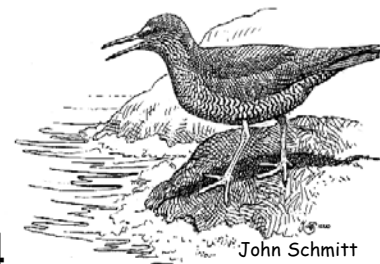


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## Climate Change Awareness Month *by Jay Miller, President*

In January the chapter's General Meeting and Conservation Meeting will both feature speakers talking about climate change. Susan Sheakley, the vice-president for Sea and Sage, suggested that we declare January 'Climate Change Awareness Month' for Sea and Sage. I agreed and then proceeded to investigate what Audubon California has to say on the subject. The full report can be seen at [www.ca.audubon.org](http://www.ca.audubon.org).

Their web site states that the International Panel on Climate Change reported that the average surface area of the earth has risen 1.3 degrees F over the last 100 years, with the trend getting worse. Although this might seem like a small change, it is happening much faster than other warming trends in the past and can have devastating consequences for sea levels, loss of Arctic habitat, extinctions, increasingly intense hurricanes, and drought and famine.

Up to 110 of 310 California native bird species will experience significant reductions in their geographic range in the next several decades due to climate change. Models produced by Audubon scientists indicate that the magnitude of the losses in California depends largely on the steps we take now to reduce green house gas emissions.

In the following examples the higher percentage figure shows what has been projected to happen if climate change continues at the present rate, the lower figures show the potential benefits of aggressive action to mitigate the effects of climate change. For example: the California Gnatcatcher could lose as much as 56% of its range or as little as 7%; the Chestnut-backed Chickadee could lose as much as 49% of its range or as little as 16%; the Yellow-billed Magpie could lose as much as 75 % or as little as 9%. These results not only show the potential benefits of aggressive action, but hopefully, they will prompt policy makers and land managers to better plan investments in habitat conservation.

Although big business and government will have to play a major role in reversing the warming trend, in my next column, I will list a number of actions that we as individuals can take.

## General Meeting

Friday, January 15th - 7:30 p.m.

**"What Is To Be Done?  
Wildlife and Conservation in an Era of  
Climate Change"**

*presented by Char Miller*

What do we have to believe to believe in climate change? What are the environmental, economic, technological, and legal concerns we must acknowledge? How can we reduce a changing climate's impact on the places we call home?

The Union of Concerned Scientists in 2007 predicts great variability in temperatures in the coming years. Conservative estimates of California's elevated temperatures indicate that we would lose upwards of 60% of Sierra snowpack which would have consequences for wildlife, hydropower, agriculture, and urban development. We are not the first generation to face change that threatened lives and livelihoods. Those who experienced the nineteenth-century industrial revolution were afraid that, the material wealth it produced created market forces that were destroying the land.

George Perkins Marsh, who wrote, *Man and Nature: Earth as Modified by Human Action* (1864), discussed those fears and the consequences of industrialization. Rather than accept this fate, Marsh challenged readers to see in this environmental trauma an opportunity to alter their behavior, stop overconsumption and exploitation of natural resources and instead, commit to being stewards of the environment.

His argument started a conservation movement that over the next half century established national parks and forests, reserved wildlife habitat and created refuges. These initiatives were sponsored by grassroots organizations including the Audubon Society.

That same activism will be essential if we hope to live sustainably in an unpredictable climate of change. *Char Miller is Director of the Environmental Analysis Program at Pomona College; and author of the award-winning book Gifford Pinchot and the Making of Modern Environmentalism.*

We hope you will join us for this informative program. The doors open at 7:00 and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm. We meet in the Duck Club building next door to Audubon House in the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. See page 11 for directions.

*Marquita Miller, Programs*

# Conservation News

by Scott Thomas



Our Conservation Committee Meetings will be Dec. 6 at 10 am at Santiago Oaks, and Jan. 5 at 6:30 pm in the Blue House. Our 4th Tues. Conservation Lecture Series will be at 7:30 pm in the Education Center. We hope you will join us! Scott Thomas, 949-293-2915.

## Urban Sanctuaries Program - Persistence Pays Off

Some years back, in response to ever growing pressures on our urban birds, we launched the Urban Sanctuaries Program. Our mission is to help educate people about how to take care of birds and wildlife that share our neighborhoods. Primarily we deal with the issue of timely tree trimming and the planning of major landscape projects, but we also deal with other potential problems such as untimely fumigation of buildings, construction activities, and anything that harms nesting birds.

We have taken a number of steps to help convince people around the county to perform tree trimming during the non-breeding season, which is roughly late August through mid February. We received some much needed press coverage from the Orange County Register last year with a very nice article, and we sent letters to all the city managers in the county reminding them to plan responsibly to avoid nesting bird problems. Orange County Parks, under the leadership of Director Mark Denny, continues to do an excellent job of protecting the resources of our parks, including birds and the trees they breed in by trimming during the winter months. Their partnership and help with this is unmatched and very much appreciated.

In response to our efforts, there were a couple of additional encouraging stories last year. There were a few very disappointing occurrences but, to focus on the positive, we did get some real help and cooperation from a rather diverse group.

Peterson's Tree Works, Inc. in Orange, who years ago helped Sea and Sage Audubon by providing mulch for our native plant project, this year worked very responsibly to protect some sensitive nesting birds, including a pair of White-tailed Kites. Maruchan Foods in Irvine delayed plowing a large field to protect about 75 pairs of nesting Red-winged Blackbirds. In both cases these decisions were made just days before work was to be completed, and we are very grateful for their responsible actions.

A few other stories popped up that stress the need for persistence and responsible advocacy. Mindsets about home gardens, community open spaces, public parks, greenbelts, and occupations don't always change quickly. As a result, it's sometimes easy for us to get very aggravated or feel like giving up but, with persistence we can be successful in some cases.

Toni Bryant, a Sea and Sage member and Newport Beach resident, became alarmed at the springtime 2009 tree trimming in her community above Upper Newport Bay. There are many nesting birds in her community trees,

and because of the proximity to the Bay and wildlife reserve, some of the birds are sensitive species. Toni sought Sea and Sage's advice and took matters into her own hands, with great success. Here is a quote from Toni about the process she went through.

..."Also I want to thank you for your help last spring when I took on the issue of tree trimming in my association of 225 homes adjacent to the UNB protected areas. It took 4 months, a few meetings, a firm letter and a lot of support but we now have arranged for all but two tree species to be trimmed in non-nesting months. I am THRILLED. You were right - it was a tough one, but after two rather terse rejections about 20 of us attended a Board meeting and spoke about the need for good stewardship. Within days the Board agreed to ask the tree company to revise its schedule. They were prompt and it has now been announced in the newsletter with a 3 page printout of the new schedule..."

Needless to say Sea and Sage is very happy with the decision her Board ultimately made, and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

In a somewhat different twist, one of our Conservation Committee members recently had an impromptu conversation with a representative of the City of Costa Mesa. Our member reminded the city that tree trimming is very destructive during the spring. Although the city has received our letters in the past, this personal conversation seems to have turned the tide and Costa Mesa promises that they will adjust their tree trimming schedules and regimes.

Little by little we are making some headway. Sometimes we have to be strategic and pick our battles, and at other times a sharp and quick reaction is needed, but it seems persistence and responsible negotiation continue to be important.

Thanks for everyone's concern and help. Remember now is the time to trim those trees. All the resources you need to learn about the issue and help convince others are available at Audubon House and on our website [www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org).

*Scott Thomas*  
*Conservation Committee Co-Chair*

## 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture Series January 26th — 7:30 pm

### "Climate Change and its Effects on Birds"

*presented by Gary Langham of Audubon California*

Full information on Gary Langham's lecture will be in the next Tattler which will come out in mid January. The information is now posted on the Conservation page of our website.

# Orange County Rarities

by Doug Willick



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

October 2009 was one of the better months in recent memory for exciting bird discoveries in the county (as the following summary will attest). Due to the quantity of interesting reports, and space limitations, this report will of necessity need to focus on the more significant records. Appropriately then we'll start right off with what likely will be the county's "star attraction" of the entire fall—that being the **Bar-tailed Godwit** found at the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve (UNB), Oct. 31-Nov. 4+ (Neil Gilbert). Long-anticipated (by some of OC's "veteran" birders at least), this was a first county record and one of very few for southern California. Also exceptional for southern California was the discovery of a female/immature plumaged **Harlequin Duck** in Dana Point Harbor, Oct. 1-2 (Jon Dunn); this was only the county's third. Some of the other more notable county highlights included a **Zone-tailed Hawk** flying over the Santa Ana River, near Yorba Regional Park (YRP), Sept. 29 (John Fitch), **two Painted Redstarts** [with one at Mason Regional Park (MRP), Oct. 28 (Lindsay Fitch), and one in upper Limestone Canyon, Oct. 31 (Bruce Aird, Linette Lina)]; and a **Lark Bunting** in the Villa Park Flood Control Basin (VPFB), Oct. 10 (N. Gilbert), the latter being only the county's seventh.

One to two **Greater White-fronted Geese** were reported from the following locations during the last month: multiple Irvine locations, the upper Santa Ana River (USAR) and the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station (SBNWS) (Wayne Gochenour, Les Redpath, Matt Warren, J. Fitch, Robert Schallmann). A **Ross's Goose** was again present at Twin Lakes Park, Oct. 14 (Doug Willick); this bird has quite possibly been resident here for several years. The first **Eurasian Wigeon** of the fall was a male found (after dark, no less!) at a small lake in an east Orange neighborhood, Oct. 17 (N. Gilbert). At a more typical location, another Eurasian Wigeon was at UNB, 1 Nov. (Steve & Marian Alter). **American Bitterns** were seen at the SJWS (per Nancy Kenyon), at UNB (N. Gilbert), and at Bolsa Chica (Terry Hill). A **Least Bittern** in the small pond across from Turtle Rock Community Park (TRCP), at the mouth of Bommer Canyon, Oct. 10 (D. Willick), was a surprise here; one at SJWS, Oct. 12 (Jim Pike), was at a more expected location. At least two **Reddish Egrets** continued to be seen at Bolsa Chica, where they seem to have become almost a permanent fixture these days.

**Twenty Swainson's Hawks** flying over the SAR in the Anaheim Hills area, Oct. 16 (Henry Armijo), was one of the largest flocks ever recorded in the county. One to two adult **Golden Eagles** at a few Irvine locations during late Sept. and Oct. (Robert McNab, L. Redpath, et al.), were certainly out of place. Unusual shorebirds included a **Solitary Sandpiper** on San Diego Creek, Oct. 1 (W. Gochenour), and several **Pectoral Sandpipers**, including one late individual at UNB, Nov. 1 (John Thomlinson). A **Short-eared Owl** was at SBNWS in Oct. (R. Schallmann). **White-winged Doves** were encountered at Crystal Cove State Park, Sept. 30 (Kaaren Perry), and in e. Irvine, Oct. 28 (B. Aird). Unusual woodpeckers included at least three **Red-naped Sapsuckers** [USAR, Santiago Park Nature Reserve (SPNR), and Mission Viejo], a **Hairy Woodpecker** which has apparently returned for another winter to Carbon Canyon Regional Park, Oct. 31 (Valerie Wheeler), and a **Yellow-shafted Flicker** along the

USAR, Oct. 26 (D. Willick).

**Gray Flycatchers** included singles in the Villa Park Flood Control Basin (VPFB), Oct. 11 (Brian Leatherman), and at Laguna Niguel Regional Park (LNRP), Oct. 25 (R. McNab), while single **Vermilion Flycatchers** were on the Bolsa Chica Mesa, Oct. 3 (Larry Kaufman), at Mile Square Park (MSP), Oct. 11 (Kathy Parker), and along the USAR, Oct. 16 (D. Willick). A perhaps unprecedented number of **Plumbeous Vireos** (up to *ten*) were reported over the last month, with birds at YRP, LNRP, VPFB, Santiago Hills Park, SJWS, Fairhaven Memorial Park, SPNR, and approximately three along the USAR. Only one **Loggerhead Shrike** was reported (at UNB, Oct. 25, Vic Leipzig)! Above average numbers of **Golden-crowned Kinglets** have been appearing in southern California this fall, and so far in "OC," small numbers have occurred at Huntington Central Park (HCP) and in e. Orange.

As the following paragraph illustrates, October is generally the month for rare warblers in So Cal. In "OC" over the last month, we had: a **Lucy's Warbler** at HCP, Oct. 8 (J. Pike); **Tennessee Warblers** at LNRP, Oct. 4 and 17-25 (R. McNab); a latish **Virginia's Warbler** along the USAR, Oct. 3-4 (Jeff Allison, D. Willick); a record *four* (for fall) **Northern Parulas**, including singles at YRP, MRP, LNRP and TRCP (Leo Ohtsuki, R. McNab, D. Willick, B. Leatherman); a **Magnolia Warbler** along the USAR, Oct. 11 (N. Gilbert); a **Chestnut-sided Warbler** at HCP, Oct. 10-11 (Irene Horiuchi); two **Blackburnian Warblers**—both along the USAR [a bright individual, Oct. 4 (N. Gilbert), and a dull one, Oct. 25 (D. Willick)]; an **Ovenbird** at HCP, Oct. 7-10 (Dick Cabe); **Black-and-white Warblers** in Huntington Beach and at MRP (Dick & Pat Cabe, L. Ohtsuki); four **American Redstarts**, including adult males at HCP and MRP, and "female plumaged" birds at MSP and SPNR (J. Roe, L. Ohtsuki, D. Willick). A briefly seen **Worm-eating Warbler** at HCP, Oct. 10 (Irene Horiuchi), was one of the more exceptional warblers to be reported.

A **Summer Tanager** at LNRP, Oct. 31 (R. McNab), was one of only a couple this fall. A **Green-tailed Towhee** was at Castaways Park, Oct. 31 (Dan Emory). Noteworthy sparrows were relatively scarce, and were limited to a **Brewer's Sparrow** at MRP, Oct. 3 (L. Redpath), **Vesper Sparrows** at Harriett Wieder Regional Park, Oct. 3 (Brian Daniels), and VPFB, Oct. 10 (N. Gilbert), and multiple (as many as 3 or 4) "**Large-billed**" **Savannah Sparrows** at Bolsa Chica through the month (B. Daniels, et al.). A **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** was at HCP, Oct. 10 (B. Daniels). A couple **Bobolinks** at the VPFB, Oct. 10 (N. Gilbert), was one of just two occurrences in the county this fall. **Baltimore Orioles** were reported at HCP on Sept. 29 (Pat Cabe), and on Oct. 24 (Susan Steele); additional Baltimores were at MSP, Oct 9 (J. Pike), and along the USAR, Oct. 25 (N. Gilbert). A **Yellow-headed Blackbird** (distinctly rarer in the county now compared to 10-15 years ago) was on the USAR, Oct. 3 (J. Allison).

**OrangeCountyBirding** is an active yahoo group for birders. Website directions will tell you how to join.  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OrangeCountyBirding/>  
(Joining Yahoo is free.)





# Sea & Sage Audubon Society

## Learning California Bird Sounds



**An Intermediate-Level Birding Skills Workshop**  
*presented by Sylvia Gallagher*

Accomplished birders depend on their ears much more than their eyes for detecting and identifying birds, especially when they are in wooded or brushy habitats. These people walk along listening and only try to see the bird if they are uncertain about the identification of a vocalization they hear. Usually more than 90% of the birds they find are identified first by the sounds they make. If you are still bird-watching most of the time, here's a chance to start bird-listening. A series of Birding Skills Workshops, presented by Sylvia Gallagher at her home in Huntington Beach, will serve as an introduction to LEARNING CALIFORNIA BIRD SOUNDS (LCBS). Around 60 common species of the California lowlands west of the mountains, that are most frequently detected first by voice, will be covered. In addition, there will be a short lecture each week on the nature and meaning of bird sounds.

If you have a fairly good knowledge of the appearance of the common birds, you should be well prepared for this eight-week workshop series. (The 10-week Sea & Sage series of Introductory Birding Skills Workshops is the level of experience presumed for this series.) Those who have done the workshop before are welcome to repeat the series as many times as they wish.

Five sections will be offered, but be aware that there is a possibility that one or more of them will be cancelled if too few people enroll. Be sure to list as many choices as you can. The dates (including holidays) and times are as follows:

- Mon. evenings, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., February 8 - March 29
- Tues. mornings, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., February 9 - March 30
- Wed. evenings, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., February 10 - March 31
- Thurs. mornings, 9:00 a.m. -12 noon, February 11 - April 1
- Thurs. evenings, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., February 11 - April 1



The series will be accompanied and followed by MANY field trips, led by present and former workshop members. We'll try to have a couple scheduled every week, some on weekends, some on weekdays. In order to get full benefit from this workshop, plan to spend at least three hours every week listening to birds in the field in a variety of locations; these trips are designed to help you do this.

The maximum enrollment for each section is 23. If any section does not have at least 12 people enrolled by Jan. 28, it will be cancelled. Reserve early though, because sections frequently fill rapidly. A donation of \$80 or more is requested, if you can afford it. (Bring money to first meeting.)

The required "textbook" for the workshop series will be LEARNING CALIFORNIA BIRD SOUNDS (1998 edition), seven CDs with worksheets, prepared by Sylvia Gallagher (\$35). If two people in the same household plan to share the CDs, each one must have a copy of the worksheets. Make your own copies of the ones that come with the CDs. In addition, the commercially available packages, Bird Songs of California by Keller (Cornell Lab of Ornithology), Western Birding by Ear (in Peterson Field Guides series, published by Houghton Mifflin) and Stokes Field Guide to Bird Song, Western (Little, Brown and Co, Boston) are recommended. All of these items are available at Audubon House. The required CDs & worksheets must be obtained far enough in advance of the first session that you will have time to do a little homework prior to the first meeting. This will be outlined in your confirmation letter.

Your workshop experience will be greatly enhanced if you install Raven Lite sonogram-making software in your computer. This free service from the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology is available online from [RavenSoundSoftware.com](http://RavenSoundSoftware.com). It is also available on the latest edition(s) of Thayer Birding Software and may be easier to install from that source.

To reserve a space in the workshop, please send the form below, *postmarked no sooner than Dec. 7* (2-day penalty for early reservations), to: LC BS Workshop, c/o Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln, Huntington Beach CA 92646 Enclose a stamped self addressed envelope (S.A.S.E.). Confirmation, further information, and a map to the house, will be mailed Feb. 1st. If you have questions, call Sylvia at 714-962-8990, or e-mail her at: [sjrgallagher@yahoo.com](mailto:sjrgallagher@yahoo.com)

### Enrollment Form for Learning CA Bird Sounds (LCBS) Workshop (2010)

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

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

City & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ SASE enclosed? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check or rank at least 2 choices of section:

- MON p.m.\_\_\_\_ TUES a.m.\_\_\_\_ WED p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ THURS a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ THURS p.m. \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 November, December, & January: Sonia Appell, Mitch Bigos, Pat & Dick Cabe, Carolyn Cooper, Pam Degarimore, Tom Drouet, Fresia Escalona, Carol Freund, Judy Fritts, Pat Heilig, Marina Hornby, 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 Sea & Sage, the marsh and its birds, check out binoculars, 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, 949-261-7963.

## Holiday Shopping at our Sea & Sage Bookstore

There is still time to get those one-of-a-kind presents for the holiday season. We have lots of books and other items including some new titles: *Birds of Western North America: a Photographic Guide* by Sterry and Small (11/09); *Shorebirds of North America, Europe and Asia: a Photographic Guide* by Chandler (7/09); *The Sibley Guide to Trees* (9/09); *National Geographic's Complete Birds of the World* (4/09), and *Illustrated Birds of N America* (10/09); *Birdsong by the Season* by Kroodsma (5/09). Browse through the birding section, t-shirt & sweatshirt racks, children's items and the 2010 calendars. Shopping is fun at Sea and Sage!

## Birding Skills Workshops

There are still a few seats left in the Observing Birds Workshops taught by Sylvia Gallagher. These special workshops, which cover Parts, Shapes, Sounds, Colors, and Behaviors of birds, are suitable for birders of any level of experience except complete beginners. Full info is in the Nov. Tattler, on the webpage, and at Audubon House.

Both Learning CA Bird Sounds & Learning More CA Bird Sounds CDs & worksheet packets will be available for sale at our bookstore in late November. They will also be available for mail order; see information on our webpage under the heading of "Bird Classes."

## Jon Dunn will be the featured speaker at our March 19th Annual Dinner this year.

Jon will present a program on "Warblers of North America." Full information on this special event will be in the February Tattler and the webpage. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar! We hope to see you there!

## Silent Auction Items Needed

Cheryl Thomas is working diligently to obtain some special donations for our silent auction at this year's Annual Dinner. Do you know a person or business who might have something special to donate? We are looking for unique items that would appeal to a large crowd. Please contact Cheryl if there is anything you can contribute or if there is someone you know who can.

*Cheryl Thomas*

949-294-2275; [cthomas1313@cox.net](mailto:cthomas1313@cox.net)

## Bookstore Catalog

A catalog listing all the books and other items for sale at our Audubon House Bookstore will be available on Nov. 20. Copies can be picked up at Audubon House, at our Nov. General Meeting, and will also be posted on our chapter webpage. We hope you will make use of this catalog when planning your holiday shopping.

## This Year's Pancake Breakfast

On the morning of Oct. 24th, the SJWS was shrouded in dense fog. Those of us who arrived in the predawn hours to set up, were faced with the problem of limited visibility and moisture laden trees dripping like rain on everything beneath them, but we were still able to hear the birds calling from the ponds and enjoy the fragrance of the nearby dew clad sagebrush. All of us appreciated Scott Thomas's willingness to single-handedly carry the heavy tables around for us outdoors. Susan Sheakley and her team of volunteers busily set up the book sales tables. Gretchen McCausland and her volunteers worked on food prep in the kitchen, and Mary Joseph was everywhere, setting out all the parking signs by flashlight, and taking care of a whole bunch of different problems. Of course, the work on the Pancake Breakfast did not begin on Oct. 24. Mary & Gretchen did a lot of detailed planning in advance to make sure that everything ran smoothly on the day of the event. The birds did their part too, in spite of the fog. The white Pelicans flew overhead several times in formation, delighting everyone, the Black-crowned Night-Herons called repeatedly from the ponds, and even the secretive Hermit Thrush called softly from the shrubbery around the parking lot. We had a great turnout of over 200 people in attendance and everyone agreed that this year's pancakes were the best ever! Besides eating a delicious breakfast, the activities included 3 successful bird walks & scope stations, the opportunity to browse through our used nature books for sale, take a tour of the new facilities, and talk with people from Optics4Birding & Wild Birds Unlimited who were on hand to offer their advice and sell their wares. Kudos to all our friendly and helpful volunteers, organized by Mary Joseph, who made this event such a success! We couldn't have done it without you!

*N. Kenyon*

# Sea & Sage Audubon & Starr Ranch Sanctuary Christmas Bird Counts - 2009

You are invited to participate in one or more of our counts. Everyone is welcome, from beginners to old hands! (Full contact information for each Area Leader is on the webpage.)



The Christmas Bird Counts are always held between December 14th and January 5th. This annual bird count encompasses the U.S. and Canada, as well as Central & South America, the Pacific Islands, West Indies and Bermuda. The data collected helps scientists learn more about the status and distribution of our birds. Here in Orange County, we have three Christmas Bird Counts:

Saturday, Dec. 19th - San Juan Capistrano CBC  
Sunday, Dec. 20th - Northeastern (Inland) CBC  
Sunday, Jan. 3rd - Coastal CBC

The Dec. 19th count in the southern end of Orange County is cosponsored by Sea & Sage and Starr Ranch; the other 2 counts are sponsored solely by Sea & Sage. We hope that you will consider signing up to help out with one or more of our CBC's this year. It's a lot of fun and it's an important way to help gather scientific data. (Those of you who are less experienced can help by tallying birds seen.)

You can learn a lot about past CBC's by visiting our web site at: <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/BirdCounts/birdcountsCBC.htm>. There you will find detailed reports from 2000 to 2008 for each of these 3 counts. You can also find information on the CBC's nationwide as well as for those in California. We have a CBC Quiz written by Sylvia Gallagher which will help you prepare for the counts by learning more about the birds you are likely to encounter. We even have a CBC Poem for you to enjoy!

If you have not taken part in one of our local CBC's before and wish to do so, please print out a copy of the CBC form on this page for the San Juan Capistrano count, or on page 7 for the Inland & Coastal counts, and mail it to the address shown on the form. Hope you can join us!

## THE SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO CBC - Dec. 19

### Laguna Niguel Regional Park

*Robert McNab*

### San Clemente

*Sachi Fukuman*

### San Clemente urban area

*Kim Lopina*

### Starr Ranch Sanctuary & Caspers Park

*Jessica Griffiths*

### Owling at Starr Ranch & Caspers Park

*Dan Lockshaw*

### Upper San Juan Creek

*Laura Camp*

### Saddleback College & vicinity

*to be announced*

### Aliso-Wood Canyons & Ziggurat-Cosco area

*Gary Meredith*

### Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy & Rancho

*Mission Viejo to be announced*

### Doheny State Beach, Dana Point Harbor, headlands, Salt Creek Beach, local parks in Dana Point, Golf Course

*Joel Weintraub*

### Pelagic Areas

*to be announced*

## 2009 Christmas Bird Count sign-up form

### San Juan Capistrano (South County) Count ~ Sat., Dec. 19th

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

2. Email address \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Please indicate the hours you can work

- ALL DAY: Most people spend the entire day on the count.  
 OWLING: Nighttime hours, either predawn or after sunset

#### 4. Please classify your birding ability: This will help us assign you to the proper section.

NOVICE       AVERAGE       PRETTY GOOD       EXPERT

5. Is there a particular area or count leader you especially want to work with? \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO:** Jessica Griffiths, 100 Bell Canyon Rd., Trabuco Canyon CA 92679  
or contact her by phone at: 949-858-3537 or by e-mail at: [Jessica.L.Griffiths@gmail.com](mailto:Jessica.L.Griffiths@gmail.com)

**Note:** The results of all the Christmas Bird Counts will be published in NAS's American Birds publication, "The Christmas Bird Count." In order to cover the expense of compiling & editing the data for this publication, each CBC participant will be asked to pay \$5.

# Christmas Bird Counts - 2009

You are invited to participate in one or more counts. Everyone is welcome, from beginners to old hands! (Full contact information for each area leader is on the webpage.)



## THE NORTHEASTERN CBC - Dec. 20

- 01** Irvine Regional Park  
*Curtis Johnson* (714-739-5373)
- 02** Irvine Lake & vicinity  
*Nancy Kenyon* (949-786-3160)
- 03** Silverado Canyon  
*Steve Alter* (714-669-9482)
- 4a/4b** Upper & Lower Black Star Canyons  
*Al & Janet Baumann* (949-859-5081)
- 4C** Mountain Areas  
*Brian Leatherman* (714-779-7077)
- 05** Modjeska & Harding Canyons  
*Bruce Aird* (949-458-1520)
- 6/7** O'Neill Regional Park & Plano Trabuco  
*Jerry Tolman* (714-539-8040)
- 8a/8b** Lion Country & areas south of 405. (Area between Lake Forest & El Toro from Trabuco Rd to Glenn Ranch Rd excluding Oso Reservoir)  
*Bettina Eastman* (714-963-3751)
- 9/10** Mission Viejo, Lake Forest, El Toro & Foothills  
*Dick Purvis* (714-776-8878)
- 11/12.** El Toro Marine Base & Foothill Areas  
*Lucy Lee* (949-581-4349) & *Tom Benson*
- 13** Rattlesnake & Siphon Reservoirs  
*Sophie Chiang* (949-584-8975)
- 14/15** Peters Canyon Reg. Park & Lemon Heights  
*Linda Oberholtzer* (562-699-9738) and  
*Brad Dawson* (562-438-8898)

## THE COASTAL CBC - Jan. 3

- 02** Westminster Mem. Park, Corner Seal Beach NWR  
*Vic Leipzig* (714-848-5394)
- 03** HCP, Wintersberg Channel, Seapoint  
*Pat & Dick Cabe* (714-960-1683)
- 04** Bolsa Chica  
*Terry Hill* (714-891-2567)
- 05** Mile Square Park  
*Irene Horiuchi* (714-847-1880)
- 06** SA River Mouth, HB Pier, 19th St. Willows, Canyon Park, SA Golf Course. *Jim Pike* (714-968-7977)
- 07** Older Areas within Santa Ana  
*Carol Getz* (949-559-5219)
- 8/9** Centennial Reg. Park, MCAS Blimp Base  
*Dick Purvis* (714-776-8878)
- 10/11** Upper Newport Bay - West Side  
*Bettina Eastman* (714-963-3751)
- 12** Upper Newport Bay - East Side  
*Marian Alter* (714-669-9482)
- 13** UCI, San Joaquin Marsh, SJWS  
*Jan Gaffney* (562-439-5631) and  
*Nancy Kenyon* (949-786-3160)
- 14** Mason Reg. Park, UCI Foothills, Corona del Mar  
*Doug Willick* (714-288-9972)
- 15** Newport Harbor & Beaches  
*Gary Meredith* (949) 499-4113
- 16** Pelagic areas along the coast  
*Jerry Tolman* (714-539-8040)

## 2009 ~ Christmas Bird Count sign-up form

[ ] **Northeastern CBC - Sun, Dec. 20** ~ [ ] **Coastal CBC - Sun, Jan. 3**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

2. E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please indicate the hours you can work

\_\_\_ ALL DAY: Most people spend the entire day on the count.

\_\_\_ OWLING: Nighttime hours, either predawn or after sunset

4. Please classify your birding ability: This will help us assign you to the proper section.

[ ] NOVICE [ ] AVERAGE [ ] PRETTY GOOD [ ] EXPERT

5. Is there a particular area or count leader you especially want to work with? \_\_\_\_\_

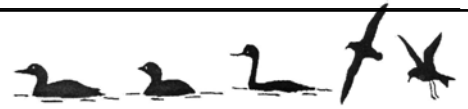


**PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO:** Steve Alter, 18001 Bigelow Park, Tustin CA 92680  
or contact him by phone him at: 714-669-9482 or by e-mail at: [scalter1@pacbell.net](mailto:scalter1@pacbell.net)

Note: The results of all the Christmas Bird Counts will be published in NAS's American Birds publication, "The Christmas Bird Count." In order to cover the expense of compiling & editing the data for this publication, each CBC participant will be asked to pay \$5.



# December & January Trips



For trip updates & additional trip info, visit our webpage at: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/fieldtripscurrent.htm](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/fieldtripscurrent.htm)

Trips marked with a @ require advance reservations. If you have any questions about the field trips or would like to make a trip reservation, contact Field Trip Chair, Nancy Kenyon, at [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net) or 949-786-3160.

## Seal Beach NWR trip on Dec. 5 is full.

### Santiago Oaks Regional Park

**Sundays, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7 — 7:30 a.m.**

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 birds.

**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.

*Linette Lina Leader*

## The Owl Prowl on Dec. 12th is full.

### San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary

**Sundays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14 — 8:00 a.m.**

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*

### Upper Newport Bay by small boat ®

**Wed., Dec. 16 & Jan. 21 (full), Feb. & Mar. (open)**

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 runs from 8:15 - 11:00 am. Space is limited because the boat is very small; advance reservations are mandatory. Contact Nancy Kenyon for trip reservations at 949-786-3160 or [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net).

*Nancy Kenyon, Leader*

### Christmas Bird Counts

**Sat, Dec. 19th; Sun, Dec. 20th; Sun, Jan. 3rd**

Although the Christmas Bird Counts are not, technically, field trips, they do constitute one of the highlights of any birder's season. (See the articles on pages 6 & 7.) This year our 1st Count will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19th, our 2nd Count will be on Sunday, Dec. 20th, and our final Count will be on Sunday, Jan. 3rd. Join in the fun and support your chapter by participating in one or more of the Christmas Counts this year!

### CBC Specialties Trip

**Saturday, Jan. 9th — 8:00 a.m.**

The purpose of this trip is to search for some of the more unusual birds seen on this year's CBCs. We will meet either in the parking lot by Audubon House or the Slater Street Parking lot at Huntington Central Park. Be sure to bring an Orange County map with you. The length of the trip depends on the weather and the number of birds to be seen. Trip meeting location will be decided by Jan. 7. To verify meeting place, call Audubon House (949-261-7963), FT Chair Nancy Kenyon (949-786-3160); or check our chapter webpage at: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org)

### Antelope Valley Hawk Banding Trip

**Sunday, Jan. 10th — 7:00 am**

In the fall and winter months, migratory raptors flood into the Antelope Valley and upper desert regions. Red-tailed Hawks are a sure bet with many others such as Prairie Falcons, Rough-legged and Ferruginous Hawks, American Kestrels, Northern Harriers, and even Golden Eagles. Unlike most birding trips, this one offers close-up views of the raptors because Pete and Scott are going to be banding those they catch. Very early risers may also see owls. (Photos from past hawk-banding trips are on the webpage.) **Directions:** We will meet at Ave. A and Hwy. 14 in the Antelope Valley. From Orange County, take the #5 Fwy. north to #14 (Antelope Valley Fwy.); exit on #14 and drive north approximately 45 miles (through Lancaster) until you reach Avenue A. Turn left on Avenue A and park. Morning temperatures can be very chilly! Dress in layers; bring lunch, a map, and a full tank of gas. Don't forget your binoculars, scopes, and cameras. We will be out until at least 2:00, rain or shine.

*Pete Bloom and Scott Thomas, Co-Leaders*

### Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy ®

**Saturday, Jan. 16th - 8:15 am**

Please join us for a winter bird walk at the Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy, a 1200-acre wilderness reserve located on historic Rancho Mission Viejo in southern Orange County. Conservancy habitats include coast live oak woodlands, coastal sage scrub, and high quality native grasslands. **We will meet** at 8:15 to sign in, so we can be "in place", ready to start the field trip at 8:30 am. The trip will end at 11:30. Hope to see you there! Advance reservations are needed; call the conservancy at 949-489-9778, or send an email with your first & last name, phone number and number of adults and children in your party to: [staff@theconservestaff@theconservancy.org](mailto:staff@theconservestaff@theconservancy.org) There is a trip fee to go on the Conservancy land. Directions will be provided with the reservation.

*Joel Weintraub, Leader*



# Field Trips

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[www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/fieldtripscurrent.htm](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/fieldtripscurrent.htm)

## Winter Pelagic Trip out of Dana Point ® Saturday, Jan. 23 — 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 pm

Join us for a 6 hour pelagic trip along the coast or out to the Fourteen Mile Bank, depending on where the most interesting birds are. Possible species for this trip include: shearwaters, storm-petrels, fulmars, and jaegers, as well as loons, grebes, ducks, terns, gulls, a variety of shorebirds, and possibly some whales and dolphins. Our trip will be led by Jerry Tolman. We will be using the 70 ft. Sea Explorer, a research vessel belonging to the Ocean Institute of Dana Point. Advance reservations are necessary. Trip fee is \$50 per person, (payable to Sea & Sage Audubon). Mail to: Pelagic trip, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Include your phone number & your e-mail address, or a self-addressed legal size envelope for trip confirmation and additional trip info. See webpage for full information on this trip.

*Jerry Tolman, Leader*

## Seal Beach NWR trip ®

**Monday, Feb. 1st — 7:30 a.m.**

This 923-acre refuge contains an extensive, unspoiled salt water marsh, heavily vegetated, with tidal channels throughout. The refuge supports a great variety of raptors, waterfowl, shorebirds, and songbirds. Local specialties include Loggerhead Shrikes, Belted Kingfishers, and Peregrine Falcons. This field trip is held at the Seal Beach NWR which is located on the grounds of the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station in Seal Beach; trip size is limited to 20 persons and **advance reservations are mandatory**. Photo ID may be required in order to enter the premises. Contact Nancy Kenyon at [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net) or 949-786-3160 for trip reservations. Leave your name and phone number. Nancy will contact you to confirm your reservation. **We will meet** in the parking lot by the main gate of the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station at 7:30 am. Directions will be in the Feb. Tattler.

*Leader - Kirk Gilligan*

## Salton Sea weekend trip ®

**Sat. & Sun., Feb. 6 & 7 — 9:00 a.m. (Sat.)**

The Salton Sea area provides some of the best year round birding in Southern California. In species diversity alone, the area is one of the leading localities in the country; some 360 species have been sighted there. In the past, we've had woodpeckers, Verdins, Abert's Towhees, Burrowing Owls, American & Least Bitterns, Sandhill Cranes, White-faced Ibis, and vast numbers of geese, pelicans, ducks, grebes, gulls, and shorebirds. (See webpage for a list of birds seen on last year's trip.) **Advance reservations are necessary**; trip size is limited. Trip fee is \$25. Make check payable to Sea & Sage Audubon and mail to: Salton Sea, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Be sure to include your phone number & e-mail address, or a stamped, legal sized envelope for trip information & confirmation.

*Vic Leipzig, Leader*

# Bird Banding

**at Starr Ranch (Beginning & Advanced)  
March 6-7 and March 13-14**

Audubon California's 4000-acre Starr Ranch Sanctuary in southeast Orange County invites you to our spring Bird Banding Workshops for adults. Starr Ranch Bird Observatory runs two long-term bird monitoring programs. The international MoSI (Monitoring Overwintering Survival) program examines the over-winter survivorship of migrant and resident bird populations. The MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) station is part of an international network of over 500 stations examining breeding bird populations. Because of the specialized nature of these workshops, we are asking that only serious students and potential Starr Ranch bird banding volunteers attend. The workshops will be taught by ornithologist, Jessica Griffiths, who has led multiple bird banding workshops with Peter Pyle.

**Beginning Bird Banding Workshop** - This workshop is for those with little or no bird banding experience. Participants will learn mist-net set-up and operation, and practice extracting songbirds from nets. They will learn how to hold, band, and take measurements on birds in the hand. Afternoon discussions will focus on bird identification, banding safety and ethics.

**Dates & Times:** March 6-7, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm  
**Cost:** \$120 or \$125 if camping (BYO lunch, morning coffee & bagels provided)

**Advanced Bird Banding Workshop** - This workshop is for more experienced banders who want to take their skills to the next level. Participants will focus mainly on advanced aging and sexing of birds in the hand by plumage. Afternoon discussions will focus on detailed analysis and understanding of the molt cycle and bird plumage characteristics, as well as advanced use of the Pyle guide.

**Dates & Times:** March 13-14, 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
**Cost:** \$120 or \$125 if camping (BYO lunch, morning coffee & bagels provided)

**Reservations and Questions:** Jessica Griffiths, 949-858-0309; [Jessica.L.Griffiths@gmail.com](mailto:Jessica.L.Griffiths@gmail.com)



# Education News

Trude Hurd, Project Director of Marsh Education

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



## I can draw a straight line; can you?

Can you draw a circle, oval, square, and rectangle? Then you can sketch wildlife! This is what we teach school children during our Art Meets Science program for fourth graders. Drawing is a learned skill that you need to practice. And practice is something the children do during their visit to the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. First, they visit The Irvine Museum to view plein air paintings of what California looked like 100 years ago. Then they come to the marsh to witness firsthand the abundant plant and animal life and their adaptations for life here. Aided by our volunteer artists, the children carefully observe plants and birds in the Butterfly Garden and along the ponds, and then make their own interpretations in their personal nature journal. Inside the spacious IRWD Learning Center, the children then use colored markers to create their own marsh mural to take back to their school. This mural reminds them of their special nature outing while showing others at the school how important a local wetland is for wildlife.

If you believe that engaging school children in science and art is important, and you have some art experience, we would love to have your help with our Art Meets Science program on Wednesday mornings. Please call Project Director Trude Hurd at 949-261-7964 to learn how you can share your art talent with needy children. It is just a few hours each month, and everyone has fun while doing this

## Taxidermy Birds Awaiting Sponsors

Sea & Sage Audubon maintains a wonderful taxidermy collection of local birds and mammals. These specimens play an important role in our Education Program. Preparing these specimens is costly and we need your help. You can sponsor one of the following birds or mammals and have a special sponsor plate with your name attached. Taxidermy sponsorships are a great way to commemorate a birthday or anniversary or special person.

We'd like to say thank you to those who sponsored taxidermy birds after our last request in September: Nuttall's Woodpecker sponsored by Carolyn Honer, American Robin sponsored by Pamela Beach, Common Poorwill sponsored by Thomas Drouet, Warbling Vireo sponsored in loving memory of Jerry Golden.

The following birds can be sponsored for \$190 each - Lesser Goldfinch, American Goldfinch, House Finch, Common Yellowthroat, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Calliope Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird.

A female Bufflehead can be sponsored for \$260.

A bobcat or raccoon can be sponsored for \$890 each.

We are also in need of contributions for our taxidermy general fund. Contributions to our taxidermy general fund help us pay for supplies for our collections - including the wings, tail and feet collection and study skins. We have a few small rodents that we would like to prepare as study skins. A contribution of \$40 will pay for one study skin.

To sponsor a taxidermy specimen or contribute to the taxidermy general fund, please pick up a sponsor form at the Audubon House or contact Sea & Sage's Taxidermy Coordinator Gretchen Mavrovouniotis at [gmmavro@earthlink.net](mailto:gmmavro@earthlink.net) or (949) 552-8266.

## Sharing Nature With School Children

Do you love to visit the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary as much as I do? Here is a little test to see how much you know about twelve common animals. How many are true statements?

- \* Great Blue Heron is the tallest bird of the marsh.
- \* Male American Kestrel has more gray-blue feathers than the female.
- \* Northern Shoveler looks like a mallard but has a bigger beak.
- \* Black-necked Stilt has long pink legs to wade in shallow water.
- \* Killdeer is hard to see but easy to hear.
- \* Ruddy Duck dives completely underwater for food.
- \* Pond Snail moves slowly on its foot.
- \* Water Boatman uses its long hind legs to row through the water.
- \* Amphipod looks like a tiny shrimp.
- \* Midge Fly larvae ate breakfast today if you see a brown line in its body.
- \* Water Flea may carry green-colored eggs in her body.
- \* Ostracod spins in circles.

They are all true! Our outdoor field naturalists do not tell these twelve things about nature to the visiting school children. Instead, they ask questions so the children can discover these facts for themselves. Audubon naturalists do not have to be expert birders, experienced teachers or have a degree in biology. Instead, they are friendly, enthusiastic volunteers who love nature and want to share it with children. These children can then experience firsthand that wetlands are an important place for wildlife, and hopefully become better stewards of our natural resources.

We hope that you or someone you know will join our Audubon naturalists so we can continue this vital hands-on program at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Please call Project Director Trude Hurd at 949-261-7964 for more information about how you can become a part of our naturalist program. It is a very rewarding experience for everyone.

## Seasons of Nature Winter Walk - Jan. 17

On Sunday, Jan. 17, Seasons of Nature naturalists will lead the Winter Walk. The focus of the walk will be "Migration," and we will examine the plants and creatures of our marsh in deepest (as deep as it gets here in semitropical Orange County) winter. Come and experience what an exciting place the marsh is in winter. The walk begins at 9:00 and lasts for about an hour and a half. Everyone, young and old is welcome.

## Receiving the Tattler

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

## Your Membership Payment

### Tattler Delivery

We post the Tattler on our chapter website. Members who wish to receive monthly e-mail notification that the latest issue of the tattler is online, should send an e-mail to [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net). This method of Tattler delivery not only helps cut our costs and conserves resources, it also is much faster since the Tattler is posted immediately after it has been delivered to the printer. You can read it online, or print out the pages you want to keep.

### Tattler Subscriptions

Non-Audubon members, or members from other Audubon chapters, who wish to subscribe to our chapter newsletter, may do so for \$12.50 per year for regular mailing. Those who wish to receive their newsletter faster, by 1st class postage, may do so for an additional \$6.00. Make check payable to "Sea & Sage Audubon" and mail to: Tattler Subscriptions, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612.

### 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.

**National Audubon Society Membership: Check one**

- NEW MEMBERSHIP: \$20 - Individual or Family members     RENEWAL: \$35 - Regular Membership  
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**Members receive:** AUDUBON magazine as well as the WANDERING TATTLER newsletter.

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# Sea and Sage Audubon Society

*Chapter Mission Statement: Sea and Sage Audubon is a leader in creating an understanding of nature in Orange County, through conservation, research and environmental education programs for children and adults. This is accomplished with classes, field activities, publications and volunteer opportunities.*

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### December 2009

05 Sat	Seal Beach NWR field trip (full).....	7:30 am
06 Sun	Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk.....	7:30 am
06 Sun	Conservation Committee Meeting.....	10:00 am
08 Tues	Board Meeting.....	7:30 pm
12 Sat	Owl Prowl at Starr Ranch (full).....	6:30 pm
13 Sun	SJWS Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
16 Wed	UNB by small boat (full).....	8:15 am
18 Fri	NO General Meeting in December.....	
19 Sat	San Juan Capistrano CBC.....	to be arranged
20 Sun	Northeastern (Inland) CBC.....	to be arranged

### January 2010

03 Sun	Coastal CBC.....	to be arranged
03 Sun	Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk.....	7:30 am
05 Tues	Conservation Committee Meeting.....	6:30 pm
09 Sat	CBC Specialties field trip.....	8:00 am
10 Sun	Antelope Valley Hawk Banding Trip.....	7:00 am
10 Sun	SJWS Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
12 Tues	Board Meeting.....	7:30 pm
15 Fri	GENERAL MEETING.....	7:30 pm
16 Sat	Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy trip.....	8:15 am
17 Sun	Seasons of Nature Walk at the SJWS.....	9:00 am
20 Wed	UNB by small boat (full).....	8:15 am
23 Sat	Winter Pelagic Trip.....	7:30 am
26 Tues	4th Tues. Conservation Lecture.....	7:30 pm