~ Summer Barbecue ~

at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
Sat., July 31st - 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Bring the family and join us for this special occasion: dining under the stars, evening walks around the marsh, and a great program on Ospreys presented by Pete Bloom. The subject of Ospreys is of special interest to us this year because, for the first time, we have a pair of Ospreys with a chick in residence on the nesting platform by pond 4 in the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. (Read the information about Pete’s program on page 3.)

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Advance reservations are essential so that we know how much food to buy (see form on page 5). Those with e-mail or a stamped, self-addressed envelope will be sent their reservation confirmation and ticket; all others can pick them up when they check in at the barbecue on July 31st.

Our menu will include chicken, hot dogs right off the grill, salads, chips, fresh fruit, dessert, lemonade, and coffee. A vegetarian entree will be offered for those who specifically request it on their reservation form. Your choice of wine, beer or a soft drink is included with the meal; lemonade and water will also be available for anyone who wants them.

Tickets for the barbecue and program are $15.00 for adults, $7.00 for children under 5; tickets for the BBQ workers are $10.00. Your ticket will include your meal & beverage, evening marsh walk, and program. Activities begin at 5:30 pm, including a used nature book sale. Dinner will be from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, followed by the program (as soon as it is dark). The first marsh walk will take in the sights and sounds as the marsh life settles in for the evening. The post speaker marsh walk will focus on the sounds of the wildlife that frequent the Sanctuary at night.

This event is staffed entirely by chapter volunteers. If you can help us out in any capacity, we would really appreciate it! A signup sheet for volunteers is at Audubon House and will be circulated at the May General Meeting; it will also be posted on our chapter webpage. For information on volunteering, contact Nancy Kenyon at (949) 786-3160 or nancykenyon@cox.net.

—Jay Miller, BBQ Coordinator
Protecting Our Nesting Birds

Every year, we receive calls about nesting birds in jeopardy because of ill-advised tree pruning during nesting season. What can you do to help protect the birds in your neighborhood from having their nests destroyed or their young forced to leave the nest before they are ready to fledge?

Several years ago, our chapter Conservation Committee, under the direction of Scott Thomas, put together an excellent Tree Trimming Packet to address this issue. Copies of it are available at Audubon House and on the chapter webpage. It’s a helpful resource to use for educating people about good tree trimming practices BEFORE nesting season begins. It also provides valuable information about what steps to take when someone prunes their trees during nesting season and destroys active nests.

What does the law say about destroying bird nests?
The Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the CA Fish and Game Code both prohibit anyone from harassing, harming, or killing any native North American bird (except those excluded as game birds) and prohibits destroying or collecting eggs. Essentially they protect almost all active nests from being disturbed or destroyed. (A nest is usually considered "active" when it contains viable eggs or chicks.)

Can a person destroy an inactive nest?
Yes, for instance, a homeowner can wash down a swallow's nest when it is not nesting season, and in some cities, anytime before the swallows lay eggs. However, it may require permission from DFG or proof that the nest is inactive.

Are there times when the law allows an "active" nest to be destroyed or disturbed?
Yes, active nest destruction can occur with permits such as in cases of public safety. Also, disturbances can occur when birds nest in areas with existing/ongoing disturbances — such as over a highway or bridge.

What is the best way to stop someone from destroying an active nest?
• Take lots of pictures.
• Ask them directly to stop. Tell them you will call the Dept. of Fish & Game, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Coastal Commission, Audubon, local animal control, and/or the Press. (a list of phone numbers is in the Tree Trimming packet.)
• Hand out information from the Urban Sanctuaries Packet/Book.
• Follow through, if necessary.

Other available resources:
A list from California Wildlife Rehabilitator Centers for region 5 (Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties) provides contact information for those who care for injured birds & other wildlife.

Letter templates to mail out to association managers and other persons about good seasonal tree trimming practices

Information about & phone numbers for two excellent bird rehabilitators here in Orange County: the Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center and the Orange County Bird of Prey Center

Flies from the Wetlands & Wildlife Center for helping wildlife at home:
• Found a Baby Bird — You found a baby bird on the ground; now what?
• Preventing Bird Problems — before they start
• Ducks & Geese Care
• Mallards & their Ducklings
• Baby Season for Squirrels
• Maintaining a Hummingbird Feeder

Conservation News
Our Conservation Committee Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday evening of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Blue House. (We will not be meeting in July.) We hope you can join us!

—Barry Nerhus, Conservation Chair. 714-393-6249
Although April is often an exciting month in southern California to witness the magic of migration, there were a few highlights submitted this past month that pertained to birds still lingering on from the previous winter. These included at least one Reddish Egret during the month at Bolsa Chica; Lewis’s Woodpeckers, including up to two or three again at the mouth of Limestone Canyon (through at least Apr.14) and one in upper Silverado Canyon, Apr. 8; a Plumbeous Vireo at Laguna Niguel Regional Park, Apr. 19; and a male American Redstart still at Mason Regional Park, Apr. 28. Approximately four Townsend’s Solitaires in upper Trabuco Canyon, Apr. 7 (Neil Gilbert) were likely birds that had wintered here.

The biggest event of the month, which will undoubtedly be the highlight of the spring, was the discovery of a Wilson’s Plover at Bolsa Chica (BC), Apr. 12 (Linda LeRoy). This first county record (one of less than a dozen to occur in the entire state), remained through the 16th, during which time it entertained birders with its prowess in catching and eating fiddler crabs. A Red Phalarope at BC on Apr.16 (N. Gilbert) was noteworthy, as was a Gull-billed Tern that continued here through at least mid April (found earlier by Peter Knapp).

Quite unexpected was an alternate-plumaged Red-necked Grebe photographed in Newport Harbor, Apr. 29 (Richard Thunen), and observed again on May 3. Although groups of Brandt’s Cormorants can typically be seen on Seal Rock, off Crescent Bay Point, two apparent nests seen here on Apr. 26 were of special interest (Nancy Kenyon). This species was first documented breeding in the county at this same location last summer. Intriguing reports of Bald Eagles continue to come in from the east Orange area. After an adult was observed at Irvine Regional Park, March 28 (Lynn Smothermon) and March 31 (Steve and Becky Turley), an adult was reported from nearby Irvine Lake on Apr. 27 (Dick Newell). Following on the heels of a pair of Ospreys successfully nesting at Upper Newport Bay for the last couple years (which was the first known nesting occurrence in the county in over 100 years!), was an active nest with young (in early May) at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS). A possible Zone-tailed Hawk was seen in the San Juan Capistrano area, May 3 (Zachary Perry). A White-winged Dove, quite rare as a spring visitor to the county, appeared in a Tustin yard on Apr. 20 (Wayne Gochenour).

A Gray Flycatcher at Santiago Oaks Regional Park (SORP), Apr.14 (N. Gilbert), was undoubtedly a spring migrant; this species occurs rarely, but fairly regularly, as a spring and fall migrant along the southern California coastal slope. Plumbeous Vireos were at sites where none were known to have wintered, including individuals at Huntington Central Park, Apr. 17-24 (Brian Daniels), and at SORP, May 1 (N. Gilbert). Bank Swallows were noted in late April, with two at SJWS on the 22nd (David Bell), and one over Harriett Wieder Regional Park (HWRP), Apr. 25 (B. Daniels). A Loggerhead Shrike was encountered in the Dilley Preserve, Apr.10 (Bruce Aird), which may have been the only report this month of this seriously declining (former) breeding species in the county. A Red-breasted Nuthatch at Peters Canyon Regional Park, Apr. 30 (N. Gilbert), was fairly late per county record standards (and also noteworthy considering the relative absence of this species in “SoCal” this past winter). A Black-and-white Warbler reported at Irvine Regional Park, Apr. 11 (Lee Ann Schneider), was possibly a very early migrant. Green-tailed Towhees, a rare but somewhat regular spring migrant in the county, turned up in a Laguna Niguel backyard, Apr. 16 (Gary Meredith), and at HWRP, Apr. 25 (B. Daniels).

Information about the program for our Summer Barbecue on Sat, July 31st

“The Return of Ospreys and other Birds of Prey to southern California”

Presented by Pete Bloom

Pete Bloom has been studying raptors in Orange County for nearly 45 years. He is a long time member of Sea and Sage Audubon and a favorite speaker. He will be sharing his insights in to the return of Ospreys and a few other raptors to southern California.

After the banning of DDT, and the taking of some other conservation steps, Ospreys, Bald Eagles and Peregrine Falcons are making strong comebacks locally and across their ranges. In Orange County we have seen a significant increase in Ospreys utilizing our many reservoirs, rivers and bays. In Newport Bay, Ospreys have successfully nested on a manmade structure the last 3 years in a row. And this year a very special pair of Ospreys are nesting on the nesting platform in the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Ospreys, Peregrine Falcons, and Bald Eagles are almost regularly seen around town by savvy birders who know when and where to look. Pete will be talking about Ospreys, where to see them, how they have recovered across their range, and will focus on some of the special details about our local booming populations. Please join us for a special evening of very special birds.
Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in May and June: Sonia Appell, Pat & Dick Cabe, Barbara Chidester, Deana Collins, Carolyn Cooper, Joanne Cull, Tom Drolet, Fresia Escalona, Carol Freund, Judy Fritts, Pat Heilig, Cindi Herrera, Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Lauretta Kyle, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Betty Purdy, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, John Shaddy, Bev Spring, Betty Swift, Beryl Vogel, and Vic Westling.

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.

Hospitality Chair Needed for our General Meetings

For the past 4 years, Merri Levy has graciously hosted the refreshments table at our general meetings. Now, she is stepping down and it’s time for someone else to take over. We need a committee of 2-4 people to help organize the refreshments (we pass around a signup sheet once or twice a year), contact each month’s cookie providers to remind them to bring their goodies, take turns bringing the juice, paper cups, napkins, and serving plates, and setting out the refreshments at the meeting. The refreshments table is often the place where people gather after a meeting so anyone on our Hospitality Committee should enjoy socializing with other people. If you’re interested in helping with the General Meeting Hospitality Committee, please contact Jay Miller (949-707-1287).

Thanks for a Great Job!

As you know, a program of varied field trips depends solely on the dedicated leaders who willingly give of their time and expertise to lead our chapter field trips. Not only must they carefully scout our their trip(s) ahead of time, but they also need to be very familiar with the birds in the area and be able to guide a group of diverse birders toward identifying any birds they find. Field trips are a vital part of our chapter activities and the following people helped to make our field trip program a success this year: Bruce Aird, Bob Barnes, Pete Bloom, Pat & Dick Cabe, Pete DeSimone, Bettina Eastman, Jon Feenstra, John Fitch, Beverly Hargrove, Terry Hunefeld, Vic Leipzig, Linette Lina, John McKeever, Dori Myers, John Nieto, Dick Newell, Chris Obaditch, Linda Oberholtzer, Steve Sosenky, Scott Thomas, Jerry Tolman, Joel Weintraub and Doug Willick.

POTLUCK PICNIC at Starr Ranch

Sat, June 5 - 5:30 pm

Sea & Sage is going to have a potluck picnic at Starr Ranch in June instead of our regular General Meeting. We hope you can come! We’ll eat at 6:00 pm, but plan on coming at 5:30. This will give you a chance to unpackage your food, pick your table, then sit down in the shade with a cool drink, chat with friends, listen to the birds, and watch for deer quietly grazing in the field beyond the picnic area. NO ONE IS TO GO OUT BIRDING ALONE, ONLY WITH AN ORGANIZED GROUP. After dinner, Pete DeSimone, Manager of Starr Ranch, will lead us on an evening walk down Bell Canyon. At dusk, we can watch for bats and listen for possible owls or poorwills calling from a distant hillside.

- Bring a potluck dish to share
- Bring your own dishes, silverware & beverage
- Bring a jacket & flashlight for after dinner activities; wear sturdy shoes for uneven ground.
- Bring your binos, of course! There are lots of birds at Starr Ranch!

Directions:
From central Orange County, drive south on the San Diego Fwy; exit on Alicia Pkwy. and turn left. Drive inland, towards the mountains, through Mission Viejo to Santa Margarita Pkwy. & turn right. Follow Santa Margarita Pkwy. until it deadends at Plano Trabuco where you will turn right. Turn left at the Dove Canyon entrance. At the Security Gate tell them you’re going to Starr Ranch, continue on past the Dove Canyon Country Club and up the hill, to Deer Ridge where you will turn left (the road is labeled as Gray Rock). Follow this road a short distance to a road on the right marked Starr Ranch, National Audubon Sanctuary (there’s a large white mailbox there), and carefully descend the grade down into the Sanctuary. Remember the road is a two-way road. Continue past the willows, across the stream, past the ranch house & other buildings, to the citrus orchard where you will see a fence & find signs directing you where to park. The picnic tables where we will eat are close by. The restroom is in a small red wooden “house” across the road. (Please note that directions to Starr Ranch using internet driving directions are not accurate and will take you to the wrong location.) Contact me if you have any questions about the picnic or how to get there. See you at Starr Ranch!

—Nancy Kenyon
949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net
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Webpage News
www.seaandsageaudubon.org
Those of you who attended this year’s Annual Dinner may be interested to know that we now have some excellent photos of the dinner posted on our chapter webpage under Special Events. The photos, which were taken by Dan Trinidad and Trude Hurd, show views of people, the silent auction tables, our guest speaker, and special awards. Thank you so much, Dan and Trude! Another new item entitled, “The Creation of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary,” has also been added to the webpage. This interesting document in 9 short chapters with lots of photos, can be found in the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary section of the webpage.

Camp Scholarships Needed
We are looking for chapter members who would be willing to make donations, or sponsor a full scholarship or even a partial scholarship, for a child who wants to attend our summer camp this year but needs financial assistance in order to do so. For questions or information about our camp and its scholarship program, please contact Grace McElhinney at 714-969-9617 or see our chapter webpage for information about our summer camp program.

News from our Book Store
Our bookstore manager, Debby Thyssen, has stocked our bookstore with a good selection of items for the summer months — lots of t-shirts, a great variety of books on birds for both casual birder and serious student, field guides & reference books, games, notecards, hats, etc. Come in and browse. We’re open every day from 8 am to 4 pm.

Those Yummy Cookies.
Thanks to our great cooks, we had a delicious and plentiful supply of cookies at our General Meetings this past year. We’d like to thank these generous people for bringing their goodies to share with us: Delores Badin, Pat Cabe, Carolyn Cooper, Carol Counter, Mary Joseph, Nancy Kenyon, Gretchen McCausland, Bobbie Miller, Carolyn Noble, Diane Ryan, Nancy Ryder and Mary Talley.

Used Nature Books Wanted!
Attention members! Here is an easy way to support your chapter! Start your summer clearance now! Clear out your bookshelves and take down those unused books on birds, natural history, travel & gardening to donate to Sea and Sage for our Annual Used Book Sale at the Summer BBQ. All donations will be greatly appreciated! Deliver them to Audubon House any time before July 22nd.

Silent Auction! Want to have a go?
Sea & Sage is looking for someone or a team of someones to take on the interesting task of arranging for our 2011 Silent Auction in conjunction with our Annual Dinner. This auction is fun to organize and a real asset to the Chapter. There will be plenty of backup and help if you should want it. Call Catherine Waters to learn more. 562-869-6718.

Summer Barbecue at the SJWS - Will YOU Be There?
Name_________________________ Number in your party: __________
Do you want a vegetarian entree? ___________ If, so, how many? ___________
E-mail Address or Phone _______________________________
Do you want to go on one of the evening nature walks? ______
Amount enclosed _________ ($15 per person; children under 5 are $7) ($10 for BBQ workers)
Make your check payable to Sea & Sage Audubon and mail it with this form to: Barbecue, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612
### Monthly Bird Walk at Santiago Oaks
**1st Sun. of each month: June 6 & August 1**
(The July 4th bird walk is cancelled due to the holiday.)
**Walks start at 7:30 a.m.**

Join Linette Lina for a monthly bird walk at Santiago Oaks Regional Park at 7:30 am. It’s summertime and breeding season is in full swing. The park is teeming with bird families nesting, feeding, and fledging their young. Come see the fascinating interactions among the parents and their young as the kids learn to fly. **Directions:** 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. Bring binoculars, a hat, & water. Meet in the upper end of the parking lot.

—Linette Lina, Leader

### Yorba Regional Park
**Friday, June 11 - 7:30 a.m.**

Yorba Park can be an interesting place to go birding in early June. The well irrigated lawns, trees and shrubs, as well as the ponds and nearby section of the Santa Ana River, attract an good variety of resident as well as migratory birds, and possibly even some vagrants. **Directions:** Go north on Imperial to La Palma Ave., which is the first intersection after crossing the Santa Ana River channel. Turn right on La Palma and drive to the signal at Fairmont. Just past the signal is a road that leads into the ball park area of the park. Turn right on the small driveway leading into the ball park and proceed to the parking lot where we will meet. **Bring:** your binoculars and water; wear comfortable walking shoes and a hat. The trip will end at 11:30 am.

—Dori Myers, Leader

### Monthly Bird Walk at the SJWS
**2nd Sun: June 13, July 11, Aug. 8 - 8:00 a.m.**

Join Chris Obaditch for a monthly bird walk around the ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine at 8 am on the 2nd Sunday morning of each month. Join us to watch the Mallards with their duckling families in tow, the avocet & stilt chicks in the shallow water, and the returning shorebirds, some still in breeding plumage. (See directions on page 11.) The walk, which is open to interested birders of all ages, will meet by the front door of Audubon House. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

—Chris Obaditch, Leader

### San Bernardino Mountains ®
**Sat., June 26th - 8:00 a.m.**

This trip will explore the forest and meadow habitats of Bluff Lake. This scenic area, at approximately 7600 ft. elev., has had breeding bird species that are quite unique or rare south of the Sierra Nevada, such as Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglets, Williamson’s Sapsucker, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-crowned Sparrow, and Lincoln’s Sparrow, to name only a few. We will look for other montane species that are possible in this area, such as the Calliope Hummingbird, White-headed Woodpecker, Dusky Flycatcher, Brown Creeper, Townsend’s Solitaire, and Cassin’s Finch. **This field trip will be limited to 20 persons because of narrow trails. You will need to email or phone your reservation to Nancy Kenyon.**

**We will meet** at the Aspen Glen Picnic Area on the south side of Big Bear Lake at 8:00 am. (Remember, you MUST make reservations ahead of time before going on this field trip. No exceptions will be made at the roadhead!)

**Directions:** Take Hwy. 330 north to Running Springs, then east on Hwy. 18 to Big Bear Lake. Stay on 18 along the south shore, which is also called Big Bear Blvd. After about 3 miles, turn right on Tulip Lane and proceed to the picnic area which is less than 1/2 mile. We will be driving on dirt roads which are often fairly rough; carpooling will be encouraged. **Bring:** a picnic lunch; there will be no facilities until we return to the Big Bear Valley area after midday. (PLEASE NOTE: You will need a U.S. Forest Service Adventure Pass to park in this area; Adventure Passes are available at many sporting goods stores.) The AAA has an excellent map of the area “Guide to the San Bernardino Mts.” **Driving Time:** Allow about 2.5 hrs. driving time from central Orange County. The trip will end around 3 pm.

—Doug Willick, Leader

### Upper Newport Bay by small boat ®
**3rd Wednesday: June, July, Aug. trips (full)**
**Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15 - 8:15 am**

Join us for the rare chance of birding the Upper Newport Bay from the deck of a small boat. Spotting birds from the water offers one a different perspective and the birds seem to view us differently also. Trip duration is about 3 hours. Space is very limited. Contact Nancy Kenyon for trip reservations at 949-786-3160 or nancykenyon@cox.net.

—Nancy Kenyon, Leader
Field Trips continued

Additional information, including bird lists from previous trips, will be posted on our chapter webpage at: www.seaandsageaudubon.org
For questions about these trips or to make reservations, contact Field Trip Chair, Nancy Kenyon, at 949-786-3160, or nancykenyon@cox.net . The status of each trip (whether or not it is full) is posted on the webpage Field Trip Schedule.

High Sierra Breeding Birds Trip with Bob Barnes ®

Friday, June 11 - Monday, June 14.

High deserts to High Sierra. The most diverse, species-rich region in the state. Meet early in Inyokern for Friday morning’s start. All other days start early in Kernville. Likely birds include: Goshawk, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Pileated Woodpecker and owls. 150 species likely in 4 days. This is a joint trip with LA Audubon.

Advance reservations are needed and space is limited. Trip fee is $50 per person, (payable to Sea & Sage Audubon). Include your phone number & your email address, or a self-addressed legal size envelope for trip confirmation and additional information. Mail to: Los Angeles Audubon, PO Box 931057, Los Angeles CA 90093-1057. The trip involves lots of driving; we will carpool whenever possible. Dawn to dusk (and more) birding ideal for enthusiastic beginning to advanced birders. Meet Friday at Union 76 station in Inyokern; reserve Fri-Sun night rooms in Kernville area early, and Thursday night in Inyokern. (info listed in FT info mailed to those with reservations). Trip limited to 15 people.

—Bob Barns, Leader

Fall Pelagic Trip out of Dana Point ®

Saturday, Sept. 25 - 6:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Black-vented, Sooty & Pink-footed Shearwaters; Black & Least Storm-Petrels; Cassin’s & Rhinoceros Auklets; Parasitic & Pomarine Jaegers, a variety of shorebirds, terns, gulls, and possibly some whales & dolphins. Our trip will take us out to the Fourteen Mile Bank where the more interesting birds are. We will be using the Sea Explorer, a research vessel belonging to the Ocean Institute of Dana Point. The boat is a large, comfortable 70 foot research vessel with ample deck space & seating for great viewing of the ocean, good restroom facilities, great deck stability, two decks (upper and lower) and good power for quickly covering the distances not occupied by birds. Our trip will be led by Jerry Tolman, an experienced pelagic birder and trip leader. Trip fee is $50 per person, (payable to Sea & Sage Audubon). Advance reservations are necessary; this trip usually fills up early so don’t wait until the last minute to sign up. 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 information.

—Jerry Tolman, Leader

WFO Conference Oct. 13-17, 2010 in Palm Desert, CA

The Western Field Ornithologists’ annual meeting will be held in Palm Desert this October and registration is now open on the WFO website at: http://www.westernfieldornithologists.org/

As many of you know, WFO meetings offer a unique blend of birding and science and this year’s meeting is a perfect example.

There will be field trips to key area hot spots such as both ends of the Salton Sea, Big Morongo Canyon, Mt. San Jacinto, Anza Borrego, local legendary fall vagrant ‘traps' and a special trip to locate Mountain Quail.

There will be presentations from Paul Lehman on rare migrants and vagrants, Dr. Cameron Barrows on local ecology, and Dr. Douglas Altshuler on flight in birds, mammals, and insects.

Workshops will be offered on Fall Sparrows (Jon Dunn), Field Sound Recording (Nathan Pieplow), Describing Bird Sounds (Sylvia Gallagher), Skin Preparation (with Kimball Garrett and friends) and Data Mining (Ed Pandofino). There will also be an excellent set of Scientific Sessions with the latest research on western Ornithology and Photo ID and Bird Sound ID panels (moderated by Ed Harper & Nathan Pieplow). Our local host will Kurt Leuschner, of College of the Desert.

A special bonus this year is a three-day post-meeting trip to the Colorado River Delta in Mexico led by Osvel Hinojosa-Huerta, Carol Beardmore, and Dave Krueper. Only 12 spots will be available on this trip; reservations are on a first come-first served basis.

Full details on all of the above are available to download at the WFO website. As always, register early to make sure you get your first choice of field trips. If you are interested in attending and do not have internet access, contact Nancy Kenyon (949-786-3160).

New Field Trip Schedule —

As new field trips are scheduled for the coming year, they will be posted on our chapter webpage. The complete trip schedule will be published in the September Tattler. If you are interested in leading a field trip or have suggestions for new areas to go to, please let me know. (In the last week, I have already added 4 field trips for the coming year.)

—Nancy Kenyon, field trip chair
nancykenyon@cox.net (949-786-3160)
Taxidermy Birds Awaiting Sponsors

Sea & Sage Audubon maintains a wonderful taxidermy collection of local birds and mammals at the Sea & Sage House. These specimens play an important role in our Education Program. Some of them become part of our collection that goes out to schools to prepare children for their upcoming field trips, they are used during educational events to teach both children and adults about the different types of birds, they are put on display in Audubon House for visitors to see, and they are brought off-site to outreach events. Preparing these specimens is costly and we need your help.

We'd like to say thank you to those who sponsored taxidermy birds after our last request in February: Light-footed Clapper Rail sponsored by Bev Spring; Lesser Goldfinch sponsored by Shirley & Frank Feller; Calliope Hummingbird sponsored by Carolyn Honer; Bufflehead sponsored for Louis Bitsikokos and all young birders; and Common Yellowthroat, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, and Wilson's Warbler all sponsored by Thomas Drouet.

The most recent additions to our taxidermy collection are currently on display in the glass cabinet in Audubon House. If you sponsored a bird and would like to see it, be sure to stop by. We still need sponsors for the House Finch and Allen's Hummingbird. You can sponsor one of these birds for $190 each and have a special sponsor plate with your name attached to it. Taxidermy sponsorships are a great way to commemorate a birthday or anniversary or special person.

To sponsor a taxidermy specimen or contribute to the taxidermy general fund, please pick up a sponsor form at the Audubon House or contact Sea & Sage's Taxidermy Coordinator, Gretchen Mavrovouniotis, at gmmavro@earthlink.net or (949) 552-8266.

Join our Audubon Naturalist Team!

Each one of us should share what we love and pass it on to the next generation. If you think educating children about nature is vital and you love being around others who care about nature, then join our naturalist team. Anyone interested in becoming a part of our Education program is invited to attend a one-day orientation training class at the SJWS. Please contact Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education, for more information. (949-261-7964)

Nature Day Camp: there’s still room!

There are still a few openings left in Marsh Bird Camp and Birds, Bugs & Blossoms Camp. Attending one of our camps will add a new dimension to your child’s summer vacation. Marsh Bird Camp is for 9-12 year olds. Session 1: June 28-July 2; session 2: July 5-9. Birds, Bugs & Blossoms Camp is for 11 year olds & older who have prior experience at Marsh Bird Camp. It has one session: July 12-16.

Full information about our camp program is on our chapter webpage, or pick up a camp brochure at Audubon House. Help make this summer a special one for your child! Call Grace McElhiney (714-969-9617) to find out if openings are still available before sending in your reservation.

Summer Bat Walks at the Marsh

Nine Bat Walks are scheduled for May, June & August at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine; some are designated for adults only while others are for families and adults. The trips begin around 7 pm and last for 2 hours. It’s a very popular program for a very good reason. Stephanie Remington, a local biologist whose specialty is bats, will combine a wonderful powerpoint presentation with her verbal input on the subject, and then we’ll follow that up with a guided tour along a path in the marsh to view 2 local species of bats. For more information, see our chapter webpage or pick up a Bat Walks brochure at Audubon House.

Seasons of Nature

SUMMER COMES TO THE MARSH
Sunday, July 18th - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Discover a haven of nature in Irvine. Enjoy an easy walk around the beautiful ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Our friendly naturalists will share the secrets of the marsh with you. Be amazed at the variety of birds, insects and plants. Participants will use binoculars, microscopes, and magnifiers to learn what goes on at the marsh in the summer. The nature walk starts at 9:00 a.m. in front of Audubon House and will last about an hour and a half. Everyone is welcome since there’s no age limit on the fun of being out in nature.

Cornell Lab of Ornithology’s New Website “All About Birds”

This website by Cornell Lab of Ornithology is definitely worth checking out! The “All About Birds” website (www.AllAboutBirds.org) helps people identify and learn about nearly 600 species of North American birds. The site features photos, sounds, and videos of birds, bird-identification tutorials, bird-feeding tips, gear reviews, and an online magazine about birds and bird watching.
Many people have enjoyed looking at Sylvia Gallagher's embroidered birds—on quilts, pictures, and shirts—and wondered how she does it. For eight Saturday mornings, Aug. 7 through Sept. 25, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to noon, she will teach a workshop, sponsored by SEA AND SAGE AUDUBON, on how to do this sort of embroidery. Participants will learn how to select a bird picture, transfer it to cloth, select thread colors, and do the stitches to bring the bird to life. The stitches involved are mostly satin stitch and a version of long-and-short stitch quite different from that described in most western embroidery books. (It is used in Asian embroidery; the Chinese call it "shan tao.") Occasionally other stitches such as French knots, outline stitch, and blanket stitch are used for accents. Individualized instruction will allow the class to accommodate all levels of embroidery skill—beginner to expert—and all will find themselves learning new techniques. You will be taught how to do any stitches you are unfamiliar with—and maybe even a better way to thread a needle. The cost for the class is $80.00 for new students, $50.00 for continuing students, who will need less assistance. Repeaters are welcome.

At the first session, beginners will learn and practice two stitches and learn how to get started on their choice of one of the class projects. Continuing students should come ready to work on and receive help with a project.

At the second session, Sylvia will present a slide-illustrated program, which has been presented to several embroidery clubs. In this program she will take you step-by-step through the entire process of converting to stitches a painting or photograph of a bird. (This process is fully applicable to subjects other than birds.)

The class will be limited to 15 participants and will be cancelled if fewer than eight people enroll. Please do not sign up if you expect to miss more than two meetings. (Exceptions may be made if there is room; call Sylvia after July 3.) If you have not seen the introductory slide lecture, you must attend the second meeting (Aug 14). There will be a number of additional spaces for those who just want to attend the Aug. 14 slide lecture (cost $10.00).

The class location is the Gallagher residence in Huntington Beach. Send your reservation form, a check for the fee, and a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92646. Reservations must be postmarked no earlier than July 5 (2-day penalty for early reservations). Confirmations and further information will be mailed July 30, along with a map to the meeting place.

Sylvia will be away until early July; if you have questions, put them in writing and send them with your reservation. After she gets home, she'll get in touch with you—or you can phone her at 714-962-8990.

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**Reservation Form - Bird Embroidery Workshop 2010**

Names of all participants ________________________________________________________________

Address(es) ____________________________________________________________

City & Zip Code _________________________________________________________________

E-mail ________________________________________________________________

Check one: Entire series, new student ($80) _____

Entire series, continuing student ($50) _____

Aug. 14 lecture only ($10) _____

Check for $_______ to SAGE AUDUBON enclosed. SASE enclosed?______
Last year around this time, Audubon House was spruced up and remodeled. Lots of things were taken out: the entryway cabinets, the volunteer desk, the wall of Trude's old office, the taxidermy, and some books from the Fern Zimmerman Nature Library. Audubon House took on an open, light and airy look. In a way, a blank canvas to work with. Although our progress has been slow, our vision is to expand the offerings of Audubon House. Our focus is public outreach, through volunteer interpretive services, the bookstore, the nature library, chapter and marsh program public relations, and attractive and informative interpretive displays.

As soon as you come in the door, you are sure to notice the beautiful flat screen with its rotating photographic program that depicts life in the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, created by Trude Hurd and Dan Trinidad. Some of our taxidermy is neatly displayed in the glass cabinet. The glass cabinet and photographic displays are changed each season to reflect the changes taking place out in the Marsh. Soon more of our taxidermy will return to Audubon House and we will have raptors in the rafters again. On the walls of Audubon House, view the artwork of plein air artists who choose to share their experience of the SJWS. Be sure to visit the snake and lizard that “migrated” from the main room to take up residence in the kitchen. Browse in the expanded gift shop/book store, developed and maintained by Debby Thyssen, which is located in the room where Trude’s office was.

A new volunteer desk and chair will be purchased, as well as new chairs for use at the computers. Soon, literature racks will be installed to clear up the clutter in the entryway and make way for the development of interpretive displays to catch the eye of our visitors and make them feel more welcome.

Our new Librarian, Sarah Jayne, and the Library Committee will select software to catalog the library and pave the way for lending some of the books. The Library Committee welcomes your suggestions of books to add to the Library, including ideas for a small children's section. Other amenities we hope to have at Audubon House are a coffee pot, display bulletin boards for rotating and changing displays, and a new bookcase or stand to make the best use of our potential display spaces.

We have a lot of work to do to realize our vision of Audubon House, but we are working on it.

BECOME A SPONSOR.

You can help with our projects at Audubon House by becoming a sponsor. Here is a list of the items we need sponsors for:

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Thank you.

Audubon House Transition Committee

Susan Sheakley, Nancy Kenyon, Al Baumann
Receiving the Tattler

Tattler Delivery
We post the Tattler on our chapter website. Members who wish to receive monthly e-mail notification that the latest issue of the tattler is online, should send an e-mail to nancrykenyon@cox.net. This method of Tattler delivery not only helps cut our costs and conserves resources, it also is much faster since the Tattler is posted immediately after it has been delivered to the printer. You can read it online, or print out the pages you want to keep.

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Non-Audubon members, or members from other Audubon chapters, who wish to subscribe to our chapter newsletter, may do so for $12.50 per year for regular mailing. Those who wish to receive their newsletter faster, by 1st class postage, may do so for an additional $6.00. Make check payable to “Sea & Sage Audubon” and mail to: Tattler Subscriptions, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612.

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,
Chapter Meetings and the
San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary

DIRECTIONS
From the San Diego Fwy. (405), exit on Jamboree south toward Newport Beach. At the 1st signal, Michelson, turn left. Continue on Michelson to the 4th signal which is Riparian View; turn right toward the Irvine Ranch Water District plant. Follow the signs directing you to Audubon and the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Continue down the road to a short hill into a parking lot. The first building you see will be Audubon House; the Duck Club is adjacent to Audubon House. Between Audubon House and the Duck Club is a path which will take you to the Education Center where 4th Tues. Conservation lectures are held. Beyond this area are the ponds and marsh mitigation areas of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary which are open every day from dawn until dusk.

Audubon House
Open 8 am - 4 pm daily
(949) 261-7963
Stop by Audubon House for a trail map; browse through our bookstore & gift shop; look at our taxidermy birds and check our reference library. Be sure to stop by; we’re there to help.

Your Membership Payment

Audubon Membership Payment and Donations
If you are signing up as a new Audubon member be sure and use the application in the Tattler or on our website that has the C9ZC150Z in the lower right hand corner. This tells National Audubon who to credit for your recruitment. Sea & Sage gets 100% of the first year’s dues of new members (even if you give more than the minimum membership fee). When renewing your membership and you pay more than the standard renewal fee ($35 for regular and $15 for senior/student membership), the extra you contribute goes to National Audubon; the chapter does not get any of the contribution back. So, if you are feeling generous at renewal time and you want Sea & Sage to benefit, you should send your renewal fee to National and a separate check with your donation to the chapter. If you have any questions please contact Phil Brobst at (949) 261-7963.

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 92616-5447.

National Audubon Society Membership: Check one [ ]
[ ] NEW MEMBERSHIP: $20 - Individual or Family members [ ] RENEWAL: $35 - Regular Membership
[ ] NEW MEMBERSHIP: $15 - Senior Citizen or Student [ ] RENEWAL: $15 - Senior Citizen or Student

Members receive: AUDUBON magazine as well as the WANDERING TATTLER newsletter.

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Sea and Sage Audubon Society

Chapter Mission Statement: Sea and Sage Audubon is a leader in creating an understanding of nature in Orange County, through conservation, research and environmental education programs for children and adults. This is accomplished with classes, field activities, publications and volunteer opportunities.

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June 2010
01 Tues Conservation Committee Meeting.............. 6:30 pm
04 Fri Summer Bat Walk........................................ 7:00 pm
05 Sat POTLUCK PICNIC at Starr Ranch.................. 5:30 pm
06 Sun Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk............. 7:30 am
08 Tues Board Meeting................................. 7:30 pm
10 Thurs Summer Bat Walk......................... 7:00 pm
11-14 F-M High Sierra Breeding Birds trip............ tba
11 Fri Yorba Regional Park............................ 7:30 am
11 Fri Summer Bat Walk........................................ 7:00 pm
13 Sun SJWS Monthly Bird Walk.................... 8:00 am
13 Sun Spring Brunch at the Marsh.................. 10:00 am
18 Fri No General Meeting this month..................
24 Thurs Summer Bat Walk................ 7:00 pm
25 Fri Summer Bat Walk............................. 7:00 pm
26 Sat San Bernardino Mountains trip.......... 8:00 am
28 Mon Fledgling Camp (full) June 28-July 2........ 9:00 am
28 Mon Marsh Bird Camp, session 1: June 28-July 2... 9:00 am

July 2010
04 Sun Santiago Oaks trip - holiday cancellation
05 Mon Marsh Bird Camp, session 2: July 5-9......... 9:00 am
11 Sun SJWS Monthly Bird Walk.................. 8:00 am
12 Mon Birds, Bugs & Blossoms Camp: July 12-16..... 9:00 am
18 Sun Seasons of Nature Walk....................... 9:00 am
31 Sat SUMMER BBQ........................................ 5:30 pm