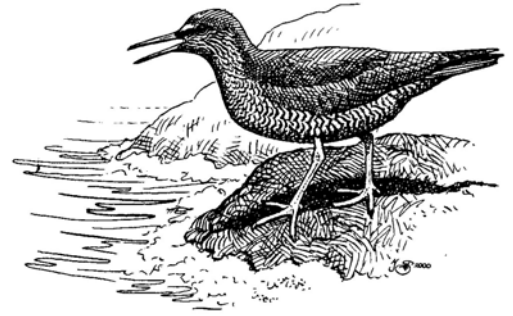


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## President's Message

*by Bruce Aird*

For most people, the name of Audubon is strongly associated with birds, and rightly so. In fact, it is a common misconception that birds and birding are the only things Audubon is about – many people are completely unaware that Audubon is primarily a conservation organization. Some people start with an interest in conservation and later become interested in birds. But more often, it is an interest in birds and birding that leads us to Audubon and thus into conservation. That was my own path. As a new birder in San Antonio, Texas, I met the lady who ran the Audubon chapter there and she got me involved in doing survey work at local parks. I soon became involved in conservation issues, and also in leading field trips to show those birds to others. Inevitably, fledgling birders take part in field trips, because when faced with the bewildering variety of birds around us, it's good to go out with someone who knows them better than you do. And it's even better if you can do that for free!

Sea & Sage Audubon operates an extensive program of field trips to a wide variety of locations. On the chapter website you will find pages devoted to accounts and species lists from past field trips and descriptions, meeting and contact information for upcoming trips. Some trips are regular monthly occurrences at constant locations like the walks at San Joaquin Marsh and Santiago Oaks Regional Park. Others go further afield to more exotic locations like the southern Sierra, the Owens Valley, or even to Utah and Arizona. Some involve boats, like our pelagic trips or the pontoon boat trips in Upper Newport Bay. Participating in field trips inevitably deepens a person's appreciation for birds, but also for the habitats that support them, and the importance of protecting those. The field trip program is a great resource to participants and the chapter alike. Beginning birders can find experts/mentors to help them and people new to the area find others who share their interest. Sometimes those people become the next generation of Audubon leaders. Okay, maybe not all that often, but you can't fault us for trying! I'll see you in the field, then...



## General Meeting

October 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday evening - 7:30 pm

### **“The Best of Birding with Stephen Ingraham”**

Photographer Stephen Ingraham, will share his stunning wildlife photos captured by digiscoping or by digital point and shoot cameras in the U.S. and other countries. He has been a birder for about 25 years, and a digiscoper for 10 years.

Stephen, the Birding and Observation Product Specialist for Carl Zeiss Sports Optics, travels to twenty birding and nature festivals each year, where he leads field trips and presents workshops on a variety of birding related topics. He is involved in product design, marketing, and administration at Zeiss; prior to that, he published “Better View Desired”, both in print and on the Web for many years. He served as the “Tools of the Trade” editor for *Birding* magazine, a publication of the American Birding Association. You can visit the Carl Zeiss Birding\_US blog ([www.zeissbirdingus.wordpress.com](http://www.zeissbirdingus.wordpress.com)) to see more of what he is up to.

Stephen's program will be shown at the Duck Club, at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. The doors open at 7:00 for refreshments and fellowship, and the meeting and program begin at 7:30 pm. We hope you will join us.

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

*Pat and Dick Cabe, Program Co-Chairs*

#### **Directions to our Meeting:**

From the San Diego Fwy (405): exit on Jamboree, south toward Newport Beach. At the 1<sup>st</sup> signal, turn left on Michelson. Continue on Michelson to the 5<sup>th</sup> signal which is Harvard and turn right. Drive to the next signal which is University and turn right. Drive to the next signal which is Campus Drive and 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 is marked with a green sign. If you miss the turn and reach Carlson, turn right & go around the block again to Harvard.

# Conservation News

by Scott Thomas



We will not be having a Conservation Committee Meeting in October, but be sure to join us for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. Conservation Lecture. The agenda for the Conservation Committee Meeting is always posted on our chapter webpage the week before the meeting.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Conservation Lecture

### “Restoring Desert Wetlands at the McCallum Oasis”

presented by Ginny Anne Short



Ginny Short

The October 25<sup>th</sup>, Fourth Tuesday Conservation Lecture will feature Ginny Short, Manager of the Center for Natural Lands Management Preserve in the Coachella Valley. Her talk will focus on restoration of a desert oasis at the McCallum Grove just east of Palm Springs.

The McCallum Grove is within the Thousand Palms and McCallum Grove Preserve, one of seven “preserves” that make up the entire Coachella Valley Preserve System. These cooperating preserves were originally set up and designed to protect the Coachella Valley Fringe-toed Lizard, an iguanid lizard found nowhere else in the world but the sand dunes of the Coachella Valley. The Thousand Palms Preserve contains an important hydrological component of the sand dune ecosystem. Within this wide wash flowing from the base of the San Bernardino mountains, perennial water flows, harboring two groves of our native California palm and a vast wetland. These groves and the perennial water are extremely important for native and migrating wildlife.

As Preserve Manager, Ginny plans and implements the research and management activities on the Thousand Palms Preserve, including restoration of these magnificent and rare desert wetlands. These wetlands have been subjected to encroachment by exotic plants and pests. Tamarisk removal, accomplished in the late 1990’s, continues today with constant monitoring. Current work also aims at removing non-native animal predators from the McCallum Pond.

Fall is one of the best times of year to visit the Preserve: migrant birds will be passing through and the weather should be comfortable. We will be leading a lecture series-companion field trip on Sunday, November 6, to visit some of the Preserve with Ginny. Sign ups will be available at the October 25<sup>th</sup> lecture.

## Conservation Field Trip to the Coachella Valley Preserve - Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am



Ginny Short

Ginny Short has graciously agreed to lead us on a field trip at one of the areas in the Coachella Valley Preserve. As you will find out when attending her lecture on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, the preserve serves as a home for a variety of wildlife as well as native palms and other plant species. A map and directions to our meeting place will be available at the lecture on Oct.

25<sup>th</sup> and afterwards on our chapter webpage. We do hope you can join us for this special trip to a unique desert area.

## Photographers’ Meeting Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

The next Photo Meeting will be Friday evening, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 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 photos, please follow the guidelines listed on our webpage at: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Meetings/meetings.htm](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Meetings/meetings.htm)

## Caution: Don’t use Tanglefoot!

This year, local bird rehabilitators have received birds which were severely injured trying to break free from this product. Tanglefoot is a very sticky substance applied to structures to deter insect pests. When it is applied in inappropriate places where birds and other wildlife come in contact with it, it can be devastating to them. Once they touch it, they cannot get free from it and break their wings and legs trying to get loose.

## Watch for Wing-tagged Turkey Vultures

Long time Sea & Sage member and Raptor Biologist, Pete Bloom, along with Scott Thomas and the Sea & Sage Raptor Research Program participants have been working on tracking Turkey Vultures in Orange County. They have marked a number of adult vultures with conspicuous white wing tags (called patagial tags or P-Tags) with a black alpha/numeric sequence (such as a number with a dot or a letter & a number). We are hoping you can help us by spotting the marked vultures & reporting them. The data from sightings will help us learn more about the behavior and breeding habits of our local Turkey Vulture populations, including any interactions between the 6 or 7 major flocks around the county. These tags are easily read with binoculars when the birds are perched and/or in flight. See page 12 of this issue for info on where to report any wing-tagged Turkey Vultures you find here in Orange County. Thanks for your help.

# Orange County Rarities

by Doug Willick

If you are not a member of OrangeCountyBirding, we suggest you subscribe to get info online about birds & birding in the county. Send email to: [OrangeCountyBirding-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:OrangeCountyBirding-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)



Pectoral Sandpiper by Trude Hurd

Due to the two month layoff during the summer period, in last month's "Rarities" column we were only able to cover the period of May and June. So this month we'll try to catch up by covering July to the present (early Sept.). A fair amount of attention was given to sea-watching this summer, from coastal locations such as Newport Pier (NP) and Dana Point, and from local whale-watching trips (especially the "Blue Whale Safari" excursions out of Dana Harbor). Not surprisingly, then, reports involving seabird sightings were well above average during recent months. Most of the observations involved relatively expected species, although above average numbers of certain seabirds were encountered (such as for Sooty Shearwater and several alcid species). Of the more unexpected species, there were two reports of **Pigeon Guillemots**: an adult bird briefly present off the NP, July 22 (Neil Gilbert), and an obliging juvenile that lingered here from Aug. 14 to at least Sept. 2 (Brian Daniels, et.al.); these were in addition to two birds recorded earlier in the summer, as reported in last month's column. Other seabird highlights included a **Least Storm-Petrel** during a whale-watching trip out of Dana Harbor, Aug. 26 (Robert McNab, Tom Benson), and a few **Xantus's/Craveri's** type **Murrelets** [two off NP, July 7 (N. Gilbert), and one during a July 30 whale-watching trip out of Dana Harbor, July 30 (T. Benson, R. McNab)]. A **Pacific Loon** at NP, July 7, with two here on July 22 (N. Gilbert), were presumably summering locally. Although **Brown Pelicans** regularly wander inland as far as the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS), one along the upper Santa Ana River (SAR), in the Anaheim/Orange area, July 12 (Sue Hoffman) and July 23 (Doug Willick), was unexpected this far inland.

An out-of-season **Brant** was in San Clemente, July 25 (Al and Yvonne Cullen). At Bolsa Chica (BC), at least four **Reddish Egrets** were widely reported during the last two months, with possibly as many as *six* seen during the monthly census conducted Aug. 12 (per Terry Hill). Interesting raptor sightings included an adult **Bald Eagle** over Irvine Regional Park (IRP), July 20 (Jim Roe), and a **Golden Eagle** over the north end of O'Neill Regional Park, July 7 (Zachary Perry). It was encouraging to see the relatively large number of **White-tailed Kite** reports during the past summer, some including family groups; 24 kites at IRP (a significant concentration for recent years) were apparently coming in to a night roost here, Aug. 12 (N. Gilbert). A **Prairie Falcon** photographed at Bolsa Chica, Aug. 25 (Peter Knapp), was exceptionally early.

July and August are typically two of the more interesting months for rare shorebirds in southern California. The following are some of the more interesting species reported since the last update: **Pacific Golden-Plover** at BC, Aug. 19-21+ (Jerry Tolman, P. Knapp);

**Solitary Sandpipers**, one at the south end of BC, July 25 (N. Gilbert), and two here, Aug. 28 (B. Daniels); **Baird's Sandpipers**, two at BC, Aug. 7 and 28 (B. Daniels), two at the SJWS, Sept. 3 (D. Willick), up to three along the SAR, in Orange, Sept. 3-5 (D. Willick), and one along lower San Juan Creek, Sept. 4 (R. McNab); **Pectoral Sandpipers**, one at SJWS, July 29-30 (Les Redpath, Andy Lazere), up to two at BC, Sept. 2-3, and three here Sept. 9 (B. Daniels, Irene Horiuchi, Leo Ohtsuki); and **Semipalmated Sandpipers**, up to three at SJWS, July 29-Aug. 2 (Les Redpath, R. McNab), with potentially the same or a different bird later in August.

The adult **Sooty Tern** that returned to BC this past spring was only seen once (Aug. 6) during the last two months. Single **Black Terns** were at BC, Aug. 14 (N. Gilbert) and Sept. 5 (Cheryl Egger). Although a few **Common Terns** at BC during July and August are to be expected, a juvenile mixing in with the Forster's Tern breeding colony at Burris Basin, in Anaheim, Aug. 14 (D. Willick), was a surprise here. The tern/skimmer colony at Burris Basin (approximately 15 miles inland) had its most successful year ever for **Forster's Terns** and **Black Skimmers**, while numbers of **Least Terns** were similar to past years. A **White-winged Dove** at Burris, July 10 (D. Willick), was quite likely the same bird first discovered about 1.5 miles further up the SAR, on July 4 (N. Gilbert).

Amazingly, a **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** at IRP, 19 July (Martin Byhower), was the second one of the summer (the other included in last month's column). Fifteen **Lesser Nighthawks** over the Villa Park Flood Control Basin, July 3 (N. Gilbert), was a large concentration for the county. **Loggerhead Shrikes** were more frequently reported this summer than what has been the "norm" in recent years; reports came in from such locations as BC (several), Upper Newport Bay, Talbert Regional Park, and the former El Toro Marine Base. A **Bank Swallow** over Harriett Wieder Regional Park, July 1 (Jon Dunn), was presumably an extremely early "fall" migrant; also early was one in Huntington Beach (just south of the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station), July 26 (Steve Morris).

Kicking off the fall landbird migration season, early rarities included a **Lucy's Warbler** Sept. 1-4 (Robb Hamilton; L. Ohtsuki), and **Northern Waterthrush**, Sept. 9 (B. Daniels), at Huntington Central Park; another **Northern Waterthrush** in a Huntington Beach residential area, Sept. 6 (Dick Cabe); a very early **Green-tailed Towhee** at Crystal Cove State Park, Aug. 28 (John Fitch); and a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** at BC, Sept. 9 (BC Conservancy monthly census participants, per Terry Hill). A female **Summer Tanager** at HCP, 9 July (B. Daniels), was presumably summering locally.

# Chapter News & Announcements

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



## Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in September and October: Sonia Appell, Pat & Dick Cabe, Constance Cassady, Deana Collins, Carolyn Cooper, Tom Drouet, Cheryl Egger, Fresia Escalona, Judy Fritts, Lynne Hayes, Pat Heilig, Cindi Herrera, Star Howard, Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Loretta Kyle, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Shirley Price, Betty Purdy, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, Susan Sheakley, Bev Spring, Betty Swift, and Beryl Vogel.

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

## News from our Bookstore

Our bookstore inside Audubon House is open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is also open 45 minutes before our General Meetings. New arrivals include: *The Art of Bird Finding* by Pete Dunne; *Sibley's Folding Guide to Hummingbirds of North America*; *The Big Year* (new edition); and *Peterson Reference Guides: Behavior of North American Mammals*. 2012 calendars are in stock (a variety of bird and other nature related calendars), long sleeved t-shirts with new designs and a new Sea and Sage cap, plus more. We now accept credit cards (Visa & Mastercard) with a \$10 minimum purchase.

## 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. 29. This event is staffed entirely by volunteers and we expect 150 or more 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 morning, we need bird walk leaders, scope station helpers, people to help with parking, food prep, clean up & pack up, refresh condiments & beverages, help at the book sales table, etc. A signup sheet will be at our Sept. & Oct. meetings, at Audubon House, and on our webpage. For more information, contact Mary Joseph at 714-848-8362.

-Nancy Kenyon

## A Long Time Audubon House Volunteer

*Editor's Note: From time to time, we plan to include "stories" about our fantastic Audubon House volunteers. We kick-off this feature with a profile of long time volunteer, John Shaddy, who first volunteered at Audubon House in 1995. Frequently, John has done as many as eight shifts in one month! We really appreciate his participation and thank him for his role in making Audubon House a special place. This article was written by one of the friends John made while volunteering at Audubon House, fellow Saturday volunteer, Steve Jelnick.*

If you've visited Audubon House on a Saturday morning during the past 15 years, you've probably talked with John Shaddy, our Saturday morning volunteer. John is a good birder, with more than 500 birds on his life list, and is always willing to share his general birding knowledge or talk about the birds currently at the marsh. He has birded extensively in California and Arizona, including many trips with Gene Cardiff, former curator of the San Bernardino County Museum.

John did his first birding while growing up in the San Bernardino Mountains. He was raised by his mother, a schoolteacher, in a small cabin and with no other kids around, he observed the birds that surrounded him. His first birding class was at UCLA when he was about 10 years old! One summer his mother took classes at UCLA towards an advanced degree and John was allowed to audit the ornithology class she was taking. The cabin John grew up in remains in the Shaddy Family with a nephew currently in residence.

John graduated from San Bernardino High School and Pomona College, which he attended on an academic scholarship. After service in the US Air Force, he was employed by several governmental agencies; eventually retiring from the County of Orange where he was Chief of the Real Property Division, overseeing the acquisition and accountability of all real property owned by the county. John represented the County during their acquisition of that portion of Starr Ranch that became Caspers Wilderness Park.

-Steve Jelnick

## Seasons of Nature Walk

Do you think there's no real Fall at the marsh? No piles of red and gold leaves? No frost on the pumpkin? No hint of snow in the air? No, there's none of that at our marsh, but Fall is in the air. Join us in front of Audubon House on **Sunday, Oct. 16** at 9:00 for our Fall Seasons of Nature walk. As we walk around the ponds, we'll tell you all the amazing facts about Fall in southern California. It's there – you just have to look carefully for it!



-Jean Drum

# Sea & Sage Audubon Pancake Breakfast

Sat., October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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¢ and up. Come early for the best selection.



Terry Nakamura

## Bird Walks & Scope Stations

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.

## 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.



Susan Sheakley

## 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.

*Come and enjoy the days of autumn and the return of migratory and over-wintering birds that inhabit the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary.*

**\$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 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Call Audubon House, 949-261-7963. Questions? Call Mary Joseph, 714-848-8362.**

# Field Trip Schedule for 2011-2012

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](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/FieldTripSchedule.html)

## Trips which occur every month

1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Santiago Oaks Regional Park
1 <sup>st</sup> Tues	O'Neill Regional Park
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	O'Neill Regional Park
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat (R2)
Last Sun	Upper Newport Bay bird walk (on land)

## September

Mon-Sun 19-25	Cape May Trip (full)
Wed 21	Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat (R2)
Sat 24	Fall Pelagic Trip out of Dana Point (R3 - full)
Fri 30	Bolsa Chica

## October

Fri 14	Huntington Central Park
Wed 19	Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat (R2)
Sat 29	Pancake Breakfast at the SJWS (R)

## November

Fri-Sun 11-13	Morro Bay Trip (R4 - full)
Wed 16	Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat (R2)
Mon 28	Seal Beach NWR (tentative date) (R1)

## December

Sat 17	San Juan Capistrano CBC
Sun 18	Northeastern (Inland) CBC
Wed 21	Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat (R2)

## January

Sun 01	Coastal CBC
Sat 07	CBC Specialties Trip
Sat 14	Winter Pelagic Trip (R3)
Sun 15	Antelope Valley Hawk-Banding Trip
Wed 18	Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat (R2)
Sat-Sun 28-29	Salton Sea weekend trip (R5)

## February

Wed 01	Barbara's Lake & Nix Nature Center
Mon 06	Seal Beach NWR (R1)
Fri 10	Bolsa Chica
Sat 11	San Jacinto Wildlife Area
Wed 15	Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat (R2)

## March

Sat 10	Owl Prowl at Starr Ranch (R7)
Sat 17	Workshop with John Muir Laws (R)
Wed 21	Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat (R2)
Sat 24	Peters Canyon Regional Park
Sat 24	Owl Prowl at Starr Ranch (R7)
Fri 30	Canyon Park & Talbert Preserve
Sat 31	Owl Prowl at Starr Ranch (R7)

## April

Fri 13	Huntington Central Park
Sat 14	Villa Park Flood Basin
Wed 18	Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat (R2)
Thurs 19	Laguna Niguel Regional Park
Sat-Sun 21-22	Eastern Sierra weekend trip (R8)
Sun-Sun 22-29	Great Marsh Bird Count
Sat 28	Birdathon

## May

Sun 06	Big Morongo Preserve & Vicinity
Wed 16	Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat (R2)
Fri-Sat 18-20	Southern Utah Trip (R9)

## June

Fri-Mon 1-4	Southern Sierra 4-day Trip (R6)
Sat 09	Starr Ranch bird walk & Potluck Picnic
Wed 20	Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat (R2)

## July

Sat 14	San Bernardino Mountains trip (R1)
Wed 18	Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat (R2)

## How to Make Advance Reservations for Field Trips

### Some require advance reservations.

(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. Pontoon boat trip fee is paid in cash on day of trip.

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.

### The following field trips require advance reservations:

- R** – Reservations needed; see Tattler for more information.
- R1** – No trip fee; space limited. Contact Nancy.
- R2** – Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat \$10 [pay cash on trip day]
- R3** – Fall Pelagic trip \$50 (full); Winter Pelagic trip \$50
- R4** – Morro Bay Trip \$40 (*Trip is already full.*)
- R5** – Salton Sea weekend trip \$25
- R6** – Southern Sierra 4-day trip \$45 for trip, or \$15 per day
- R7** – Owl Prowl Trip \$20
- R8** – Eastern Sierra weekend trip \$25
- R9** – Southern Utah Trip \$25

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](mailto: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; the webpage usually covers a 3-month period.

# Oct. & Nov. Field Trips



For trip updates & additional trip information, check our chapter website at: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org) . Trips marked with an (R) require advance reservations. Questions about field trips? Contact Field Trip chair, Nancy Kenyon, at 949-786-3160 or by email at: [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net) . Many trips fill up quickly, so don't wait until the last minute to sign up for them!

## Upper Newport Bay Monthly Bird Walk

**Last Sunday: Sept. 25 and Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 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. Birding will start from a good vantage point at the edge of the parking lot where we will watch for Black Skimmers and terns flying over the water as well as herons & egrets stalking their prey in the shallows. The group will then move on to check out other areas along Back Bay Drive. Bring binoculars, a field guide, and a scope if you have one. The length of the bird walk will depend on the tide and the number of birds to be seen. **Directions:** We will meet in the Big Canyon parking lot in Newport Beach. This is easily reached from Jamboree. Take San Joaquin Hills Road west toward the bay where it intersects with Back Bay Drive. Turn right on Back Bay Drive and follow it to the Big Canyon parking lot on your left.

*Leader: Mark Kincheloe*



## Bolsa Chica

**Friday - Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am**

Join Pat and Dick Cabe for a great morning of birding at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve. This is one of the best wetland areas here in Southern California to watch grebes, loons, pelicans, shorebirds of all sizes, gulls and terns, waterfowl, egrets and herons, foraging raptors, etc. We will meet in the parking lot of the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve at 8:00 am. **Bring:** binoculars and a scope if you have one. Dress in layers. It can sometimes be quite cool and breezy here in the morning. **Directions:** The parking lot for Bolsa Chica is on the inland side of Pacific Coast Highway at the only signal between Seapoint Ave. and Warner in Huntington Beach.

*Leaders: Pat & Dick Cabe*

## Monthly Bird Walks at Santiago Oaks

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> - 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 find a variety of songbirds. **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. Meet in the upper end of the parking lot.

*Leader: Linette Lina*

## O'Neill Reg. Park Semi-Monthly Bird Walks

**Tuesdays: Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am**

Join Mike Clayton, Naturalist, on a bird walk and learn about Trabuco Canyon birds and their habitat. The walk may cover two distinct habitats within the park: oak woodland and coastal sage scrub. The oak woodland area includes the campground, a grassy area, and streamside habitats. Possible birds: hawks, Band-tailed Pigeons, 4 sp. of woodpecker, Western Bluebird, Mt. Chickadee, & when in season, Phainopepla & Purple Finch. The Coastal Sage Scrub walk is on a gradual uphill road to the abandoned water tanks. Possible birds: CA Quail, White-throated Swift, Northern Harrier, Cactus Wren, Wrentit, & CA Thrasher. All levels of birders are welcome.

**Directions:** From the 405 or 5 Fwy, exit on El Toro Rd & head inland toward the mountains. Turn right on Live Oak Canyon Rd. & follow it to O'Neill Park. After entering the park, take 1<sup>st</sup> right to parking lot. We will meet in the Nature Center which is on the left side of the parking lot. Be prepared to pay the entrance fee (\$3 on weekdays; \$5 on weekends) if you don't have a county parks pass.

*Leader: Mike Clayton*

## Monthly Bird Walks at the SJWS

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am**

Join Chris Obaditch for a monthly bird walk around the ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine at 8:00 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 porch of Audubon House. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

*Leader: Chris Obaditch*

## Fall Migration at Huntington Central Park

**Friday - Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am**

Huntington Central Park often has a fine show of birds during fall migration, and we hope to see a few of them on this trip. In past years, the park has produced several eastern warblers, 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.

*Leaders: Pat & Dick Cabe*

# Field Trips & Announcements

For trip updates & additional trip information, check our chapter website at: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org) . Trips marked with an (R) require advance reservations. Questions about field trips? Contact Field Trip chair, Nancy Kenyon, at 949-786-3160 or by email at: [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net) . Many trips fill up quickly, so don't wait until the last minute to sign up for them!

## Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat ® 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed - Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> - 8:15 am

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 2½ hours. Trip limited to 15 persons and there is a \$10 trip fee payable in cash on the morning of the outing. **Directions** will be provided to those with reservations.

*The Oct. 19 trip leader is Sally Menzel, 949-725-0715  
The Nov. 16 trip leader is Nancy Kenyon, 949-786-3160*

## Upper Newport Bay Monthly Bird Walk Last Sunday - Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 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. Birding will start from a good vantage point at the edge of the parking lot where we will watch for Black Skimmers and terns flying over the water as well as herons & egrets stalking their prey in the shallows. The group will move on to check out other areas along Back Bay Drive. Bring binoculars, a field guide, and a scope if you have one. The length of the bird walk will depend on the tide and the number of birds to be seen. **Directions:** The meeting place for this walk is the Big Canyon parking lot in Newport Beach. This is easily reached from Jamboree. Take San Joaquin Hills Road west toward the bay where it intersects with Back Bay Drive. Turn right on Back Bay Drive and follow it to the Big Canyon parking lot on your left.

*Leader: Mark Kincheloe*

## The Morro Bay trip is now full. ® Friday - Sunday, Nov. 11-13

## Seal Beach NWR ® Monday - Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> - 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. Full information on this trip will be in the next Tattler and is now on the chapter webpage. Trip size limited to 20 persons and advance reservations are needed. Contact Nancy Kenyon at [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net) or 949-786-3160 for trip reservations. Leave your name & phone number. Nancy will contact you after Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to confirm your reservation.

*Leader: Kirk Gilligan*

## BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP - OCT. 22



With the advent of inexpensive high-resolution autofocus digital cameras, photographing birds has never been easier. In addition to making your bird sightings easier to share with others, many bird records committees will not review

records of rare or unusual bird species without some form of photo-documentation. Not surprisingly, many birders today consider their digital camera to be as essential a piece of field gear as their binoculars.

As a service to its members, Sea & Sage Audubon has been offering workshops and classes to assist people in learning to use these tools. Paul Bannick, the featured speaker at our recent summer barbecue, led a class in digital bird photography with DSLR cameras. In October, we are offering a workshop on digiscoping (using a scope as a telephoto lens for a digital camera) and the use of superzoom cameras. The workshop will be taught by Stephen Ingraham, the birding/digiscoping expert from Zeiss Sports Optics.

The workshop will be held at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in the Learning Center (gray building) on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 to 11:00. The first hour will be lecture/discussion, followed by a 2-hour hands-on field session in the marsh. Equipment will be provided for participants to use. Participants will receive a copy of the Zeiss digiscoping handbook and an instructional video about the equipment. Attendees should bring a thumb drive (memory stick) on which to receive the instructional video and to take home their pictures from the field session.

Class size is limited and available by registration only. Send a \$15 course fee (payable to Sea & Sage Audubon) to Victor Leipzig, 17461 Skyline Lane, Huntington Beach, CA, 92647. Direct all questions to Vic at (714) 848-5394 or at [vicleipzig@aol.com](mailto:vicleipzig@aol.com) . This class is co-sponsored by Zeiss Sports Optics and Optics4Birding, a local optics retailer in Irvine. See the Optics4Birding website at <http://www.optics4birding.com> and see examples of images digiscoped with the Zeiss equipment at <http://www.optics4birding.com/blog/> under "Digiscoping with Zeiss".

# More Chapter News & Announcements

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

## We Need Your Used Books!



Attention members! Here is an easy way to support your chapter! Start your fall cleaning now! Clear out your bookshelves and remove any unused cookbooks and books on birds and other animals, plants, natural history, travel and gardening to donate to Sea & Sage Audubon for our Annual Pancake Breakfast Used Books Sale. Proceeds from the sale will benefit our education and conservation projects. All donations will be appreciated! Deliver them to Audubon House by 10:30 am, Monday, October 24.

## Orange County's Rare Bird Alert

Joel Weintraub took over the Orange County Rare Bird Alert phone line around 15 years ago. Five years later, he established the OrCoRBA Yahoo group at the same time that OrangeCountyBirding was established. The idea was to have a conventional RBA phone line, an internet moderated RBA, and an open birding board for Orange County birding. In order to compile an accurate, up to date weekly report of rare birds seen in the county, he got together with Doug Willick every week by phone (for 15 years!) to compile the list. (That's a lot of work done by two very busy men!) Their weekly report was sent out to the OrCoRBA as well as to BirdWest. In recent years, technology and preferences of OC birders changed. They stopped reporting their rare birds to the OrCoRBA, preferring instead to use Calbirds, the statewide message board. Since the RBA phone line and OrCoRBA Yahoo group were no longer being used, Joel shut them down. Fortunately for us, he will continue to serve the birding community as co-moderator for OrangeCountyBirding. Joel, we want you to know how much we appreciate all the time and effort you put into this job for 15 long years of dedicated service and we look forward to seeing you out in the field more, enjoying the birds!

-Nancy Kenyon



Semipalmated Sandpiper photo by Robert McNab

## *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. 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 & 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 10 weekly meetings at the Gallagher home in Huntington Beach. Four half-day field trips will be scheduled on Saturdays (Oct. 22, Nov. 5 and 19, Dec.10). The dates and times for the workshop sessions are listed below.

- Wed: 7 - 10 pm, (Oct. 5 - Dec. 14, except Nov. 23)
- Thurs: 9 am - 12 pm, (Oct. 6 - Dec. 15, except Nov. 24)
- Thurs: 7 - 10 pm, (Oct. 6 - Dec. 15, except Nov. 24)

The maximum enrollment for each section is 22. If any section does not have at least 12 people enrolled by Sept. 27, it will be cancelled. A donation of \$80 (or more) per person is requested if you can afford it. Bring your money to the 1<sup>st</sup> session.

The required book for the workshop is *Birds of North America* by Kenn Kaufman. Recommended, but not required, is *Birds of the Los Angeles Region* by Garrett, Dunn, & Moore. Both books are available at Audubon House, or you can buy them at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. You will also need to bring binoculars to the meetings no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> session — preferably sooner.

Reservation forms for this workshop are in the September Tattler, at Audubon House, and on the chapter webpage. For further info, call Sylvia at 714-962-8990 after Sept. 25.

# Marsh Education News

Trude Hurd, Project Director of Marsh Education

For more information about our Education Program, please visit our chapter website at <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Education/Education.html>



I joke with our volunteers that we have two seasons at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary: school tour season and camp season. If I look out at the trails and don't see school kids, then I see camp kids! Joking aside, environmental education is important to us at Sea and Sage Audubon. It is something we do all year long. We offer fun, hands-on programs that connect children and adults to nature in a positive, rewarding way. We also help them to understand the importance of natural habitat in Orange County and our role in protecting it. We are fortunate, thanks to the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD), to share nature in the middle of a beautiful freshwater wetland. What a perfect setting!



Terry Nakamura

As I write this, cottonwood leaves are turning yellow, California wild rose has gone from pink flowers to red berries, and bulrush is being cut back by IRWD in an annual fall ritual so this fast-growing marsh plant doesn't take over the shallow ponds. Western fence lizards pose ready to dart after insect prey as I walk the path to Audubon House, while dragonflies such as Green Darner, Flame Skimmer, and Variegated Meadowhawk patrol the path after aerial insects. An assortment of colorful butterflies flit and dart around on these hot autumn days: Western Tiger Swallowtail, Lorquin's Admiral, Mourning Cloak, Monarch, West Coast Lady, Gray Hairstreak and Fiery Skipper.



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Osprey photo by Trude Hurd

The resident fish-eaters are also busy: Osprey hunt over the San Diego Creek by using their large keen eyes, cormorants dive underneath the deep ponds depending on their speed and long beaks, and Great Blue Herons stand motionless along the pond edges.

Cliff swallows, so abundant during summer near their mud nests on the Campus Drive bridge, have all but disappeared on their journey south.



Pectoral Sandpiper photo by Trude Hurd

Migratory shorebirds have been passing through the marsh for over two months, and more duck species are seen in the ponds every day.

Our Education Assistant Deborah Brin and I have been hard at work since camp ended to enroll teachers in our two outdoor science programs, Outdoor Adventures and Art Meets Science. We want even more classes to participate this year so school children can see wildlife up close, alive, not confined in cages, but free and wild in a natural habitat close to where the kids live and go to school. We need your help to accomplish this. Carolyn Noble, our Education Committee Chairperson, wrote in last month's Wandering Tattler about the many ways that you can be involved in the Marsh Education Project, from volunteering as a naturalist guide to donating money for our School Bus Scholarship Fund. If you think someone else can do it, are you sure "someone else" will? Why not make sure that our goal of providing high-quality environmental education programs at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary is achieved. Please email me today at [seaandsage@sbcglobal.net](mailto:seaandsage@sbcglobal.net) to offer your support, in whatever way you want to give. I will then invite you to attend one of our school programs so you can see children smiling in amazement as they personally discover that wildlife is not way out there but RIGHT HERE! You will be smiling, too!

-Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education



Pond Life Study with Microscopes by Jim Gallagher

# Directions and Membership

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



## 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. Make check payable to "Sea & 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

If you are signing up as a new Audubon member, be sure and use the membership form below that has the code C9ZC150Z in the lower right hand corner. This tells National Audubon who to credit for your recruitment. Sea & Sage gets 100% of a new member's dues, even if you sign up for more than one year. If you are feeling generous at renewal time and you want Sea & Sage to benefit, you should send your renewal fee to National Audubon and a **separate check** to Sea & Sage for your donation to the chapter. If you have any questions, please contact membership chair, Phil Brobst, at [brobstpr@cox.net](mailto:brobstpr@cox.net)



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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.*

Join us on Saturday, Oct. 29  
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To subscribe, send an email to:

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## CALENDAR OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### September 2011

25 Sun	Upper Newport Bay Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
30 Fri	Bolsa Chica Bird Walk.....	8:00 am

### October 2011

02 Sun	Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk.....	7:30 am
04 Tues	O'Neill Reg. Park Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
00 Tues	No Conservation Committee Meeting in October	
09 Sun	SJWS Monthly Bird Walk .....	8:00 am
11 Tues	Board Meeting .....	7:30 pm
14 Fri	Huntington Central Park Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
16 Sun	Seasons of Nature Walk at the SJWS .....	9:00 am
18 Tues	O'Neill Reg. Park Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
19 Wed	UNB by Pontoon Boat ® .....	8:15 am
21 Fri	GENERAL MEETING .....	7:30 pm
22 Sat	Digiscoping Workshop ® .....	8:00 am
25 Tues	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues. Conservation Lecture .....	7:30 pm
28 Fri	Photographers' Meeting .....	7:30 pm
29 Sat	PANCAKE BREAKFAST ® .....	7:30 am
30 Sun	Upper Newport Bay Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am