



Sea and Sage Audubon Society  
**Birds of Southern California**  
 An Introductory Birding Skills Workshop  
*presented by Sylvia Gallagher*



Sea & Sage Audubon Society is again offering a ten-week workshop 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 this workshop 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 and Sage Library, Sylvia Gallagher will help you to learn to identify those birds. In the process, you'll also be introduced to a variety of other topics, such as bird families, plumages and molts, bird topography, distribution and habitat preferences, behavior, vocalizations, the birding literature, birding ethics and etiquette, etc.

- The topics to be covered in the series are:
- Birds of neighborhoods
  - Birds of playing fields and parking lots
  - Birds of mudflats and shallow water
  - Birds of the ocean shore
  - Birds of the open country
  - Birds of prey
  - Birds of the streamside woodland
  - Birds of lakes, ponds and marshes



Each person will attend ten weekly meetings at the Gallagher home in Huntington Beach. You will choose one of these three sections to attend:

- Wed. evenings: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., (Oct. 4 – Dec. 13, except Nov. 22)
- Thurs. mornings: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, (Oct. 5 - Dec. 14, except Nov. 23)
- ~~Thurs. evenings: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., (Oct. 5 – Dec. 14, except Nov. 23) - CANCELLED~~

Four half-day field trips will be scheduled and you may choose Saturdays or Mondays: Oct. 21 or 23, Nov. 4 or 6, Nov. 18 or 20, Dec. 9 or 11 — times to be announced.

The maximum enrollment for each section is 22. If any section does not have at least 12 people enrolled by Sept. 25, it will be cancelled. Reserve early though, because some sections may fill completely. A donation of \$90.00 (or more) per person is requested, if you can afford it. Bring your money to the first session.

The required book for the workshop is the 6<sup>th</sup> edition (or later, a new one is imminent) of the *National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America* by Dunn and Alderfer. Recommended, but not required, is *Birds of Southern California* by Garrett, Dunn, & Small. Both books are available at Audubon House, or you can buy them at the first meeting (discount price for workshop participants, starting Sept. 1). You will also need to bring binoculars to meetings no later than the third session—preferably sooner.

Send your reservation for this workshop, postmarked no earlier than Sept. 5th, (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. 27, including preliminary information and a map to the meeting place. For further information, contact Sylvia at [sjrgallagher@yahoo.com](mailto:sjrgallagher@yahoo.com) or (714) 962-8990.

**Enrollment Form for Introductory Birding Skills Workshop (Fall 2017)**

Names of all participants \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Check (or rank) your choice of section:

WED. pm  THURS. am  SASE enclosed?

Do you plan to buy a book at the first meeting?  If more than one, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

