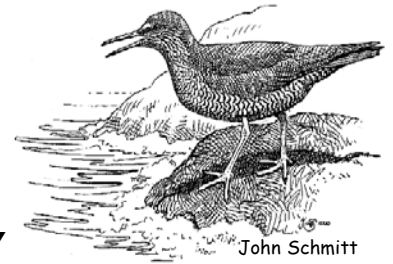


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Scrooge Would Approve

by Jay Miller, President

At last summer's barbecue, we learned that we had only two weeks to come up with a list of structural changes we needed at the Blue House (Audubon House Annex) while the workmen were still on the premises. At that time, we thought the expense of fixing and furnishing the house would run into 6 figures. Happily, that was not the case.

First of all, due to the generosity of the Irvine Ranch Water District and the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary Board, all the structural changes to the Blue House were taken care of for us. This included central air, flooring, counter tops and sinks in the kitchen, removal of old cabinets, tearing down of some walls, installing screens for the windows and much more.

That left us with furnishing the building. Here again, we received a lot of help. A friend of Sea and Sage, Carmen Diaz, helped us with the space planning. Another friend, Dan Trinidad, not only contributed a computer but he figured out the electrical wiring and installed much of the electrical control mechanisms.

We also received a lot of help in furnishing the house. Board member Cheryl Thomas learned that a company that she used to work for was going out of business. From them, we were able to buy quality office furniture at a fraction of what it would have cost otherwise. Bob McElhiney built a wooden poster holder for storing the big camp posters, and Scott Thomas found other bargains at a used office furniture store. When we learned that the IRWD was going to send back a number of folding chairs they'd ordered, we bought 20 of them at half price. Scott Thomas hung our collection of art work (a sketch by David Sibley and a set of pen & ink bird illustrations by Jonathan Alderfer) which we had in storage; they are a fitting addition to our Audubon House Annex.

In all, including desks, bookcases, file cabinets, chairs, tables, computers, kitchen appliances, cabinets, and other supplies, the cost will come to about \$16,000, way under budget. Of course, \$16,000 is still \$16,000 and we had to dip into our reserves to pay for it. How we plan to rebuild our reserves will be the subject of another article.

Now that the Blue House is essentially complete, we will turn our attention to the reorganization of Audubon House. We are very excited about this next phase of our redesign and look forward to enhancing our ties to both Sea and Sage members and the community at large.

General Meeting

Friday evening, April 17th

"Wild Dolphins & Whales of Southern California"

presented by Capt. Dave Anderson

In 1995 Capt. Dave Anderson was living aboard his sailboat in Dana Point, California and bringing people out to see whales and dolphins for his business, 'Capt Dave's Dolphin Safari'. Amazed at what he saw, Dave decided to film these captivating sights. Capt. Dave mounted an underwater camera and hydrophone on the bow of his boat and began taking his cameras on every trip to record what his passengers experienced firsthand. It took him five years to create the documentary "Wild Dolphins & Whales of Southern California".

Much of his footage is breathtakingly beautiful. It's remarkable what a few cameras, a home computer, and a commitment to an idea can accomplish. Frequently called upon as an authority on wild dolphins and whales in this area, Capt. Dave is also a popular speaker, entertaining and educating a wide variety of audiences from volunteer groups to marine mammal enthusiasts and school groups. Capt. Dave has appeared on ABC, CBS and NBC, as well as local network affiliates and the Travel Channel. His photographs have appeared on the cover of newspapers and magazines and on special exhibits at various locales. He also worked with filmmaker Greg McGillivray for the IMAX film Dolphins, helping to locate large herds of dolphin.

Committed to promoting awareness of Southern California's ocean, Capt. Dave introduced and organized the first Ocean Awareness Day, now an annual two-day event during the Dana Point Festival of Whales. "The Southern California coast is alive", says Capt. Dave and now, after five years, viewers can see it for themselves.

The doors open at 7:00 and the meeting starts at 7:30. We meet in the new Education Center building at 5 Riparian View in Irvine. For those who like to come early, Audubon House and its popular Bookstore will be open before the meeting (from 6:30 to 7:15 pm). See directions to our meeting location on page 11 in this issue.

Marquita Miller, Programs Chair

Conservation Director's Report

by Scott Thomas



Our Conservation Committee Meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the 1st Tues. of the month in the Blue House. Our 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture Series are at 7:00 pm in the Education Center. We hope you will join us! Susan Sheakley 949-552-5974

Foothill South Toll Road: in December the Commerce Department upheld the CA Coastal Commission's earlier decision not to approve the toll road extension. We hope the Transportation Corridor Agency will realize it is time to find a better solution to our county's traffic problems, one that doesn't involve trashing already protected open spaces.

Urban Sanctuaries Campaign: Orange County Parks, who have been one of our best public allies in protecting birds and open spaces, are making their best effort yet to complete all regularly scheduled tree trimming in their parks prior to the breeding season. A very nice article in the Orange County Register reminded people about protecting nesting birds. We may finally be getting the message out, but we can always use more help. See chapter webpage for tree trimming updates.

Chapter Offices: Conservation now shares office space with chapter leaders in the new Blue House, the same building that houses the Education Project Director's office and the Summer Camp's office.

Research Projects: The Cactus Wren Survey Team (CWST), a collaborative project of Sea and Sage Audubon, The Nature Conservancy-Newport Beach Office, Starr Ranch National Audubon Sanctuary, and the Nature Reserve of Orange County, has launched a countywide volunteer, science-based program to help in the recovery efforts for the Coastal Cactus Wren.

Two CWST workshops in January, conducted by local biologist and Cactus Wren expert, Robb Hamilton, trained thirty-six volunteers in mapping and survey methods. Surveying will begin in March in Caspers Wilderness Park, Starr Ranch Sanctuary, Barham Ranch (Santiago Oaks Regional Park), Orange Hill, and the UCI Reserve System, as well as multiple sites on the Nature Reserve of Orange County properties. Members of the **Raptor Research Team** began surveying for White-tailed Kite breeding activity and nesting territories across the county in February and will carry on through mid summer. Early rains this season have brought hope that 2009 will produce better breeding results for this species.

Other Survey and Bird Research Opportunities - Some projects that might interest you include:

- Huntington Beach Wetlands Quarterly Bird Surveys
- Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walks
- Huntington Beach Least Tern Colony Monitoring
- Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy Bird Walks
- Quail Hill, Irvine Bird Surveys

See www.seaandsageaudubon.org for more info

4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture Series "Tracking Mountain Lions from the Santa Ana Mountains to San Diego"

presented by Dona Krucki

April 28th, 7:00 pm, Education Center
San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, Irvine
(Directions on page 11)

Wildlife researcher Donna Krucki will be sharing some of her latest experiences tracking Mountain Lions in the Santa Ana Mountains and further south into San Diego. Donna has recently been working with Dr. Winston Vickers and Biologists Mike Puzzo from UC Davis, tracking her favorite quarry, Mountain Lions, learning more about their behavior and habitat needs.

Donna will also be sharing some of the newest data on the movements of Mountain Lions and how these special animals are dealing with increasing human pressures. Wildfires, shrinking habitats, increased roads, and poisoning are having quite an impact on this important animal in southern California. Understanding their biology and habitat requirements are key to managing Mountain Lions and their remaining wilderness in southern California.

Donna has been tracking Mountain Lions for more than twenty years and worked on one of the early Mountain Lion projects in Orange County, headed by Dr. Paul Beier in the 1980s. She is currently the Senior Ranger at Thomas Riley Wilderness Park and many of you know her from her long time serving as a ranger at Caspers Wilderness Park. Donna also worked for many years as a volunteer raptor researcher with Pete Bloom. Her experience in the wilderness in Orange County is unsurpassed and her lecture promises to be insightful and very interesting

Companion Field Trip - Wildlife Tracking at Caspers Park

Donna will be leading us on a special wildlife tracking field trip in Caspers Park in May. We will hike some of the back trails and learn some of the basics of tracking, including how to distinguish large mammal tracks - hopefully getting the opportunity to see some Mountain Lion tracks. The field trip date will be announced and reservations taken at the April 28th presentation.

Hawk Watchers Wanted!

We are looking for information on the location of White-tailed Kites and Red-shouldered Hawks here in Orange County. Please report your sightings to Scott Thomas at (949-293-2915; redtail1@cox.net)

Rarities in Orange County

by Doug Willick

To report a RARE or UNUSUAL bird, or to receive the current RBA report for Orange County, call the OrCoRBA at (949) 487-6869.



We'll start off this month's column by updating the status of some of the rarities found previously during the 2007-2008 winter season. Although its origin may be suspect, the very fancy **Bar-headed Goose** continues to associate with other geese at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station (which also includes the Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge). The goose was last reported on Feb. 4 (Bob Schallmann), along with an impressive assortment of five other noteworthy geese species (for Orange County at least), including up to eight **Cackling**, eight **Ross's**, three **Snows**, nine **Greater White-fronteds**, eight **Brant**, as well as the more expected flocks of **Canadas**! Two **Ross's Geese** continue to be seen in the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS) and vicinity, through Feb. 12. **Eurasian Wigeons** continued at Upper Newport Bay (UNB), through early Feb., at SBNWS (Feb. 4), and at Teewinkle Park (Feb. 28). A young **White-winged Scoter** remained at Bolsa Chica (BC) through at least Feb. 28, and a male **Greater Scaup** was still at UNB the same day. Two hybrid duck individuals continue to linger along the upper Santa Ana River (SAR), with both most recently being seen at Burris Basin (north of Ball Rd.); these included an apparent male **Northern Shoveler x Blue-winged Teal**, Feb. 14, and an **American x Eurasian Wigeon**, Feb. 21. Although wigeon hybrids occur with some regularity in the region, hybrids between Northern Shoveler and Blue-winged Teal are less well known.

Two adult **Reddish Egrets** that have been at BC through the winter were most recently reported on Feb. 24. A first-year **Bald Eagle** that has been seen fairly regularly along the upper SAR (between Glassell and Imperial) since mid Dec. was last reported Feb. 10. At least two **Ferruginous Hawks** were seen again at SBNWS, Feb. 4. After a single **Glaucous Gull** was first reported at Doheny State Beach (DSB) in early January, during February, amazingly, up to three different individuals were detected here (all first-year birds). On Feb. 20, two Glaucous Gulls were present in the same gull flock (Jim Pike). Several Glaucous Gull hybrids (including birds presumed to be Glaucous X Herring's-also known as "Nelson's" Gull) have been at DSB and the upper SAR. A large white gull that showed "most" but not all Glaucous Gull features was on the SAR, Feb. 21 (Doug Willick). Unprecedented numbers of **Glaucous-winged Gulls**, and to a lesser degree, **Thayer's Gulls**, continued in the county, especially at locations such as DSB and the upper SAR. For example, 137 Glaucous-wingeds were tallied at DSB on Feb. 8 (Robert McNab). The consistent, though shy, adult male **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** was still working its favorite pepper trees at Santiago Oaks Regional Park (SORP), on Feb. 27 (where an adult male has now wintered for seven consecutive years). The wintering, though infrequently seen, **Tropical Kingbird** was again observed at Huntington Central Park (HCP) on Feb. 8. A **Plumbeous Vireo** was still lingering at Yosemite Park, Feb. 15, as was a **Varied Thrush** at SORP, Feb. 4. A smattering of **Brown Creepers** and **Red-breasted Nuthatches** were again reported at previously discovered sites. A **Palm Warbler** was refound at Orange Coast College, Jan. 31, while other continuing warbler rarities included a **Black-and-white** and **American Redstart** at Mason Regional Park (MRP; into early Feb.), and a **Northern Waterthrush** at SJWS (at least through Jan. 31). A few **White-throated Sparrows** persisted in the county, with two still at Casper's Regional Park, Feb. 14, and a single bird at MRP, Feb. 23.

There were also a few "new" birds of note discovered over the last month. Unexpected for the location, a **Red-throated Loon** was at HCP's Huntington Lake, Feb. 6-24+ (Steve Morris). Single **Mew Gulls** at SJWS, Jan. 31 and Feb. 28 (Neil Gilbert) were also at an atypical location. Adult **Thayer's Gulls** were

identified at BC, Feb. 8 (Brian Daniels), and at DSB, Feb. 26 (J. Pike); as many as six or seven Thayer's (all first-year birds) along the upper Santa Ana River, Feb. 21 (D. Willick), was a high count for this area. Two **Black Oystercatchers** on the beach near the mouth of San Juan Creek, Feb. 28 (B. Daniels), were away from the rocky coastline habitat they more typically prefer. A **Least Bittern** was reported from Laguna Niguel Regional Park, Mar. 2 (Diane Zarins).

As many as six **Common Poorwills**, calling and/or seen during an evening walk at Crystal Cove State Park, Feb. 24 (Jeff Williams), was a noteworthy concentration for this time of year. A **Red-naped Sapsucker** in an east Orange residential area, Feb. 27 (N. Gilbert), was at a spot where one wintered last year. Another Red-naped was in Dana Point, Feb. 8-14 (R. McNab). Most exceptional for the Orange County lowlands was the report of a **Hairy Woodpecker** at Carbon Canyon Regional Park, Feb. 28 (Valerie Wheeler). A **Hammond's Flycatcher** at the California State University Fullerton Arboretum, Feb. 15-22 (D. Willick), bolstered somewhat the below average number of *Empidonax* flycatchers that wintered in the county this year. "New" **Plumbeous Vireos** at Mile Square Park (MSP), Feb. 5 (Jim Roe), and at Riverdale Park, Feb. 22 (D. Willick), were undoubtedly wintering at these locations. Adding to others already known to be wintering in the county, a **Brown Creeper** and a **Rock Wren** were at Irvine Regional Park, Feb. 11 (N. Gilbert). A **Nashville Warbler** at HCP, Feb. 8 (B. Daniels), was one of only a few reported this winter. Despite receiving a fair amount of birder coverage this winter, an **American Redstart** at MSP, Feb. 4 (J. Pike), had apparently gone undetected earlier in the season. Possibly as many as three **Summer Tanagers** apparently were at MSP through the winter. An adult male and female were noted here earlier in the period, but on Mar. 2 two females were said to be present (Becky and Steve Turley). Two new **White-throated Sparrows** were found this past month, with one in Santiago Park (Santa Ana), Feb. 12 (D. Willick), and another in a Newport Beach residential area, Feb. 28 (N. Gilbert). A female **Hooded Oriole** at Tri-City Park (Placentia), Feb. 19 (J. Pike), was presumably wintering in the area.

A number of our earliest spring migrants in southern California appear as early as late January and February (e.g., swallows and hummingbirds). Not surprisingly then, during February there were reports of the first male **Rufous Hummingbirds** and such swallows as **Cliff**, **Northern Rough-winged** and **Tree**. Two reports were received of birds that would most likely be considered exceptionally early migrants. These included a **Warbling Vireo** at MRP, Feb. 25 (R. McNab), and a singing **Pacific-slope Flycatcher** at SORP, Feb. 27 (N. Gilbert); these were roughly about two weeks earlier than the typical first arrival dates for either species. For those early-arriving migratory species that also might occur as a rare winter visitor in the county, it's often not clear as to which scenario would be more likely. Such would be the case for **Bullock's Orioles** appearing in late February and early March, due to the fact that small numbers routinely winter locally. Warbling Vireo, on the other hand, is an example of a species that is extremely rare in winter anywhere in California; therefore a Warbling Vireo appearing slightly prior to an expected first arrival date would more likely be considered an early migrant.

Speaking of migration, by the time this issue of the Tattler is being received, the peak of spring migration for our area will be just a few weeks away. If at all possible, get outdoors and enjoy this special time of year.

Thank you so much!

The following is the list of members and friends who have responded to the annual appeal as of 2/27/09. If we receive any more contributions prior to April 1st, there will be a third and final posting of the names of contributors. Once again, thank you for all of your support.

—Jay Miller, President of Sea & Sage

Judith Altshuler	Jim Ewing	Arthur Liddle	Mike Sappingfield
Neal Anderson	Jodi & Ron Faber	Doug Lithgow	E. W. Sauer
John & Joan Avise	Kathie Farrell	Martin & Mildred Litke	Gloria Schlaepfer
Ruth Baker	Raul & Nancy Fernandez	Thomas Livengood	Peter Scott
Alan and Ann Barbour	Finley Acoustical Ceilings	Craig & Deb Lockwood	Robert & Cecily Seabourn
Al & Janet Baumann	Sylvia Fisher	James Long	David Seay
Barton Beckman	Norma Jane Flickinger	Lois Loughran	Devereau Sellin
Robert Bein	Donna Flower	Barbara MacCready	Sally Shaw
Rik & Paula Bennett	Judy Fritts	Donna Malloy	Susan & Hal Sheakley
Cedric Berggren	Jim & Sylvia Gallagher	Roger Mangrum	Barbara Sheldon
Hans Ulrich Bernard	Rosemarie Gatehouse	Gillian Martin	Barbara Shelton
Sam Berry	Robert Gershman	Mary Martineau	Rita Simonton
Robert & Grace Bertalot	Tom & Carol Getz	Samantha Masaki	Mark & Marlene Singer
Yvonne Bevacqua	Stephen Gilb	Barry & Diane Master	Mary Anne Skorpanich
Matt & Carolyn Biller	Richard Glenn	Peggy McCabe	Walli Skrocki
Earl Biven	Kathlyn Grabenstein	Norman & Shirley McCallum	Ken & Deanna Slagle
Steve & Kathy Blackmarr	Stephen Gray	Gretchen McCausland	Richard & Nancy Smith
Douglas Blake	Charles Greening	Dick & Beth McConaughy	Donald & Zoe Solsby
Dr. Harvey Blend	Bob Hansen	Peggy McGlone	Mary & David Sonksen
Sheryl Blevins	Shari Hansen	Robert McMahon	Kurt Speidel
Homer Bludau	Margaret Harbord	Dan & Sally Menzel	Jeanne Sprague
Michael & Ari Boehm	Shirley Hatfield	Ramona Merle	Bev Spring
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Julie Brodhag	Jane Hopper	Thelma Miyashiro	Diane Stovall
Ann Bron	Dennis Houle	Cathy Moore	Robin & Jean Suan
Gordon Buechs	Star Howard	Virginia Moore	Michelle Suggs
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Chris & Norman Byrd	Dehra Iverson	Rosalind Munro	Vikki Swanson
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Patricia Cahill	Steve Jelnick	Maureen Myers	Eva-Maria Swedlow
Gordon & Heath Campbell	Curtis & Lynn Johnson	Brian Nofziger	Betty & Bill Swift
Margaret & Dave Carlberg	David Johnson	Chris & Lesley Obaditch	Lily Tamura
Burnett Cohen	Gloria Johnson	Dennis & Marcia O'Hern	Mary Taylor
Richard Cole	Jerome & Darlene Johnson	Gorden Owens	Ann C. Teachout
Deana Collins	Lois Jones	Stephanie Palmer	Patrick Thomas
Christine Cooper	Phil Jones	Helen Papietro	Kay Thomas
Carolyn Cooper	Sharon Jones	Jeannette Papp	Shing Tsai
John Corcoran	Mary & Jerome Joseph	Carol Paquette	Ralph & Beryl Vogel
Karen Cordova	Holly Joslin	Pfizer Foundation	Pat Vranicar
Carol Counter	Lewis Kairys	Charles A. Phillips	Marika Walter
Ginger Cover	Nancy Kenyon	Jackie & Hubert Pirkle	Jim & Laura Wantz
Mary Ann Covert	Louise Kim	Florence Plummer	Frank Wegscheider
Daniel Crecelius	Linda Kinninger	Robert Polkinghorn	Nancy & Dennis Werth
Tom & Carolyn Croom	Genie Kirchner	Roy Poucher	Neil West
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Lawrence de Graaf	Martin Klein	Betty Purdy	John Williams
Richard De Queiros	Joan Klose	Dick Purvis	Louise Winders
Carolyn De Clerck	George Kobern	Kathy Quisling	Stanley Winterman
Art & Tina Den Heyer	Carol Koelle	Howard & Jean Rathlesberger	Deanna Woodward
Pete & Sandy DeSimone	David & Susan Kramer	Roger Reading	Richard Yarnall
Mary A. Desmond	Karl & Carol Kuhn	Les Redpath	Cynthia Ann Yates
Barbara Dixon	Richard Kust	Liz Reichenstein	Ann Zemer
Josephine Dominick	Sabrina La Rocca	Deanne Renfro	
Thomas Drouet	Eli and Olivia Simon	James & Ann Rissman	
Jean Drum	Michael La Rocca	Mary Roberts	
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Drs. Chris & Tiffany Eich	Peggy Lenney	Marvin Rosenberg	
Edith Elvis	Merri Levy	Albert Russell	
Diane Etchison	Elizabeth Lewis	Larry Salazar	



Chapter News & Announcements

For more information on Sea & Sage events & activities, check out our schedule of activities at: <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Chapter/ChapterSchedule.html>



Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in March and April: Sonia Appell, Pat & Dick Cabe, Carolyn Cooper, Pam Degarimore, Tom Drouet, Judy Fritts, Pat Heilig, Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Rosemary Price, Shirley Price, Betty Purdy, Barbara Reber, John Shaddy, Mary Shandy, Bev Spring, and Betty Swift.

Audubon House is open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Our Volunteers greet visitors, answer the phone, sell merchandise, answer questions about birds, check out videos, etc. It's fun to be an Audubon House Volunteer and it's a great way to support our chapter. If you are interested in helping at Audubon House, please contact Judy Fritts at 949-551-4513.

Least Tern Natural Preserve Huntington State Beach - Summer 2009 WE NEED YOUR HELP!

State Parks need Least Tern and Snowy Plover monitors during the breeding season. An existing Volunteer Program helps keep an eye on the tern colony May to August. We seek additional birding volunteers to receive orientation and training, and monitor the Natural Preserve at least one, 2-hour session per week during the breeding season.

We watch for breeding behaviors, eggs, chicks, fledglings, predators and record observations. We inform the public about this special area. With the help of previous volunteers, we have enjoyed years with over 500 nests in our 12 acre Preserve. In Orange County, you can't get any closer to this endangered species. Photographers are welcome. Volunteers get free entry to the state beach.

INTERESTED?

Please attend an **orientation session** and/or a review of the breeding biology of both California Least Terns and Western Snowy Plovers on **Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** at the Huntington State Beach Lifeguard Headquarters at PCH and Magnolia Ave. The legendary expertise and superb photographs of Peter Knapp will be showcased. Refreshments will be served.

For more information on the project and/or to let us know you are coming to the orientation session, please contact David Pryor, Environmental Scientist, (949) 497-1421, or Cheryl Egger, Volunteer Coordinator, (714) 842-9232.

Camp Scholarships

We are looking for chapter members who would be willing to make donations or sponsor a scholarship for a child who wants to attend our summer camp but needs financial assistance in order to do so. For questions or information about our camp and its scholarship program, please contact Grace McElhiney (714) 969-9617. See our chapter webpage for information about our summer camp program: <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Education/Camp/NatureDayCamp.html>

Spring Brunches

The 2009 series of 5 gourmet spring brunches begins this month, with the first brunch scheduled for Saturday, April 4. We will meet in the meadow on the far side of the Duck Club at 10:00 a.m. for coffee, fruit and pastry, followed by a walk around Pond 1 to observe the birds and the vegetation. Upon returning from the walk, you will be served an additional three courses; a cold or hot soup, an entrée salad, and a scrumptious dessert. The morning will end at about noon. Interest in this program is growing fast with 2008 participants returning in 2009 as part of the reason. A registration form is available on the Chapter website, www.seaandsageaudubon.org for your convenience. Fill it out and return it to me as soon as possible. Invite friends or family (adults only) who have never been to the Marsh. It is a great social as well as an educational experience. We want as many people as possible to know of the marsh's existence and its benefits to the community.

Helen Nicholas, Coordinator, 949-726-0858

Bookstore News

New editions - *How Birds Migrate* (2nd ed. 1/09), *ABA Birding Guides: Alaska* (2nd ed. 9/08), *Rio Grande Valley* (4th ed. 12/08). Just in - *The Snoring Bird* (Bernd Heinrich), *Take a Wetlands Walk* (for young readers to experience wetlands), *Hummingbirds! Beauty and the Beast* (DVD by Kaminski showing behaviors, etc.). Back in stock - *Butterflies of Greater LA* (folded guide). New - embroidered shorebirds bucket caps, t-shirt designs (western birds of NA, woodpeckers, raptors), tote bags (western birds, shorebirds, CA Quail), earrings (binoculars, bird houses, bats, hummers, etc.)

More Cactus Wren volunteers needed —

More volunteers are needed to monitor the Cactus Wrens at Caspers Park and the Nature Reserve of Orange County. Contact Scott Thomas if you are interested. (949-293-2915; redtail1@cox.net)

Birdathon 2009!



Birdathon is one of Sea and Sage Audubon Society's most important and enjoyable fundraisers, and one of the world's largest bird-watching events. This year we will continue our long tradition of supporting our chapter's work to protect and foster the appreciation of birds through the Birdathon. And what better way to help birds than by having fun and raising money to count them!

April 25th will be our official day of competition, but you can choose any day and just start counting. You can do it alone, with a group of friends, or join the chapter's competition on the 25th. You don't have to be an expert, or get any specific number of birds, in fact if you just want to find a few sponsors and bird from your yard that's fine too. The key is to have fun, and get some folks that you know to help you support the things you love about birding and Audubon.

To join in on the "official count" you will need a team of no more than 4, who are willing to get a little crazy about birding and pick a 24-hour period on, or near, April 25th. The competition is all in fun, but the top teams work pretty hard at it. The county record is 185 birds and each year a few teams get close to that record. We are lucky in most years to have 4 or 5 solid teams that ask their friends, family, co-workers, business associates and acquaintances to support them in their quest. The teams are already lining up for this year's Birdathon event and we are looking forward to a great day of birding. Please contact Scott Thomas at redtail1@cox.net or (949) 261-7962 if you want to enter an "official" team in the Birdathon competition.

If you want to support Birdathon by pledging a donation to one of your favorite birders or a favorite team, please visit www.seaandsageaudubon.org after April 15th for a list of the participants and their teams.

BIRDATHON PARTICIPATION FORM

Big Day: I have a team _____. Please help me find a team _____.

Big Sit: I will bird my yard or favorite location

Favorite Park: I will count birds in my favorite park _____

City Count: I will count birds in the city of _____

I wish to sponsor this person or team _____

I will sponsor the chapter: \$____ per species on the Chapter's Official Birdathon list

I am sending a donation in the envelope provided.

Name: _____

Address: _____

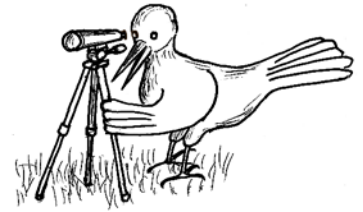
City & Zip Code _____

Phone & Email: _____

If you would like to be a part of this year's Birdathon, please complete this form and mail it to: Birdathon! Sea & Sage Audubon, PO Box 5447, Irvine CA 92616. For more information, contact Scott Thomas at (949) 261-7962 or by email at redtail1@cox.net.

If you plan to attend the Pizza Party (for Birdathon and the Great Marsh Bird Count participants and sponsors) on April 26 at 3 pm, please indicate the number in your party. _____

Celebrate with us at the Great Marsh Bird Count!



Introducing "The Great Marsh Bird Count"
A Friendly Competition and Celebration at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary.

When: Sunday, April 26, 2009.
Sunrise to 2:00 pm - Birding
3:00 pm - Pizza Party for participants in Birdathon and the Great Marsh Bird Count
Where: San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (trails and ponds) and the San Diego Creek Channel

What is it? A competition and fundraiser, like Birdathon, that takes place solely at the Marsh, followed by a party to celebrate the chapter's programs

Prizes: Door prizes — Most Species — Most Money* — Most Sponsors *
(*These prizes will be awarded at the Summer BBQ)

Entry Fee: \$5 OR 2 sponsors, for each team member

You are invited to form a team and participate in the Great Marsh Bird Count at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary on Sunday, April 26. Bird anytime - all the time, if you want - between sunrise and 2:00 PM. Count the species you can identify by sight or sound from the trails around the ponds and in the "woodlands" and along the San Diego Creek Channel between Campus and Michelson. Get your friends, family and business associates to sponsor you.

What is a team? 1 to 4 people. You can bird alone or have up to 3 people join you. Teams must bird together in one party and at least 2 members of the team must identify a bird to count it.

What happens at 2:00 PM? Stop birding, add up your species and turn in your bird list to the officials at the Marsh. Then join us for Cold Drinks, Pizza, and Prizes.

Deadline to Sign Up: Friday, April 24.

THE GREAT MARSH BIRD COUNT PARTICIPATION FORM

I want to participate in the Great Marsh Bird Count on Sunday, April 26.

____ Enclosed is my \$5 entry fee OR ____ I will get 2 or more people to sponsor me and I will send in the money after I do the Great Marsh Bird Count. (Sponsor sign-up form is on the Sea and Sage website.)

My Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

My Team Name: _____

If you would like to be a part of the Great Marsh Bird Count, please complete this form and deliver to Audubon House or mail it to: Sea & Sage Audubon, PO Box 5447, Irvine CA 92616. For more information, contact Nancy Kenyon at (949) 786-3160 or by email at nancykenyon@cox.net. If you plan to attend the Pizza Party for the Great Marsh Bird Count participants and sponsors at 3:00 PM on Sunday, April 26, please indicate the number in your party. _____



Birdathon & the Great Marsh Bird Count

A Birdathon reply envelope will be inserted into the hard copy April Tattler for those people who would like to participate in these events, or would like to sponsor a team, a birder, or the chapter. The envelope should be mailed to –

BIRDATHON
Sea & Sage Audubon
PO Box 5447
Irvine CA 92616-5447

On the inside portion of the envelope (under the flap) is the following information:

Enclosed is my donation to support the Sea & Sage Audubon Birdathon:

\$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 Other \$ _____

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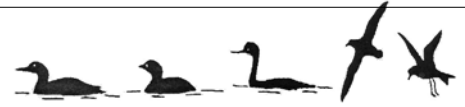
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April & May Field Trips



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For information about pelagic trips here in Southern CA, visit this excellent website: www.socalbirding.com

Natural History Walk at Baker Canyon ®

Thursday, April 2 – 9:00 am

This is the last of a series of field natural history walks with Dick Newell during the year. Participants will examine the geology, plant life, birds, herps, and other animals they encounter on the trip. The trip will take a little over 4 hours to complete and will cover about 3.5 miles and perhaps a 400' elevation gain. Group size limited to 10; advance reservations necessary. Contact Nancy Kenyon, FT chair at nancykenyon@cox.net or 949-786-3160.

Dick Newell, Leader

East Mojave weekend trip ®

Sat. - Sun. April 4-5 – 7:00 am

This spring desert trip will take place in the Mojave National Preserve, a desert area SE of Baker. This is a great chance to explore new desert areas and see desert birds and other wildlife. (4-wheel drive vehicles or those with good road clearance are advised for this trip; those without can carpool.) Reservations are necessary; trip fee is \$25. Make check payable to Sea & Sage Audubon and mail to: East Mojave Trip, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Additional trip info on the chapter webpage.

Steve Sosensky, Leader

Santiago Oaks Regional Park

Sundays, April 5 & May 3 - 7:30 am

Join Linette Lina for a monthly bird walk at Santiago Oaks at 7:30 am. The mix of oak riparian and coastal sage scrub habitats make Santiago Oaks one of the best places in Orange County to find a variety of songbirds.

Directions: Take the 55 freeway to Katella Ave in Orange. Exit and drive east on Katella 3.2 miles to Windes Dr. Turn left on Windes Dr. and follow the signs to the park. OR, take Jamboree towards the mountains, all the way to its intersection with Santiago Cyn. Rd; turn left and follow Santiago to Windes Dr. Turn right on Windes and follow it to the park. Be prepared to pay the \$5 entrance fee if you don't own a county parks pass. Meet in the upper end of the parking lot.

Linette Lina, Leader

Monthly Bird Walks at the SJWS

Sundays, April 12 & May 10 - 8:00 am

Join Chris Obaditch for a monthly bird walk around the ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine at 8:00 am on the 2nd Sunday morning of each month. (See directions on page 11.) The walk, which is open to interested birders of all ages, will meet by the front door of Audubon House. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Chris Obaditch, Leader

Hawk Banding Trips ®

Saturday, April 11; Sunday, April 19
8:00 am to 1:00 pm; 12:00 to 5:00 pm

Come to Audubon CA Starr Ranch Sanctuary. Join Scott Thomas and Pete DeSimone on a tour of Starr Ranch and have the unique opportunity to observe hawk chicks right at their nests. Pete and Scott have been studying nesting raptors here in the county for many years. On these trips, they will be banding hawk chicks right in front of the group. Trip participants will be able to help out and get right in the action with the young raptors. These trips include 3-4 hours in the field and a picnic lunch. Trip fee is \$50 per person; full time students & children under 10 are \$25. Advance reservations are necessary. Make checks payable to Sea & Sage Audubon & mail to: Banding Trips, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Be sure to include your phone number and your email address, or a stamped, self-addressed legal-size envelope for trip confirmation & directions. Additional trip information and photos of the banding are on the chapter webpage.

Pete DeSimone & Scott Thomas, Co-Leaders

Laguna Niguel Regional Park

Thursday, April 16th - 7:30 am

This park in the southern end of the county is a great place to see orioles and other spring migrants, as well as water birds on the lake. **Directions:** From the San Diego Fwy (I-5), exit at La Paz Rd and drive south towards Laguna Niguel. The park entrance is on the right shortly after crossing Aliso Creek Road. Entrance fee is \$3, or by annual pass. Meet at the first parking lot to the left of the entrance by Picnic Shelters #5 and #6. Bring binoculars, a scope if you have one, water and a snack. The field trip will end at noon.

Paul Klahr, Leader

Eastern Sierra weekend trip ®

Sat.-Sun., April 18-19 at 7:30 am

We will meet in Lone Pine at 7:30 am on Sat. morning. From there, we will drive up 395 to Bishop, birding along the way. Target birds include Blue Grouse, Gray-crowned Rosy-finch and American Dipper. Sun. morning, we will reassemble at 5:00 am to watch the Sage Grouse display on their lek. We will then proceed north to Mammoth and beyond to look for Clark's Nutcracker, Black-billed Magpie, Sage Thrasher, Pinyon Jay, and Common Loon in breeding plumage. This trip requires advanced reservations; trip fee is \$25. Make check payable to Sea & Sage Audubon and mail to: Eastern Sierra Trip, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Include your phone number and your e-mail address or a self-addressed long envelope for trip confirmation and information. *Roy Poucher, Leader*

April & June Field Trips - and, Announcements

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Spring Migration Spots

Saturday, April 25th - 8:00 a.m.

The purpose of this trip is to visit areas in the county where there are a lot of interesting migratory birds. Trip itinerary will be determined by recent arrivals of spring migrants.

We will meet in the Slater Street parking lot of Huntington Central Park. After checking various spots within HCP, the group will consolidate cars and drive from there.

Jerry Tolman, Leader

El Moro Canyon, Crystal Cove St. Park

Thursday, April 30th - 7:30 a.m.

Crystal Cove State Park has numerous excellent birding areas; on this trip we will visit 2-3 important ones: the Los Trancos parking area; the beach for shorebirds if there's time, then on to El Moro Canyon. **Directions:** The Los Trancos parking area is on the inland side of Pacific Coast Hwy. 1/2 mile south of the Newport Coast/ Pelican Point traffic signal, and is 1.3 miles north of the El Moro School/ State Park traffic signal. Park entrance fee is \$10, or \$8 for seniors, so it is advisable to carpool. Bring binoculars, water, sunblock, hat and snack. The trip will end at 1 pm.

Paul Klahr, Leader

Big Morongo Preserve

Sunday, May 10th - 7:00 a.m.

Mark your calendar for this great trip led by Bruce Aird. Full information will be in the next tattler and on the chapter webpage.

Kern River Extended Weekend Trip ®

Friday-Monday, June 26-29

This will be a joint trip with LA Audubon. Our trip leader will be Bob Barnes. The trip will cover high deserts to high Sierra habitats, including the Kern River Valley. This area is the most diverse, species-rich region in the state. Trip participants can expect to get up to 150 species in 4 days, birding dawn to dusk, with some possible specialties such as Northern Goshawk, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Pileated Woodpecker, and several owls. Advance reservations are needed and space is limited.

Don't wait until the last minute to make reservations for this popular trip! Group size is limited; Kernville is a popular summer vacation spot so it can be difficult to make motel reservations if they're not made long in advance.

To reserve, and receive trip info including lodging, send SASE with email, phone #, and \$15 for each day you plan to attend (\$60 for 4 days) to: LAAS, PO Box 931057, Los Angeles CA 90093. We will meet in Inyokern on Fri, June 26; all other days will start in Kernville. (This fast paced trip involves lots of driving.)

Bob Barnes, Leader

Seasons of Nature Walk - "Pollination"

Sunday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m.

The spring Seasons of Nature walk at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary will be on Sunday, April 19. Our theme is "Pollination" and we'll introduce our visitors to the work of the birds and the bees (of course), but also the beetles, wasps, bats, thrips (would you believe?), wind, water, and even human feet in nature's efforts to keep plants growing. Part of the program for the morning will be exploring the importance of native pollinators. Since April is also the season for new life in the bird world, Tree Swallows and their nesting boxes will be featured, both on our walk and at an informative, hands-on table of pre-walk activities in Audubon House.

The nature walk starts at 9:00 a.m. and will last about an hour and a half. Everyone is welcome since there's no age limit on the fun of being out in nature.

Summer Bat Walks

Although the first Bat Walk of the season does not happen until May 14, registration opened on March 2 and the walks are filling up. If you have an interest in attending one this summer, I suggest that you act quickly, by going to the website, www.seaandsageaudubon.org, downloading the reservation form, filling it out and returning it to me, along with your check, at your very earliest possible convenience.

Helen Nicholas, Coordinator, 949-726-0858

Sierra Nevada Field Campus

Summer 2009

The field campus of San Francisco State Univ. located along side the scenic North Yuba River, provides an idyllic mountain forest setting for a variety of accredited environmental science classes in June & July. There are classes in astronomy, biology (incl. bird ID by song & birds of the sierra nevada), geology, natural history and drawing. Registration is now open; see the following webpage for details: <http://www.sfsu.edu/~sierra/Courses.html>

Our Summer Nature Day Camps

Sea & Sage will again be offering three special nature day camps this summer. These popular camps take place at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. They tend to fill up quickly so it's best to plan ahead. Pick up a brochure at Audubon House or from our chapter webpage.

Fledgling Camp (7-8 years) - June 22 to 26

Marsh Bird Camp (9-12 years) - July 6-10; July 13-17

Advanced Bird Camp (11 years & older) - July 20-24

Sea & Sage Audubon Northeastern (Inland) Christmas Bird Count - 12/14/08

This Christmas Bird Count was coordinated & compiled by Curtis Johnson & Steve Alter. A spreadsheet showing data from each of the count areas on this CBC can be found at: www.seaandsageaudubon.org. This count covers: Irvine Reg. Park, Irvine Lake & vicinity, Silverado Canyon, Upper & Lower Black Star Canyons, Mountain Areas, Modjeska & Harding Canyons, O'Neill Reg. Park & Plano Trabuco, Lion Country & areas south of the 405, Mission Viejo/Lake Forest/El Toro & foothills, El Toro Marine Base & Foothill Areas, Rattlesnake & Siphone Reservoirs, Peters Canyon Reg. Park, and the Lemon Heights area.

Ross's Goose	1	Red-shouldered Hawk	44	Red-naped Sapsucker	2	California Thrasher	51
Canada Goose	278	Red-tailed Hawk	112	Red-breasted Sapsucker	6	European Starling	1136
Wood Duck	87	Ferruginous Hawk	3	Nuttall's Woodpecker	131	American Pipit	164
Gadwall	106	American Kestrel	34	Downy Woodpecker	16	Cedar Waxwing	494
Eurasian Wigeon	1	Merlin	4	Hairy Woodpecker	5	Phainopepla	25
American Wigeon	577	Peregrine Falcon	1	Norther Flicker	79	Orange-crowned Warbler	85
Mallard	1145	Sora	3	Hammond's Flycatcher	1	Yellow-rumped Warbler	5343
Cinnamon Teal	35	Common Moorhen	3	Black Phoebe	360	Black-throated Gray Wart	5
Northern Shoveler	265	American Coot	2173	Say's Phoebe	89	Townsend's Warbler	27
Northern Pintail	6	Killdeer	107	Vermilion Flycatcher	1	Common Yellowthroat	126
Green-winged Teal	59	Black-necked Stilt	12	Cassin's Kingbird	230	Wilson's Warbler	2
Canvasback	11	Greater Yellowlegs	3	Loggerhead Shrike	1	Western Tanager	14
Redhead	38	Spotted Sandpiper	26	Hutton's Vireo	8	Spotted Towhee	267
Ring-necked Duck	416	Whimbrel	13	Western Scrub-Jay	411	California Towhee	576
Lesser Scaup	83	Long-billed Curlew	2	American Crow	2218	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	10
Bufflehead	73	Least Sandpiper	6	Common Raven	424	Chipping Sparrow	52
Hooded Merganser	5	Long-billed Dowitcher	30	Horned Lark	10	Black-chinned Sparrow	1
Ruddy Duck	943	Mew Gull	1	Tree Swallow	12	Lark Sparrow	77
California Quail	118	Ring-billed Gull	201	Violet-green Swallow	4	Savannah Sparrow	151
Common Loon	1	California Gull	34	Mountain Chickadee	27	Fox Sparrow	38
Pied-billed Grebe	24	Rock Pigeon	223	Oak Titmouse	121	Song Sparrow	300
Eared Grebe	113	Band-tailed Pigeon	187	Bushtit	982	Lincoln's Sparrow	36
Western Grebe	38	Eurasian-Collared Dove	1	Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	White-crowned Sparrow	2443
Clark's Grebe	16	Mourning Dove	889	White-breasted Nuthatch	11	Golden-crowned Sparrow	52
American White Pelican	60	Common Ground-Dove	8	Cactus Wren	19	Dark-eyed Junco	600
Double-crested Cormorant	171	Red-crowned Parrot	25	Rock Wren	6	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1
Great Blue Heron	34	Greater Roadrunner	3	Bewick's Wren	84	Red-winged Blackbird	190
Great Egret	46	Barn Owl	6	House Wren	72	Western Meadowlark	342
Snowy Egret	31	Western Screech-Owl	40	Marsh Wren	2	Brewer's Blackbird	211
Cattle Egret	1	Great Horned Owl	43	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	250	Great-tailed Grackle	9
Green Heron	2	Spotted Owl	1	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	40	Brown-headed Cowbird	26
Black-crowned Night-Herc	14	Long-eared Owl	2	California Gnatcatcher	19	Bullock's Oriole	8
White-faced Ibis	5	Northern Saw-whet Owl	3	Western Bluebird	96	House Finch	1852
Turkey Vulture	115	White-throated Swift	306	Townsend's Solitaire	3	Pine Siskin	7
Osprey	19	Anna's Hummingbird	684	Hermit Thrush	91	Lesser Goldfinch	1051
White-tailed Kite	2	Costa's Hummingbird	2	American Robin	80	American Goldfinch	326
Northern Harrier	9	Allen's Hummingbird	133	Varied Thrush	1	House Sparrow	124
Sharp-shinned Hawk	9	Belted Kingfisher	7	Wrentit	172		
Cooper's Hawk	27	Acorn Woodpecker	614	Northern Mockingbird	180		

Total number of species: 154. Special thanks to the following participants who took part in this count: Ryan Abe, Bruce Aird, Kris Alberts, Marian Alter, Steve Alter, Neal Anderson, Joan Avise, John Avise, Ebbe Banstorp, Pat Bartscherer, Al Baumann, Janet Baumann, Tom Benson, Carolyn Biller, Matthew Biller, Jeff Blackburn, Jim Blackburn, Jeff Boyd, Evelyn Brown, Dick Cabe, Pat Cabe, Colin Campbell, Sophie Chiang, Brian Daniels, Brad Dawson, Denise Fachko, Frank Feller, Dale Felts, Bill Fischer, Jan Gaffney, Len Gardner, Allison George, Trevor George, Neil Gilbert, Lance Gilbertson, Debbie Gley, Laurie Gorman, Kate Grabenstein, Elliotte Harold, Terry Hill, Sue Hoffman, Carolyn Honer, Craig Jackman, Curtis Johnson, Nancy Kenyon, Joe Kessler, Christine Kirk, Paul Klahr, Ross Landry, Bill Largent, Brian Leatherman, Chuck Leavell, Lucy Lee, Linette Lina, Doug Lithgow, Dan Lockshaw, Stephan Lorenz, Lois Loughran, Tim Maas, Donna Malloy, Jeff Martinelli, Gretchen McCausland, Gary Meredith, Elizabeth Miller, Jay Miller, Marquita Miller, Steve Morris, Melissa Nicholson, Carolyn Noble, Linda Oberholtzer, Colleen O'Brien, Dennis O'Hern, Nora Papiian, Gary Peebles, Kaaren Perry, Jim Pike, Bob Polkinghorn, Mary Pryor, Dick Purvis, Barbara Reber, Les Redpath, Terry Reeser, Susan Roberts, Joel Robinson, Erin Saverin-Seibert, Larry Schmahl, Robert Scrimger, Barbara Sentovich, Mike Sentovich, Christiane Shannon, Aaron Simon, Steve Sosensky, Lorene Strong, Phil Swan, Christine Tischer, Jerry Tolman, Marty Trujillo, Dusty Waggoner, Sylvia Walker, Doug Willick, Darrell Wilson.

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From the San Diego Frwy. (405), exit on Jamboree south toward Newport Beach. At the 1st signal, Michelson, turn left. Continue on Michelson to the 4th signal which is Riparian View; turn right toward the Irvine Ranch Water District plant. Follow the signs directing you to Audubon and the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Continue down the road to a short hill into a parking lot. The first building you see will be Audubon House; parking is ample. Between Audubon House and the Duck Club is a path which will take you to the Education Center where our meetings are. Beyond this area are the ponds and marsh mitigation areas of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary which are open every day from dawn until dusk.



Audubon House

Open 8 am - 4 pm daily
(949) 261-7963

Stop by Audubon House for a trail map; browse through our book store & gift shop; look at our taxidermy birds and check our reference library. Be sure to stop by; we're there to help

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If you are signing up as a new Audubon member be sure and use the application in the Tattler or on our website that has the C9ZC150Z in the lower right hand corner. This tells National Audubon who to credit for your recruitment. Sea & Sage gets 100% of the first year's dues of new members (even if you give more than the minimum membership fee). When renewing your membership and you pay more than the standard renewal fee (\$35 for regular and \$15 for senior/student membership), the extra you contribute goes to National Audubon; the chapter does not get any of the contribution back. So, if you are feeling generous at renewal time and you want Sea & Sage to benefit, you should send your renewal fee to National and a separate check with your donation to the chapter. If you have any questions please contact Phil Brobst at (949) 261-7963.



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April 2009

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