Wandering Tattler

President’s Message
by Vic Leipzig

Summer is a relatively quiet time for Sea & Sage, with one big exception: the annual Summer Barbeque. This year’s dinner was held on Saturday, July 26, and was one of our biggest ever, with over 200 people in attendance. The food was excellent and so was our featured speaker, Paul Bannick, photographer and woodpecker expert. Putting on an event of that size requires a small army of volunteers, far too many for me to list by name. But I do want to express my thanks to Jay Miller, overall event coordinator (and former president of Sea & Sage), and some of his chief “deputies”: Gretchen McCausland, Mary Joseph, Nancy Kenyon, and Susan Sheakley (another former president of Sea & Sage).

The end of summer brings excitement to Sea & Sage for another reason. It’s at this season of each year that Nancy Kenyon, our field trip coordinator, announces the program of field trips for the coming year. Take a look at p. 7 for the outstanding list of field trips that Sea & Sage will be offering. I will lead a couple of them myself, and I will be a participant on many more. Our great field trip leaders always take us to great birds and it’s always fun to be with Sea & Sage people!

This past summer saw another event of interest to Sea & Sage members. I was encouraged by some long-time Audubon folks to run for an open seat on the board of directors of Audubon California. In June I was elected by vote of the boards of the fourteen chapters in southern California to be their delegate to the statewide board. The term is three years and begins this coming September. I will do my best to represent the interests of southern California chapters. I believe that Sea & Sage is such a vibrant, active chapter that it will benefit Audubon California to have us more closely tied to the state organization. And I believe that Sea & Sage will benefit from those closer ties, as well. Audubon California has for many years been one of the most effective branches of the National Audubon Society. I look forward to helping it maintain that position. I invite all Sea & Sage members to share with me their thoughts on Audubon issues about how we can make our organization—local, state, and national— the best that it can be!

General Meeting
Friday evening, Sept. 19 - 7:30 pm

“Australia: A Birding Experience”
presented by Fred Roberts

Australia. The name evokes visions of red-sand deserts, eucalyptus trees, ancient tropical rain forest, and exotic mammals like the kangaroo, echidna, and platypus. About the size of the continental United States and isolated for millions of years, Australia has developed a unique and interesting suite of plants and animals. About 300 species of birds are endemic to Australia and found nowhere else. For the bird enthusiast or naturalist, Australia is often high on the list for a visit. Here you can find honeyeaters, emus, fairy-wrens, cassowaries, lyrebirds, and pardalotes, birds with no counterpart in North America.

Fred Roberts has been fortunate to travel several times to the Land Down Under, exploring Queensland, the Darwin region, the Blue Mountains, Alice Springs, and the entire west coast. During these travels, Fred photographed over 200 species of birds. Sit back and enjoy a virtual tour of this varied, wonderful land and its avian occupants.

Fred graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1982, worked in the herbarium at the Museum of Systematic Biology at UCI, and at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He is an accomplished botanist and author/co-author of several books including Wildflowers of Orange County and the Santa Ana Mountains. However his interests have ranged far beyond plants. Currently he conducts surveys, writes books, and paints watercolor portraits of wildlife, especially birds. Fred enjoys birding and bird photography as a serious hobby. The list of birds he has kept since high school has topped 1,800 species.

Our program will be held in the Duck Club at the SJWS 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.

—Doug Lithgow
Conservation News
Susan Sheakley, Conservation Chair

Our next Conservation meeting will be held on September 2, at 6:30 PM in the Learning Center. Our next 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture will be held on September 23 at 7:30 PM in the Learning Center. We hope you will join us.

4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture: Sept. 23rd - 7:30 pm
SJWS, Learning Center

“What’s the Buzz About Bob’s Bee Talk?”
presented by Bob Allen, Entomologist, Botanist, Instructor and Photographer

Some of you have expressed concern about the status of the honeybees and an interest in learning more about our native bees and pollinators. Well, you are in for a treat! We will kick off the new season of Conservation Lectures with guest speaker Bob Allen.

Bob received his BS degree in Environmental and Systematic Biology at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and his MS in Environmental Studies at CSUF. He taught entomology and biological illustration at CSUF. Bob continues to teach in the classroom and the field and is currently working on a book about California’s pollinating insects. If you haven’t met Bob in the field or in the classroom, you may know of him as one of the authors of the recently published and long-awaited book “Wildflowers of Orange County and the Santa Ana Mountains”. Here is Bob’s write up on his upcoming ‘4th Tuesday’ talk.

Did you know that there are 20,000 described species of bees? Most media and many children’s stories certainly make one think that there is only one bee species.

I’ll bet that most, perhaps all, of your knowledge about bees comes from only one species: Apis mellifera, a non-native member of the insect order Hymenoptera – the sawflies, ants, wasps, and bees. Imagine if your knowledge of the bird order Passeriformes – the passerine or perching birds – was based on only one of its member species, such as the House Sparrow (which is also a non-native); what incomplete knowledge of passerines you would have!

Does Apis mellifera have a common name? As with plants and many other organisms, nearly all insects have no official common names. Two of this bee’s most often used common names are the Western Honey Bee and the Old World Honey Bee. The first is in reference to its being the westernmost member of the genus Apis, which has 7 species (the others range east into Asia and Indonesia). The second is in reference to its natural occurrence in the old world.

The Western Honey Bee is the only bee that lives in tidy little white manmade boxes. Where do other bees live? How do they live? Are they in massive colonies or are they loners?

Is the Western Honey Bee dwindling all over the place? What is “colony collapse disorder?”

Are some pesticides killing off bees? Which bees, if any?

How are some gardeners and nurseries actually promoting this?

What is the real story?

Cheer up! I will mostly present the good news about a variety of stunning native bee species, including our large Carpenter Bees, Bumble Bees, Leafcutter Bees, Sweat Bees, and tiny Yellow-faced Bees.

Can humans promote the survival of bees? Yes we can!

Bee there. And I expect more than a few of you to wear bee antennae, bee jewelry, and/or bee clothing

Please join us on Tuesday, September 23 for what promises to be both an informative and entertaining talk. Doors open at 7:00 PM for refreshments and social. Program begins at 7:30.

O.C. Snowy Plover Survey Resumes in September 2014!
Join the Snowy Plover Team!

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 information on Snowy Plovers and to report how wintering and breeding plovers use our beaches, to the recovery plan for this threatened species.

The next survey period is during the week of Sunday, Sept. 21 through Saturday, Sept. 27.

Volunteers are expected to have attended one of the training sessions, provide their own binoculars, and conduct the survey on their assigned section of beach during the survey period. Beach assignments are on a first-come, first-served basis.

The next training session will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 am to 12 noon at the Irvine Ranch Water District, 15600 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine.

To reserve a beach to survey or a spot in our training session, or if you have questions about this project, contact Cheryl Egger at ocsnplsurvey@gmail.com

For more information and a list of beach segments, please see our website at www.seaandsageaudubon.org then go to the OC Snowy Plover Survey page.

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September 2014
As it’s been approximately four months since the last “Rarities” column, a lot of birding has transpired over that time in the county, along with numerous reports made. Therefore, this month we do want to at least touch on some of the most noteworthy highlights from the latter part of spring (where we left off last time). And we’ll start off with a bird that was discovered one day after the last “OC Rarities” column had been submitted. Undoubtedly what was the county’s biggest surprise of the spring was the Gray Catbird in Pinecrest Park, (Mission Viejo) Apr. 6 (Ryan Winkleman). Unfortunately, this was a “one-day-wonder,” although a few other birders managed to find it later in the day. At this date it is very likely the bird had been wintering either here or at least in the vicinity. This appears to be only the fourth Gray Catbird record for the county.

The rare spring migrants we’ve almost grown accustomed to in Southern California were almost nonexistent this year in Orange County (especially of the eastern North American variety). Nevertheless, it was still an interesting season for relatively well-above-average numbers of some rare but regular spring migrants here. For example, unprecedented numbers of Calliope Hummingbirds were found in the county (with many of these nicely photographed); between Apr. 5 and 29 a conservative estimate of 12 to 15 were found from the coast (e.g., Huntington Central Park [HCP] and Dana Point) to the Los Pinos trailhead in the Santa Ana Mountains. This was roughly two to three times our previous single season maximum. Some locations (e.g., the lower Maple Springs Truck Trail) had as many as three present in the same general area. Gray Flycatcher is another scarce spring migrant in OC; therefore the five that were documented between Apr. 10 and May 8 (Jim Pike, Barbara Boethling, Mike Todd and Doug Willick) was a very respectable total.

Other migrants of special note this spring included a Solitary Sandpiper at HCP, Apr. 30 (Roger Schoedl); approximately 965 Whimbrels at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, Apr. 20 (Bruce Aird), undoubtedly the largest concentration ever recorded in the county; a most unexpected Townsend’s Solitaire at HCP, May 4-9 (Rick Shearer), this being perhaps only the second record for this park (since record-keeping began in 1980!); a Brewer’s Sparrow in Modjeska Canyon (at the beginning of the Harding Canyon Trail), May 4-7 (Mike Huang); a Vesper’s Sparrow at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station (SBNWS), Apr. 14 (Robert Schallman); and two Green-tailed Towhees, with one in San Juan Capistrano, Apr. 11 (Richard Erickson), and the second at SJWS, May 3 (Rick Shearer). A White-throated Sparrow heard singing at Serrano Creek Park (Lake Forest), Apr. 10 (B. Aird), had not previously been detected here, but could potentially have been wintering locally, at this date. The May 3 Sea & Sage spring pelagic trip, out of Dana Harbor, had two interesting records of migrant terns: a Common Tern (which is rarely recorded in OC in spring, at least onshore), and a group of between seven and ten Black Terns (easily more than double the most ever recorded at a single location in the county since records were begun in the late 1970s); 13 Scripp’s Murrelets recorded on this trip was likely a high count for OC. Rare inland was a single Black Tern at Burris Basin, May 17 (Glenn Israel). Spring Yellow-headed Blackbirds were found in above-average numbers. These included two in the UCI Freshwater Marsh (adjacent to SJWS), Apr. 11 (Robert McNab); a male at nearby SJWS, Apr. 16 (Don Hoechlin); four males at the SBNWS, Apr. 11 (John Fitch), with two here Apr. 17-23, and again four present on May 7-9 (R. Schallmann, et al.).

Although there were some exceptionally early migrants this past spring (touched on during the last “Rarities” column), there were also a few late stragglers as well. Unusually late were several Golden-crowned Sparrows well past late Apr., when most have left So Cal; the latest included a pair at HCP, as well as two at Mile Square Regional Park, all on May 16 (Jerry Tolman, Jim Roe). Other spring notables included a few birds lingering from the winter period, such as a Snow Goose at Tri-City Park through May (Sam Bressler, et al.), and a Cable Landing Goose at Heritage Park till at least May 12 (Jeff Bray, et al.). A Ring-necked Duck remaining at SJWS into June was one of very few apparent summering records. An immature Bald Eagle at Burris Basin, Apr. 13 (D. Willick), was unexpected. A Glaucous-winged Gull at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (BCER) well into June was undoubtedly summering locally. Gull-billed Terns appeared again in the county this spring, with a pair seen sporadically at BCER, Apr. 17-26, and again May 10 and 28 (numerous observers). One “leg-flagged” Gull-billed Tern was at SBNWS, May 27 (R. Schallmann). Very exciting was the discovery that at least one pair of the endangered Ridgway’s (formerly Clapper) Rail had successfully bred at BCER, which may be a first for this location.

Summing/breeding records of note included Dark-eyed Junco territories (where breeding evidence was also seen) in Newport Beach (Susan Kaveggia), on the U.C. Irvine campus (Tom Ford-Hutchinson), and at the Fairhaven Memorial Park/Santa Ana Cemetery complex (D. Willick). Mountain Chickadees continue to slowly increase as resident breeders in the foothills of south OC, as they have done over the last decade. More recently, some appear to be moving north into the east Orange and Anaheim Hills area, while a pair with an active nest in Dana Point, during late Apr. (Bob Hodgin, Joan Miller), was only about a mile from the ocean.
Chapter News & Announcements

For more information about Sea & Sage activities, check our Calendar of Chapter Activities on our chapter webpage (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, Field Trips, Orange County Spring Count, Christmas Bird Counts, 4th Tuesday Conservation Lectures, Birding Skills Workshops, Snowy Plover Surveys, etc.

Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in June, July, August, & September: Sherry Bass, Terri Brewster, Pat & Dick Cabe, Constance Cassidy, Barbara Chidester, Deana Collins, Bettina Eastman, Fresia Escalona, Judy Fritts, Carol Freund, Carol Getz, John Hargrove, Lynne Hayes, Pat Heilig, Cindi Herrera, Sarah Jayne, Nancy Kenyon, Lauretta Kyle, Joann Lemberger, Doug Lithgow, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Helen Nicholas, Shirley Price, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, Ira Sadis, Susan Sheakley, Bev Spring, Monte Taylor, Beryl Vogel, Ron Waller, and Pat Wells.

Our Volunteers greet visitors, answer the phone, sell merchandise, answer questions about birds, check out birding equipment, binoculars, etc. If you are interested in helping at Audubon House, please call Judy Fritts at 949-551-4513.

We Had Fun at the Summer BBQ This year!

Delicious food! Wonderful volunteers - we couldn’t have done it without their help! Lots of congenial friends! Great selection of used books for sale! Special bird walks and night wildlife walks! Perfect weather! Entertaining and Informative program on Woodpeckers. Who could ask for anything more?

Volunteer to Help with Exhibits!

Every year Sea and Sage Audubon is invited to put up outreach tables at fun and exciting community events. We do this in order to inform the public about the importance of birds, habitat, and our support of the natural environment. To do this we need volunteers who are willing to sign up to work two hour shifts, interact with the public, answer their questions and tell them about what we do. We have lots of handouts, crafts for children & reference materials. No training is required, just sign-up, show-up and visit with people as they come by our table. We have an event coming up in September and could use your help:

CHILDREN’S BOOK FESTIVAL - Sunday, Sept. 28, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Free to the public, this is a very big, very busy event and a great opportunity to put Sea & Sage Audubon Society in front of thousands of people. It takes 16 volunteers to make this work; I hope you’ll be one of them. The shifts are 2 hours, although people often put in more time. Parking is free. Contact Mary Joseph for more information or to sign up.

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 and Mastercard) with a $10 minimum purchase. New books include: ABA Field Guides of Colorado and New Jersey; Secrets of the Oak Woodlands; The Homing Instinct: Meaning and Mystery in Animal Migration; Breath of Wilderness: The Life of Sigurd Olson; Forest Unseen: A Year’s Watch in Nature, and The Handbook of Bird Photography (which sold out and is now back in stock). Other items include hummingbird, butterfly and dragonfly solar lights and other garden décor; new t-shirt designs (including ladies scoop shirts which have a more tailored shape); animal caps for children; and new note cards by local artists and photographers. The 2015 calendars (wall, page-a-day, engagement) are now available. Shop early for the best selection.

It’s More Than Just Pancakes!

On Saturday morning, Oct. 25th, we will be hosting our Annual Pancake Breakfast 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 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.
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, plumes 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 for one Sunday (Oct. 26) and three Saturdays (Nov. 1, 22, Dec. 13) — times to be announced. The dates and times for the workshop sessions are listed below.

Wed. evenings: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., (Oct. 1 – Dec. 17, except Oct. 8 and Nov. 26)
Thurs. mornings: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, (Oct. 2 - Dec. 18, except Oct. 9 and Nov. 27)
Thurs. evenings: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., (Oct. 2 - Dec. 18, except Oct. 9 and Nov. 27)

The maximum enrollment for each section is 22. If any section does not have at least 12 people enrolled by Sept. 24, 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). 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. 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. 2nd*, (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. 24, 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 2014)

Names of all participants ____________________________
Address(es) ____________________________
City & Zip Code ____________________________
Phone(s) ____________________________ E-mail ____________________________

Check or rank your choice of section:
- WED. pm ___
- THURS. am ___
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- SASE enclosed? ___

Do you plan to buy a book at the first meeting? ___ If more than one, how many? ___
September Field Trips
Nancy Kenyon, Field Trip Chair

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

Wildlife Walk at the SJWS
**Sat, Sept. 6th - 9:00 am to 10:30**
We’ll be exploring the birds, plants, and creatures of the marsh on this wildlife walk at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Meet in front of Audubon House at 9:00 am for a 1½ hour nature walk. (See page 11 for directions.) Leaders: Audubon Naturalists

Bird Walk at the SJWS
**Sun, Sept. 14th - 8:00 am to 12:00**
Join Chris Obaditch for a monthly bird walk around the ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine at 8:00 am. Many of the shorebirds 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 p. 11) Leader: Chris Obaditch

Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat
**Wed, Oct. 15 & Nov. 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 will 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 spot on the boat. Directions will be provided to those with reservations. (The Sept. trip is full, but there is still room on the Oct. 15, Nov. 19, & Dec. 17 trips.) Leader: Nancy Kenyon 949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net

Bolsa Chica Bird Walk
**Thurs: Sept. 18th - 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 Harriett 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

Pelagic Trips out of Dana Point ®
The Fall pelagic trip on Sept. 20 is fully booked, but there are 4 more pelagic trips which still have plenty of room and are open for reservations. (Jan. 10, May 2, July 11, and Sept. 13) Each costs $60, is an 8 hour trip, has 6 co-leaders, and meets at 6:30 am. Check the chapter webpage for trip information & directions for signing up.

Dragonflies & Damselflies at the SJWS;
**Fri, Sept. 26 — 10:00 am to 12:30 pm**
Join Mike Clayton for a morning of exploring the delightful world of Dragonflies and Damselflies 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. Mike will explain the differences between dragonflies and damselflies, tell about their life cycle, what they eat, etc. Leader: Mike Clayton

Black-Lighting for Insects at Caspers
**Sat, Sept. 27th – 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm**
Join Bettina Eastman and Rich Schilk who will be black-lighting for insects at Caspers Wilderness Park on Sat. night. Don't miss this special opportunity to look at some of the most interesting nighttime insects. We expect to see beautiful moths, beetles, and other flying insects which are attracted by the black-lights. Meet in the Old Corral area. Directions: Take the I-5 Fwy south to Ortega Hwy and turn left (toward the mts.). Drive 7.6 miles to Caspers Park, which will be on your left. Be prepared to pay the $5 entrance fee if you don't have a county parks pass. At the entrance, tell them you are there for the Sea & Sage field trip. Leaders: Bettina Eastman and Rich Schilk

Upper Newport Bay Bird Walk
**Sun, Sept. 28th - 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. Bring 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 Jamboree. Take San Joaquin Hills Road west toward the bay where it intersects with Back Bay Drive. Turn right on Back Bay Drive & follow it to the Big Canyon parking lot on your left. Leader: Mark Kincheloe

Questions about field trips? Contact Nancy Kenyon, Field Trip Chair, at 949-786-3160 or nancykenyon@cox.net
Field Trip Schedule for 2014-2015

This schedule is not completely finished. More trips will be added to it and we hope to soon have the dates available for those trips which are marked as tentative. Check the Field Trip Schedule posted on our website for the latest additions to the schedule. Information will, of course, be listed in the Tattler. Some of the trips require advance reservations; they are marked with this symbol. For additional information, contact Nancy Kenyon, FT Chair at nancykenyon@cox.net or 949-786-3160.

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| Wed 04     | Dana Point Headlands & Harbor bird walk |
| Fr-Su 6-8  | Bill Clark’s Adv Raptor Workshop & Field Trip © |
| Sat 07     | Wildlife Walk at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary |
| Sun 08     | San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary bird walk |
| Fri tba    | Starr Ranch Owl Prowls (see webpage for dates) © |
| Sat tba    | Starr Ranch Owl Prowls (see webpage for dates) © |
| Sun 15     | Carbon Canyon Reg. Park bird walk |
| Wed 18     | Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat © |
| Thurs 19   | Bolsa Chica bird walk |
| Sun 29     | Upper Newport Bay bird walk |

April 2015

| Wed 01     | Caspers Wilderness Park bird walk |
| Sat 04     | Wildlife Walk at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary |
| Wed 08     | Laguna Niguel WP bird walk for beginners |
| Sa-Su 11-12| Eastern Sierra Trip © |
| Sun 12     | San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary bird walk |
| Wed 15     | Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat © |
| Sun 19     | Mile Square Park bird walk |
| Sun 26     | Big Morongo Preserve & Vicinity |
| Sun 26     | Upper Newport Bay bird walk |

May 2015

| Sat 02     | Wildlife Walk at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary |
| Sat 02     | Spring Pelagic Trip out of Dana Point © |
| Wed 06     | Dana Point Headlands & Harbor bird walk |
| Fri-Sun 8-10| Orange County Spring Count |
| Sun 10     | San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary bird walk |
| Sun 17     | Carbon Canyon Reg. Park bird walk |
| Wed 20     | Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat © |
| Thurs 21   | Bolsa Chica bird walk |
| Sun 31     | Upper Newport Bay bird walk |

June 2015

| Wed 03 | Caspers Wilderness Park bird walk |
| Sat 06 | Wildlife Walk at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary |
| Wed 10 | Laguna Niguel WP bird walk for beginners |
| Sat tba| Potluck Picnic & Bird Walk at Starr Ranch |
| Sun 14 | San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary bird walk |
| Wed 17 | Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat © |
| Sun 21 | Craig Reg. Park bird walk |
| Fri-Mon 26-29| Southern Sierra Trip © |
| Sun 28 | Upper Newport Bay bird walk |

July 2015

| Sat 04 | Wildlife Walk at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary |
| Sat 11 | Summer Pelagic Trip out of Dana Point © |
| Sun 12 | San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary bird walk |
| Wed 15 | Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat © |
| Thurs 16| Bolsa Chica bird walk |
| Sa-Su 18-19| Mammoth Lakes weekend trip © |
| Sun 26 | Upper Newport Bay bird walk |

August 2015

| Sat 01 | Wildlife Walk at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary |
| Sun 09 | San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary bird walk |
| Wed 19 | Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat © |
| Sun 30 | Upper Newport Bay bird walk |
Important Notice To All Members

Laguna Hills Audubon and Sea & Sage Audubon have recently agreed to an adjustment of the geographic boundary between them. Like all Audubon chapters everywhere, our two local chapters are assigned certain areas (defined by ZIP codes) by the national organization. This means that members of National Audubon are automatically considered members of a given local chapter based on the ZIP code of their place of residence. All Audubon members can choose to affiliate with any chapter, anywhere, rather than their local chapter, but the local chapter is usually the most convenient.

Problems can arise, however, when some Audubon members in a given ZIP code prefer one chapter and other members in the same ZIP code prefer a different chapter. That has been the case in some south Orange County ZIP codes.

Six Orange County ZIP codes (92607, 92609, 92630, 92651, 92656 and 92677) that were previously assigned to Laguna Hills Audubon actually have a majority of members who affiliate with Sea & Sage. To accommodate the majority, these ZIP codes are being transferred to Sea and Sage and will begin receiving the Wandering Tattler newsletter. Effective date of this change will be January 1, 2015.

This automatic re-assignment is NOT mandatory. If you live within one of the affected ZIP codes but wish to remain with Laguna Hills, you can do so. Simply telephone National Audubon Society Membership Services at (800) 274-4201 and ask to be assigned (use the phrase "hard-coded") to Laguna Hills Audubon. Mention the "chapter code" for Laguna Hills Audubon, which is C-31.

If your residential zip code is 92637, 92653 or 92654, you will continue to be automatically considered a member of the Laguna Hills chapter and will continue to receive the Burrowing Owl newsletter. These three ZIPs represent the core areas of membership in Laguna Hills. Residents in these three ZIP codes can affiliate with Sea & Sage by phoning Membership Services and asking to be assigned to Sea & Sage, chapter code C-15.

These changes will in no way alter anyone’s membership in the National Audubon Society. Subscriptions to Audubon magazine, annual membership renewal cycle, and national membership privileges will not be affected at all.

As always, whichever chapter you belong to, you are welcome at all activities—meetings, bird walks, field trips—of either Sea & Sage or Laguna Hills!

— Vic Leipzig and Eva Lydick

We Need Your Used Books

Attention members! Here is an easy way to support your chapter. Start your fall cleaning now! Take a look at your bookshelves and take down any unused books on birds and other animals, plants, natural history, cooking, birding, travel and gardening to donate to Sea and Sage Audubon for our Annual Pancake Breakfast Used Book Sale. Proceeds from this sale will benefit our chapter programs, including Education and Conservation. All donations will be greatly appreciated, first by the chapter, and then by our fellow book lovers who will get the opportunity to buy and enjoy them. Deliver your donations to Audubon House by Thursday, October 23, by 3:30 PM.

WFO Scholarship Awarded to Lee Evans

We’re proud to announce that Lee Evans was awarded a WFO Scholarship to attend the upcoming Western Field Ornithologists Conference in San Diego this fall. Lee is a relatively new birder who is very committed to birding. He started out by taking Sylvia Gallagher’s Intro. Workshop last fall followed by the Intro Sounds Workshop in the winter. He also joined the Junior Naturalists this year, took part in 2 of the 3 CBC’s, and attended both Advanced Bird Camps this summer. Lee says he’s very excited about attending the conference and knows he will learn a lot.

California Coastal Cleanup Day

Sat, Sept. 20 – 9:00 am to Noon

Getting involved in easy!

Pick a Cleanup Site: We have sites all over Orange County that need your help. Find one on the 2014 Coastal Cleanup Site Directory: http://tinyurl.com/kx6ajb8 You can register online.

Bring Your Reusable Items: Please join our efforts this year by participating in the "Bring Your Own" philosophy and bringing your own grocery/retail plastic bags (for reuse), bucket, gloves, and/or reusable water bottle to make this a zero waste event.

For additional information, visit the CA Coastal Cleanup website at: coastalcleanupday.org
Chapter News & Announcements

For more information about Sea & Sage activities, check our Calendar of Chapter Activities on our chapter website (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, Field Trips, Orange County Spring Count, Birding Skills Workshops, Christmas Bird Counts, 4th Tuesday Conservation Lectures, Snowy Plover Surveys, etc.

No more “Clapper Rails” in Orange County

July 30, 2014, was the official date of this year’s taxonomic changes by the American Ornithologists’ Union, including a major change for an important bird in our local marshes, the “Clapper” Rail.

This species has just been taxonomically split. Previously, birds known as Clapper Rails, *Rallus longirostris*, were found in marshes and mangrove swamps in both North and South America. There were over 20 recognized subspecies across this wide geographic range. Just within the state of California there are three different subspecies: *Rallus longirostris obsoletus* (California Clapper Rail) found in San Francisco Bay marshes; *Rallus longirostris levipes* (Light-footed Clapper Rail) found in coastal marshes of southern California and northern Baja; and *Rallus longirostris yumanensis* (Yuma Clapper Rail) found along the Colorado River and at the Salton Sea. Each of these subspecies has a precariously small population and is officially recognized as endangered under the US Endangered Species Act. The Light-footed subspecies has a total population of 600 breeding pairs in the United States, with about half of those at the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve.

Now, based on morphological, behavioral, and DNA differences, the AOU has broken the species in to three. Birds of the east and gulf coasts of the USA will continue to be called Clapper Rails (*Rallus crepitans*). Birds of South America will be called Mangrove Rails (*Rallus longirostris*). And the three subspecies in California have been broken out from the rest and will henceforth be known as Ridgway’s Rail (*Rallus obsoletus*). (Robert Ridgway was one of North America’s leading ornithologists of the late 1800s and early 1900s.) Note that the Latin species epithet has also been changed for our birds so they are now *Rallus obsoletus levipes*.

To repeat, there are now three species instead of one:
- Clapper Rail, *Rallus crepitans*
- Ridgway’s Rail, *Rallus obsoletus*
- Mangrove Rail, *Rallus longirostris*

As complex as this change is, it actually simplifies life for us in one way! In the past, we have had to describe our local rails as an endangered subspecies, because east coast and gulf coast subspecies are relatively abundant and not listed as endangered. However, the newly-formed Ridgway’s Rail is composed entirely of endangered subspecies and so Ridgway’s Rail is itself an endangered species, where “Clapper Rail” was not!

— Vic Leipzig

Central Valley Bird Symposium

The Central Valley Bird Club will be hosting the 18th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium on Nov. 20-23, 2014 at the Stockton Hilton Hotel in Stockton, CA.

The symposium begins with a scrumptious Hors D’oeuvres buffet & No Host Bar on Thursday night. The keynote speaker is Ed Harper who will be presenting a program on "Appreciating the Birds of the Central Valley". Ed is a widely known, popular and highly sought after speaker.

Friday Night’s keynote program will be presented by Nat Seavey on “From Flood to Drought: A Bird’s-Eye View of Water Management in the Central Valley.” Nat Seavey, is the Research Director of the Pacific Coast and Central Valley Group at Point Blue Conservation Science (formerly PRBO). His research is focused on the ecology and conservation of riparian ecosystems, bird migration, the ecological effects of climate change, and applying science to conservation decision making and public policy.

Saturday Night’s keynote program will be presented by Joel Greenberg on “The Echoes of their Wings: The Life and Legacy of the Passenger Pigeon.” For the past four years he has been a leader in Project Passenger Pigeon which aims to mark the anniversary of the species’ extinction. He is co-producing with director David Mrazek the documentary, From Billions to None: The Passenger Pigeon’s Flight to Extinction.

Workshops include: "Subspecies for Birders" by Joe Morlan, "What Birders should know about Taxonomy in Flux" by Jon Dunn & Kimball Garrett, and a photo workshop by Bob Steele, plus, informative talks by Monica Iglesia, Sara Kross, and Bob Meese. Andy Englis and his UCD Museum crew will present the very popular Specimen Workshop.

The field trips always turn up exciting birds. Add in the always entertaining and educational Bird ID Panel, the wonderful display of art and gifts for yourself or others at the Birder’s Market and the camaraderie of hundreds of like-minded folks, and you know you’ll have a good time!

To look over the line-up of speakers, workshops, and field trips or register, check out the website at: http://www.2013cvbs.org/
Registration: http://www.regonline.com/centralvalleybirdingsymposium2014
Recruiting New Education Volunteers

What would entice you to join our Naturalist team? Would it be the opportunity….

• to be part of a friendly team of volunteers
• to support the future of our planet
• to enjoy time in a beautiful wetland
• all of the above!

Our Marsh Education Project positively affects children while enriching our own lives. Each fall, we recruit and train new volunteers for our two science discovery programs for elementary school children at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. The training is easy and you will gain experience as you go along on the tours so you don’t have to be a birding expert. You can choose from two programs:

Training classes for Outdoor Adventures are on Tuesday Sept. 16; Tuesday Sept. 23, and Thursday Sept 25 with a make-up session on Tuesday Sept 30. Volunteers will learn ways to generate student excitement during the nature walk and pond study activities at the freshwater wetland.

Training classes for Art Meets Science are on Wednesday Sept 17 and Wednesday Sept 24. Volunteers will learn how to help students write observations and make simple sketches in a nature journal while they visit the Butterfly Garden and several freshwater ponds.

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 contact Project Director Trude Hurd at seaandsage@sbcglobal.net or 949-261-7964. Please note that reservations are required to attend the training classes, so contact Trude today to reserve your place!

— Trude Hurd

New FREE Teacher’s Loaner Kit
The Wonderful Life of a Dying Tree

Could it really be true that there’s life in dead trees?! Should we hold the chain saw and look at them a second time? Is there anything we can learn from studying dead trees? The answer is YES, times three!

For this reason, Sea and Sage has joined The Southern California Bluebird Club in supporting the creation of a new loaner kit to teach the value of dead and dying trees to wildlife. Thanks to a grant submitted by Gillian Martin to the Edison Company, funds were received to develop this delightful kit which meets CA Life Science Standards for Grades 3-8. Trude Hurd, Marilyn Walter and Sea and Sage’s Education Committee provided invaluable input and gave it an enthusiastic stamp of approval.

Are you wondering what’s in the Wonderful Life of a Dying Tree kit? It contains a wonderful diversity of useful teaching aids such as a taxidermy woodpecker specimen, audio-visual materials, bird skulls, books for read-aloud and research projects, posters, illustrative wood samples and a bounty of very appealing student materials that incorporate language arts, math and art. Some items encourage critical thinking and others research. Additional items are specifically designed for use on a field trip where dead trees can be observed in nature.

But that’s not all. The kit has a traveling mascot: a 15” crocheted woodpecker by the name of Mr. Edison. (see above) He comes with a personal journal for students to enter their new ideas about dead trees. As a reward for youngsters who go outdoors to study a dead tree and who send him a report via email or regular mail, Mr. Edison offers an embroidered Wildlife Tree Warden badge.

Help spread the word about the importance of preserving dead and dying trees. If you are a teacher who wants to enhance a botany lesson, encourage conservation, or impart the important message of wildlife inter-relationships to your students, then borrow this new kit! County rangers, park staff, wildlife reserve managers, non-profit organizations, home school parents, scout leaders, and others will find some part of the kit useful for their nature presentations.

The kit can be borrowed by contacting Sea and Sage’s Nature Kit for Loan coordinator Marilyn Walter at coyotegita@cox.net. For more information about Gillian Martin’s efforts to encourage the retention and safe management of dead trees in Orange County, please visit www.cavityconservation.com.

— Gillian Martin
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.

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

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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.

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  [ ] RENEWAL: $35 - Regular Membership
[ ] NEW MEMBERSHIP: $15 - Senior (62+ yrs) or Student  [ ] RENEWAL: $15 - Senior or Student

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

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 C4ZC150Z 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, Chuck George, at cgeorge@george-sd.com

Temporarily Away or Moving?
Please notify Membership Chair, Chuck George, of your new address if you are temporarily, or permanently, moving from your current address. If you do not want to continue receiving the Tattler at your new address, let him know. This will save us from paying return postage fees.

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Call Songbird Care & Education Center for injured or sick native songbirds. 714-964-0666. www.songbirdcareandeducation.org

CALENDAR OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

September 2014
02 Tues Conservation Com. Meeting ................................. 6:30 pm
06 Sat Wildlife Walk at the SJWS .................................. 9:00 am
09 Tues Board Meeting ............................................... 7:30 pm
13 Sat Snowy Plover Training Session ............................ 10:00 am
14 Sun San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary bird walk ............ 8:00 am
21 Su-Sa Snowy Plover Survey period ............................. up to you
17 Wed UNB by pontoon boat ® - (Full) ......................... 8:15 am
18 Thurs Bolsa Chica bird walk ................................. 8:00 am
19 Fri GENERAL MEETING ..................................... 7:30 pm
20 Sat Fall Pelagic Trip ® - (Full) ................................ 6:30 am
23 Tues 4th Tues. Conservation Lecture on BEES ................ 7:30 pm
26 Fri Dragonflies & Damselflies walk at SJWS ............. 10:00 am
27 Sat Black-lighting for Insects at Caspers Park ............ 7:30 pm
28 Sun Upper Newport Bay bird walk ....................... 8:00 am

October 2014
01 Wed Caspers Park bird walk ............................... 8:00 am
04 Sat Wildlife Walk at the SJWS ......................... 9:00 am
07 Tues Conservation Com. Meeting ............................ 6:30 pm
08 Wed Laguna Niguel RP bird walk for beginners .......... 8:00 am
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25 Sat ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST ....................... 7:30 am
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