



*Sea &  
Sage Audubon*

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TEMPLATE - 1

Date

Re: Timely Tree Trimming

Dear City Manager,

The members of Sea and Sage Audubon Society would like to take this opportunity to remind you that fall and early winter months are the best time of year to trim your trees and perform significant landscape projects. Properties such as yours, with gardens and mature trees, are home to many birds which nest and raise their young in your trees and shrubs. Your landscapes are sanctuaries and are often primary breeding grounds for many birds in an ever expanding urbanized environment. Performing tree and landscape maintenance in the fall, instead of during the breeding season, is critically important and also beneficial for the health of most trees and shrubs, and allows your trees to provide shade during the warmer seasons.

Our local members and all of the National Audubon Society would very much appreciate your efforts to protect birds, especially during the breeding season. We believe that the residents of Orange County have concern for wildlife and respect the laws that protect birds in the same way they support designated hunting and fishing seasons. We hope that we can add you to our list of land owners and managers who promote and practice responsible landscape management practices.

We have attached an "Alert" which we provide to local land managers, We hope it will be useful to your efforts to manage your properties responsibly.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Scott Thomas  
Conservation Committee Chair  
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