackbirds disappeared, while the closely related Red-wings are still common? What brought all those terns to Bolsa Chica? And how do you tell the darn things apart? Why has it been so difficult to preserve the Threatened Species status of the California Gnatcatcher? How do you tell the goldfinches apart in all their plumages—and how many do they have? Why are there suddenly so many Pin-tailed Whydahs around? Why doesn’t the Black Skimmer’s lower mandible break off when it encounters a hard object while skimming?

It’s not too late to sign up!

If you were signed up for Sylvia Gallagher’s MORE BIRDS OF COASTAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA workshop, you’d be learning the answers to these questions—and many more.

And the good news is that it’s not too late to enroll. This workshop is modular, making spotty attendance OK. Although you’ve missed the first few families of birds, you can still sign up and learn about many others. See the complete write-up in the December Wandering Tattler or on the Sea and Sage website at: http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Classes/MoreBirdsCoastalSCA.pdf Then get in touch with Sylvia and join us. The workshop will last well into May.

~ FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS ~

Riley Wilderness Park bird walk
Wed, Feb. 1st - 8:00 to 11:00 am

Join us for a bird walk at Riley Wilderness Park. 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.

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. Rain cancels the outing since the trails are dirt

Leader: Diane Etchison

Irvine Regional Park bird walk
Sat, Feb. 4th – 8:00 am to 11:00 am

Join Linette for a bird walk at Irvine Reg. Park at 8:00 AM. Irvine Park supports a large number of resident as well as wintering species, and it does not close when it rains because the connecting roads are paved.

Directions: Take Jamboree NE (toward the mts.) and follow it across Santiago Canyon Rd. and into the park. OR, from the 55 Fwy, exit on Katella & drive east. Katella turns into Villa Park Rd. & then Santiago Cyn. Rd. which you will stay on until it intersects with Jamboree. Turn left on Jamboree & follow it into the park. Be prepared to pay the $5 entrance fee if you don’t have a county park pass.

Meet in the 1st parking lot on the right, after you enter the park.

Leader: Linette Davenport
Wildlife Walk at the SJWS
Sat, Feb. 4th - 9:00 to 10:30 am
Explore the diverse life of the Marsh - its birds, plants, insects and other animals. Meet at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in front of Audubon House at 9:00 am for a 1½ hour nature walk. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult. (See page 11 for directions to the SJWS.) Leader: Jean Drum

Monthly Bird Walk at the SJWS
Sun, Feb. 12th - 8:00 to 12:00 noon
Join us for a monthly bird walk around the ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine at 8:00 am. The walk, which is open to 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. (Directions to the SJWS on page 11) Leader: Chris Obaditch

Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat ®
Wed, Feb. 15th is full; March 15 has openings
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 ½ 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 seat on the boat. Directions will be provided to those with reservations. Leader: Nancy Kenyon 949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net

Upper Newport Bay bird walk
Sun, Feb. 26th – 8:00 am to 11:30 am
Join Mark Kincheloe for a monthly bird walk in Upper Newport Bay to check out the seasonal shorebirds, ducks, grebes, herons & egrets. etc. that frequent the bay. Bring binoculars, a field guide, and a scope if you have one. 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

Owl Prowls® at Starr Ranch
Fri, March 24th
Sat, March 25th
Fri, March 31st
Sat, April 1st
The Owl Prowl is a short nighttime excursion into Starr Ranch Sanctuary in search of owls. Our evening will begin at 6:30 with an orientation by means of the live owl cam. Pete DeSimone who has been manager of Starr Ranch since the mid 1980’s and knows all about the owls and hawks which inhabit Bell Canyon, will talk with us about Barn Owls and answer our questions regarding owl behavior. We will then board the big open bed truck for a short ride down the canyon to search for some owls. At each stop, Pete will play some recordings of owl calls while we listen carefully for owl responses and watch for any sight of them. Advance reservations needed; trip size is limited. Trip fee: $25. Make check payable to Sea & Sage Audubon and mail to: Owl Prowl, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Include your email address & phone number, or a stamped self-address envelope for trip confirmation & additional info. Check webpage for space availability; trips fill quickly!
Leader: Pete DeSimone
Reservations: Nancy Kenyon 949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net

Eastern Sierra Trip ®
Sat-Sun, April 8-9 at 7:30 am Sat.
This weekend trip will explore the Owens Valley where there is a wide variety of birds along with spectacular scenery. We will meet in Lone Pine at 7:30 am on Sat. From there, we will drive up Hwy. 395 to Bishop, enjoying the magnificent Eastern Sierra scenery and birding along the way. We hope to see Tule Elk and will search for birds such as Bald and Golden Eagles, Red Crossbills, Black-billed Magpies, Pinyon Jays, Gray-crowned Rosy Finches, and 6 swallow species. On Sunday, we will reassemble at 6:00 am and drive to a Greater Sage-Grouse lek to watch the Sage-Grouse display. We will also bird Crowley Lake for the Sage Thrasher and Common Loon in breeding plumage. Depending on the road conditions, we may go NE over the nearby hills to spots for our picnic lunch and mountain birds such as Pinyon Jay, Cassin’s Finch, Williamson’s Sapsucker, White-headed Woodpecker & Black-backed Woodpecker. Lastly, we will be going through a traditional Swainson’s Hawk breeding area as we bird our way home. Group size is limited; advance reservations are necessary. Trip fee is $35 per person. Make check payable to SEA & SAGE AUDUBON and mail to: Eastern Sierra Trip, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612 Leader: Vic Leipzig
Marsh Education Project Annual Report 2016-17

People of all ages can experience nature in a positive and fun way through our 8 high quality environmental programs at the beautiful San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine, CA. In 2016-17, our enthusiastic team of 111 Audubon Naturalists reached over 6,053 local community members with the important message that birds and habitat matter. Our special thanks to the Irvine Ranch Water District for use of their facilities and support!

Program Accomplishments

• **Outdoor Adventures:** 2,649 elementary school children in 88 classes (including scholarships for 63 Santa Ana classes) learned about birds, wetlands and urban runoff through hands-on activities in the classroom and at the wetland. We raised $5,185 to fund 16 school buses for Santa Ana students.

• **Art Meets Science:** 268 elementary students in 9 classes wrote observations and sketches about wetland plants and birds in a nature journal. This is our tenth and final year, and it’s been a great partnership with The Irvine Museum!

• **Community Group Tour:** 192 children and adults attended 10 walks to discover how important wetlands are for birds. Our Project Director gave 8 community presentations for 102 people.

• **Summer Camp:** 134 children ages 7-16 (9 on scholarship) enrolled in 6 week-long day camps to personally experience nature through daily walks, writing a journal, research and creating nature art.

• **Teenage Junior Naturalists:** 26 teens enrolled in 2016-17 to go birding once a month throughout Southern California in search of birds and fellowship with their peers who care about nature.

• **Bat Walks:** 263 adults and children attended 14 events from July to September to encounter local insect-eating bats and understand the many benefits of bats in the environment.

• **Wildlife Walks:** 309 people attended 12 walks to experience the marsh in different seasons. Many said they will return now they have been introduced to the marsh.

• **Nature Kits for Loan:** 2,251 people were reached with the important topic of habitat conservation through our 6 kits which were borrowed 13 times by local educators (August to December data only).

• **Pollinators’ Garden opens!** We planted over 100 locally native plants, installed a solar-powered water feature, and held an open house in June for our new hummingbird and native bee garden.

Audubon Naturalists: These amazing interpreters and volunteers are the heart of our programs. These 88 adults and 23 youth donated over 8,800 hours to support our environmental programs. An extra special thanks go to Carolyn Noble, Bev Spring, Grace McElhiney, Pat Vranicar, Dan Trinidad, Jenny Golden, Dejoie Blumberg, Gail Richards, Ellen Mansour, and Debbie Hays who each donated over 200 hours in 2016.

Improving and Expanding: We have begun planning a new week-long Xtreme Birding Camp for 15-17 year old teens in 2017. We began upgrading three Nature Kits for Loan originally developed in 1995.

Grants Received

- Anonymous Foundation - $50,000
- Orange County Inland Empire’s Public Green Fund- $10,000
- OC-Community Foundation’s Environmental Fund - $8,000
- Fluor Foundation - $5,000

To learn how you can become an education volunteer or donor, contact Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education, at 949-261-7964 or email at seaandsage@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your support!
Directions and Membership

Sea and Sage Audubon Society’s mission is to protect birds, other wildlife, and their habitats through education, citizen science, research, and public policy advocacy.

Tattler Subscriptions
Non-Audubon members or members from other Audubon chapters who wish to subscribe to our chapter newsletter, may do so for $14.00 per year. Make check payable to “Sea and Sage Audubon” and mail to: Tattler Subscriptions, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612

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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
Do you want to join National Audubon and Sea and Sage? Use the membership form at the bottom of this page. An Individual Membership or a Family Membership is only $20. Sea & Sage receives 100% of a chapter generated new member’s dues for the first year. Mail the form and your check - payable to National Audubon Society - to Sea and Sage Audubon, PO Box 5447, Irvine CA 92616. If you want to use a credit card for your membership payment, go online to: http://www.audubon.org/membership
If you have questions, please contact Membership Chair, Jim Kissinger, at membership@seaandsageaudubon.org

Temporarily Away or Moving?
Please notify Jim Kissinger of your new address if you are temporarily, or permanently, moving from your current address; or, let him know if you do not want to continue to receive the Tattler. This will save us postage. Jim Kissinger, Membership Chair membership@seaandsageaudubon.org

Audubon Membership Application
We invite you to become a member of the National Audubon Society and the Sea and Sage Audubon chapter. Members receive the AUDUBON magazine as well as the WANDERING TATTLER newsletter.

NEW MEMBERSHIP is $20 for an individual or for a family. (The membership is good for one year.)

To join: Complete the form below & mail it along with your payment to: Sea and Sage Audubon, PO Box 5447, Irvine CA 92616
Make your check payable to: NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY. Please pay by check only; do not send cash.
Or, go online to: http://tinyurl.com/p89b4c4 (Our chapter code is C15)

To renew membership: renew directly with National Audubon by direct mail or online: (Renewals are $20 per year.)
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SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

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04 Sat Irvine Regional Park by walk ................. 8:00 am
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07 Tues Conservation Committee Meeting ........ 6:30 pm
11 Sat Snowy Plover beach walk ................. 8:00 am
11 Sat Chapter Volunteers’ Party .............. 4:00-6:30 pm
12 Sun Monthly bird walk at the SJWS ............. 8:00 am
14 Tues Board Meeting .................................. 7:00 pm
15 Wed UNB by pontoon boat® (Full) ................. 8:15 am
17 Fri GENERAL MEETING at the Duck Club ...... 7:30 pm
24-26 F-Su Raptor ID Workshop with Bill Clark ® - Introductory ....7:15 pm
26 Sun Monthly bird walk at Upper Newport Bay ....8:00 am
28 Tues 4th Tues. Conservation Lecture ........ 7:30 pm

March 2017
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