It’s More Than Just Pancakes!

On Saturday morning, Oct. 29th, we will be hosting our Annual Pancake Breakfast in the Duck Club at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. Breakfast of hot-off-the-griddle pancakes, sausages, fresh fruit, orange juice, hot coffee and milk for the kids will be served from 7:30 to 10:30 am.

This event is more than just a pancake breakfast! Participants will also have the opportunity to browse through the intriguing selection of nature books at our famous Used Book Sale, spend some time in Audubon House checking out new items, wander out to the ponds for some bird watching where we’ll have scopes set up at strategic locations for your convenience or go on a guided bird walk, chat with the people from Wild Birds Unlimited about bird feeding techniques, check out the latest birding optics on the Duck Club back porch with Optics4Birding staff, and visit our chapter exhibits inside the Duck Club and in Audubon House, and get your raffle card stamped and turned in so that you can qualify for the chance to win a prize (a gift certificate at our bookstore).

The price of the Pancake Breakfast is the same as last year: $10 for adults, $6 for children 10 and under, and free for children under 3. Reservations for the breakfast are a must so that we know how much food to buy and prepare. To make your reservations, call Audubon House at 949-261-7963. We will need your name and number of people in your party.

Hope to see you there! If you want to receive a reminder notice about this event, please also provide your email address.

General Meeting

Friday evening, Sept.16 - 7:30 pm

“Capturing Southern California Raptors and Wildlife in Photographs”

presented by DeeDee Gollwitzer

Our September speaker, DeeDee Gollwitzer, grew up on Lake Michigan in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, thus sparking her interest in wildlife. She has raised Monarch Butterflies for over 10 years while adding host plants and Cloudless Sulphur, Western Giant Swallowtail, Anise Swallowtail, and Gulf Fritillary Butterflies to the mix of her colorful photographic subjects. Among the mix are numerous hummingbird feeders, sunflower seed feeders, and grape jelly feeders for the Hooded Orioles that visit from March through late August. There is even a pair of year round Mountain Chickadee residents that create some wonderful photographic opportunities.

There is an art to locating your elusive wild subjects, capturing their vibrant images and all the while, not scaring them off before you immortalize the moment with photography. Ms. Gollwitzer’s favorite subjects to photograph in the wild are raptors, because the combination of their grace and power produces striking images that awe the soul. Specific favorites include Red-tailed Hawks, Osprey, Red-shouldered Hawks, Peregrine Falcons, Golden Eagles, White-tailed Kites, Great Horned Owls, Bald Eagles, and, the occasional Bobcat interloper. Her Osprey images appear on the Newport Bay Conservancy website.

There are tricks of the trade in photographing these birds and wildlife in general, and Ms. Gollwitzer will share some of her techniques that work best. Additionally, she will also share some of her skills in looking for clues to locate wildlife.

Our program will be held in the Duck Club at the SJWS in Irvine. The doors will open at 7:00 for refreshments and fellowship, and the meeting and program will begin at 7:30 pm. We hope you will join us.

—Doug Lithgow
Programs Chair
**Conservation News**

*Susan Sheakley, Conservation Chair*

Our next Conservation meeting will be on September 6, at 6:30 PM in the Learning Center. Our next 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture will be on September 27 at 7:30 PM in the Learning Center. We hope to see you there. Coastal Cleanup will be on Saturday, September 17th.

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4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture
Sept. 27th - 7:30 pm
SJWS, Learning Center

“Orange Coast College Recycling – Approaching 50 years of serving the Campus and Community”

*presented by Mike Carey*

Please join us to see how a recycling center is born, and how it matures. Mike Carey, Recycling Coordinator at Orange Coast College, is a great speaker and has a wealth of knowledge.

Mike has been Recycling Coordinator since 1985 when, through an NSF grant written by three OCC Biology professors, OCC received an award that enabled the college to build a recycling center. The center has been in continuous operation since that time, and Mike has guided it to a flagship position in the State (and probably the country) for recycling and sustainability.

Along the way, Mike has hired hundreds of student workers to run the facility and provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarship funds that are awarded each year at honor’s night. Mike has become an expert in the field, and has conducted hundreds of presentations, workshops, seminars and conferences in the field of recycling and waste management. This is a man who truly loves his work!

When the Center first opened, the type of recyclable was limited to newspaper, plain white paper, aluminum, glass, and plastic. Currently, the Center will accept all those items plus cooking oil, motor oil, electronics, and many other items. Mike will address which recyclables are currently accepted, how they are handled, and what becomes of both the recyclables and the money they generate. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Please join us on September 27. Doors open at 7:00 for social and snacks. Program starts at 7:30 PM.

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O.C. Snowy Plover Survey Resumes in September 2016!
JOIN THE SNOWY PLOVER TEAM!

O.C. Snowy Plover Survey – Sept. 11-17

We are pleased to announce that Sea & Sage Audubon is again hosting surveys of Snowy Plovers on Orange County beaches. The goal of these surveys is to gather important spacial and temporal data about this Threatened Species by observing them on our local beaches. The next survey period will be during the week of Sunday, Sept. 11, through Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016. 

**TRAINING:** Volunteers are expected to have attended a training session, provide their own binoculars, and conduct the survey on their assigned section of beach during the survey period.

**Next training session** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10:00 am to 12 noon in the Learning Center at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Please RSVP to reserve a beach to survey or a spot in our training session.

**CONTACT:** Cheryl Egger at ocsnplsurvey@gmail.com

**INFO:** For more information and a list of beach segments, please see our website at [www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org) then go to the OC Snowy Plover Survey page.

Biological consultants are welcome to participate in our training sessions, but we ask that they commit to one year (4 surveys) for the project.

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**BROWN PELICAN**

**FALL ROOST SURVEY**

Oct. 1st — 2 hours at dusk

The Brown Pelican has shown signs of declining since it was delisted a few years ago. When it was on the Endangered Species list, the USFWS monitored its populations, but since the delisting, Brown Pelican surveys are no longer being done. To get a sense of the Brown Pelican population, Audubon California has created the state-wide Spring and Fall Brown Pelican Roost Surveys. Sea and Sage will participate in the Fall Survey, as we did the Spring Survey.

Scott Thomas is coordinating Sea and Sage’s effort for Orange County, where the surveys will take place at five or more known pelican roost locations. Surveyors will count the pelicans coming in to roost and identify whether they are adult or immature. Photo documentation will be made. Details of the survey and the training session will be provided to participants.

*If you are interested in participating in the Brown Pelican Roost Survey, please contact Scott Thomas at reddtail1@cox.net*
**Orange County Rarities**

*by Doug Willick*

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

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It isn’t unusual for the summer months in Orange County to be relatively slow. Overall, that may have been true of the last few months. However, there were some notable exceptions, and the following column will touch on a few of the summer’s most interesting finds.

Quite likely the most significant discovery of the summer (based on total number of OC records) was that of a **Manx Shearwater**, which was observed during a whale-watching trip, June 18 (Mark Girardeau), approximately three miles off Newport Beach. The bird was well-photographed, and likely established only the fourth well-documented record for the county. Interestingly, the first record of Manx Shearwater for OC only occurred in January 2013. A juvenile **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (BCER), July 23 (Roger Schoedl), was approximately the fifth record for OC; oddly enough, four of these have now occurred since late fall of 2012. This species has been breeding in south San Diego County for a number of years, and it is possible the breeding range of the species may be gradually moving north. However, the only record of an adult Yellow-crowned Night-Heron in Orange County occurred way back in 1977.

A rather exciting bird to see anywhere in Southern California (even if the species occurred in So Cal with a bit more regularity in relatively recent past), is the **Magnificent Frigatebird**. For example, *Birds of Orange County; Status and Distribution* (published in 1996) states for this species that “records . . . average one or two per year; a total count of seven in 1988 . . . was unusual.” However, during the last 20 years, approximately, observations of Magnificent Frigatebird almost completely dried up along the So Cal coast, and at the Salton Sea. Therefore, this summer it was encouraging to see a fairly good number of frigatebirds being reported in the region. Two were eventually seen in OC waters, with one reported off Newport Beach, July 13 (per Tom Benson; observers not known), and one photographed and seen by multiple observers at BCER, August 2 (Don Hoechlin, Lamson).

Seabirds were also the theme for a few other unusual occurrences this summer. Even if just a few short years ago **Brown Boobies** would have been a major rarity in the county, over the last five or six years they’ve now become almost commonplace, at least if one knows where to go. During the Sea & Sage summer pelagic trip out of Dana Harbor, July 16, seven or eight **Brown Boobies** were again seen on the oil platforms off Huntington Beach (this time Platform Edith). Other highlights of the trip included a **Long-tailed Jaeger** and two **Craveri’s Murrelets**. Four Craveri’s Murrelets were reported from a whale-watch trip out of Newport Beach, July 1 (Tom Ford-Hutchinson).

Two **Bald Eagles**, an adult and an immature, were reported from along the Santa Ana River, June 17 (K. Rice), near where the 91 (Riverside) freeway crosses the river. Interestingly, either the same or a different pair of Bald Eagles has been frequenting this area since last winter. Although not a rarity in the county, unprecedented numbers of **Elegant Terns** have been occupying BCER this summer. Overall numbers were estimated to be 35,000 to 40,000, which included an estimated 15,000 active nests in early July (estimates per Peter Knapp, via Terry Hill). Unfortunately, the largest nesting colony for this species in the world, Isla Rasa (in the Gulf of California), has failed for three consecutive years.

Although few, there were certainly some interesting “landbird” discoveries this summer as well. A **Tennessee Warbler** was seen in Irvine, June 20 (Nancy Kenyon), and a singing **Northern Parula** was in the “nature area” section of Mile Square Regional Park (MSRP), June 29-30 (Rick Shearer). A number of **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** appeared in the county this summer, including a singing male at the MSRP nature area, June 10-12 (Joyce Brady), which was undoubtedly a late spring migrant. However, individual male Rose-breasted Grosbeaks in Newport Beach (near the Bonita Creek Park), June 29-July 17 (Sandy Smith), and in Mission Viejo (along the Barrano Trail), July 18-25 (Dorian Anderson), were undoubtedly summering in the area, when quite rare in So Cal. Other surprises in the MSRP nature area this summer included a singing Bell’s Vireo and Yellow-breasted Chat (Jim Roe). A molting male **Indigo Bunting** at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, Aug. 5-10+ (Sandrine Biziaux-Scherson), was either an early fall migrant or was possibly summering in the area. **Tricolored Blackbirds** were known to be common breeders in the county not that long ago (e.g., as recently as 25 years ago). Now, sadly, it is a fairly rare and irregular occurrence here. This summer there were single males reported from two locations: at Heritage Park, June 23-30 (T. Ford-Hutchinson), and at Laguna Niguel Regional Park, June 28 (Zachary Perry). No breeding sites for Tricolored Blackbirds in the county are currently known.
Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in June, July and August: Sherry Bass, Sandrine Biziaux-Scherson, Chris Byrd, Dick Cabe, Pat Cabe, Mary Converse, Fresia Escalona, Carol Freund, Carol Getz, Beverly Hargrove, John Hargrove, Ann Harmer, Lynne Hayes, Pat Heilig, Patti Henshaw, Sarah Jayne, Cailey Jonas, Nancy Kenyon, David Kramer, Laurretta Kyle, Joanne Lemberger, Doug Lithgow, Maya Matkin, Wanda McCargar, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Barbara Mitchell, Paula Monroe, Eunice Morita, Susan Munson, Dagmar Muthamia, JoAnn Nothhelfer, George Nothhelfer, Roberta Ray, Claire Readey, Barbara Reber, Annette Ritchie, Susan Sheakley, Monte Taylor, Debby Thyssen, Beryl Vogel, Marilyn Walters, and Pat Wells.

Our Volunteers greet visitors, answer the phone, sell merchandise, answer questions about birds, check out binoculars, etc. If you are interested in helping at Audubon House, please call Susan Sheakley at 949-552-5974.

News from our Bookstore

Our bookstore inside Audubon House is open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. We accept credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, and American Express) with a $10 minimum purchase. WHAT'S NEW? Sibley FG to Birds of Western NA (2nd edition: format change; updated info; etc.); Waterfowl of North America, Europe and Asia; Peterson's Reference Guide: Woodpeckers of NA; Roadside Geology of S CA; One Wild Bird at a Time (Bernd Heinrich); Gardening for the Butterflies (Xerces Society).

ON SALE: various US field guides (40%-75% off). Books for Sylvia Gallagher's fall class on BIRDS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (special price): Kaufman Birds of NA (reg $18.50 now $15); Birds of Southern CA (reg $19.75 now $14). New lines of candles and jewelry, and, the 2017 calendars are also in stock.

California Coastal Commission Hearing on Banning Ranch

The California Coastal Commission (CCC) hearing for the Banning Ranch development proposal has been scheduled for Sept. 7, 8, or 9 at the Newport Beach Civic Center. Exact date(s) will be scheduled by the CCC later in August. Banning Ranch is but a remnant of a once vast system of salt marshes and associated habitats along our coast. We are very concerned with any development proposal that does not completely protect all the sensitive habitats and special birds. For more info on the meeting go to www.coastal.ca.gov or visit the Banning Ranch Conservancy webpage at wwwbanningranchconservancy.org

Is the Exhibits Committee Right for you?

Do you find yourself getting into conversations with random people about birds? Maybe someone approaches you out on the trail, or you run into a friend who asks what you’re doing these days. Do you enjoy sharing your interest in birds and the importance of habitat and conservation with them? If so consider sharing your knowledge with the public at community events as an Exhibits outreach table volunteer.

The Exhibits Committee requires no meetings, no obligations and no formal training. The table shifts are usually two hours. You will be working with at least one other volunteer. The booth will be stocked with taxidermy specimens, simple children’s crafts, Sea & Sage flyers and more.

As an Exhibits volunteer you’ll receive emails describing events and asking for volunteers. If you aren’t interested you can ignore the email or reply with a simple “No thanks”. If you are interested, just reply that you would like to work that table. We’ll figure out the shift details and you show up at the appointed time and place.

The next event we have is the Childrens' Festival of Books, Sunday, September 25th, from 9:30 to 4:30 at Orange Coast College, 2701 Fairview Rd., Costa Mesa. It is like nothing else, a very big, busy event with a children’s literature theme and a county fair vibe. There are stages for plays, author readings, illustrators’ presentations, musical shows and more. It draws thousands of people from all over Southern California. This is a special event for us because we are able to talk to people who may not know anything about birds, habitat or the work of Sea & Sage Audubon.

Pre-historic OC will be Saturday, October 15th, from 10 to 3 at Clark Regional Park, 8800 Rosecrans Ave., Buena Park. It is organized by the Cooper Center which, in partnership with CA State University at Fullerton, manages the collection of fossils and other archeological artifacts found within Orange County. And do they know how to put on a scientific event! The Cooper Center not only does a terrific job of promoting their events, it has a loyal following of adults and children who are interested in science and make a point of coming to them. This is one of the times you really want to allow time to look at the other exhibits. When you’re working the booth you’ll see all kinds of wonderful activities going on around you; if you don’t plan the extra time you’ll wish you had.

I hope this gives you some insight into another part of Sea & Sage and encourages you to join the Exhibits Committee. To sign up or ask questions you can reach me at mary.stg.joseph@gmail.com or by cell phone at 714-412-9858. I look forward to hearing from you.
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 person will attend ten weekly meetings at the Gallagher home in Huntington Beach. You will choose one of these three sections to attend:
- Wed. evenings: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., (Oct. 5 – Dec. 14, except Nov. 23)
- Thurs. mornings: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, (Oct. 6 - Dec. 15, except Nov. 24)
- Thurs. evenings: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., (Oct. 6 - Dec. 15, except Nov. 24)

Four half-day field trips will be scheduled and you may choose Saturdays or Mondays: Oct. 22 or 24, Nov. 5 or 7, Nov. 19 or 21, Dec. 10 or 12 — times to be announced.

The maximum enrollment for each section is 22. If any section does not have at least 12 people enrolled by Sept. 26, it will be cancelled. Reserve early though, because some sections may fill completely. A donation of $90.00 (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). Recommended, but not required, is *Birds of Southern California* by Garrett, Dunn, & Small. Both books are available at Audubon House, or you can buy them at the first meeting (discount price for workshop participants, starting Sept. 1). You will also need to bring binoculars to meetings no later than the third session—preferably sooner.

Send your reservation for this workshop, **postmarked no earlier than Sept. 6th**, (2-day penalty for early reservations), 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. 28, including preliminary information and a map to the meeting place. For further information, contact Sylvia at sjrgallagher@yahoo.com or (714) 962-8990.

Enrollment Form for Introductory Birding Skills Workshops (Fall 2016)

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Bolsa Chica Bird Walk  
**Thurs. Sept. 1st - 8:00 am to 12 noon**  
Join Vic Leipzig for a bird walk at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve. Come prepared for a great morning of birding to check out the fall migrants and returning wintering birds. **Bring** binoculars, a field guide and a scope if you have one. We will **meet** in Harriet Wieder Park in the lot off Garfield. **Directions:** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Seapoint Ave. Follow Seapoint to its terminus at the corner of Garfield. Continue straight across Garfield into Harriet Wieder Reg. Park where there is plenty of free parking. Follow the drive lane (shown on some maps as Overlook Drive) about 1/4 mile to its end and park. **Leader:** Vic Leipzig

Monthly Bird Walk at the SJWS  
**Sun. Sept. 11th - 8:00 am to 12 noon**  
Join us for a bird walk around the ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine at 8:00 am. Many of the shorebirds and some of the ducks are back, and the birds of summer are leaving. The walk, which is open to birders of all ages, will meet by the front porch of Audubon House. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult. **Directions to SJWS on page 11**  
**Leader:** Chris Obaditch

Laguna Niguel Regional Park  
**Wed. Sept. 7th - 8:00 am to 12:00 pm**  
Join us for a morning of birding at Laguna Niguel Reg. Park at 7:30 am. This park attracts a wide variety of birds due to the landscaped park vegetation and lake. We will look for early fall migrants and resident species. **Directions:** Take the Santa Ana Frwy (5) to the La Paz Road off-ramp. Head west 4 miles to the park entrance. Be prepared to pay the $5 entrance fee if you don’t have a county parks pass. **Meet** at the Shelter #3 parking lot at the far end of the park where there is ample parking and a nearby restroom. (Ask for directions to Shelter 3 at the park entrance kiosk.) The park is located at 28241 La Paz Rd. in Laguna Niguel.  
**Leader:** Diane Etchison

Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat  
**Wed, Sept. 21 & Oct. 19 - 8:15 am to 11**

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 hrs. Trips are limited to 15 persons and there is a $10 trip fee per person payable in cash on the morning of the outing. Advance reservations are necessary; contact Nancy Kenyon to reserve a seat on the boat. Directions will be provided to those with reservations.  
**Leader:** Nancy Kenyon  
949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net

Upper Newport Bay Bird Walk  
**Sun. Sept. 25th - 8:00 am to 11:30 am**  
Join Mark Kincheloe for a monthly bird walk at Upper Newport Bay to check out the seasonal shorebirds, ducks, grebes, herons & egrets, etc. that frequent the bay. Bring your binoculars, a field guide, and a scope if you have one. **Directions:** We will meet in the Big Canyon parking lot in Newport Beach. This is easily reached from Jambooree. 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

Dragonflies & Butterflies at the SJWS  
**Sat. Sept. 10th - 10:00 am to 12:30 pm**  
Join Mike Clayton for a morning of exploring the delightful world of Dragonflies and Butterflies at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. We will meet in front of Audubon House at 10:00. Be sure to bring your binoculars so that you can view them up close.  
**Leader:** Mike Clayton
### Field Trip Schedule for 2016-2017

Check the Field Trip Schedule posted on our website for the latest additions to the schedule. [http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org)

Some of the trips require advance reservations; they are marked with this symbol. © All reservation field trips can be signed up for in advance. Since the field trip chair is also the webmaster, she is able to keep the trip information current on the webpage. For questions or additional information, contact Nancy Kenyon, FT Chair at: nancykenyon@cox.net or 949-786-3160.

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September 2016
**Way to Go, Audubon House Team!**

Loyal veteran volunteers, new volunteers, and brand-new recruits all pitched in to staff Audubon House this summer and fill-in for vacations and leaves of absence. A grateful and hearty thanks to you all!

We welcome and appreciate the much needed 10 newcomers: Mary Converse, Ann Harmer, Barbara Mitchell, David Kramer, JoAnn Nothhelfer, George Nothhelfer, Debby Thyssen, Claire Readey, Chris Byrd, and Paula Monroe.

You can join us, too. We could use your help. Volunteer at Audubon House. It's a great way to spend 4 hours. Contact Susan Sheakley for more information or to arrange an orientation.

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**Report on August Wildlife Walk**

On the first Saturday morning of every month, we have a special walk called a “Wildlife Walk.” The walk is usually led by Jean Drum and several other Audubon Naturalists. On this walk, they focus on the wildlife of the marsh – all types, not just birds, but also the insects, the reptiles, small mammals, plants, etc. When they see birds, they stop to watch the birds’ behavior. It’s a nice walk for families as well as interested naturalists. Here is Jean’s report on the August 6th Wildlife Walk —

It was a lovely overcast day which meant a cool, comfortable walk. We had 15 adults, 3 smaller children, and 3 teenagers. Naturalists were Jean, Margaret, David, and Mike.

Land birds were in short supply, except for a very friendly Black Phoebe at the edge of Pond C and a Red-tailed Hawk high up. However there were a goodly number of water birds - cormorants (one drying out his wings), both kinds of egrets, Pied-billed and Western Grebes, one single lonely coot, stilts, terns of all three kinds that we usually see at the marsh, and two White Pelicans. The overcast discouraged the dragonflies, but our dragonfly expert did identify a Blue Dasher and a damselfly sp.

We also saw something we had never seen before – female Mallards "jumping" to pull down the fluffy end of a bullrush stalk that was bending down toward the water, seemingly to reach the seeds. They didn’t really jump right out of the water, but they did stretch out their necks and lift themselves higher out of the water to pull the end of the stalk down where they could get at it. They did this repeatedly and seemed to be eating the seeds. They appeared to be familiar with the necessary technique.

We showed off the pollinator garden, which was filled with busy bees. Our visitors were very impressed. As usual, it was fun to walk around with a group of people who enjoyed all that they saw and left with big smiles.

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**California Coastal Cleanup Day**

**Saturday, Sept. 17th, 9:00 am to 12 Noon**

For more information, including cleanup sites and 29 trash “species” that we wish would go extinct, go to [http://coastal.ca.gov](http://coastal.ca.gov) and click on Coastal Cleanup Day.

**To participate, contact an Orange County Coordinator:**

Orange County Coastkeeper (Coast)  
Julia Williams  
714-850-1965  
[julia@coastkeeper.org](mailto:julia@coastkeeper.org)

Trails4All (Inland)  
Jim Meyer  
310-344-9229  
[jmeyert4a@aol.com](mailto:jmeyert4a@aol.com)

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**Plan Ahead for the Morro Bay trip!**

**Fri-Sun, Nov. 4-6**

Plan ahead to go on this scenic field trip at Morro Bay with Kaaren Perry. We’ll have a harbor cruise Friday afternoon, and then on Sat & Sun, we’ll walk the boardwalk to see the shorebirds, do a sea watch, check out the birds & Sea Otters around Morro Rock and Morro Bay State Park, venture up the coast for views of rocky shores & dashing waves. See webpage for info.
We had a great time at this year's Summer BBQ ~ Were you there too?

We had a sellout crowd of 200+ people at our Summer BBQ this year and fortunately, we didn’t have to turn anyone away because Vic and his crew did such a great job setting up the parking lot ahead of time. The weather was perfect ~ the live music set a festive mood ~ we ate in the meadow at gaily decorated tables while the birds flew overhead ~ it was a friendly atmosphere in a beautiful setting with lots of delicious food, an abundance of used nature books to browse through ~ guided bird walks after dinner and a night wildlife walk after the program for those who wanted to walk into the marsh at night ~ the program about California condors was special ~ and we had a wonderful group of 80+ volunteers including a group of our junior naturalists (teenage birders) who came just to help out.

It was definitely a highlight of the summer and we hope you were there to join in the fun!

We’d like to thank all these wonderful volunteers who made the event run so smoothly. We couldn’t have done it without you! Mabel & Marius Alazard, Bruce Aird, Ann & Alan Barbour, Chris Byrd, Deana Collins, Marie Connors, Linda Daily, Linda Davis, Andrew, John & Matthew de Koeyer, Lori & Jerry Donohue, Bettina Eastman, Beverly Findlay-Kaneko, Carol Freund, Jan Gaffney, Mary George, Carol & Tom Getz, Rita Giebel, Kate Grabenstein, Sierra Green, Susan Hankey, Ann Harmer, Lynne Hayes, Mary Ann & Joe Hazelett, Star Howard, Juno Hsu, Sarah Jayne, Lynne Jeffries, Mary Joseph, Nancy Kenyon, Margaret Kim, Jim & Judy Kissinger, Carolyn Kraber, Bev Krassner-Bulas, Vic Leipzig, Doug Lithgow, Stephanie Makarewicz, Merry Levy, Peggy & Mike McGlone, John McKeever, Sally Menzel, Bobbie Miller, Jay & Marquita Miller, Susan Munson, Carin Parker, Sharon Nantell, Carolyn & Charlie Noble, Moss & Clark Noble, Sierra Plys, Bob Polkinghorn, Francois & Louis Primeau, Melissa Rapp, Amy-Grace & Maggie Ratanapratum, Gabriele Rau, Roberta Ray, Claire Readey, Barbara Reber, Joe & Shannon Reed, Margaret Renton, Shirley Reynolds, Gail & Stan Richards, Ann Ryan, Nancy Ryder, Robert Scrimger, Ryan Seppala, Hal & Susan Sheakley, Terri & Steve Skwarlo, Sandy Smith, Tim Stephens, Bill Stern, Monte Taylor, Beryl & Ralph Vogel, Phil Westin.
Education News
Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education

For information about our Education Program, please visit our chapter webpage at: http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Education/Education.html

New Volunteers Needed for Two Youth Education Programs

We know a perfect place where you can . . . .
• Be part of a friendly team of volunteers!
• Enjoy time in a beautiful wetland!
• Watch birds, butterflies, and aquatic insects!
• Share nature with children!
• Support the healthy future of our planet!

This place is the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. Here, Sea and Sage Audubon’s Outdoor Adventures science discovery program positively affects elementary school children while enriching our own lives. This program needs gentle, caring people who are willing to spend a morning with 4-5th graders as they use binoculars and microscopes to explore the wonderful world of wetlands for the first time.

This fall, we are recruiting and training new volunteers for Outdoor Adventures which are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Training includes three meetings in addition to practicing with experienced naturalists throughout winter and spring. Once you complete the training, you can help with two tours a month from October through June. So the time commitment is not too large while the rewards are many.

You do not need to be a birding expert because we do not name all the birds for the children! Instead, we show them how to identify birds on their own by using simple field marks and behaviors. You will learn how to ask a variety of questions that enable the children to look closer at nature. You will make your own discoveries along with the children!

If you or someone you know is looking for something to do a few mornings a month that has a lasting impact on our next generation of earth’s stewards, then our Outdoor Adventures naturalist team is the place for you! It's not too late to join the September classes. Contact Project Director Trude Hurd at seaandsage@sbcglobal.net or phone 949-261-7964.

Donations Needed for School Bus Scholarship Fund

Each year, Sea and Sage Audubon provides over 50 scholarships so Santa Ana elementary school children can experience an outdoor science program at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Funding for these Outdoor Adventures scholarships is generously provided by a local anonymous foundation. As a result, over 1,600 students have a deeper understanding and appreciation for all life on Earth which they would not have experienced without our program.

Schools face many financial challenges, and more teachers report that bus funding is harder to obtain for field trips. We can direct these teachers to two local sources of bus funds: Target Field Trip Grants and OCCF’s FEDCO Teacher Grant Program. However, competition for these grants has increased over past years resulting in some of our Santa Ana schools still needing money for buses in order to participate.

This is where you, our generous membership, can help! Last year, Sea and Sage individuals helped pay for 14 bus trips costing $3,964. We are looking to raise a similar amount this school year with your help!

We are looking for donations of any size from $25 to $1,000. If you value outdoor experiences for local underprivileged school children, please think about a donation for a bus. Send your check and contact information to School Bus Fund, Sea and Sage Audubon Society, 5 Riparian View, Irvine, CA, 92612.

You can be confident that your donation is making an important impact on children’s lives because teachers tell us so! Nidia Zavala of Pio Pico School in Santa Ana writes, “Because of your generosity, my students were able to experience hands-on things which they hadn’t before (looking through pond water samples, using binoculars to look at wildlife.) Many of my students were unaware of the wildlife which is so close to their home.” Please send your check today and help grow tomorrow’s environment protectors.
Directions and Membership

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

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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. It is in pdf format and will look and print exactly like the original ones. Photos will be in color. Send an e-mail to nancykenyon@cox.net to start your paper-free Tattler delivery today! (offer good only for chapter members in good standing)

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

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

Our entrance is now from Campus Dr., not Michelson
From the San Diego Fwy (405): Exit on Jamboree, south toward Newport Beach. At the 1st signal, Michelson, turn left. Continue on Michelson (past the old entrance to the SJWS) to the 5th signal which is Harvard and turn right. Drive to University & turn right. Drive to Campus Drive & turn right. Stay in the far right lane and immediately turn right onto Riparian View which will enter the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. The entrance road is marked by a green sign. If you miss the turn and reach Carlson, turn right and go around the block again to Harvard. The sanctuary is open every day from dawn until dusk.

Audubon House
Open daily: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
949-261-7963

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

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

Audubon Membership Application
We invite you to become a member of the National Audubon Society and the Sea & Sage Audubon chapter. Members receive the AUDUBON magazine as well as the WANDERING TATTLER newsletter. NEW MEMBERSHIP is $20 for an individual or for a family. (The membership is good for one year.)

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

To renew membership: renew directly with National Audubon by direct mail or online: https://secure.audubon.org/site/Donation2?df_id=9433&9433.donation=form1 (Renewals are $20 per year.)

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SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

September 2016
01 Thurs Bolsa Chica bird walk ....................... 8:00 am
03 Sat Monthly Wildlife Walk at the SJWS .......... 9:00 am
06 Tues Registration opens for Sylvia’s birding class ....
06 Tues Conservation Committee Meeting ............. 6:30 pm
07 Wed Laguna Niguel Regional Park bird walk .......... 8:00 am
10 Sat Snowy Plover Training ....................... 9:30 am
10 Sat Dragonflies & Butterflies walk at the SJWS .10:00 am
11-17 Su-Sa Snowy Plover Survey ............... up to you
11 Sun Monthly bird walk at the SJWS .......... 8:00 am
13 Tues Board Meeting .................... 7:30 pm
16 Fri GENERAL MEETING at the Duck Club ... 7:30 pm
17 Sat Fall Pelagic Trip out of Dana Point © - Full ...6:30 am
17 Sat Coastal Cleanup Day ..................... 9:00 am
21 Wed UNB by pontoon boat © .................. 8:15 am
25 Sun Monthly bird walk at Upper Newport Bay ...... 8:00 am

October 2016
01 Sat Monthly Wildlife Walk at the SJWS .......... 9:00 am
04 Tues Conservation Committee Meeting .......... 6:30 pm
05 Wed Sylvia’s Birding Class begins this week ........
08 Sat Dragonflies & Butterflies walk at the SJWS .10:00 am
09 Sun Monthly bird walk at the SJWS .......... 8:00 am
11 Tues Board Meeting .................... 7:30 pm
15 Sat San Diego & Vicinity field trip .......... 8:00 am
19 Wed UNB by pontoon boat © .................. 8:15 am
21 Fri GENERAL MEETING at the Duck Club ... 7:30 pm
29 Sat Pancake Breakfast .................... 7:30 am
30 Sun Monthly bird walk at Upper Newport Bay ...... 8:00 am