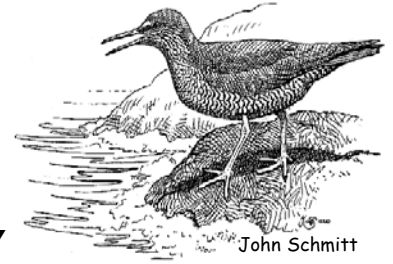


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## Our Local Least Terns and Snowy Plovers Need Your Help!

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

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 welcome. **FREE ENTRY** to the beach.

Interested? Please attend an **orientation session** and a review of the breeding biology of both California Least Terns and Western Snowy Plovers on **Wed, April 21 at 6:30 -7:30 PM** at the Huntington State Beach Lifeguard Headquarters at PCH and Magnolia St. The legendary expertise and superb photographs of Peter Knapp will be showcased. Light refreshments served. **Field orientation** will be on **Sat, May 1 at 8:30 10:00 AM** at Huntington State Beach Least Tern Natural Preserve (enter the State Beach at Magnolia St. and drive South through the parking lots. The preserve is at the last parking lot). **New volunteers need to attend this mandatory orientation and sign up with the Volunteers in Parks Program.** For additional information on the project, see the Least Tern Project section on our website at: <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Conservation/SnowyPlovers/SNPL.htm>

**Questions?** Please call David Pryor, Environmental Scientist, at (949) 497-1421.

**Please RSVP for the orientations** to Cheryl Egger, Volunteer Coordinator, at 714-842-9232, or [dc.egger@verizon.net](mailto:dc.egger@verizon.net)

## General Meeting

Friday evening, April 16th

## “Hummingbirds! Beauty and the Beast”

*presented by Tom Kaminski*

Our April 16 featured guest will be Avian Video Center Producer Tom Kaminski, who will introduce his latest DVD, “Hummingbirds! Beauty and the Beast.” Tom has appeared here on two prior occasions. His new DVD features 64 hummer species, including all 16 that breed in the US. This beautifully-filmed, humorously-narrated program shows that hummers are:

- \* Little beasts that live by the Law of the Jungle...
- \* Single moms, deadbeat dads and “teenage” chicks...
- \* Brainy Warriors with specific Rules of Engagement...
- \* Connoisseurs that put flower taste ahead of color...
- \* And more. Also shown: 15 other bird species, including the 3-wattled Bellbird, Roseate Spoonbill, Crested Caracara, and White-tailed Kite.

Tom began specializing in hummingbird productions in 2002. His “Hooked on Hummingbirds” in 2004 was termed by Kenn Kaufman “a fantastic video!” He also produced 2006’s “Hooked on Galapagos Birds,” described by Audubon Naturalist News as “stunning,” and 2008’s “Hummingbirds! A Natural History” - endorsed by The Hummingbirds Society for classrooms. His work has been shown on “Animal Planet” and elsewhere. Tom’s companies are based in Rolling Hills Estates, on the Palos Verdes Peninsula; on the web at: [www.avianvideo.com](http://www.avianvideo.com) and [www.naturevideoclassroom.com](http://www.naturevideoclassroom.com)





## Rat Poison Kills Hawks

Sea and Sage Audubon has a long association with raptor research and conservation in southern California.

In recent years, we have been noticing a disconcerting trend in raptor populations. While we are aware that the extended California drought (which has obviously been broken) seems to be suppressing raptor productivity in our area, we are also beginning to realize there may be other factors involved as well. This is especially true for Red-tailed Hawks, Red-shouldered Hawks and Barn Owls.

Inadequate rainfall resulting in less herbaceous plant growth, causes reduced small mammal productivity, which in turn affects the raptor predators. The drought was expected to have an impact, but we think we are seeing a more significant reduction in Red-shouldered Hawk numbers than with other common raptors. We've noticed that many adult Red-shouldered Hawks are missing from their historical territories. Many of the roads and routes we have traveled for decades, on which one could easily observe multiple pairs of Red-shouldered Hawks, are now vacant. We do still see a fair number of adult Red-tailed Hawks, and occasionally we even get a few sightings of banded ones. However, it has become rare to find even one of the Red-shouldered Hawks that we banded not long ago.

With this in mind, we have been pondering what is causing the population reduction. It is certainly conceivable that the drought has affected different predators in different ways. But we are also aware that other things have happened in recent years that need to be considered, such as the arrival of West Nile Virus in Orange County in 2004. Is it possible that the virus is impacting Red-shouldered Hawks more significantly than other species? Are there other factors involved also? Since our observations and concerns are somewhat speculative, we have to consider that we may be just missing the birds and misinterpreting our observations.

We decided to take a closer look at what is actually going on. The steps we have chosen are something that Sea and Sage members can help with.

First, we will be asking for volunteers to help us survey the Red-shouldered Hawk historical territories. We have recorded well over 200 territories within Orange County in the past 3 decades. While many of these are now lost to development, a good number of the habitats remain. Given Red-shouldered Hawks' strong fidelity to territories, we would expect that many of them would still be occupied. Monitoring these territories over the next few years as habitat and prey bases recover from the drought, will be very important to understanding long term trends.

The second step is to look for evidence of West Nile

Virus exposure. Recently, we found two hawk specimens that we could easily test: a dead Red-shouldered Hawk from a local park and one from San Diego, neither of which appeared to have died from vehicle strikes or other traumatic causes. Somewhat surprisingly, neither tested positive for the virus. The investigation did, however, find evidence that they both suffered from substantial exposure to anticoagulants (rat poison), and that this was the likely cause of their death.

We know that many raptors are exposed to anti-coagulants. This poison is distributed by allowing the affected rodent to die outside, wiggling around and looking like perfect prey. Other predators such as bobcats and mountain lions are also affected by this poison. However, we were surprised to get 100% exposure results from the first 2 birds we tested.

We need to test more Red-shouldered Hawk specimens for West Nile Virus and anticoagulant exposure. Testing costs about \$250 per bird. We will need your help financially as well as helping to provide us with specimens. We are most interested in Red-shouldered Hawks and White-tailed Kites, but we would appreciate a call about any dead raptor that you find. The carcass needs to be relatively fresh and should be frozen right away if possible. It doesn't matter how it died, but those without obvious signs of physical trauma are the most interesting for our study. We will endeavor to pick up any raptor quickly, but we may ask that you freeze it for us first. (Wrap the bird in a large plastic bag and seal it before placing it in the freezer)

### Contact info for those who wish to help —

To report a dead raptor, contact Cheryl Thomas first.

If you can't reach Cheryl, contact Scott or Pete.

To volunteer to survey some historical Red-shouldered Hawk territories, contact Scott.

To report raptor nest observations, contact Scott.

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### 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture Series

April 27 — 7:30 pm — Education Center

Speaker: Sophie Chiang

Topic: Cooper's Hawks: Urban vs. Natural Habitats

See article on page 5.

# Orange County Rarities

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, or join OrangeCountyBirding; website directions tell you how to join. Go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OrangeCountyBirding/>

February is typically a time when the appeal of previously discovered rarities, which have been spending the winter, begin to diminish, but yet it's still a ways off before the excitement sets in associated with spring migration. Nevertheless, many of our local birders were still out there checking up on the "familiar faces" as well as looking for previously undiscovered winter surprises. First off, we'll do a quick rundown on some of the winter highlights from past months that continue to be seen into February. These include up to four **Greater White-fronted Geese** at Mile Square Regional Park (MSRP); a few **White-winged Scoters** along the coast (e.g., two off Newport Pier, Feb. 15); a number of lingering **Hooded Mergansers** and **Eurasian Wigeons**; at least one **Reddish Egret** at Bolsa Chica (BC); a **Cattle Egret** at Laguna Niguel Regional Park (LNRP); a **Golden Eagle** and three **Ferruginous Hawks** at the former Marine Corps El Toro; the **Williamson's Sapsucker** in the Los Pinos Probation Camp area of the Santa Ana Mountains (most recently reported Feb. 24); several **Red-naped Sapsuckers**; one probable **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** at Carbon Canyon Regional Park; a male "**Yellow-shafted**" **Flicker** at Burris Basin; the **Tropical Kingbird** on the "backside" of BC (through at least Feb. 26); a **Pacific-slope Flycatcher** in Lemon Heights; an out-of-place **White-breasted Nuthatch** at Mason Regional Park (MRP); a **Brown Creeper** at MSRP; several **Golden-crowned Kinglets** (e.g., Lemon Heights, LNRP, Huntington Central Park); **Yellow, Black-throated Gray** and **Wilson's** warblers (multiple locations each); the **Palm Warbler** along the lower Santa Ana River (SAR), the adult male **Pine Warbler** at Estancia Park (last reported on Feb. 19; a bird returning for its *fourth* winter); single **American Redstarts** at MSRP and MRP, as well as singles of **Black-and-white Warbler** at the same two locations; a **White-throated Sparrow** at Huntington Central Park; and both a male and female **Orchard Oriole** at Fairview Developmental Center.

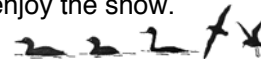
Some new discoveries were made during the last month. Well above average numbers of **Brant** have been seen at various locations along the county's coast this winter. More recently, a flock of 13 on the ocean just off the Dana Point Headlands, Feb. 20 (Robert McNab), was a high count for the period. Two **Cackling Geese**, showing the characteristics of the "Aleutian" subspecies, were at MRP, Feb. 17-23 (Les Redpath). Also at MRP (actually present for a few years now) was a probable "**Lesser**" **Canada Goose** (many observers). A male **Eurasian Wigeon** was at Teewinkle Park, Feb. 22 (Richard Thunen).

Warner Basin (part of the Santa Ana River Lakes complex in east Anaheim) hosted a couple birds that are

rarely seen this far inland in the county: a **Red-throated Loon**, Feb. 21-27, and a **Brown Pelican**, Feb. 6-21 (both Doug Willick). Sadly, on the 21st, the pelican looked to be in poor shape. This, and a dead individual found at the mouth of Bommer Canyon (near Turtle Rock Nature Center), Feb. 13, were most likely part of a larger phenomenon taking place over the last few months in which apparently unprecedented numbers of Brown Pelicans and cormorants have turned up dead or very weak along the California coast. It has been reported that these birds are seriously undernourished and are apparently not finding sufficient quantities of prey fish (presumably the reason for several Brown Pelicans being found inland).

A subadult **Bald Eagle** made a surprise appearance at Burris Basin, Feb. 20 (D. Willick); after circling for a minute or two, the bird drifted off out of sight to the northeast. An **Eastern Phoebe** at MRP, Feb. 13-28+ (Cathy McFadden), might well have been the same elusive bird (to say the least) reported at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary back in late December. **Black-throated Gray Warblers** turned up in a few new locations, including one at LNRP, Feb. 24-28 (R. Thunen), and another along the upper Santa Ana River, Feb. 27 (D. Willick). Despite gloomy weather and a steady drizzle, a **Summer Tanager** brightened up the day at Santiago Park Nature Reserve, Feb. 5 (D. Willick). A possible **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** in Lemon Heights, Feb. 7 (Neil Gilbert), would be the third in this area this winter.

A female **Hooded Oriole** in Mission Viejo, Feb. 18 (Joan Rubin), was likely a rare wintering individual at this date. On the other hand, a flock of between 150 and 200 swallows on the upper SAR, Feb. 27 (D. Willick), were obvious migrants and contained approximately 75 Northern Rough-wings (a large concentration even during migration). Swallows, orioles and certain hummingbird species are some of our earliest spring migrants, of which many can be seen passing through the county during March. By April, when this issue is due to appear, a wide variety of songbird migrants can be expected, so it's time to get out and enjoy the show.



**OrangeCountyBirding** is a yahoo group for birders. Most birders send in their emailed reports about bird sightings to this group and then, if the bird is really unusual, they also send in a report to the OrCoRBA. Website directions will tell you how to join. (Joining Yahoo is free.) <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OrangeCountyBirding/> To report your bird sightings by email, send them to: [OrangeCountyBirding@yahoo.com](mailto:OrangeCountyBirding@yahoo.com) (Be sure to sign your name and list your city of residence below your name.)



# Thank you so much!

Sea and Sage depends on your financial contributions to help support our conservation and education programs. The following is the list of members and friends who have responded to our annual appeal as of 3/5/10. It is not too late to add your name to the list. Once again, a heartfelt thank you.



—Jay Miller, President of Sea & Sage

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

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## Update on Barn Owl Webcam

The live webcam, set up by Sanctuary Manager, Pete DeSimone at Starr Ranch, is focused on an active Barn Owl nesting cavity. Seven owlets were born between Feb. 3 and 16 and they are growing rapidly. Viewers can watch the owlets moving around in the nest cavity, eating and interacting with each other; you can also hear them. It's great fun! The live Barn Owl webcam can be viewed at [www.starranch.org](http://www.starranch.org). You'll never get any closer to a live Barn Owl nest than this!

## Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in March and April: Sonia Appell, Mitch Bigos, Pat & Dick Cabe, Barbara Chidester, Deana Collins, Carolyn Cooper, Tom Drouet, Fresia Escalona, Judy Fritts, Pat Heilig, Cindi Herrera, Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Betty Purdy, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, John Shaddy, Bev Spring, Betty Swift and Beryl Vogel.

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 binoculars, etc. If you are interested in helping at Audubon House, please contact Judy Fritts at 949-551-4513.

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## Bookstore News

Lots of new titles will fill the New Arrivals shelf this month including *National Geographic's Bird Coloration*; *Hawk Mountain: The World's First Raptor Sanctuary*; *The Migration of Birds: Seasons on the Wing*, *The Eagle Watchers* (Cornell Univ Press); *Woodpeckers of NA*; and *Peterson's Field Guide to Birds of Western NA* (4th edition). Also, take a look at the new Bird Migration and Bats t-shirts (printed on both front & back); also hawk, owl, quail, and coyote t-shirts, new caps and coffee mugs.

## 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture Series April 27 — 7:30 pm — Education Center

April's 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture will feature a presentation by local biologist and Sea and Sage member, Sophie Chiang. Sophie completed her Master's Degree at Cal State Fullerton researching Cooper's Hawks. Her radio telemetry study on comparing the use of home ranges between urban and natural habitats was supported in part by Sea and Sage. Some of our members helped Sophie with her research by spending many hours chasing the Cooper's Hawks using radio signals around Orange County. Sophie's Thesis Committee included Sea and Sage board member, Dr. Joel Weintraub and local raptor expert, Peter Bloom.

Sophie's work was perfectly timed with an explosion of Cooper's Hawks in urban areas, which have recently successfully adapted to backyard bird feeders and maturing neighborhoods. Conversely, in part due to an extended drought, local natural habitats have experienced a reduction in Cooper's Hawks. The results of Sophie's work provides us with a better understanding of habitat usage and has real conservation value for a species that not too long ago was on the CA Species of Special Concern List.

Please join us to learn more about Cooper's Hawk biology, the use of radio telemetry as a research tool, and some updates on the current status of Cooper's Hawks in Orange County.

# Sea & Sage Audubon

## Northeastern (Inland) Christmas Bird Count - 12/20/09

This Christmas Bird Count was organized, coordinated, and compiled by Steve Alter of Sea & Sage. A copy of the data for each section of the count can be found on our Sea & Sage webpage at [www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org) For a printout of the entire report showing each section's data as well as the totals, send a stamped, self-addressed, legal sized envelope to: CBC, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine 92612; be sure to specify which CBC you want a copy of.

Canada Goose	65	Red-tailed Hawk	106	Hairy Woodpecker	1	Cedar Waxwing	371
Wood Duck	64	Ferruginous Hawk	3	No. (Red-shafted) Flicker	115	Phainopepla	30
Gadwall	85	Golden Eagle	2	Pacific-Slope Flycatcher	1	Orange-crowned Warbler	66
Eurasian Wigeon	1	American Kestrel	48	Black Phoebe	313	Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler	4
American Wigeon	525	Merlin	3	Say's Phoebe	96	Yellow-rumped (Aud) Warbler	4227
Mallard	630	Prairie Falcon	1	Cassin's Kingbird	132	Black-throated Gray Warbler	3
Cinnamon Teal	8	Sora	2	Loggerhead Shrike	2	Townsend's Warbler	24
Northern Shoveler	155	Common Moorhen	4	Plumbeous Vireo	1	Hermit Warbler	1
Northern Pintail	58	American Coot	4043	Hutton's Vireo	6	Common Yellowthroat	117
Green-winged Teal	58	Killdeer	47	Steller's Jay	1	Wilson's Warbler	3
Canvasback	2	Black-necked Stilt	18	Western Scrub-Jay	405	Spotted Towhee	211
Redhead	52	American Avocet	1	American Crow	1796	California Towhee	451
Ring-necked Duck	286	Spotted Sandpiper	15	Common Raven	564	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	11
Lesser Scaup	55	Greater Yellowlegs	1	Horned Lark	150	Chipping Sparrow	36
Bufflehead	84	Least Sandpiper	16	Tree Swallow	5	Vesper Sparrow	4
Hooded Merganser	5	Long-billed Dowitcher	7	Violet-green Swallow	1	Lark Sparrow	125
Red-breasted Merganser	1	Mew Gull	1	Mountain Chickadee	22	Savannah Sparrow (com)	84
Ruddy Duck	648	Ring-billed Gull	147	Oak Titmouse	175	Fox Sparrow	10
California Quail	195	California Gull	39	Bushtit	1028	Song Sparrow	213
Pied-billed Grebe	36	Rock Pigeon	81	Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	Lincoln's Sparrow	81
Eared Grebe	24	Band-tailed Pigeon	105	White-breasted Nuthatch	26	White-crowned Sparrow	
Western Grebe	306	Eurasian-Collared Dove	8	Cactus Wren	19	Golden-crowned Sparrow	19
Clark's Grebe	30	Mourning Dove	809	Rock Wren	7	Dark-eyed Junco (Ore.)	562
American White Pelican	2	Common Ground-Dove	5	Canyon Wren	2	Dark-eyed Junco (slate-colored)	5
Brown Pelican	1	Red-crowned Parrot	69	Bewick's Wren	82	Summer Tanager	1
Double-crested Cormorant	205	Greater Roadrunner	1	House Wren	69	Western Tanager	6
Great Blue Heron	20	Barn Owl	14	Marsh Wren	5	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1
Great Egret	39	Western Screech-Owl	45	Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	Black-headed Grosbeak	1
Snowy Egret	41	Great Horned Owl	30	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	369	Red-winged Blackbird	425
Green Heron	4	Northern Saw-whet Owl	2	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	35	Tricolored Blackbird	12
Black-crowned Night-Heron	26	White-throated Swift	71	California Gnatcatcher	13	Western Meadowlark	221
White-faced Ibis	21	Anna's Hummingbird	605	Western Bluebird	169	Brewer's Blackbird	158
Turkey Vulture	192	Costa's Hummingbird	3	Mountain Bluebird	6	Great-tailed Grackle	3
Osprey	18	Allen's Hummingbird	168	Townsend's Solitaire	2	Brown-headed Cowbird	41
White-tailed Kite	9	Belted Kingfisher	9	Hermit Thrush	117	Bullock's Oriole	3
Bald Eagle	2	Lewis's Woodpecker	9	American Robin	195	Purple Finch	2
Northern Harrier	11	Acorn Woodpecker	722	Wrentit	174	House Finch	2002
Sharp-shinned Hawk	11	Red-naped Sapsucker	2	Northern Mockingbird	164	Lesser Goldfinch	908
Cooper's Hawk	16	Red-breasted Sapsucker	5	California Thrasher	83	American Goldfinch	187
Red-shouldered Hawk	39	Nuttall's Woodpecker	145	European Starling	1646	House Sparrow	139
Zone-tailed Hawk	1	Downy Woodpecker	11	American Pipit	102		

**Total number of species: 161. Special thanks to the 86 observers who helped with this count.**

**The Inland Count was divided into 12 areas:** 1. Irvine Regional Park 2. Irvine Lake & vicinity 3. Silverado Canyon 4A. Upper & Lower Blackstar Canyons 4B. Mountain Areas 5. Modjeska & Harding Canyons 06/07. O'Neill Reg. Park & Plano Trabuco 8A/B. Lion Country & Areas South of the 405 Freeway (This includes the area between Lake Forest & El Toro, from Trabuco Rd. to Glenn Ranch Rd) 9/10. Mission Viejo, Lake Forest, El Toro & Foothills 11/12. El Toro Marine Base & Foothill Areas 13. Rattlesnake & Siphon Reservoirs 14/15 Peters Canyon Reg. Park & Lemon Heights area. **Species seen during count week, but not on count day:** Olive-sided Flycatcher, Lilac-crowned Parrot (exotic), Red-lore Parrot (exotic). **Exotic species seen on count day:** Egyptian Goose, Mute Swan, Mandarin Duck, Common Peafowl and Nutmeg Mannikin.

# Birdathon 2010!



**April 17 - 100 Birds Adventure**

**April 18 to 25 - Great Marsh Bird Count**

**April 24 - Birdathon (24 hour event)**

**April 25 - Celebration & BBQ for all participants**

This year's 2010 Birdathon promises to be one of the most inclusive Birdathon events we have ever organized. It will include the traditional 24-hour Birdathon event of course, the new "100 Birds Adventure", the Great Marsh Bird Count, and a Celebratory Get-Together & BBQ on the final day. We think of this event as "all inclusive" because it has something for everyone, regardless of their birding experience.

The purpose of a Birdathon is to raise funds through birding-related activities. We want to provide opportunities for many people to participate in our event and, in doing so, have fun as well as raise funds to help support Sea & Sage's programs. The species seen during these three events will be combined to make one big county list. Here is the basic information; more detailed info will be available on the chapter webpage after April 1st.

**"100 birds Adventure"** - A few of our chapter's expert birders and experienced team leaders (including Steve Alter, Bruce Aird, and Vic Leipzig) will be offering a pre-birdathon day here in Orange County on Saturday, April 17th. Following similar guidelines for the basic Birdathon event, each leader will take 3 participants on a trip around the county, stopping at prime birding locations. Seeing and identifying 100 birds on the trip is guaranteed. Trip fee is \$35 per person.

**"Great Marsh Bird Count"** - Like the Birdathon, this is a fundraiser and it can be competitive; the difference is that this bird count can only be done at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. The Marsh Count runs from Sun, April 18th to Sun, April 25th, so you have more choices of which day to choose for your count. Each participant must contribute \$5 or have a sponsor who contributes that much or more. You can bird alone or have up to 3 people join you to form your team. Like the Birdathon, teams must bird together in one party and at least 2 members must identify the bird in order to count it. Teams compete in number of species seen and/or amount of money raised.

**"Birdathon"** - a 24-hour event on Saturday, April 24th. Birding is done by a team of no more than 4 members and can be competitive. The 24-hour period begins at 12:01 am Sat. morning and ends at 11:59 pm Sat. night; of course, few people bird for the entire 24 hour period. Two or more members of the team must see or hear the bird in order to count it. Teams compete in number of species seen and/or amount of money raised.

**"Celebration and BBQ at the Marsh" for all participants** - Sunday afternoon, April 25th, 3:00 - 6:00 pm. We will share some hot dogs, burgers, cookies, drinks, and stories about our birding adventures, and generally just have a good time together at the Marsh.

**Sign up forms and Event Info** - detailed event information will be posted after April 1st at Audubon House and on the Sea and Sage website at: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org)

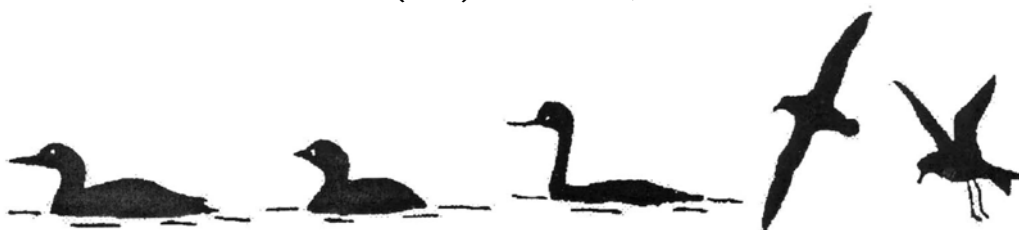
**We hope you will join in the fun by signing up** to take part in one of these exciting events this year. Hope to see you on the trail at the Marsh, at Bolsa Chica, Crescent Bay, Newport Beach Pier, Santiago Oaks, Peters Canyon . . .

? For further information —

**100 Birds Adventure** - Nancy Kenyon (949) 786-3160; [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net)

**Great Marsh Bird Count** - Susan Sheakley (949) 552-5974; [susansheakley@cox.net](mailto:susansheakley@cox.net)

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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:

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Thank you for your support





# April & May Field Trips



For trip updates & additional trip information, visit: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/fieldtripscurrent.htm](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/fieldtripscurrent.htm). Trips marked with ® require advance reservations. Questions about the field trips? or to make trip reservations, contact Field Trip Chair, Nancy Kenyon, at 949-786-3160, or [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net). The status of each trip is posted on the webpage Field Trip Schedule.

## Villa Park Flood Basin

**Saturday, April 3rd - 8:00 a.m.**

The Villa Park Flood Control Basin is situated in the east Orange foothills between the Villa Park Dam on the north and Irvine Regional Park on the south. We will explore the basin's fairly extensive riparian and freshwater marsh habitats, which are associated with the Santiago Creek drainage. The area is known to provide breeding habitat for a wide variety of riparian and marsh birds including the Least Bell's Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Green Heron, White-tailed Kite, Virginia Rail, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Swainson's Thrush, California Gnatcatcher, Hutton's Vireo, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Blue Grosbeak. Depending on conditions during the time of the trip, we will be walking a loop trail of approximately 2 to 2 1/2 miles. The trails are unimproved, but of reasonably good condition. The walk should last less than four hours, although it should be noted that there are no restrooms, water, or other amenities once we leave the parking area. **Directions:** take Chapman Ave. east from the Newport Freeway, to Irvine Regional Park. Immediately after entering the park (just past the entrance booth), make a left turn at the first opportunity. After passing the 1st parking lot on the left side of this loop road, we will meet in the 2nd parking area along this road, which will be on the right-hand side. This is the closest parking lot to the Villa Park Flood Basin. We will meet at 8 am, and we should be returning to the cars around 11:30.

*Doug Willick, Leader*

## Monthly Bird Walk at Santiago Oaks

**1st Sun: April 4, May 2, June 6 - 7:30 a.m.**

Join Linette Lina for a monthly bird walk at Santiago Oaks Regional Park at 7:30 am. **Please note:** Santiago Oaks closes if it has rained the previous week because the park is accessed by a stream crossing and the trails are dirt. If in doubt about its being open, check the park's website or contact Nancy Kenyon. **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. Be prepared to pay the \$5 entrance fee if you don't have a county parks pass. Meet in the upper end of the parking lot.

## East Mojave Weekend Campout ®

**Sat & Sun, April 10-11 — 7:00 am**

*See the March Tattler or the chapter webpage for more complete trip information.* This spring desert trip will take place in the Mojave National Preserve, a desert area SE of Baker; the best place to camp is Hole-in-the-Wall Campground. This trip provides a great chance to explore new desert areas and see desert birds and other wildlife. A 4-wheel drive vehicle or one with good road clearance is advised for this trip; those without can carpool. Information

and directions to the meeting spot will be provided to those with reservations. Possible birds include such specialties as: Bendire's, Crissal, LeConte's & Sage Thrasher, Black-throated Sparrow, Phainopepla, Juniper Titmouse, Pinyon Jay, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Scott's Oriole, and a possible Gilded Flicker. **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 and a map link will be posted on the chapter webpage.

*Steve Sosensky, Leader*

## Monthly Bird Walk at the SJWS

**2nd Sun: April 11, May 9, June 13 - 8:00 a.m.**

Join Chris Obaditch for a monthly bird walk around the ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. (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.

## Upper Newport Bay by small boat ®

**3rd Wed: April 21 (full), May 19, June 16 - 8:15 a.m.**

Join us for the rare chance of birding the Upper Newport Bay from the deck of a small boat. Spotting birds from the water offers one a different perspective and the birds seem to view us differently also. Trip duration is about 3 hours. Space is very limited. Contact Nancy Kenyon for trip reservations at 949-786-3160 or [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net).

## Eastern Sierra weekend trip ®

**Sat. and Sun., April 17-18 at 7:30 a.m.**

*See the March Tattler or the chapter webpage for more complete trip information.* We will meet in Lone Pine at 7:30 am on Sat. morning. From there, we will drive up 395 to Bishop, enjoying the magnificent Eastern Sierra scenery and birding along the way. We hope to see Tule Elk and Black-billed Magpies on our drive. Later that afternoon, as well as on Sunday, we will caravan to various sites in the majestic Owens Valley in search of Bald & Golden Eagles, Red Crossbills, Pinyon Jays, Gray-crowned Rosy Finches, and six swallow species including Bank. On Sunday, we will reassemble at 6 am and drive to the Greater Sage-Grouse strutting grounds to watch the Sage-Grouse display and then on to Crowley Lake for the Sage Thrasher and Common Loon in breeding plumage. See webpage for addition trip info & past trip list.

**Reservations are necessary;** group size is limited. Trip fee is \$25 per person. Make check payable to Sea & Sage Audubon & mail to: Eastern Sierra Trip, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Be sure to include your phone number and your e-mail address or a long self-addressed, stamped envelope for trip information.

*Roy Poucher, Leader*

# April & May Field Trips

Additional information, including bird lists from previous trips, will be posted on our chapter webpage at: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org)  
For questions about these trips or to make reservations, contact Field Trip Chair, Nancy Kenyon, at 949-786-3160, or [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net). The status of each trip (whether or not it is full) is posted on the webpage Field Trip Schedule.

## Spring at Huntington Central Park Friday, April 30 - 8:00 a.m.

Huntington Central Park is considered by many birders to be one of the best birding spots in Orange County, especially in the spring, due to the variety in vegetation and the availability of water. We hope you will join Pat & Dick Cabe a great morning of birding. Meet at the north end of the Huntington Beach Library parking lot, just above the bandstand area. **Directions:** Exit 405 or 22 freeways at Goldenwest and drive south past Slater and turn in left at the Huntington Beach Library sign (also known as Talbert). Drive forward to the second stop sign and turn left into the northwest corner of the parking lot.

*Pat & Dick Cabe*

## Southern Sierra Spring Migrants and Vagrants Trip with Bob Barnes ® Friday, May 14 - Monday, May 17; 5:30 am Fri.

The birding locations will be selected according to current birding conditions and the wishes of the participants.

**Habitats to be covered include:** chaparral, cliffs & rocky hillsides, desert oases, desert scrub, dry & wet mountain meadows, Fremont cottonwood & red willow riparian forest, freshwater ponds & marshes, giant Sequoia groves, grasslands & pastures, Joshua Tree woodland, mixed conifer & fir forests, oak woodland, pinyon pine & juniper woodland, reservoir (Lake Isabella), residential, & rivers and streams.

### **BIRDS:**

Spring migrants (swifts, flycatchers, vireos, swallows, warblers, tanagers, sparrows, grosbeaks, buntings, orioles with fingers crossed for one or more spring morning migration spectacles), resident widespread and montane (mountain associated) species, and chances for one or more vagrant species. All nesting season species possible with the exception of Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Common Nighthawk which first arrive late May into June.

Besides migrants we are hopeful of seeing many species from among Wood Duck, Chukar, Mountain Quail, Western Grebe, Clark's Grebe, American White Pelican, Prairie Falcon, up to five hummingbird species, up to ten species of woodpecker (including Red-breasted Sapsucker, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, White-headed Woodpecker, and Pileated Woodpecker), Pinyon Jay, Clark's Nutcracker, wrens (including Cactus, Rock, Canyon, Bewick's, House, and Winter Wren), American Dipper, Townsend's Solitaire, Green-tailed Towhee, Black-chinned Sparrow, Tricolored Blackbird, Scott's Oriole, Purple Finch, Cassin's Finch, and Lawrence's Goldfinch.



## Southern Sierra continued —

Other birding options (e.g: dawn chorus birding, owling) will be discussed and planned during the trip, especially at the end of each birding afternoon.

### **Advance reservations are needed and space is limited.**

Trip fee is \$15 for each day you plan to attend (\$60 for 4 days). Make check payable to Sea & Sage Audubon & mail to: Southern Sierra Trip, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Be sure to include your phone number and e-mail address or a long self-addressed, stamped envelope for trip confirmation and information.

*Bob Barnes, Leader*

## A Birdie Family

*This article was sent to us by one of our members who discovered it while doing some genealogy research. It was listed in the Brookfield (NY) Courier, on Wednesday, April 15, 1908.*

A current newspaper item is as follows: "The wife of a Methodist minister in West Virginia has been married three times. Her maiden name was Partridge; her first husband was named Robin; her second was named Sparrow and the present one's name is Quayle. There are two young Robins, one Sparrow and three little Quayles in the family. One grandfather was a Swann, another was a Jay, but he's dead and now a bird of Paradise. They live on Hawk Avenue in Eagleville, Canary Islands, and the fellow who wrote this article is a lyre bird and an interesting relative of the family."



## Reporting Banded Birds

Every once in a while, a bird is spotted that has been banded. Shorebird bands are often identified by colors while larger birds have bands on their legs or attached to their wings. The people who banded them want to know where their birds have been sighted; it's an important part of their research. This webpage will tell you where to report your sightings:

<http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/BirdInfo/BandedBirds/bandedbirds.htm>

# Junior Naturalists' Activities 2009-10

by Dawn Zuniga

For more information about our Education program, visit our chapter webpage at —  
<http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Education/Education.html>



Wow! The 2009-2010 Junior Naturalists Program has already had 6 months of fun memories and events! The participants this year are Vincent Baker, Hunter Craft, Breanna Fitzgerald, Kaitlin Fitzgerald, Alison George, Neil Gilbert, Andrea Hendrixson, Cyrus Kay, Darius Kay, Maxx Kominsky, Nathan Shaw, Caleb Speakman, Sofia Speakman, Steven Tran, Abby Truman, and Jeremy Zuniga.

After a great planning meeting in September, the Junior Naturalists participated in the annual Coastal Cleanup at the Crystal Cove State Park. The teens saw lots of shorebirds and helped to clean the beach at the same time.

In October, the group went kayaking at Newport's North Star Beach. The trip was summed up in Andrea's newsletter poem:

Our October Field Trip Was So Much Fun,  
Vincent, Maxx, Jeremy, Hunter, and Andrea went  
kayaking in the sun.  
Here's what happened on that day,  
As we start to kayak the bay:  
Some Ospreys soar overhead,  
Looking for some fish that are not dead.  
A Belted Kingfisher perches on a sign,  
Spotting some fish that are just fine.  
A Willet or two are poking around,  
While the grass makes little sound.  
Sadly, the trash is flowing,  
The birds seem to say, "Oh no! It's not slowing!"  
A flock of sandpipers flutter everywhere,  
As we try to figure out what they are, we stare.  
The Snowy Egret is a cute little fellow,  
Don't get mixed up! Watch for the yellow!  
They fly up into the sky, and their reflection shimmers,  
Wait! It's a huge flock of Black Skimmers!  
Overhead an American Kestrel flies,  
A colorful jewel of the skies.  
A few Marbled Godwits stand around,  
Their feathers in all different shades of brown.  
Then we see an interesting sight that is not flying in the  
skies,  
It's Neil on his bike, what a surprise!

—Andrea Hendrixson

October also gave the teens an opportunity to volunteer at Sea and Sage Audubon's annual Pancake Breakfast. They helped to lead 3 bird walks and got lots of practice answering questions and giving tips to the group. At the end of the event, a family of raccoons in the parking lot dumpster gave us all a great look!

In November, teens and Naturalists alike visited the Irvine Regional Park and Orange County Zoo. Half of the trip was led by the teens and many of them saw the Oak Titmouse for the first time. Sally Menzel and Trude Hurd were valuable assets as they educated the group on the local flora and fauna along the walk.

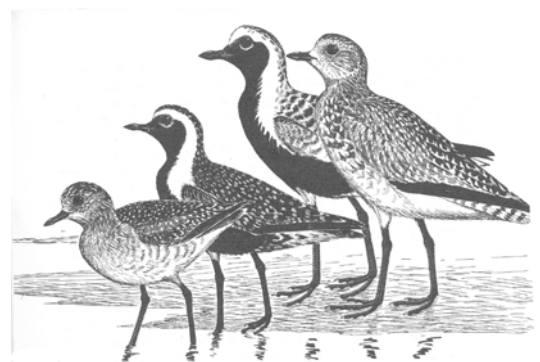
In December, the Junior Naturalists volunteered to help in the Inland CBC at Modjeska Canyon and 59 species were counted in total! The month was capped off with a trip to the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles. The teens met up with Ornithology Collections Manager Kimball Garrett where they helped inspect the ornithological collection for dermestid beetles and saw hundreds of specimens of birds.

January started with the Coastal CBC in which the teens, along with Beverly Hargrove as the group leader, counted 26 species of birds at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. A Burrowing Owl was another life bird for the teens. At the end of January, the Junior Naturalists visited Starr Ranch Sanctuary to participate in a winter bird research project. What a beautiful area! The teens learned all about bird banding from the winter ornithologist, Jessica Griffiths.

February's field trip was to the Cleveland National Forest and next in the future is the Sea and Sage Audubon's annual dinner in March.

In April, our Junior Naturalists will be fielding a team for the annual Bird-A-Thon. We will be birding at Bolsa Chica State Beach and trying to count as many birds and as many species of birds as possible! We would welcome your support of our ambitious team.

The Junior Naturalists would like to thank the Sea and Sage Audubon Board of Directors for making their group possible and for supplying scholarships for the annual dinner and Jon Dunn's workshop. The teens would also like to thank Trude Hurd, Beverly Hargrove, Sally Menzel, Kate Grabenstein, and all of the parents who help and support the Junior Naturalists. The Junior Naturalists Program is coordinated by Dawn Zuniga and assisted by Junior Naturalist Aide, Deana Hendrixson.





## Receiving the Tattler

## Directions to Audubon House, Chapter Meetings and the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary

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### Remember Us in Your Will or Trust

Please remember to include "Sea and Sage Audubon Society" by name (tax ID#23-7003681) in your will or trust.

### DIRECTIONS

From the San Diego Fwy. (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; the Duck Club is adjacent to Audubon House. Between Audubon House and the Duck Club is a path which will take you to the Education Center where 4th Tues. Conservation lectures are held. 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 bookstore & gift shop; look at our taxidermy birds and check our reference library. Be sure to stop by; we're there to help.

### Your Audubon Membership Payment and Donations

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.



## Audubon Membership Application

**Membership:** We invite you to become a member of the National Audubon Society and the Sea & Sage Audubon chapter. **To join:** Please pay by check only; do not send cash. Make your check payable to: NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, complete this form, and mail it along with your payment to: Sea & Sage Audubon, PO Box 5447, Irvine CA 92616-5447.

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# Sea and Sage Audubon Society

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Join the fun! Participate in this year's Birdathon and/or the Great Marsh Bird Count! See pages 6 & 7 for info.



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### April 2010

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18 Sun	Seasons of Nature Walk.....	9:00 am
21 Wed	UNB by small boat (full).....	8:15 am
18 - 25	Great Marsh Bird Count .....	day & hours are up to you
24 Sat	Birdathon..... any time between 12:01 am to 11:59 pm Sat	
25 Sun	Spring Brunch at the Marsh.....	10:00 am
27 Tues	Conservation Lecture.....	7:30 pm
30 Fri	Huntington Central Park trip.....	8:00 am

### May 2010

01 Sat	Peters Canyon trip.....	7:30 am
02 Sun	Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk.....	7:30 am
04 Tues	Conservation Committee Meeting.....	6:30 pm
08 Sat	Big Morongo Preserve trip.....	7:00 am
09 Sun	SJWS Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
11 Tues	Board Meeting.....	7:30 pm
14 Fri	GENERAL MEETING.....	7:30 pm
14-17 F-M	Kern River extended weekend trip.....	tba