Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Oct. 30 - 7:30 to 10:30 am
at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
Will YOU be there?

Those of you who came to our Pancake Breakfast last year will recall what fun it was! We had a great menu of hot cakes & sausages right off the griddle, orange juice, fresh fruit, plenty of hot coffee, and milk for the kids. After breakfast, most people went to investigate the bird life around the ponds, browsed through the interesting assortment of used nature books for sale, visited Audubon House, talked with the bird feeding experts from Wild Birds Unlimited about how to attract birds to their yards, or checked out the latest in birding optics from Optics4Birding on the Duck Club back porch.

This year, we’ve scheduled bird walks for you before and after breakfast. We will also have scope stations at the nearest ponds so you can get a close-up view of the birds.

We’ve been collecting books for months and have an intriguing assortment of used nature books just waiting for you to browse through at our Book Sales Tables. (Get there early while the best book bargains are still available!)

The menu and prices for this year’s Pancake Breakfast will remain the same as last year:
- Adults - $10
- Children 10 & under - $6
- Little ones 3 & under - free

Reservations are a must for this event — otherwise, we won’t know how much food to buy! Please call Audubon House at 949-261-7963 to reserve your place at our table; leave your name, phone number, and number of people attending in your party. Reservations will be accepted until 4 pm on Oct. 28th.

We look forward to seeing you!

Nancy Kenyon

Note: If construction on Riparian View goes according to schedule, our access road to the SJWS will change to Campus Drive on October 18th. See directions on page 11.

General Meeting
Friday evening, Oct. 15 - 7:30 PM
“Spring Migration in Gambell, AK”
presented by Dick Cabe

Gambell on St. Lawrence Island west of Nome is a place that lures birders during migration because of the excellent chance of seeing rare species from Asia. Gambell is closer to Russian than it is to the North American mainland. It’s a special place with no trees, but plenty of “boneyards” where Yupik people buried the remains of the whales, walrus and other prey items, snow & icebergs even in June, beautiful tundra plants, and millions of birds flying past the “point” at the beach every day. Dovekies and large numbers of Least, Parakeet and Crested Auklets, all four eider species, and five loons thrill the birders.

Dick Cabe has taken Wings trips to Gambell with Jon Dunn in 2003, 2005 and 2009, laden with camera, binoculars, and ‘scope. Join him to hear about this enchanting place and see his photographs of the birds, native people, land, and plants of St. Lawrence Island. Gambell really tests the mettle of birders because of its cold, often rainy or snowy or windy or foggy weather, maybe even all on the same day! In late May and early June the sun never really sets, so some birders are out even at midnight.

Dick has been involved in seeing and photographing birds for forty years and has taken about a dozen trips to Alaska including one trip lasting two months in which he saw most of the Aleutian islands on a pelagic trip beginning in Vladivostok, Russia. He’s a member of the Sea and Sage photographers’ group which meets at Jim Gallagher’s house.

We hope you will join us for this unusual program at the Duck Club at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the meeting begins at 7:30. Full directions to our meeting are on page 11.

Pat & Dick Cabe, Programs Co-Chairs
Raptor Research Programs
by Scott Thomas

Our Conservation Committee Meetings are usually held on the 1st Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30 PM in the Blue House, but there will be no Conservation Meeting in October.

If you’ve been with us a while you know that Sea and Sage devotes a lot of attention to raptors in Orange County and the southern California area. We have been studying and banding raptors for more than 40 years. We provide raptor field trips, we operate volunteer raptor observation programs, many of our monthly meetings are devoted to raptors, and raptors have been at the core of much of our chapter’s conservation work. This fall we will be working to get a significant section of the chapter’s website completed on all of the raptor programs. We want the website to be a place to learn more about raptors and what we do as a chapter to enjoy raptors and support their conservation.

Some of our most recent work involves the census of Orange County White-tailed Kite territories, tracking Turkey Vultures with satellite and radio telemetry, and tracking young Red-tailed Hawks with satellite telemetry. We are continuing a 40 year banding study of Red-tailed Hawks and Red-Shouldered Hawks. Each year we help independent raptor researchers with the banding of nearly 500 chicks, which covers almost every species of raptor that breeds in Orange County.

One of our more recent projects involves investigating and understanding the impacts of secondary poisoning of raptors from a staggering increase in the use of rat poisons, especially in urban areas. The Conservation Committee is using portions of its annual budget to fund the testing of Red-shouldered Hawks and Cooper’s Hawks found dead in Orange County. Our concern is that rat poisons, mostly anti-coagulants, are seriously impacting these and other raptors. Portions of this project are already posted on the website and we need help from our members with this project.

On a more upbeat note, perhaps you’ve heard we had our first ever Osprey chick hatched and fledged from the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary this spring. The nesting platform was erected at the Marsh by the Irvine Ranch Water District and was successful much sooner than we had ever anticipated. To add to the excitement, we learned that the adult female Osprey at the nest (mom) was one of the chicks that hatched from the nesting platform at the Back Bay Science Center in 2008. We gained this very special piece of information about the banded female Osprey by reading her band number from the photographers’ pictures; this was a bird we banded as a nestling at the Newport Bay nesting platform. The Newport Bay nest was the first successful Osprey nest in Orange County in nearly 100 years, with its first clutch having been reared in 2007.

This year we will be focusing on Swainson’s Hawks, both in the Antelope Valley to our north and at Borrego Springs to the south. There is a small but substantial population of about 10 pairs of Swainson’s Hawks nesting in the Antelope Valley which is the furthest south nesting area of Swainson’s remaining in California. This species nested throughout southern California until the turn of the 20th century. Borrego Springs, near the Imperial Valley to the south, has recently been discovered to be a very special place to witness Swainson’s Hawk migrations, especially in the spring when they travel north from as far away as Argentina. You can find out more on their migration by searching the web for Swainson’s Hawks and Borrego Springs.

Locally, we are gathering some very interesting information about Turkey Vultures, thanks to the generous help of many Sea and Sage members who have been reporting sightings of tagged birds. In the summer of 2009, we wing tagged (patagial tag) nearly 70 local vultures near Irvine Lake. The letters and numbers painted on a white tag on the vultures’ wings, visible from above or below the birds, are very easy to read with optics and/or digital cameras. We have much more information already posted on the website about this project.

There is too much going on to put it all in the Tattler, so I hope you can join us this year to get out and learn more about our raptors. Maybe join us in the Antelope Valley for our January 16 Hawk Banding field trip, or go on an Owl Prowl or other raptor trip at Starr Ranch Sanctuary. Keep one eye on the webpage for more information and another for banded raptors.

Thanks,

The Conservation Committee and Raptor Research Programs
Due to the number of noteworthy bird observations that occurred over the summer period, there are still a few to catch up on that we couldn’t get to in the last “Rarities” column. We’ll start right in, then, by updating the county’s “biggest draw” of the summer—the Sooty Tern at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (BC), which was presumably the same bird here as last year, back for an encore performance. After the bird finally settled in awhile, beginning June 26, it was seen fairly regularly until Aug. 22. Another significant report from mid-summer included the observation of two Bald Eagles, which county landfill personnel occasionally observed perching at the Santiago Landfill (immediately west of Irvine Lake) during June and early July. During a coordinated visit by Vic Leipzig and Nancy Kenyon, on July 15, no eagles were seen, although photo documentation was reviewed that depicted an adult and a one- or two-year-old type bird. During the 2008 and 2009 summer periods there had been single sightings of an adult Bald Eagle in the nearby Irvine Regional Park area. Therefore, it appears that one, and now possibly two, Bald Eagles have been summering in the county. In contrast, Golden Eagles are known to be rare residents in the more remote areas of the county. As evidence of this, two adults were observed over O’Neill Regional Park, July 3, and over Mission Viejo, July 26 (Gary Meredith, Bruce Aird), while a single adult was over the former MCAS El Toro air station, Aug. 8 (Jeff Cowell). One more adult Golden Eagle over Irvine, in the vicinity of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS), Sept. 6 (Doug Willick), was at a less expected location for this species in Orange County. During an Aug. 5 trip to upper Silverado Canyon, the following birds (both rare or very localized breeding species in the county) were recorded by Neil Gilbert: Hairy Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Sage Sparrow (which may have been a dispersing bird at this location) and Chipping Sparrows (at a potentially new breeding location for the county).

Reddish Egrets are slowly increasing as visitors to coastal saltmarshes in southern California, and relatively high numbers have been seen in Orange County (primarily BC) during the last couple years. After a brief absence during late spring, an adult Reddish Egret was again present at BC in mid July, followed by a juvenile here in late July (Brian Daniels). By Aug. 25 (and continuing through at least Sept. 4), four adults and one juvenile were carefully noted at BC (David Bell; Jim Pike, B. Daniels, D. Willick), which may equal a high count in the county for one location. Another immature Reddish Egret was observed at the mouth of the Santa Ana River, Aug. 2 (Marshall Iliff). A juvenile Little Blue Heron was a nice find at BC, Aug. 27-Sept. 4 (Tim Foltz, Steve Smith). Single Cattle Egrets, now a fairly rare and irregular visitor to the county, were along San Juan Creek, Aug. 14 (Robert McNab), and along the upper Santa Ana River (SAR), Aug. 25 (N. Gilbert).

Shorebird migration in OC “heated up” during August, when several rarities were discovered. Most noteworthy of these were two Stilt Sandpipers, both adults in breeding plumage, including one at BC, Aug. 1 (B. Daniels) and the other at SJWS, Aug. 2 (Bettina Eastman, Les Redpath). Unprecedented single-location tallies were recorded for two rare-but-regular shorebird species, when seven Semipalmated Sandpipers were carefully picked out at the south end of BC, Aug. 6 (B. Daniels; N. Gilbert), and eleven Solitary Sandpipers (obviously not living up to their name) congregated along a stretch of the upper SAR, Aug. 25 (N. Gilbert). Additional Solitaries (appropriately all singles this time) were reported at SJWS, Aug. 17, 21 and 26 (Steve Sosensky, Richard Thunen and Julie Bryson); at HCP, Aug. 22 (Pat and Dick Cabe); and along San Diego Creek, Aug. 28 (N. Gilbert). A Baird’s Sandpiper was at the south end of BC, Aug. 21 (B. Daniels), and a Pectoral Sandpiper was at SJWS, Sept. 1-6 (R. Thunen). A Pacific Golden-Plover at BC, Aug. 21 (B. Daniels), was possibly a bird returning to winter. A few Common Terns began appearing at BC in late Aug. and early Sept., as expected, but one at SJWS, Sept. 6 (D. Willick), was a bit out-of-place. Two Black Terns were at SJWS, Sept. 8 (David Bell).

It has been a good year for White-winged Doves in the county. One was seen flying along the 405 freeway in Huntington Beach, Aug. 10 (Mike Trotta); another visited a Huntington Beach yard, Aug. 18 (Sylvia and Jim Gallagher); and a third warded off other dove species at a Dana Point feeder, Aug. 22-30 (Joel Weintraub). Eurasian Collared-Doves continue to turn up at new locations around the county; a group of 23 in San Juan Capistrano, Aug. 14 (R. McNab), and others in the east Irvine-Lake Forest area (B. Aird), were at locations where this species appears to have become established.

Bank Swallows were noted at two locations on Sept. 8, with two at SJWS (D. Bell), and one to two at the south end of BC (B. Daniels). Unusual blackbird discoveries for the county included a Yellow-headed Blackbird along the upper SAR, Aug. 25 (N. Gilbert), and one to two Tricolored Blackbirds at Laguna Niguel Regional Park (LNRP), July 11 (R. McNab). Early landbird “vagrants” to have occurred so far this fall include an adult Black-throated Sparrow at the Dana Point Headlands, Aug. 23 (J. Weintraub), a Tennessee Warbler at LNRP, Sept. 6 (R. McNab), and an adult male Rose-breasted Grosbeak at Turtle Rock Community Park, Sept. 6 (D. Willick).
Chapter News & Announcements

For more information about Sea and Sage activities, check our Schedule (List) of Chapter Activities or the Calendar of Chapter Activities under MAIN AREAS on the upper left side of the home page: www.seaandsageaudubon.org

Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in September and October: Sonia Appell, Pat & Dick Cabe, Carolyn Cooper, Tom Drouet, Fresia Escalon, Judy Fritts, Pat Heilig, Cindi Herrera, Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Lauretta Kyle, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Betty Purdy, Barbara Reber, John Shaddy, Susan Sheakley, Bev Spring, Betty Swift, Beryl Vogel, 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.

Receiving the Tattler:

If you have notified the US Postal Service that you are going to be temporarily away, please also advise Sea and Sage Audubon of your new temporary mailing address, or to stop delivery of Sea & Sage mailings until your return. This will save us from paying return postage fees. Please notify Sea & Sage upon your return so that we may update your address accordingly.

New Entrance Road to the Marsh

If construction at the IRWD water treatment plant goes according to schedule, our access road to Audubon House, the Duck Club and the Marsh will change to Campus Drive on Monday, October 18th. See directions on page 11.

Bookstore and Giftshop News

Our bookstore inside Audubon House is open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is also open 45 minutes before our monthly General Meetings, so be sure to stop by and pay us a visit. New arrivals this month include: Bird Feathers: A Guide to NA Species; Peterson FG Identifying and Feeding Birds (Bill Thompson III); Nightjars, Potoos, Frogmouths, Oilbird and Owllet-nightjars of the World; Mariposa Road: the First Butterfly Big Year (Pyle); Moths of Western NA (Powell and Opler); The Amazing Monarch: the Secret Wintering Grounds of an Endangered Species. Also in stock, 2011 calendars; mouse pads; a new line of coffee mugs and coasters; lens cleaning cloths (from a local photographer); and the popular shorebird bucket caps and tote bags. October specials - Peterson FG to Hawks of NA (reg. $21.75 - sale $17) and Waterfowl: World ID (out of print); listed $68 - sale $29 (7 copies left).

Used Nature Books Wanted!

Attention members! Here is an easy way to support your chapter! Start your fall cleaning now! Clear out your bookshelves and take down any unused books on birds, natural history, travel & gardening to donate to Sea and Sage for our Annual Pancake Breakfast Used Books Sale. Proceeds from this sale will benefit our education & conservation projects. All donations will be greatly appreciated! Deliver them to Audubon House by Wednesday, October 27th.

WANTED: Bird Lists for West Coyote Hills

Birders, we need your help. If you have records of any birds that you have seen or heard at West Coyote Hills in Fullerton, we need your lists. An Important Birding Area, the Hills are a stopover site for birds migrating along the Pacific Flyway. We are attempting to assemble complete information on the number of species using the site. We currently show 119 species, but we think that there are many more. Various migratory birds, common in Fullerton, are missing from the list.

Please mail your lists to: Coyote Hills Birds, Sea and Sage Audubon, PO Box 5447, Irvine CA 92616, or send them by email to: nancykenyon@cox.net

Go Paperless!

Sign up to receive your newsletter via email — get your issues faster, help save natural resources, reduce waste, and help our chapter save money! You can read it online or print out the pages you need to refer to more frequently. They’re in pdf format and will look and print exactly like the original ones. E-mail nancykenyon@cox.net to start your paper-free Tattler delivery today! (offer good only for chapter members in good standing)

Photographers’ Meeting

Fri, Oct. 1st at 7:30 pm

The next Photo Meeting is Friday evening, October 1st at 7:30 pm at Jim Gallagher’s house in Huntington Beach. Limit 30 photos per person. Call Jim if you need directions to his house: 714-962-8990. If you will be bringing digital photo, please follow the guidelines listed on our webpage at: www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Meetings/meetings.htm
Sea & Sage Audubon

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Sat., October 30th, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.
at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine

Bargain -
Used Nature Books for Sale

Our annual used book sale features a wide assortment of nature books appropriate for birders, teachers, students and all nature lovers. Books are priced from 50¢ up. Come early for the best selection.

Delicious -
Hot Pancake Breakfast

Enjoy hot pancakes right off the griddle, tasty sausages, fruits of the season, cold orange juice, hot coffee and milk for the kids. Dine with family, friends and fellow birders in the Duck Club or at the picnic tables in the meadow. Reservations are a must, so we know how much food to buy.

Bird Walks & Scope Stations around the marsh

We have scheduled 3 morning bird walks around the marsh and will also have several spotting scope stations by the ponds closest to Audubon House. This will give you a great opportunity to get a good look at the shorebirds and ducks, egrets, herons, and other birds which frequent the sanctuary.

Don’t forget to stop by Audubon House!

Stop by Audubon House for a visit to see our taxidermy birds and our excellent reference library, and check out our outstanding gift and book store. The volunteers at Audubon House will answer your questions about Sea and Sage, wild birds, our education and conservation programs, etc.

$10 - Adults
$6 - Children 10 & under
Free - Children 3 & under

The San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary has over 12 miles of trails to explore. This will be a wonderful day to explore one of those paths through the wetlands.

Make your reservations today or anytime before 1:00 pm, Friday, October 29th. Call Audubon House, 949-261-7963. Questions? Call Mary Joseph, 714-848-8362.
Oct. & Nov. Field Trips

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

Monthly Bird Walk at Santiago Oaks
1st Sunday - Oct. 3rd & Nov. 7th - 7:30 am
Join Linette Lina for a monthly bird walk at Santiago Oaks Regional Park at 7:30 am. The mix of oak, riparian and coastal sage scrub habitats make Santiago Oaks one of the best places in Orange County to watch for fall songbird migrants. 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, and water. Meet in the upper end of the parking lot.

Linette Lina, Leader

Monthly Bird Walk at the SJWS
2nd Sunday - Oct. 10th & Nov. 14th - 8:00 am
Join Chris Obaditch for a monthly bird walk around the ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine at 8 am. The shorebirds and ducks are returning, so there will be many more birds to see this month. (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

Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat ®
3rd Wed - Oct. 20th & Nov. 17th - 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. Unlike previous trips in Upper Newport Bay, these 2 trips will be in a larger capacity boat belonging to the Newport Seabase; passenger limit is 15 persons and there is a $10 trip fee. (Our regular boat is not accessible at the present time while the Back Bay Science Center’s boat dock is getting some timely repairs.) Contact Sally Menzel for reservations for the Oct 20 trip and Nancy Kenyon for reservations for the Nov. 17 trip. Directions to the Seabase boat dock will be provided to those with reservations. If at all possible, please make your reservations by email so that we can email you back the directions. The trip fee will be collected by the trip leader on the day of the trip; please bring the exact amount by cash or check (payable to Sea & Sage Audubon).

Sally Menzel: 949-725-0715;  sally.f.menzel@cox.net
Nancy Kenyon: 949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net

Fall Migration at Huntington Central Park
Friday - Oct. 15th - 8:00 to 11:00 am
Huntington Central Park often has a fine show of birds during fall migration and we hope to see a few. 2009 had several Baltimore Orioles and several eastern warbler species including Ovenbird, sparrows such as Green-tailed Towhees and Chipping Sparrows, so who knows what this year will bring! Meet us at the north end of the Huntington Beach Library parking lot, above the bandstand. Directions: Exit 405 or 22 freeways south past Slater. Turn in left at the Huntington Beach Library sign (also known as Talbert). Drive forward to the far left corner of the parking lot.

Pat & Dick Cabe, Leaders

Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge ®
Saturday - Nov. 20th - 7:30 am
This 923-acre refuge contains an extensive, unspoiled salt water marsh, heavily vegetated, with tidal channels throughout. The refuge supports a great variety of raptors, waterfowl, shorebirds, and songbirds. Local specialties include Loggerhead Shrikes, Belted Kingfishers, and Peregrine Falcons. This field trip is held at the Seal Beach NWR which is located on the grounds of the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station in Seal Beach; trip size is limited to 20 persons and advance reservations are mandatory. Photo ID may be required in order to enter the premises. Contact Nancy Kenyon at nancykenyon@cox.net or 949-786-3160 for trip reservations. Leave your name and phone number. Nancy will contact you after Nov. 1st to confirm your reservation.

We will meet in the parking lot by the main gate of the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station at 7:30 am. This is located at the intersection of Heron Pointe/Forrestal Ln and Seal Beach Blvd. (Forrestal is the street that enters the base; Heron Pointe is on the opposite side of Seal Beach Blvd. There is a signal at this intersection; the address is 800 Seal Beach Blvd. The station is located on the east side of Seal Beach Blvd. about 2 miles south of the #405 Frwy. and 1 mile north of Pacific Coast Hwy. Late comers will not be admitted. We may be using government vans rather than our own vehicles to enter the facility. Bring binoculars, field guide, and a scope if you have one. Restrooms will be available at one of the stops. The trip will end at noon.

Leader - Kirk Gilligan
Reservations - Nancy Kenyon
nancykenyon@cox.net ; 949-786-3160
**Field Trip Schedule for 2010-2011**

CLIP OUT THIS SCHEDULE & SAVE IT. Mark the trips you are interested in on your calendar. Be sure to check the current Tattler as well as the chapter webpage each month for up-to-date field trip information. For additional info on the status of any field trip, check the chapter webpage: www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/FieldTripSchedule.html

### September
- 05 Sun Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 12 Sun San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 15 Wed Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)
- 25 Sat Fall Pelagic Trip out of Dana Point (R2)

### October
- 03 Sun Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 10 Sun San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 15 Fri Huntington Central Park
- 20 Wed Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1a)

### November
- 07 Sun Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 12-14 F-S Morro Bay Trip (R3)
- 14 Sun San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 17 Wed Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1a)
- 20 Sat Seal Beach NWR (R1)

### December
- 05 Sun Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 12 Sun San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 15 Wed Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1a)
- 18 Sat San Juan Capistrano CBC
- 19 Sun Northeastern (Inland) CBC

### January
- 02 Sun Coastal CBC
- 02 Sun Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 07 Fri Bolsa Chica
- 08 Sat CBC Specialties
- 09 Sun San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 09 Sun Batiquitos Lagoon
- 16 Sun Antelope Valley Hawk Banding Trip
- 19 Wed Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)
- 22 Sat Winter Pelagic Trip (R2)
- 29-30 S-S Salton Sea weekend trip (R4)

### February
- 4-6 F-S Bill Clark’s Hawk ID Class [Beginners] (R5)
- 06 Sun Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 11-13 F-S Bill Clark’s Hawk ID Class [Intermed/Advanced] (R5)
- 13 Sun San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 14 Mon Seal Beach NWR (R1)

### March
- 06 Sun Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 13 Sun San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 16 Wed Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)
- 19 Sat Work with Kimball Garrett
- 26 Sat Heise Park (R7)
- 26 Sat Owl Prowl at Starr Ranch (R6)

### April
- 03 Sun Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 10 Sun San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 20 Wed Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)
- tba S-S Eastern Sierra weekend trip (R8)
- 27 Wed Laguna Niguel Regional Park
- 29 Fri Huntington Central Park
- 24-30 S-S Great Marsh Bird Count
- 30 Sat Birddathon

### May
- 01 Sun Big Morongo Preserve & vicinity
- 01 Sun Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 06 Fri Prado Regional Park
- 08 Sun San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 13-15 F-S Southern Utah Trip (R9)
- 18 Wed Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)
- 27-30 F-M Southern Sierra 4-day trip (R10)

### June
- 05 Sun Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 12 Sun San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 15 Wed Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)
- 25 Sat Mountain Birds Trip [with Doug Willick] (R1)

### July
- 03 Sun Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 10 Sun San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 20 Wed Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)

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**How to Make Advance Reservations for Field Trips**

(R) This symbol means advance reservations are necessary. If there is no symbol by the trip name, reservations are not necessary. Any trip listed here may be signed up for in advance.

**Directions for making trip reservations** are in the tattler, on the webpage, and on this page. If there is a trip fee, make check payable to SEA & SAGE AUDUBON & mail it to: Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Be sure to indicate the name & date of the trip AND your phone number and email address so that trip info & confirmation can be sent to you. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope ONLY if you do not have email.

All trip participants will be required to sign a trip waiver releasing Sea & Sage from liability. A copy of the waiver is on our chapter webpage in the Field Trips section. No refunds for trip cancellations will be given less than 30 days prior to date of trip unless someone is found to fill the vacancy. Remember to check the Sea & Sage website for up-to-date info on any trip you plan to go on. This section of the website is kept up to date!

**The following field trips require advance reservations:**

- **R1** – no trip fee; space limited. Contact Nancy.
- **R1a** – $10 trip fee for Oct, Nov. & possibly Dec. trips
- **R2** – Fall Pelagic trip $50; Winter Pelagic trip $50
- **R3** – Morro Bay Trip $40 (Trip is already filled.)
- **R4** – Salton Sea weekend trip $25
- **R5** – Bill Clark’s Hawk ID workshops (see Dec. Tattler)
- **R6** – Owl Prowl Trip $20
- **R7** – Heise Park Trip (fee to be announced later)
- **R8** – Eastern Sierra weekend trip $30
- **R9** – Southern Utah Trip (fee to be announced later)
- **R10** – Southern Sierra 4-day trip $15 per day

Additional field trips will be added to this schedule during the year. Check the online Field Trip Schedule for the latest trip listings and to find out if a particular trip still has room. Contact FT Chair, Nancy Kenyon, for trip questions or reservations at nancykenyon@cox.net or by phone at 949-786-3160. Full info on the trips will be listed under “This Month’s Field Trips” on the webpage; this page usually covers a 3-month period.
News about Special Birding Events
by Nancy Kenyon

News about Upcoming Birding Festivals, Birding Conferences & Meetings, a special trip to Cape May, a Field Trip about Migratory Birds at UNB and Volunteer Opportunities (ways you can help us)

Cape May Birding Trip

Jon Feenstra has offered to lead a special week long trip, under the auspices of WINGS, for seven interested birders from Sea & Sage, to Cape May in mid/late Sept. of 2011. Trip dates will be 9/19 to 9/26. Although Jon now lives in CA, he is from New Jersey and is very familiar with all the wonderful birding spots in the Cape May area. Jon is a wonderful leader and a very experienced birder. The trip is in the planning stage right now, but I expect to have full information on it very soon. I will post the trip info on the chapter webpage. If you are interested, please contact me. Nancy Kenyon; 949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net

Can You Give Us a Hand?

We are looking for some helpful people to assist us with our upcoming Pancake Breakfast on Sat. morning, Oct. 30. This event is staffed entirely by volunteers and we expect around 150 people to attend. If you can help us out in any way, we would really appreciate it. It’s lots of fun to work together on a project of this nature; I sign up to help every year and wouldn’t miss it for anything! Volunteers are needed to help set up Friday evening. On Saturday, we need bird walk leaders, Scope Stations helpers, people to help with parking, food prep, clean up & pack up, refresh condiments & beverages, book sales table helpers, etc. A signup sheet will be at our Sept. & Oct. Meetings, at Audubon House, and on the webpage. For more info, contact Mary Joseph at 714-848-8362.

Central Valley Birding Symposium
Nov. 18-21, 2010 in Stockton

The annual Central Valley Birding Symposium is one of the best birding festivals of the year with great workshops, field trips, evening programs & the ever popular Birders Market. Workshops include Jon Dunn on Sparrows and Joe Morlan on Shorebird ID. Evening programs include Paul Bannick on “Owls and Woodpeckers” and Moose Peterson on California’s Threatened and Endangered Birds”. (Paul Bannick will be presenting this same program to us at our 2011 Summer BBQ.) For more information & registration, go to the website at www.cvbs.org or contact Frances Oliver at hummer52@sbcglobal.net

Migratory Birds at Newport Bay

UNB Naturalists will lead a 2 hour bird walk in Upper Newport Bay on Sat., Oct. 16th. Meeting time is 9 am at the Big Canyon parking lot. Bring binoculars and an interest in observing some of the birds which have migrated to the UNB. Migration routes, specific behavior, seasonal changes in appearance, and Bay habitats will be discussed. Reservations are encouraged; call 949-923-2296. Directions: From Jamboree in Newport Beach, exit on San Joaquin Hills Rd. and drive west toward the bay; at Back Bay Drive, turn right for a quarter of a mile to the parking lot.

Two Meetings for Birders

The annual meeting of Western Field Ornithologists will be held in Palm Desert Oct. 13-17. As many of you know, WFO meetings offer a unique blend of birding and science and this year’s meeting is no exception.
Sea & Sage Audubon Society

Birds of Southern California
An Introductory Birding Skills Workshop
presented by Sylvia Gallagher

Sea & Sage Audubon Society is again offering weekly workshops in bird identification for beginning birders. If you have been birding casually for a while, you should also consider enrolling. Professional biologists whose expertise is not in ornithology find these workshops helpful, too. Each session will feature about 15 common birds of a particular local habitat on the coastal side of the mountains. With the use of printed worksheets and slides from the Sea & Sage Library, Sylvia Gallagher will help you learn to identify those birds. In the process, you’ll also be introduced to a variety of other topics, such as bird families, plumages and molts, bird topography, distribution and habitat preferences, behavior, vocalizations, the birding literature, birding ethics and etiquette, etc.

The topics to be covered in the series are:
- Birds of neighborhoods
- Birds of playing fields and parking lots
- Birds of mudflats and shallow water
- Birds of the ocean shore
- Birds of the open country
- Birds of prey
- Birds of the streamside woodland
- Birds of lakes, ponds and marshes

Each section will have ten weekly meetings at the Gallagher home in Huntington Beach. Four half-day field trips will be scheduled on Saturdays (Oct. 23, Nov. 6 and 20, Dec. 11 — times to be announced). The dates and times for the workshop sessions are listed below.

| Wed. evenings: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., Sept. 29 - Dec. 15, except Oct. 13 and Nov. 24 |
| Thurs. mornings: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Sept. 30 - Dec. 16, except Oct. 14 and Nov. 25 |
| Thurs. evenings: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., Sept. 30 - Dec. 16, except Oct. 14 and Nov. 25 |

The maximum enrollment for each section is 23. If any section does not have at least 12 people enrolled by Sept. 21 it will be cancelled. Reserve early though, because some sections may fill completely. A donation of $80.00 (or more) per person is requested, if you can afford it. Bring your money to the first session.

The required book for the workshop is *Birds of North America* by Kenn Kaufman (Houghton Mifflin Co., any edition). It is available at Audubon House for $18.75 including tax, or you can buy one at the first meeting. You will also need to bring binoculars to meetings no later than the third session—preferably sooner.

Send your reservation for this workshop to: Introductory Workshop, c/o Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln, Huntington Beach CA 92646. Placement in sections will be based on postmark date. Enclose a long (4”x 9.5”) self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE). Confirmations will be mailed Sept. 22, including preliminary information and a map to the meeting place. For further information, call Sylvia at (714) 962-8990.

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**Enrollment Form for Introductory Birding Skills Workshops (Fall 2010)**

| Names of all participants | ____________________________ |
| Address(es) | ____________________________ |
| City & Zip Code | ____________________________ |
| Phone | ____________________________ | E-mail | ____________________________ |
| Check or rank your choice of section: WED. p.m. ___ THURS. a.m. ___ THURS. p.m. ___ SASE enclosed? ___ |
| Do you plan to buy a book at the first meeting? ____ If more than one, how many? ___ |
**Welcome Junior Naturalists!**  
*by Dawn Zuniga*

The 2010-2011 Junior Naturalist Program is going to be great this year! We have lots of new members and many of our team from last year are returning.

We’ve started our year with a very successful “Planning Meeting" at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Teens, parents, and siblings all offered great suggestions for some trips and events while having a tasty pizza snack. The ideas that were brought up covered areas from the desert to the sea. We have such an incredibly smart, fun, and imaginative group of teens in this program! The events this year will cover a variety of locations and will offer stewardship opportunities as well.

The Junior Naturalists would like to welcome our newest teens: Matthew Bartush, Amy Chang, Rae Holcomb, Chelsea Madden, Katie Mahaffey, Roselind Nolde, Kate Platz, Shannon Theisen, and Caroline Werth. Our returning teens are: Hunter Craft, Andrea Hendrixson, Maxx Kominsky, Caleb Speakman, Sofia Speakman, and Jeremy Zuniga.

The program owes a great "Thank You" to Sea and Sage Audubon members and Board of Directors for supplying scholarships as well as support for our teen birders. We would also like to thank the parents and family members who encourage these great teens in their efforts.

The Junior Naturalist Program is coordinated by Dawn Zuniga and assisted by Deana Hendixson, the Junior Naturalist Aide. Project Director of Education, Trude Hurd, provides general support and our Birding Mentors are Jenny Golden, Beverly Hargrove, and Sally Menzel. The entire team is dedicated to helping teens get the most out of what nature and birding has to offer. We are all looking forward to a great year!

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**The Marsh Education Project Wish List**  
*by Trude Hurd*

Each year, our Marsh Education Project shares the importance of wildlife and habitat with thousands of people. We accomplish this on a limited budget with the help of many volunteers. We would love to have you involved this year. Don’t put it off any longer! If you like teaching, nature, and children, then you would be great with our naturalists and artists who lead short outdoor programs for children during the school year. Those with scouting experience might volunteer with our community tour program to ensure that what we offer corresponds to scouting badge requirements.

Do you like writing, artistic design, and nature? Then your experience would help to update our brochures and design new nature displays for the public. If you love creating nature art or wildlife photos, we now have opportunities to display artwork and wildlife photography inside Audubon House for public viewing. Writers with big-picture brains are always needed for the education grant-writing team. Do you like parties and special events? You can assist brainstorming some new fundraising activities where people can come to the marsh to have FUN with their friends. We have lots of taxidermy birds that need sponsors from $45 to $200 to replace or enhance our current collection. If you have a large colorful parrot, we could use its large molted feathers for summer camp art projects.

There are lots of educational opportunities, whether teaching or behind-the-scenes, that might interest you and help us immensely. Sharing your love of nature is the common denominator. Please call Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education, at 949-261-7964 to discover how you can share your talents and abilities.

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**Seasons of Nature Walk**  
*Sunday, Oct. 17th - 9:00 am*

There are wonders of nature to experience at every season at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Join us at 9:00 am on Sunday, October 17th for an easy hour and a half "Seasons of Nature" walk to witness the varied interactions among plants, insects, birds, and other wildlife at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. These walks are for everyone, young and old alike, and they're free!

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**Nature Discovery Kits**  
*a great resource for teachers*

Did you know that we have 5 great Nature Discovery Kits available for checkout by teachers: BATS, OWLS, BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS, SONGBIRD NESTS, and REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS? Each kit contains a Teacher Resource Notebook, reference books for teachers, a research project for students, and a variety of mounted specimens, videos, audio-cassettes, posters, read-aloud books, puppets, etc. For more information, see: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Education/NatureKits/NatureDiscoveryKits.html](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Education/NatureKits/NatureDiscoveryKits.html)
Directions and Membership

Directions to Audubon House, Chapter Meetings, and the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary Audubon membership form, Tattler subscriptions, and Remember Us in Your Will or Trust

Directions

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

REGULAR route
to be used through Sun, Oct. 17th

from Michelson

From the San Diego Fwy (405), exit on Jamboree south toward Newport Beach. At the 1st signal (Michelson), turn left. Continue on Michelson to 4th signal (Riparian View) and turn right toward the Irvine Ranch Water District plant. Follow the signs directing you to Audubon House and the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Continue down the road to a short driveway down into a parking lot. The 1st building you will see will be Audubon House; the Duck Club is adjacent to Audubon House. 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 daily from 8 am to 4 pm
949-261-7963

Stop by Audubon House for a trail map. Browse through our bookstore and gift shop. Look at our taxidermy birds and check out our library. Take a look at the bird board checklist on the Audubon House front porch to find out what exciting birds have been spotted recently. Our friendly Audubon House volunteers are there to help you and to answer your questions.

Tattler Subscriptions

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 or an additional $5 for 1st class mailing. 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, our Chapter Meetings & the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary

NEW route
to be used beginning Mon, Oct. 18th

from Campus Dr.

From the San Diego Fwy (405), exit on Culver and head south. Drive down Culver to Campus Drive & turn right. From Campus, turn right on to Riparian View immediately after crossing the San Diego Creek. There will not be a signal at the intersection of Campus & Riparian so you will need to watch very carefully. (You can only enter Riparian View from the right lane; it is illegal to make a left turn from Campus on to Riparian because Campus is a 2-lane road at this point and you would block traffic.) Drive along Riparian to the short driveway leading down into a parking lot; there will be a sign directing you to turn there. The sanctuary is open every day from dawn until dusk.

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.

National Audubon Society Membership: Check one [ ]

[ ] NEW MEMBERSHIP: $20 - Individual or Family members
[ ] NEW MEMBERSHIP: $15 - Senior (62+ yrs) or Student

[ ] RENEWAL: $35 - Regular Membership
[ ] RENEWAL: $15 - Senior 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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http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OrangeCountyBirding/

CALENDAR OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

October 2010
03 Sun Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk .......... 7:30 am
05 Tues No Conservation Com. Mtg. this month ..........
10 Sun SJWS Monthly Bird Walk ................. 8:00 am
12 Tues Board Meeting ......................... 7:30 pm
15 Fri Huntington Central Park Bird Walk .... 8:00 am
15 Fri GENERAL MEETING .................... 7:30 pm
17 Sun Seasons of Nature walk ............... 9:00 am
20 Wed Upper Newport Bay by boat ............ 8:15 am
30 Sat PANCAKE BREAKFAST .............. 7:30 am

November 2010
02 Tues Conservation Committee Meeting .......... 6:30 pm
07 Sun Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk .......... 7:30 am
09 Tues Board Meeting ......................... 7:30 pm
12-14 F-S Morro Bay weekend trip (trip is full)
14 Sun SJWS Monthly Bird Walk ............ 8:00 am
17 Wed Upper Newport Bay by boat .......... 8:15 am
19 Fri GENERAL MEETING .................. 7:30 pm
20 Sat Seal Beach NWR trip .............. 7:30 am
23 Tues 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture .......... 7:30 pm