



Sea & Sage Audubon Society
Learning More CA Bird Sounds
An Advanced Aural Workshop
presented by Sylvia Gallagher

Starting March 21-22, Sylvia Gallagher will offer the second half of the workshop, LEARNING **MORE** CALIFORNIA BIRD SOUNDS. Two years ago we studied the water birds in Groups 1-4. This year we'll do the land birds in Groups 5-7. Even if you didn't do the Group 1-4 birds, you should have no trouble with this workshop, for there is little correlation between the sounds of these groups of birds. We'll cover 37 lowland, non-desert birds that were not covered in the introductory series, LEARNING CALIFORNIA BIRD SOUNDS. Although there will be considerable review, it will presume that you have fairly well learned the sounds in that aural workshop. The appearances of the birds will not be considered, for they were covered either in the regular fall workshop, BIRDS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, or last year's **MORE** BIRDS OF COASTAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

The species to be covered are all land birds that are found on the coastal side of the southern California mountains. Some are rare, even Endangered. Others are either uncommon or secretive--or perhaps only heard briefly during migration. (Desert and mountain birds are covered in other workshops in this series.)

Three sections will be offered, each meeting once a week, including holidays. The workshop will probably end in mid May, definitely before the Memorial Day weekend.

- WED. evenings, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Starts March 21.
- THURS. mornings, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Starts March 22.
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The "textbook" for the workshop will be Sylvia's sound package, LEARNING **MORE** CALIFORNIA BIRD SOUNDS, available at Audubon House (\$39.00). If you didn't do groups 1-4 two years ago, be sure to purchase it in advance, for you will need to fill in the Group 5 worksheets prior to the first meeting. In addition, you will also need the following CD's or downloads (same list as for Groups 1-4):

- Bird Songs of California* by Keller (Cornell Lab of Ornithology, formerly on Cd's, now must be purchased online)
- Western Bird Songs* (Peterson Field Guides Series)
- Stokes Field Guide to Bird Songs, Western* (same sounds on Sibley app, but CD needed to make sonograms)
- iBirdPro* app (recommended)

The maximum enrollment for each section is 22. If any section does not have at least 12 people enrolled by March 10, it will be cancelled. Reserve early though, because sections may fill rapidly. A donation of \$175.00 or more is requested, if you can afford it. (Bring money to first meeting--installment plan OK.)

We plan to have a large number of informal field trips, led by workshop participants, and coordinated by Bettina Eastman (bettinae24@gmail.com), just as we did last year. Where can YOU take us to hear these special birds?

I'm sorry, but I'm going to cancel the Great Sounds Search started two years ago. I expect to be hard at work preparing a rerun of THE WESTERN MOUNTAINS AND THEIR BIRDS, which will start in Jan., 2019. All the slides have to be digitized and edited.

To reserve a space in the workshop, send the form below, **postmarked no sooner than Mon., Feb. 5** (two day penalty for early reservations) to: Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln, Huntington Beach CA 92646. Enclose a long (4" x 9 1/2") self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE). Confirmation, further information, and a map to the house will be mailed March 12. If you have questions, contact Sylvia at sjrgallagher@yahoo.com or by phone at 714-962-8990.

Enrollment Form for Learning MORE CA Bird Sounds – 2018

Names of all participants _____

Address(es) _____

City & Zip Code _____

Phone(s) _____ Email _____

Check or rank at least two choices of section:

WED pm___ THURS am___ THURS pm___ SASE enclosed? ___