Birds Count!

by Doug Lithgow, President

We are coming up to that time of the year where birders of every level can participate in the nation’s longest running community science bird project, the Christmas Bird Count. In Orange County we have three CBC circles that are counted on three different weekends in December. The Inland Circle will be counted on Sunday, Dec 16th, the South County Circle is counted on Saturday, December 22nd and the Coastal Circle is handled on Sunday, Dec 30th. We always look forward to seeing our returning veterans and hope to find new birders participating in this yearly event. While the CBC is the most famous bird count, there are many other opportunities to engage in citizen science counts during the year.

The Great Backyard Bird Count occurs every year in February since 1998. It is sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society. This takes place over four days on a weekend in February. Participation can be as easy as a single checklist for as little as 15 minutes in your backyard or you can count all four days. Locations are not limited to backyards, as the name may imply; you can count anywhere you like. Your data is entered into eBird and the data is used by researchers to gain a better understanding of bird populations. This is a worldwide effort and in 2019 the GBBC weekend falls on Feb 15-18.

The Orange County Spring Count is part of a nationwide migratory count to capture bird numbers during Spring migration. This count begins on April 1st and runs through May 31st. Collected information is put into eBird and the data is tabulated by Darrell Wilson of Sea and Sage Audubon. Anyone is invited to participate. All you need to do is share your eBird list with Sea_Sage_Aud. If you don’t use eBird, you can send you checklist directly to Darrell Wilson via email. Our Sea and Sage Audubon website has additional details.

On a more local level, our chapter conducts monthly surveys throughout the year at Upper Newport Bay, the UCI Marsh and San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. These counts have been ongoing since 1998 and they give us insight as to how our local avian populations are doing. As you can see, there are numerous ways to count birds while contributing to the body of avian knowledge.

General Meeting

Friday evening, January 18 - 7:30 pm

“Coastal Sage: Peter Douglas and the Fight to Save California’s Shore”

presented by Dr. Thomas Osborne

Tom Osborne will be speaking about his new book, Coastal Sage: Peter Douglas and the Fight to Save California’s Shore.

There are moments when we forget how fortunate we are to have the California coast. The state is home to 1,100 miles of uninterrupted coastline defined by long stretches of beach and jagged rocky cliffs. Coastal Sage chronicles the career and accomplishments of Peter Douglas, the longest-serving executive director of the California Coastal Commission.

For nearly three decades, Douglas fought to keep the California coast public, prevent overdevelopment, and safeguard habitat. In doing so, Douglas emerged as a leading figure in the contemporary American environmental movement and influenced public conservation efforts across the country. He coauthored California’s foundational laws pertaining to shoreline management and conservation: Proposition 20 and the California Coastal Act. (For more information on this program and the speaker please see our chapter webpage.)

Our program will be held in the Duck Club at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. Please plan to join us. Doors open at 7:00 for refreshments and some social time. The program will begin at 7:30 pm.

— Gail Richards, Programs Chair
‘4th Tuesday’
Conservation Lecture
Tuesday, January 22nd – 7:30 pm
in the Learning Center, SJWS

“Turkey Vulture Weekend — Have You Seen This Bird?”
presented by Scott Thomas

Have you seen this bird? Turkey Vulture #26 was marked with this white wing-tag near Prado Dam in 2005 by Pete Bloom with other local biologists. Since then #26 has been a regular visitor at Bolsa Chica and often seen and photographed by Audubon members. Maybe you’ve seen one of more of the many wing-tagged vultures and are wondering about the who, what, when and why these birds have tags.

As far back as 1997, Dr. Peter Bloom and associates, including Scott Thomas, began marking Turkey Vultures with Alpha/Numeric wing tags locally. Since then hundreds of Turkey Vultures have been tagged in our region and are constantly being monitored. Throughout the study Pete and his collaborators have looked at such things as migration patterns, local movements, roost interactions, exposure to contaminants, life expectancy, and other details of Turkey Vulture lives.

Please join us on January 22, 2019, when Sea and Sage Audubon’s own Raptor Research Coordinator, Scott Thomas, will speak about the history of the vulture study, what we know about our local vultures, some study results and the travels of #26. Scott will also provide instructions on reporting sightings and share details of an upcoming 2019 “Turkey Vulture Weekend” – an opportunity for all of us to go out across the county to look for and record observations of tagged Turkey Vultures.

Learning Center Doors open at 7:00 pm for snacks and social; the program begins at 7:30. Because Orange County is more humid than it used to be and the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary is a wetlands, there are often mosquitoes! Please take precautions by covering up and/or consider using an insect repellant.

Western Snowy Plover Winter Survey
~ Jan. 20-26 ~

We are pleased to announce our next OC Snowy Plover Survey.

We welcome our previously trained surveyors to contact Cheryl Egger, Volunteer Coordinator, now with their selection of a beach segment to survey in January at OCSNPLSurvey@gmail.com

For those who wish to join our survey team, a training session will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM sharp. Check-in is at 9:30AM, in the Learning Center at San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Please reserve your place by contacting Cheryl at OCSNPLSurvey@gmail.com. Prior registration is mandatory so we will have enough space and materials and we can contact you with any last-minute changes.

Please visit our website for more information at http://tinyurl.com/mzoq8ea

Thank you for your interest in the Western Snowy.
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@groups.io

October is always an exciting month for rare bird occurrences in So Cal, with usually decent numbers of off-course migrants (many of them young birds whose migratory skills might not be “up to par”). We’ll start off with the best of the bunch, one of the more unexpected records of the year for Orange County:

A Common Nighthawk was found foraging over the “upper” Santa Ana River (USAR, in the east Anaheim area), Oct. 21 (Mike Huang), the bird continuing through at least the 31st. This was only the 2nd record for the county, the first being way back in 1983. This species is an extremely localized summer resident in the higher mountains of So Cal, and is virtually unknown as a migrant throughout the region. This was a “county bird” for many of the even “seasoned” OC birders. Common Poorwills on the other hand occur regularly in summer in the OC, although are fairly rare migrants through the coastal lowlands; one was discovered this past month at Huntington Central Park (HCP), on Oct. 21.

A Cackling Goose at Mile Square Regional Park (MSRP, possibly a resident bird), was here Oct. 5-21. The rare but regular Pectoral Sandpiper put in a good showing, locally, in October, with up to 2 at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS) through Oct. 10, three here on Oct. 17, and one till Oct. 21. Two other Pectorals were at the south end of Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (BCER), Oct. 12. There have been unprecedented numbers of Red-footed Boobies seen in So Cal during the last couple years; OC had one additional recent occurrence of this species, off Huntington Beach (on the Platform Eureka oil rig), Sept. 29-Oct. 6. A Brown Booby was seen from Huntington Beach Pier, Oct. 6, and a subadult Masked/Nazca type booby was seen on a pelagic birding trip, on Oct. 6. Other pelagic trip highlights included three Sabine’s Gulls and an Arctic Tern seen on an Oct. 6 pelagic, and a Long-tailed Jaeger on an Oct. 7 trip. A single Buller’s Shearwater was recorded on Oct 6 and 7 trips. A juvenile Little Blue Heron was carefully identified in the Dana Point area, Oct. 6-14. A Tricolored Heron at BCER, Oct. 14, was possibly a new bird, after we had either one or two during the previous winter and spring. The OC Yellow-crowned Night-Heron “invasion” continues, with birds during the last month including: two continuing at BCER, through Oct. 16; up to three continuing in the Dana Point area, through Oct. 27; and four (3 juveniles and an adult) at Carr Park, Oct. 13 (with two still here on Oct. 25). A Cattle Egret was at SJWS, Oct. 14-27. Rare raptor migrants included a juvenile Broad-winged Hawk in Huntington Beach, Oct. 14, and a dark-morph Swainson’s Hawk at MSRP, Oct 21.

A Tropical Kingbird at SJWS, Oct. 6-8, was possibly a “winter returnee” to the general area from last year. Hammond’s Flycatcher can be a fairly common spring migrant in the county, but is relatively rare in fall—therefore one at MSRP, Oct. 20, was of note. A possible Dusky Flycatcher, a very rare migrant in OC, was encountered at Carbon Canyon Regional Park (CCRP), Oct. 20. Plumbeous Vireos were at Wimbledon Park, Oct. 12, and up to two were at MSRP, Oct. 19-22; a Plumbeous Vireo at HCP, Sept. 29-Oct. 21, and one at Yosemite Park, Oct. 27-28, were potentially attempting to winter, as are one to two at Eisenhower Park, Oct. 31. Golden-crowned Kinglets were nice finds at MSRP, Oct. 14, and at CCRP, Oct. 20. A Varied Thrush was at Irvine Regional Park (IRP), Oct. 19-21. Sage Thrashers were at HCP, Oct. 17-18, and at BCER, Oct. 26-28, were presumably fall migrants. Migrant Green-tailed Towhees were at Casper’s Regional Park, Oct. 8-11, and at CCRP, Oct. 11, while one to two individuals were at HWRP between Oct. 7 and 28 (with one likely being a returning bird from last winter). Rare OC sparrows included a Black-throated Sparrow at Irvine’s Chaparral Park, Sept. 30; single Vesper Sparrows at HWRP, Oct. 7, and at IRP, Oct. 11 (with two there Oct. 22); another Vesper was in Orchard Hills, Oct. 18; a Clay-colored Sparrow was being seen at HCP, Oct. 14-26; and a rare (apparent migrant) Grasshopper Sparrow, was at BCER, Oct. 21-23. Yellow-headed Blackbirds were at several locations in Oct., including SJWS, HWRP, a private Huntington Beach residence, and along the USAR.

And what’s October without vagrant warblers?! Although there were no “mega-rarities” the following were in OC since the last writing: a migrant Northern Waterthrush at Gilman Park, Oct. 3-4, with a continuing bird at HCP, till Oct. 14, likely being a “winter returnee.” A Tennessee Warbler was at MSRP, Sept. 30-Oct. 4. A Lucy’s Warbler continued at HCP till Sept. 29, and then potentially a different bird was present here, Oct. 22-28. An American Redstart was at SJWS, Oct. 6. Chestnut-sided Warblers were nice discoveries at Yorba Regional Park, Oct. 6, and at HCP, Oct. 11. Single Blackpoll Warblers continued at MSRP through Oct. 4, with a new one appearing Oct. 23-26; another Blackpoll was at HCP, Oct. 12-14. A Palm Warbler was at SJWS, Oct. 7, while two were at MSRP, Oct. 14 (with one present till at least Oct. 28); yet another Palm Warbler was at HCP, Oct. 21-29.
Chapter News & Announcements

Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in November & December: Sherry Bass, Fresia Esclasona, Carol Garrett, John Garrett, Barbara Greenwald, Ann Harmer, Pat Heilig, Patti Henshaw, Sarah Jayne, Seema Khargonekar, Nancy Kenyon, David Kramer, Lauretta Kyle, Eva Lycidck, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Barbara Mitchell, Paula Monroe, Eunice Morita, Dagmar Muthania, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, Dev Sellin, Bev Spring, Monte Taylor, John Hargrove, Marilyn Walter, Pat Wells and Madonna Young.

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 Barbara Mitchell at 949-646-4115.

Chapter Volunteers Party – Feb. 9th

Every year, we have a special party in the form of an Open House, to honor our wonderful Chapter Volunteers. Our party will be held on Saturday evening, February 9th. If you volunteered to help with a chapter activity in 2018, you are welcome to join us and will be receiving an invitation. We do hope you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you there!

Raptor Weekends With Bill Clark

Sea and Sage is again offering two full weekends of instruction and birding with renowned raptor expert William S. Clark. An introductory workshop will take place from Fri. evening, Feb. 22, through Sun. afternoon, Feb. 24.

An intermediate/advanced weekend will follow on Mar. 1-3, same time schedule. Reservations will be accepted starting Jan. 7. See the Sea and Sage website: www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Classes/birdclasses.htm for complete details and an enrollment form.

Tree Trimming

Protect nesting birds and help keep your trees healthy by trimming your trees September through early January if possible. Raptors such as hawks and owls begin their nesting activities in mid to late January; the other birds follow soon afterwards. The trees themselves should be trimmed before they begin their new spring growth. Help us provide a safe nesting habitat for the birds.

Thank you!

Chapter History – Did You Know?

Sea and Sage Hasn’t Always Been at the San Joaquin Marsh!

For the first several decades of its existence, Sea and Sage had no physical “home base,” holding its meetings at the Santa Ana Public Library, Bower’s Museum, Willard and McKinley schools, a community room in the Irvine Marketplace Shopping Center, and then at the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) Sand Canyon facility. In the early 90’s, the vision of longtime IRWD Board President, Peer Swan, became a reality when Sea and Sage agreed to relocate to the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary and to create and manage an on-site education program. Trude Hurd was hired in July 1992 as Marsh Education Project Director, and in August of that year, Sea and Sage opened Audubon House which they agreed to keep open on a daily basis. In November the first Outdoor Adventures school group arrived, Education Chair Kaaren Perry’s 5th grade class! From then on, the Marsh Education Project grew and flourished in the confined space of Audubon House, and new programs were developed including our popular summer camps and bat walks. Have you ever seen the tiny bathroom inside Audubon House? For years that was used for equipment storage for Outdoor Adventures and the “gift shop” was Trude’s office!

In 2008-09, once again thanks to the generosity and support of IRWD, the new Learning Center building was opened. The “blue house,” the oldest building on campus, was renovated to hold offices for Trude and the chapter. Sea and Sage owes a multitude of thanks to IRWD – and as you know, Trude and a host of volunteers work hard to uphold the Sea and Sage end of the bargain!

Bookstore News

Our Audubon House bookstore 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. New titles: Gulls Simplified (Pete Dunne, etc.), Avifaunal Change in Western NA (WFO), Peterson Field Guide to Western Reptiles and Amphibians (4th edition), Common Bees in CA Gardens (an ID book), and Birding Without Borders (Noah Strycker). The Western Mountains and Their Birds class begins in January. The two required books (sale price for class participants) and most of the recommended books are now in stock. 60th anniversary sale prices on various titles and other items are still available for the month of December. So come to Audubon House for your holiday shopping.
Another Successful Pancake Breakfast!

The aroma of sausages, pancakes, and potatoes greeted us as we neared Audubon House on the morning of October 27th. Some people were passing up the pancake griddles on their way to the Used Book Sale to get there before the choicest books had disappeared, but most were headed toward the pancakes. And who could resist them! There was something very special about watching and smelling the pancakes cooking on the hot griddles, while the birds were singing and the autumn leaves on the nearby sycamores were rustling in the faint breeze. The Duck Club was decked with seasonal decorations and it was warm and inviting inside. People were already enjoying their breakfast while others were trying to decide what kind of topping to put on their pancakes or picking up cups of juice, fresh fruit, and coffee. What a great way to start the day! Afterwards, a lot of people just sat around in a leisurely manner and chatted with their friends.

The Used Book Sale generated a lot of interest, the bird walks were well attended, and everyone had a good time visiting with friends, getting their raffle cards stamped, checking out the chapter displays and birding supplies, investigating the new optics, visiting Audubon House, or going birding around the ponds.

The guiding light behind the breakfast was Mary Joseph who coordinated the event. She put in many hours preparing for it and had everything planned down to the very last detail; nothing was left to chance! We could not have pulled off this event without the help of all our wonderful volunteers who were so efficient and helpful. Thanks so much!!!

In spite of the fog, we had a good attendance of over 180 people; I hope you were one of them! Next year’s Pancake Breakfast will be Oct. 26, 2019. Mark the date on your calendar so you don’t forget!

—NK

Summer Camp Registration Opens Feb.1

Sea and Sage Audubon’s summer camp programs are very popular and fill quickly. If you want your child or grandchild to have the best nature experience this summer, then sign up for a camp week appropriate for his or her age. More details will be in the February issue but begin your plans now! Registration opens February 1 for new enrollees. Dates for summer 2019 are:

• Fledgling Camp for 7-8 year olds: June 24-28
• Marsh Bird Camp for 9-12 year olds (same topics)
  Session I-- June 24-28
  Session II-- July 8-12
• Coastal Bird Camp for 11+ yrs: July 8-12
• Advanced Bird Camp (different topics)
  Week One--July 15-19
  Week Two--July 22-26

Holiday Cookie Exchange
Sat, Dec. 1st from 2-4

Join us for a fun afternoon in the Learning Center. We are going to be sharing cookies & their recipes, and exchanging cookies to take home. BRING 2 doz. of your favorite holiday cookies on a plate with your name on it and the name of the cookie. ALSO send Nancy the recipe so she can run off 2 doz. copies. We will provide drinks, napkins, plates, & something to carry your cookies home in. CONTACT Nancy no later than Nov. 24 if you plan to participate. nancykenyon@cox.net - 949-786-3160

Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner!

Be sure to mark the date – Friday evening, March 15th - for our Annual Dinner at the Mile Square Park Banquet Center in Fountain Valley. This year, our guest speaker will be Dr. Peter Bloom who will be speaking on his Southern California raptor research, “Ecology, Recent History, and Future of Southern California Raptors.” Full information on Pete and his program is now posted on our webpage under the heading of Annual Dinner. Information on how and when to make reservations for this event will be in the next Tattler in mid January and also on the Sea & Sage webpage.

BIRD BANDING WORKSHOPS at Starr Ranch
Beginning & Advanced Banding Workshops
March 9-10 and March 16-17

Audubon California’s 4000-acre Starr Ranch Sanctuary in SE Orange County invites you to our spring bird banding workshops for adults. Because of the specialized nature of these workshops, we are asking that only serious students and potential Starr Ranch bird banding volunteers attend. The workshops will be taught by Starr Ranch ornithologist Robert Snowden, an experienced bander who has worked at multiple banding stations and is certified by the North American Banding Council. Space is limited.

Beginning Bird Banding Workshop
March 9-10: 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM daily.

Advanced Bird Banding Workshop
March 16-17: 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM daily.

COST: Each workshop costs $300 or $325 if camping (BYO lunch & snacks; morning coffee & bagels are provided) – More information on the workshop can be found on our Sea & Sage webpage under Classes.

RESERVATIONS & QUESTIONS: Contact Robert at 949-858-0309 or rsnowden@audubon.org
**Christmas Bird Counts – 2018**

We hope you will join us this year on one or more of our Christmas Bird Counts. Maps of the count areas, data from past counts, and lists of birders who have participated in the counts are on our webpage.

### CBC Counts: We need everyone’s help!

My late brother used to say that there were three types of people in the world. Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who open up their eyes and say “What happened?” When it comes to participation (or lack of it) in the annual Christmas Bird Counts, those categories seem to fit well.

There are a cadre of birders, in the minority when compared to the memberships we see in birding Yahoo groups and local Audubon Societies in our area, who carry the “load” and participate in just not one, but multiple Christmas Bird Counts each year. These birders not only get a “high” by using their skills for citizen science, but also use the occasion as a learning and social experience. There is always something to learn from the experienced field observer to the beginning birder, and there is always a place for both on Count day.

A Google search on reasons for participating in the Count and my own thoughts on the matter include: by force of numbers we make our presence known among the citizens and politicians of our communities and thus represent a political force; publicity generated by such counts appears in newspapers and other media and elevates public awareness of conservation problems and land preservation; we show that non-consumptive use of wildlife is just as important to a large segment of the public as people who hunt the same species we might tally; population data accumulated from the Counts support bird conservation initiatives; the information can be used to test success rates of reintroduction efforts; information accumulated is used to determine the effects of disease (such as the West Nile Virus) and weather on bird populations; as urbanization increases, the information is crucial for seeing population trends in our native and introduced species; it continues a tradition started December 25, 1900 by Frank Chapman and 26 other concerned citizens in 13 states as a response to a traditional indiscriminate killing of birds around the same date; you join over 50,000 other birders doing over 1800 count circles who show their love of bird watching with their participation; one individual can make a difference in these types of counts; it is a holiday tradition, and for our own mental health, we need to participate, encourage others to participate, and maintain such events; it’s a small payback we can make to a hobby that gives many of us a great amount of satisfaction; it gives us a chance to try out our new gadgets... digital cameras, new binoculars, ipods, etc. and justify the cost we might tally; population data accumulated from past counts, and lists of birders who have participated in the counts are on our webpage.

So...don’t be in the group that watches things happen by others or procrastinates about missing happenings; contact the regional coordinators of Orange County’s Christmas Bird Counts for placement on coverage teams. It’s not too late and many teams I know could use an extra pair of eyes and data-takers  

—Joel Weintraub

### SAT, Dec. 22: San Juan Capistrano

**COUNT COORDINATOR – DARRELL WILSON**

| Laguna Niguel Reg. Park & vicinity | Area Leader: Merri Levy | MLevy81382@aol.com |
| San Clemente | Area Leader: Sachi Fukuman | svfukuman@earthlink.net |
| Caspers Wilderness Park | Area Leader: Diane Etchison | 949-388-0709; Detchison22@cox.net |
| Pelagic Areas or Sea Watch | Area Leader: Jeff Bray | jbray4913@gmail.com |
| Saddleback College & vicinity | Area Leader: Mark Kincheloe | kinch824@aol.com |
| Prima Deshecha Landfill & vicinity | Area Leader: Doug Willick | Doug.Willick@aecom.com |
| Upper San Juan Creek & vicinity | Area Leader: Amin Khalifa | khalifa.amin@gmail.com |
| Aliso-Woods Cyn & Ziggurat/Costco area | Area Leader: Gary Meredith | 949-249-7575 |
| San Clemente hillside area | Area Leader: Kim Lopina |
| Dana Point: Doheny State Beach, Dana Point Harbor, Dana Point Headlands, Salt Creek Beach, local parks, golf course | Area Leader: Joel Weintraub | jweintraub@cox.net |
| Thomas F. Riley Wilderness Park | Area Leader: Darrell Wilson | darrellwilson@cox.net |

If you took part in this CBC last year and plan to do so again this year, please contact your Area Leader to let him or her know you will be there to help out. If you are new to the CBC, contact Darrell Wilson, Coordinator for the San Juan Capistrano CBC, at darrellwilson@cox.net or 714-401-7852; Darrell will assign you to an area which needs your help. For additional information about this Christmas Bird Count, visit our Sea & Sage Christmas Bird Counts webpage at: http://tinyurl.com/yf7nxnn
# Christmas Bird Counts – 2018

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Please contact your Area Leader if you wish to take part in the count again this year. If you are new to the CBC, contact Doug Lithgow, Coordinator for the Northeastern CBC, on Dec. 16 (dlithgow@aol.com; 714-962-4145), or Bettina Eastman, Coordinator for the Coastal CBC on Dec. 30 (bettinae24@gmail.com; 714-293-1079). They will assign you to an area which needs your help.
Sea & Sage Audubon Society

The Western Mountains and Their Birds
An Intermediate/Advanced Visual Workshop
presented by Sylvia R. Gallagher

Starting the week of Jan. 7-10, 2019, Sylvia Gallagher will present a workshop on THE WESTERN MOUNTAINS AND THEIR BIRDS. The BIRDS will be presented using her usual approach, with worksheets one week and practice slides the following week(s). You should know the common birds of the coastal zone of southern California before enrolling. If you have completed Sylvia's ten-week introductory workshop series, you should be well prepared for this series. We'll cover about 100 new species of birds in a wide variety of families--woodpeckers, finches, wrens, nuthatches, grouse, etc. We'll do some groups in a rather general way, covering a few of the most useful field marks and omitting the less common plumages. For advanced birders, we'll do several families in detail, including the western warblers, vireos, thrushes, Empidonax flycatchers, Accipiters, and a few others. But even with families that we do in detail, for the benefit of less experienced birders, the discussion will start with a review of the relevant portions of the introductory workshop.

The WESTERN MOUNTAINS portion of the workshop will be every bit as important as the BIRDS part, since many people are unfamiliar with the various mountain ranges and their altitudinal zones. Birds favor certain zones for a variety of reasons. There will be extensive slide lectures with worksheets on all the western mountain ranges, starting with the closest ones and then moving to the Great Basin mountains, Rockies and the northern Coast ranges. Since the various altitudinal zones are recognized by certain dominant plants, especially pines, firs, spruces and the like, you'll really learn to identify conifers in this workshop. Other indicator plants will also be discussed. Rounding out this portion will be material on the meteorology/climatology and geology of the west. This natural history material is vital for a full understanding of the birds of the mountains.

Because there is so much material to cover, the workshop will last until sometime in May, maybe even into June. It will be modular, though, so as long as you are able to attend the first several sessions, which lay the foundation, it should be all right to miss a few meetings and then return and not be lost. For example, if you miss the Great Basin mountains, you can still learn about the Coast ranges; or if you miss the vireos, you'll be OK on the sparrows.

A number of field trips will be organized and led by various workshop participants. If you have a favorite place in the mountains, we hope you'll volunteer to lead a trip there. You don't have to be an expert on the birds--just know your way around the place.

This workshop will be entirely visual, but it will be followed, starting in March, 2020, with LEARNING WESTERN MOUNTAIN BIRD SOUNDS. That workshop will have as a prerequisite, LEARNING CALIFORNIA BIRD SOUNDS. This introductory workshop will be presented again starting in Jan., 2020—just before the mountain sounds one.

Every topic in both the natural history and the birds sections of the workshop will be liberally illustrated with slides from the Sea and Sage Library of Nature Slides, most of which were taken by Jim or Sylvia Gallagher. This time the slides will all be digitized, so details will all be easier to see. It's been ten years since this workshop was last presented—and it remains the most popular one Sylvia has ever done. If you did it ten years ago, a refresher is highly recommended. Who knows when or if it'll be offered again?

You will need to own at least one good bird field guide and one good tree guide. In addition, other books are strongly recommended and will be referenced frequently in the worksheets. All are available at the Audubon House bookstore in a special section for this workshop. There will also be one copy of each book in the Fern Zimmerman Library at Audubon House for you to read there, but not check out. A complete list is available on the Sea and Sage website as the workshop dates approach.

Guides to Birds: National Geographic (7th ed.); Sibley Guide to Birds (2nd ed.)
Natural History: Will be posted on website.

Five sections will be offered starting on the dates indicated below and meeting every week, including holidays, until we complete the material in May or June.

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., starting January 7, 9, and 10.
Tuesday mornings: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., starting January 8.
Thursday mornings: 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, starting January 10.

The maximum enrollment for each section is 22. If any section does not have at least 12 people enrolled by Dec. 27, it will be cancelled. Reserve early, though, for some sections will probably fill quickly. A donation of $400.00 or more is requested, if you can afford it, payable at the first meeting; installment plan OK. Send your reservation for the workshop, postmarked no earlier than Dec. 3 (2-day penalty for early reservations) to Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneho Lane, Huntington Beach CA 92646. Enclose a LONG (4" x 9 ½") self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE). Confirmations will be mailed Dec. 27, including preliminary information and a map to the meeting place, the Gallagher home in Huntington Beach. For further information call or e-mail Sylvia: sjrgallagher@yahoo.com (preferred) or 714-962-6990.

Enrollment Form - The Western Mountains And Their Birds - Winter/Spring, 2019

Names of all participants __________________________

Address(es) __________________________________________

City_________ ZIP_________ Phone(s)____________________

E-mail ________________________________ SASE enclosed? ___________

Check (preferred) or rank your choice of section. Indicate as many as possible to ensure placement.

MON pm _____ TUES am ____ WED pm ____ THURS am ____ THURS pm ____
Dec. & Jan. 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 Walks at the SJWS
Sat, Dec. 1 & Jan. 5 - 9:00 to 10:30 am
Explore the diverse life of the Marsh - its birds, plants, insects and animals. Meet at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in front of Audubon House at 9:00 am for a 1½ hour nature walk. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult. See page 11 for directions to the SJWS. (For group tours, contact Jay Miller at 949-707-1287.)

Leaders: Audubon Naturalists

Bird Walks at the SJWS
Sun, Dec. 9 & Jan. 13 - 8:00 to 12:00 noon
Join us for a monthly bird walk around the ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine at 8:00 am. 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 the SJWS are on p. 11)

Leader: Jeff Bray

Christmas Bird Counts (CBC)
SUN, Dec. 16; SAT, Dec. 22; SUN, Dec. 30
Although the Christmas Bird Counts are not, technically field trips, they do constitute one of the highlights of any birder’s season. (See pages 6 & 7.) We hope you will join the fun and support our chapter by participating in our Christmas Bird Counts this year!

CBC Specialties trip: Sat, Jan. 5th – 7 am
The purpose of this trip is to search for some of the more unusual birds seen on this year’s Christmas Bird Counts. Be sure to bring an Orange County map with you if you don’t have a GPS in your car or on your phone. Trip meeting location will be decided 2-3 days before the trip. To verify meeting location, check our chapter webpage (www.seaandsageaudubon.org) or contact FT Chair Nancy Kenyon at 949-786-3160 or by email at: nancykenyon@cox.net

Leaders: Bruce Aird & Jeff Bray

Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat
Wed, Dec. 19 & Jan. 16 - 8:15 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. 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. Leader: Nancy Kenyon 949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net

Winter Pelagic Trip ®
Sat: Jan. 12 – 6:30 am to 3:00 pm
Our pelagic trips meet at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point at 6:30 AM. They are 8 hour trips which go north along the coast and then out to the 14 mile bank where many of the good birds are found, and return to the dock at 3:00 pm. We have 4 pelagic trips scheduled every year (fall, winter, spring, summer) and the winter one usually has the best birds on it. Our trip leader is Jon Dunn who will be assisted by 5 co-leaders (Tom Benson, Jeff Bray, Bruce Aird, Robert McNab, and Steve Morris). Our co-leaders help birders find the birds and assist them with identification. Trip space is limited so advance reservations are necessary. The trip fee is $60 per person. Information on the trips and how to sign up for them is on our chapter webpage. Also on the webpage are trip lists from previous pelagic trips which will give you a good idea of the birds you may see. The trips fill quickly so don’t wait until the last minute to sign up! Reservations: Nancy Kenyon 949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net

Bolsa Chica bird walk
Thurs, Jan.17 – 8:00 am to 12:00 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 all the birds that winter here. Bring binoculars, a field guide and a scope if you have one. Directions: We will meet at the playground in Harriet Wieder Park. From PCH, turn inland on Seapoint Street. Follow Seapoint 1 mile to Garfield Avenue and make a U-turn. The entrance to the playground will be on the right in 0.25 miles. Leader: Vic Leipzig

Antelope Valley Hawk- Banding Trip
Sat, Jan. 19 – 7 am to 2 pm
In the fall and winter months, migratory raptors flood into the Antelope Valley and upper desert regions. Red-tailed Hawks are a sure bet with many others such as Prairie Falcons, Rough-legged and Ferruginous Hawks, American Kestrels, Northern Harriers, and even Golden Eagles. Unlike most birding trips, this one offers close-up views...
of the raptors because Pete Bloom & Scott Thomas are going to be banding those they catch. (Photos from past hawk-banding trips are on the webpage.)

**DIRECTIONS:** We will meet at Ave. A and Hwy.14 in the Antelope Valley. From Orange County, take the #5 Fwy. north to #14 (the Antelope Valley Fwy.); exit on #14 and drive north approximately 45 miles (through Lancaster) until you reach Avenue A. Turn left on Avenue A and park. Morning temperatures can be very chilly! Dress in layers; bring lunch, a map, and a full tank of gas. Don’t forget your binoculars, scopes, and cameras.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** We will be out in the field until at least 2 PM. If bad weather is predicted, (such as rain, dense fog, or strong winds), the trip may need to be rescheduled or cancelled. **ALL TRIP PARTICIPANTS MUST CHECK THE CHAPTER WEBPAGE OR CONTACT NANCY KENYON THE DAY BEFORE GOING ON THIS TRIP.** Contact Nancy by email or phone (949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net). It's possible that the meeting location may be changed or the trip rescheduled. Additional information on this trip is on our website: [http://tinyurl.com/nwmtedk](http://tinyurl.com/nwmtedk)

**Leader:** Pete Bloom and Scott Thomas

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**Upper Newport Bay bird walk**

*Sun, Dec. 30 – CANCELLED due to Coastal CBC*

*Sun, Jan. 27 – 8:00 to 11:30 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

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**Salton Sea - Weekend Trip® - FULL**

*Sat. & Sun., Jan. 26-27*

Contact Nancy if you wish to be put on the wait list.
School Bus Fund a Success!

Thanks to 23 kind-hearted donors, Sea and Sage raised $6,550 for 20 school buses to bring Santa Ana school children to the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in 2018-19. Free transportation means students will not miss a hands-on experience about birds, wetland ecosystem, watershed, adaptations, food chains and other scientific principles. How often can we make a difference in the life of a child? These 23 Sea and Sage members know that they have helped underprivileged children to understand the importance of birds and habitat protection!

We are grateful to Mark Adamson & Nancy Tschiderer, Sonia Appell, Sherry Bass, Matthew & Carolyn Biller, Dejoie Blumberg, Deborah Brin, Patricia Camp, Mary Cupp & Thomas Makar (in honor of Mary’s sister Ann Newsum), Judy Fritts, Sharon Gasior (in memory of her husband Larry), Lena Hayashi, Debbie Hays (in honor of newlyweds A. Weiner & L. Kivowitz), Carolyn Honer, Holly Joslin, Nancy Kenyon, Patricia Knight, Babs Levitan, Joan McCauley, Brenda Sabin, Bev Spring, Ralph & Beryl Vogel, Anne Wong, and an anonymous donor.

Read what Santa Ana elementary school teachers share about the impact on their students by participating in Outdoor Adventures in 2017-18:

• “Students got to experience a close up view of nature with the use of binoculars and microscopes. It changed a lot of their perspectives about preserving such habitats and the beauty that they behold.” Laila Wardaki, Washington.

• “Many of our students come from low socio-economic backgrounds and this field trip specifically provides them with exposure to the science behind our responsibility in protecting our environment and its impact on living things. We are extremely appreciative for this opportunity for our students!” Maria Mojarrro, Pio Pico.

• “This field trip ‘stays’ with the students. It opens their eyes and hearts to nature. Children love hands-on experiences and SAUSD students have far too few. Thank You!” Ellen Renzas, Lincoln.

• “I hope [funders] understand just how much the kids enjoy this field trip. Most said it was their favorite one and who knows what a trip like this could inspire in one of our kids.” Tim Globus, Washington.

• “Science field trips such as this one bring about a real opportunity to understand math concepts and issues surrounding human behavior and the impact on our planet/world. Please continue this funding and continue to make a difference for students of all walks of life. Thank you!” Diana Ellis, Kennedy.

Wildlife Walk training begins January

If you love nature, we need you! Sea and Sage is looking for people who are interested in sharing nature with others during our Wildlife Walk program on the first Saturday of the month at 9 AM. For 1½ hours, we watch whatever nature we encounter at the ponds and trails whether it is bulrush, wild rose, butterflies, lizards, egrets, osprey, or pelicans. We talk about nature in a friendly, interactive way. It’s easy and fun!

You do not need to be a nature expert but you should be familiar with the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. We will provide training so that you learn to recognize some of its most common birds, plants and other animals. You will also discover lots of interesting adaptations and behaviors to show our guests!

Wildlife Walk naturalist requirements:
• Willing to learn about the most common birds, plants and animals of the marsh.
• Willing to learn interpretive techniques about how to share nature with others.
• Able to assist and later lead at least 4 walks/year.
• Friendly!

Join us for a year of wonderful wildlife experiences! For more information or to enroll, contact Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education, at seaandsage@sbcglobal.net or phone 949-261-7964.
Directions and Membership

Sea and Sage Audubon Society’s mission is to protect birds, other wildlife, and their habitats through education, citizen science, research, and public policy advocacy.

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 and 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
Do you want to join National Audubon and Sea and 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 and 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

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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
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Audubon Membership Application
We invite you to become a member of the National Audubon Society and the Sea and 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 and 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://tinyurl.com/hyeaw67 (Our chapter code is C15)

To renew membership: renew directly with National Audubon by direct mail or online: (Renewals are $20 per year.)
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Call Songbird Care & Education Center for injured or sick native songbirds. 714-964-0666. www.songbirdcareandeducation.org

SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

December 2018:
01 Sat Monthly Wildlife Walk at the SJWS ................. 9:00 am
01 Sat Holiday Cookie Exchange ® ................. 2:00 pm
04 Tues Conservation Committee Meeting ................. 6:45 am
09 Sun Monthly Bird Walk at the SJWS ................. 8:00 am
11 Tues Board Meeting .......................... 7:00 pm
16 Sun Northeastern Christmas Bird Count ...... tba
19 Wed UNB by pontoon boat ® .................. 8:15 am
22 Sat San Juan Capistrano Christmas Bird Count ...... tba
30 Sun Coastal Christmas Bird Count ...... tba
30 Sun Monthly Bird Walk at UNB – cancelled

January 2019:
01 Tues Conservation Committee Meeting ................. 6:45 pm
05 Sat CBC Specialties Trip .......................... 7:00 am
05 Sat Monthly Wildlife Walk at the SJWS ................. 9:00 am
08 Tues Board Meeting .......................... 7:00 am
12 Sat Winter Pelagic Trip ® .................. 6:30 am
13 Sun Monthly Bird Walk at the SJWS ................. 8:00 am
16 Wed UNB by pontoon boat ® .................. 8:15 am
17 Thurs Bolsa Chica bird walk .................. 8:00 am
18 Fri GENERAL MEETING .......................... 7:30 pm
19 Sat Antelope Valley Hawk-banding Trip ...... tba
22 Tues 4th Tues Conservation Lecture ...... tba
26-27 S-S Salton Sea weekend ® Full ................. tba
27 Sun Monthly Bird Walk at UNB ................. 8:00 am