



Sea and Sage Audubon Society Raptor Identification Workshops



Introductory Workshop: Fri-Sun, Feb. 24-26, 2017
Advanced Workshop: Fri-Sun, March 3-5, 2017
presented by William S. Clark

Comprehensive workshops on raptor identification will be presented during two weekends in February and March, 2017. The instructor for the course will be Bill Clark, coauthor of *Hawks*, the raptor field guide in the Peterson series, and the *Photographic Guide to North American Raptors*. Bill has been conducting these popular workshops in Orange County and elsewhere for many years.

Although the pace and emphasis will vary with the experience of the participants, both workshops will first cover the basic field marks for the identification of California raptors. Then, a more thorough coverage of the field ID of Accipiters, eagles, and Buteos will be presented. Also discussed will be molt and its use in field ID, terminology, albinism and other unusual plumages. The field ID of vagrants to be expected in California will be covered, as well as how to document their sightings.

An **INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP** will be presented the weekend of Feb. 24-26. The workshop will start with about two hours of classroom instruction on Friday evening, starting at 7:15. It will meet all day Saturday and Sunday with a break for lunch. On each of those days, some of the time will be spent in the classroom and the rest in the field visiting a variety of raptor locations. Details will be announced at the Friday evening session.

The **INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED WORKSHOP** will take place the weekend of March 3-5 and have the same time schedule as the introductory one. It is designed for people who have had some experience observing hawks, maybe only the preceding weekend. The basic field marks will be covered, but more quickly, allowing time for several advanced topics.

Transportation will be in private vehicles; carpools will be arranged. You will be required to sign a liability release form in order to participate in the field trips. Each vehicle must have an FRS radio (short-range radio for communication between vehicles). Bring yours, if you have one; loaners will be available.

The required text for the workshop will be the second edition of *Hawks* by Clark and Wheeler (Houghton Mifflin Co., 2001). Recommended, but not required, is *Photographic Guide to North American Raptors* by Wheeler & Clark. Copies of both books will be available for purchase at the workshop.

Bill Clark has many decades of experience working with birds of prey and has published on a variety of raptor subjects, including many papers on raptor identification.

Classes will be held at the home of Sylvia Gallagher in Huntington Beach. A map to the meeting place will be enclosed with workshop confirmation.

The cost of the workshop is \$150.00 for each weekend—to be enclosed with your registration.

Enrollment each weekend will be limited to 25 participants and may be cancelled if there is insufficient registration by Feb. 9. Don't wait until the last minute to register; your workshop may have been cancelled because you forgot to register! Confirmations and further information will be mailed out on Feb. 11, 2017.

Mail your enrollment form, check for the workshop fee, and a long, self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to: Raptor Workshop, c/o Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln, Huntington Beach CA 92646. Your form should be postmarked no sooner than Jan. 9, 2017 (two-day penalty for early reservations). If you have questions, call Sylvia at 714-962-8990 or email her at: sjrgallagher@yahoo.com

Enrollment Form - Raptor Weekends with Bill Clark - 2017

Names of all participants _____

Address(es) _____

City _____ ZIP _____ Phone(s) _____

E-mail _____ SASE enclosed? _____

Check your choice(s) of weekends. (Some people attend both.)

Introductory (Fri. evening - Sun, Feb. 24-26) — \$150 per person— **(waiting list only)**

Intermediate/Advanced (Fri. evening - Sun, March 3-5) — \$150 per person

Workshop fees enclosed? (Make check payable to: Sea & Sage Audubon Society)

Which books do you plan to purchase at the workshop (see above? Indicate number if more than one.

Required Book Supplemental Book

