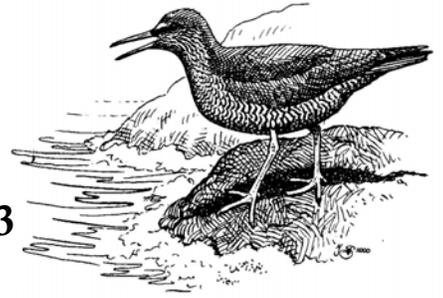


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President's Message

by Bruce Aird

I spent last weekend doing something I love: birding with a purpose. Last weekend was the 2nd annual Orange County Spring Count (OCSC), an effort to census birds here over a 3-day time period from May 10th – May 12th. Unlike Christmas Bird Counts which are limited to circles of 15 miles diameter, the OCSC covers the entire county. Realistically, there's no way to get blanket coverage of such a large area. Instead, birders cover the critical, more diverse areas of the county, or target areas where unusual species or concentrations of birds occur. The count coincides with International Migratory Bird Day (always the second Saturday in May) and takes place on a weekend when other groups are doing similar counts across the entire continent. In theory, a census of every county and district in each state and province of the U.S. and Canada would provide a finely-resolved map of bird distribution across the continent. In practice, we're not there yet. We need many more counts in more states/provinces to achieve this. But it has to start somewhere, and we have ours started. The OCSC is also a funding event, generating money for the Bloom-Hayes Ecological Fund, which funds small research grants in ecological and environmental research.

This year, we stepped it up a bit, adding a bunch of new sites and spending even more time in the field. We didn't have much that was particularly rare or exciting, just good numbers of migrants and residents. I birded with a good friend from work and with my favorite birding partner ever, my 20-year-old son, Greg. We noted a massive push of Wilson's Warblers, Western Tanagers and Black-headed Grosbeaks. We hiked over 20 miles in spectacular places like the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and Limestone Canyon. Some of our best finds weren't birds. We caught a 4-foot Gopher Snake, found a small Southern Pacific Rattlesnake and a lifer snake for me, a Two-striped Garter Snake. Greg saw his first California newts in a pool up Harding Canyon. We had a great time, collected data on almost 2700 birds of 102 species and got some exercise.

The final results will be a while coming. First the reports drift in, and then people must collate the data, submit it to eBird and publish the results. So we won't know for a while yet. One thing is already certain to me: there's no better way to spend a weekend!

General Meeting

Friday evening, June 21 - 7:30 pm

"My Big Year"

presented by John Hargrove

John will talk about the challenge of doing a Big Year, little triumphs, big frustrations, lots of travel, and living on peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

What is a Big Year? A Big Year for birders is trying to find as many bird species as you can identify in a geographical area within a year. No one checks your list. You have to decide if you saw the bird or not. If you go for a record, someone might challenge a bird you saw in a peculiar place, but otherwise it is on the honor system.

Why do a Big Year? Birding has always included an element of listing. The Big Year champion, Sandy Komito, had done a Big Year in 1987. He felt he could do better. For 11 years he made plans. In 1998, El Niño returned and winter storms were forecast for the Pacific Northwest; it would be a good time to do a Big Year. Many others attempted a Big Year then too, including our own Roy Poucher. Sandy came out on top. The Big Year, book and movie, were broadly based on that quest.

Why did John do a Big Year in 2012? He had always wanted to do a Big Year and was inspired to do his own after seeing the movie and reading the book. Though he was handicapped by being blind in one eye and hard of hearing, he didn't want to put it off because he wasn't getting any younger. His wife, Beverly, faithfully kept a blog of his adventures on hisbigyear.blogspot.com on Google. 2012 was not a good year. There was little to no snow up north and storms did not blow in a lot of vagrants. John was rusty on bird id and didn't have lots of contacts in the birding world, but he persevered. He took pictures of over 600 bird species and his Big Year total was 689. Come to the meeting on June 21st to see the best of John's best bird photos and hear about the ones that got away.

John's program will be held in the Duck Club at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. The doors open at 7 for refreshments and fellowship, the meeting and program will begin at 7:30 pm. We hope you will join us! You can find directions to the Duck Club on page 11.

Pat and Dick Cabe, Program Co-Chairs

Conservation News

Susan Sheakley & Vic Leipzig

Our Conservation Committee Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday evening of the month at 6:30 pm in the Blue House. Check our webpage for the meeting's agenda the week before the meeting. (We will not be meeting in July; our next meeting will be in August.)



"4th Tuesday" Conservation Lecture June 25th - 7:30 PM

"Los Cerritos Wetlands - Lost Jewel of the Coast"

presented by Mary Parsell



Darrell Supermaw

The Los Cerritos Wetlands, at the northern border of Orange County, is an important part of the wetlands system of Southern California and the Pacific Flyway. It has been described as the "lost jewel" of the coast, a gem in a string of pearls, the pearls being Seal Beach NWR, Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, Huntington Beach Wetlands and Upper Newport Bay. All of the pearls are Audubon Important Bird Areas (IBAs).

El Dorado Audubon has been working along with other organizations to save and restore Los Cerritos Wetlands in Long Beach which includes a small salt marsh with natural tidal influence within an active oil field, a small fresh water marsh and scattered patches of riparian vegetation. In Seal Beach, the "Hellman" property is also an active oil field with an extensive area of rolling grassland and scattered water deprived salt marsh, with a small area of mudflat habitat where a tidal channel invades.*

The Los Cerritos Wetlands remained in private ownership with multiple land owners until 2006 when the first 66 acres were acquired by a public entity called LCWA.** Currently there are a little over 200 acres (of 400) in public ownership.

El Dorado Audubon, Southern California Audubon chapters and National Audubon have been advocating for preservation and conservation of Los Cerritos Wetlands since the '70's. El Dorado Audubon leads field trips at Los Cerritos Wetlands and at Gum Grove Park with a current checklist of 118 species.

You can enjoy photos of the birds while learning how you can help influence the conceptual restoration planning process currently underway. A final community workshop will be taking place as early as September 2013.

* Important Areas of California, Daniel S. Cooper

** Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (Cities of Long Beach and Seal Beach, California Coastal Conservancy and the Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy)

Mary Parsell is Conservation Chair of El Dorado Audubon. She is a birder who loves to camp and hike. Her interests include preservation of native birds and their habitats from the California coast to the deserts and mountains.

Los Cerritos "Companion Field Trip"

You are invited to join any of the regularly scheduled walks listed below. These walks are part of the citizen science effort by El Dorado Audubon to gather information about migratory and resident birds at the wetlands, as well as the butterflies, bugs, plants, and other animals. Your eyes and ears and participation will be appreciated.

- **Los Cerritos Bird Walks** are on the 2nd Sat. at 8:00 am. Meet at Pacific Coast Highway and First St. in Seal Beach. (Summer dates: July 13 and August 10)
- **Gum Grove Walks** are on the 3rd Sat. at 8:00 am. Meet at the Avalon parking lot of Gum Grove Park (which overlooks the wetlands) in Seal Beach. (Summer dates are June 14, July 20, and August 17.)
- **Los Cerritos Wetlands Ad Hoc Com. Mtg.** at 2:00 pm. Meet at the gate of the El Dorado Nature Center on the 2nd Sun., of July and August for a relaxed meeting just inside the gate on the benches or close by in a cooler spot.

"Companion" Field Trip for the April "4th Tues" Conservation Lecture on Arundo Removal at Aliso and Wood Canyons on SUN, JULY 28 at 8:00 am.



We will meet in the parking lot at the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. Join Max Borella and Derek Ostensen to visit the site of the project to remove invasive Arundo from Aliso and Wood creeks. For more info on the project, see

write-up in April Tattler or the Conservation webpage. Contact Nancy Kenyon for directions and to sign up for this trip. (949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net)

Directions to our "4th Tuesday" Conservation

Lecture at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary are on page 11. After you get to the SJWS, park near the Duck Club or in the overflow parking lot, then walk through the gate that is between the Duck Club and Audubon House and follow the path across the lawn to the Learning Center (Gray Building). The room will be open at 7:00 PM and we'll start the program at 7:30. Refreshments will be served.



~ Summer Barbecue ~

at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary

Sat., July 27th - 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.



Bring the family and join us for this special occasion: dining under the stars, evening walks around the marsh, and a great program on "Tropical Migration: The Neo and the Paleo" presented by Jon Feenstra. Jon says, "Naturally, we are all familiar with our own favorite patches. We go birding in the spring and the fall and observe when various species arrive and depart. This happens all over the world as birds travel between the tropics and the temperate latitudes, breeding grounds and wintering grounds, taking advantage of the best conditions. Whether you're in North America, South America, the Middle East, Africa or Asia, the principles stay the same - only the birds and the scenery changes. In this presentation we'll dabble all over with examples of what goes where: with flycatchers migrating along one side of the planet, wheatears migrating along the other side, and shorebirds everywhere."

Advance reservations for the Summer BBQ are essential so that we know how much food to buy. Those people who provide their email address or a stamped, self-addressed envelope, will receive a note from Nancy that their reservation has been received; they will also receive information about the evening's activities. Everyone will need to pick up their ticket at the Welcome Table when they arrive. The tickets **will not be mailed out ahead of time** contrary to what we have done at previous barbecues. *A word of caution: don't wait until the last minute to sign up! We expect this event to fill long before the day of the event.*

Our menu will include chicken, freshly grilled hot dogs, salad, beans, chips, watermelon, cake, lemonade, soft drinks, and coffee. A vegetarian entree will be offered for those who specifically request it on their reservation form.

Tickets for the barbecue and program are \$20.00 for adults, \$7.00 for children under 5; tickets for the BBQ volunteers are \$15.00. Your ticket will cover your meal & beverage, evening marsh walks, and program. Activities begin at 5:00 pm when the Used Books Sale opens. Dinner will be from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, followed by the program (as soon as it is dark). The first marsh walk will take in the sights and sounds as marsh life settles in for the evening. The marsh walk after the program will focus on bats. Signup sheets for the Bat Walks after the program will be at the Welcome Table. Get there early to sign up if you want to go on one of the Bat Walks because each walk will be limited to 20 persons. Astronomers from the Orange County Astronomy Club will also be on hand with their telescopes set up in the meadow after the program, so cross your fingers for a clear sky!

This event is staffed entirely by chapter volunteers. If you can help us out in any capacity, we would really appreciate it, and you will save \$5 on your barbecue ticket. A signup sheet for volunteers is at Audubon House and will be circulated at the June General Meeting; it will also be posted on our chapter webpage. For information on volunteering, contact Nancy Kenyon at (949) 786-3160 or nancykenyon@cox.net

Summer Barbecue at the SJWS - Will YOU Be There?

Name _____ Number in your party _____

Email Address or stamped envelope _____

Do you want a vegetarian entree? _____ If so, how many? _____

Amount enclosed _____ (\$20 per person; children under 5 are \$7 each)
(\$15 for Volunteers helping with the BBQ)

Make your check payable to Sea & Sage Audubon and mail it with this form to:
Barbecue, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612.



Orange County Rarities

by Doug Willick



To report a RARE or UNUSUAL bird, or to receive reports from other birders about rare or unusual bird sightings here in Orange County, send an email to: OrangeCountyBirding-subscribe@yahoo.com

The following account covers the period of mid April through late May, which corresponds to the peak of spring migration for many species moving through southern California. As there have been numerous highlights during this period, this account will primarily focus on the more significant of these.

Top highlights during the recent period would have to include a female **Pyrrhuloxia** found in a Westminster neighborhood, May 2 (Mary Castillon). Pending review by the California Bird Records Committee (this being one of several species rarely found in California with potential to have been brought in as part of the illegal pet trade), this would be only the second record for Orange County (OC), and one of few recorded in the state. A **Cassin's Finch** found in the Santa Ana Mountains, Apr. 25 (Curtis Marantz), was also exceptional; the only other OC records of this finch occurred during the fall of 1996 (a substantial "irruption year" for this and other montane species into the So Cal region).

Exceptional was the discovery of two rare shorebird species in California, especially in spring (neither of which had been previously recorded in OC during spring migration). A well-studied **American Golden-Plover**, in mostly basic plumage, was at Crystal Cove State Beach, Apr. 27-29 (Chet McGaugh), with another (or possibly even the same) photographed at Bolsa Chica, Apr. 29 (Chris Morrison). An alternate-plumaged female **Ruff** in Orange, along the upper Santa Ana River (SAR), May 5 (Doug Willick), was quite a surprise. Sightings of at least two **Franklin's Gulls** included one about five miles off shore during an April 27 pelagic trip (Tom Benson et al.), and at least one onshore at Doheny State Beach, May 4-12 (Robert McNab, et al.). The Apr. 27 pelagic trip also recorded four **Sabine's Gulls** (T. Benson, et al.).

Only a few **Lesser Nighthawks** were observed at Peters Canyon Regional Park, May 3-15 (various observers), where much larger numbers had been congregating during spring in recent years. This was a good spring for **Calliope Hummingbird** observations in the county's foothills and mountains. One was photographed at Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary feeders, Apr. 16 (Kurt Miethke), and in the Santa Ana Mountains, where Calliopes may be a regular migrant in small numbers, birders had success after putting out hummingbird feeders. Two Calliopes were seen at these feeders Apr. 21 (Tom Ford-Hutchinson [TFH]), with additional sightings through Apr. 25 (Steve Morris, Tom Benson, et al.). A **Lewis's Woodpecker** was along Ortega Highway, Apr. 25 (TFH). On Apr. 20, two **Gray Flycatchers** were found, with one in the Santa Ana

Mountains (TFH, T. Benson) and one at the Newport Environmental Nature Center (D. Willick). A **Dusky Flycatcher** was carefully studied and photographed at Gum Grove Park, May 25 (TFH).

A **Red-eyed Vireo** was photographed in Yorba Linda, May 21 (Valerie Sinex), where it had been found briefly stunned after colliding with a window. Rare swallows included single **Bank Swallows** at San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS), Apr. 25 and May 4 (TFH), and along the SAR in Orange, May 5 (D. Willick). A female **Purple Martin** was at SJWS, May 4 (TFH). A small group of **Pygmy Nuthatches** were discovered in the Santa Ana Mountains, Apr. 21 (T. Benson), which lingered at least through May 12. Also in this same area were a **Green-tailed Towhee** Apr. 22-25 (Curtis Marantz), **Red-breasted Nuthatches** from Apr. 21-May 12 (several observers), a **Townsend's Solitaire**, Apr. 21-May 4 (TFH, et al.), and a singing **Pacific/Winter Wren** Apr. 25 (TFH), which appeared to show features more consistent with **Winter Wren**.

The wintering male **Black-throated Green Warbler** remained in Santa Ana until at least Apr. 19 (D. Willick). A male **Blackpoll Warbler** at Huntington Central Park, May 15 (TFH), was one of perhaps only five or six spring records for OC. A singing **Sage Sparrow** was in the Windy Ridge area of the Santa Ana Mountains, May 11 (T. Benson et al.). A **Swamp Sparrow** at Mason Regional Park, Apr. 17 (TFH), may have been a rare spring migrant. A male **Scarlet Tanager** at HCP, May 24 (TFH), was one of very few spring records for OC. During mid to late May at least three **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** were discovered in the county (Orange, Mission Viejo, and the Starr Ranch Audubon Sanctuary). A male **Indigo Bunting** at SJWS, Apr. 24-28 (TFH), was early as well as a rare spring migrant in OC. Several **Yellow-headed Blackbirds** were recorded this spring, with most appearing at SJWS, Apr. 13-May 5 (Brian Daniels, TFH).

Noteworthy breeding observations recorded in the county over the past month included a **Northern Harrier** pair in the coastal foothills (seen nest-building), May 19 (Bas Van Schooten), and a family group of **Vermilion Flycatchers** (two adults with a fledgling) at Irvine Valley College, May 11 (Keith Lott, T. Benson). Lastly, an odd setting for nesting **Western Bluebirds** involved a pair using a cinder block wall bordering the rear of an apartment complex parking lot, late May-early June (Shirley Hunt); the birds were seen repeatedly entering a hole in the wall, bringing in nesting material.

A Year of Outdoor Adventures!

Trude Hurd, Project Director of Marsh Education

For more information about our Education Program, please visit our chapter website at <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Education/Education.html>



An endangered species diving into the water for fish, right in front of us! Tree Swallows flying into a nest box to feed their young. Seeing the bird alive that we studied in the classroom. Peering through a microscope at a swimming amphipod that just ate breakfast. Eye-to-eye with a taxidermy bird, inches away from our faces.

These are just a few encounters that 2,400 elementary school children experienced during our Outdoor Adventures Science Discovery Program this year. They came from Santa Ana and Stanton, Huntington Beach and Newport Beach, plus Irvine, Mission Viejo, Villa Park and La Mirada to name a few. Thanks to special funding, the majority received program scholarships, and we also paid for 10 school buses.

Outdoor Adventures improves every year. New this year was the addition of an urban runoff component. In the classroom, students watched our short PowerPoint presentation ("Follow the Path of Water") that illustrated how their actions at school and home affect the wetland and ocean. Then during their trip, students watched water flowing in the San Diego Creek, egrets and terns hunting for fish, and trash littering the mulefat plants. Teacher Kathy Moon from DePortola, Mission Viejo wrote that this addition was "perfect, child-friendly, and made an impact."

Also new were 20 stereo microscopes partially funded by Western Digital Foundation, Ann Sakai & Stephen Wheller, and Kate Grabenstein. With these improved microscopes, school children easily see the small aquatic creatures that play a vital role in the wetland food web. Without amphipods, midges, water boatman, ostracods, and water fleas, the birds wouldn't be at the wetland!

We updated our beautiful taxidermy collection thanks to sponsors Tom Drouet, Gretchen Mavrovouniotis, Carol Counter, Dan Trinidad, Marilyn Smith, Betty Swift, and Joyce Wangerin. Some classes cannot attend without transportation funding, so we paid for ten buses this year, and thank those who contributed to our School Bus Fund in 2012-13: Eleanor Dunning, Dennis Geiler, Jenny Golden, PM Knight, Chuck & Ce Leavell, Joan McCauley, Ramona Richardson, and four anonymous individuals.

What continues from year to year are the friendly, reliable Outdoor Adventure Naturalists. Each tour day, they help me set-up taxidermy specimens, microscopes, and binoculars, then guide the children through the program with enthusiasm and patience. We love these volunteer naturalists: Karen Beckman, Sara Bethurum, Deborah Brin, Teresa Cullen, Frank Feller, Susan Gibb, Jenny Golden, Beverly Hargrove, Mary Joseph, Tim Maas,

Gillian Martin, Gretchen Mavrovouniotis, Michael Mavrovouniotis, Jay Miller, Sharon Nantell, Martin Natland, Carolyn Noble, Ellen O'Leary, Barbara Sentovich, Pat Sparks, Pat Vranicar. We also appreciate those in-training and assisting the programs: Kat Avila, Penny Chase, Carol Counter, high school student Andrea Hendrixson, Larry McCloskey, and Anne Vander Gucht.

Sea and Sage is fortunate to have a partnership with the Irvine Ranch Water District who maintains the beautiful San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary and allows our use of the Audubon House, Sea and Sage Office, and Learning Center. What an incredible place to share nature with school children! Thanks to all IRWD Directors and their staff who help make ADVENTURES at the wetland.

We also are grateful to the many donors and sponsors who provide grants and other funds to make Outdoor Adventures available to so many school children each year (especially Santa Ana students who don't have many opportunities for science field trips.) We thank these foundations for their generous support in 2012-13: Anonymous Foundation (\$45,000), Joan Irvine Smith & Athalie R. Clarke Foundation (\$10,000), Vanguard Charitable Endowment (\$10,000), Kenneth Lester Family Foundation (\$6,200), Orange County Community Foundation/James Irvine Endowment Fund (\$5,500), Fluor Foundation (\$5,000), Western Digital Foundation (\$3,000), and Orange County Community Foundation/Linda and Tod White Charitable Fund (\$400).

Why is Outdoor Adventures important? Because you and I are getting older and we need the next generation actively involved with nature in order to protect it! Teacher Nidia Zavala from Santa Ana's Pio Pico School wants you to know that "*This was an amazing field trip for my students to experience. They are more aware of their surroundings and how we can affect the environment in a good way.*"

There's only one thing missing: would you like to be a part of this exciting community outreach? Here are some ways to help: Take the new naturalist training this September. Tell your employer about funding an education grant. Sponsor a school bus or taxidermy bird. Share our brochure with a 4th or 5th grade teacher or principal.

You can make this school teacher's wish come true: "Please continue this program forever. It's Earth Day every day at Sea and Sage." Contact Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education, at seaandsage@sbcglobal.net or 949-261-7964 to discover how you can become an important link in the Outdoor Adventures web of life!

Chapter News & Announcements



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Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in May and June: Sherry Bass, Pat & Dick Cabe, Deana Collins, Carolyn Cooper, Joanne Cull, Fresia Escalona, Carol Freund, Judy Fritts, John Hargrove,



Lynne Hayes, Cindi Herrera, Pat Heilig, Sarah Jayne, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Laretta Kyle, Joann Lemberger, Donna Malloy, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Helen Nicholas, Shirley Price, Betty Purdy, Roberta Ray,

Barbara Reber, Susan Sheakley, Bev Spring, Betty Swift, Diana Van Horn, Beryl Vogel, Pat Wells.

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 call Betty Swift at 714-815-3642.



Those Delicious Refreshments

Thanks to the help of these generous people and good cooks, we had a delicious and plentiful supply of cookies at our General Meetings this past year: Maryette Beers, Carolyn Biller, Pat Cabe, Kathy Carswell, Deana Collins, Carol Counter, Charlotte Gulsby, Star Howard, Kendra Jones, Nancy Kattelmann, Nancy Kenyon, Sally Menzel, Bobbie Miller, Susan Monroe, Carol Pfeifer, Gabriele Rau, Barbara Sentovich, Susan Sheakley, Jean Suan, Peggy Toledano, and Beryl Vogel.

We also appreciate our wonderful Hospitality Duo of Carol Freund and Peggy McGlone who make our meetings so friendly and hospitable, and their faithful helpers, Donna Malloy and Doreen Johnson who supply cheese, crackers and fruit and help with set up & cleanup, and greeting people. It's not an easy job to come an hour early every month to set up the refreshment tables, make the coffee, and arrange the food so invitingly, be friendly and sociable and greet everyone, and then stay after the meeting for cleanup and to pack everything up again to take home. Carol and Peggy even bake cookies for each meeting along with their other responsibilities. Thank you for all you do for us! We really appreciate it!

News from our Bookstore

Our bookstore inside Audubon House is open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. New arrivals this month include: *ABA Guide to Belize; Nesting Diaries; Gifts of the Crow; Green Birding; and Finding Butterflies in Arizona*. Other new items include Birdwatching Tea; garden flags and stands; cheese cutting boards; spoon rests; door mats; lavender sachets sets & drawer sachets. Children's items: wind up toys; plush toys (parrots; owls; raccoons; mice) and bird whistles. June only sale items: *Tundra Plovers (o/p); Finches and Sparrows (o/p); Lives of Wolves*; and children's nature activity books. (o/p - out of print)



First Orange County Snowy Plover Survey a Success!

36 volunteers walked along Orange County beaches looking for Snowy Plovers and recording their findings for USFWS and CDFW. This science-based survey will be held four times per year.

Won't you join us for our next survey in September? By then Snowy Plovers from other areas as well as our own will be wintering on many of our beaches. It is important to know which beaches they are using as well as which ones they are not using. Walk a beach of your choice and enjoy all the birds while helping "the cutest bird on the beach", our Threatened Snowy Plover!

Training for the September Survey will be September 7, dates for the survey TBD. Interested? Contact Jennifer Gummerman at ocsnplsurvey@gmail.com — Cheryl Egger

Our Active Exhibits Volunteers

Our active Exhibits Volunteers staffed a total of eleven events this year, under the very capable leadership of Mary Joseph, Exhibits Com. Chair: OC Fair (July 2012), Sea & Sage 20th Anniversary (Aug. 2012), Zodiak Aerospace (Aug. 2012), Children's Book Festival (Sept. 2012), Blue Bird Convention (Oct. 2012), Festival of Whales (March 2013), UNB Earth Day (April 2013), Chapman Univ. Sustainability Expo (April 2013), Shipley Spring Festival (April 2013), Riley Wilderness Park Bugs & Butterflies (June 2013), WBU Christmas Open House. We'd like to thank these wonderful volunteers who worked with Mary Joseph to staff our exhibits this year: Bart & Bart Beckman, Sara Bethurum, Frank & Shirley Feller, Linda Foley, Chuck George, Star Howard, Steve Jelnick, Jerry Joseph, Donna Malloy, Ellen Mansour, Bobbie Miller, Jim, Samantha & Sue Montague, Helen Nicholas, Shirley Reynolds, Barbara Sentovich, Betty Swift, Adrien & Sam Tan, Beryl & Ralph Vogel, Pat Vranicar, and David Weber.

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We couldn't have done it without you!

I would like to thank all the dedicated birders who gave of their time and expertise to lead our Sea & Sage field trips this year. Not only did they have to scout the trip area in advance, but they also had to be very familiar with the birds in the area in order to lead a group of diverse birders towards identifying any birds they found. Field Trips are a vital part of our chapter activities and the following people helped make our field trip program a success this year:

Chris Obaditch - monthly bird walks at the SJWS, helped by Gretchen & Michael Mavrovouniotis, Garrett Lepper, and Kelsey Gonzales when Chris was out of town.

Jean Drum - monthly wildlife walks at the SJWS, helped by her team of Audubon Naturalists

Linette Lina - bi-monthly bird walks at Santiago Oaks and Irvine Reg. Parks

Mike Clayton - bi-monthly bird walks at Riley and Caspers Wilderness Parks, helped by Diane Etchison at Caspers

Garrett Lepper - bi-monthly bird walks at Laguna Niguel and Carbon Canyon Regional Parks; Garrett also led the Owls & Nighthawks Trip at Irvine Park

Mark Kincheloe - monthly bird walks at UNB

Pat & Dick Cabe - Huntington Central Park & Bolsa Chica, and Heise Park & Anza Borrego weekend trip

Tom Eastman - Barbara's Lake & Nix Nature Center

Kaaren Perry - Morro Bay weekend trip

John Fitch & Kirk Gilligan - Seal Beach NWR

Jon Dunn, Tom Benson, Brian Daniels, Curtis Marantz, Robert McNab, Jerry Tolman co-leaders and spotters for our 3 Pelagic Trips - Summer, Fall, & Winter

John McKeever - San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Steve Brad - Batiquitos Lagoon

Maggie Smith - San Luis Obispo north coast & Carrizo Plain weekend trip

Pete DeSimone - Owl Prowls at Starr Ranch, helped by **Jennifer Wilcox** on one of the Owl Prowls; Jennifer also led two bird walks at Starr Ranch for the potluck picnic

Linda Oberholtzer - Peters Canyon & Eastern Sierra Trip (Linda & Vic co-lead the Eastern Sierra Trip.)

Vic Leipzig - Eastern Sierra Trip & Mammoth Lakes Trip, and co-led CBC Specialties trip with Bruce Aird

Bruce Aird - Salton Sea Trip, Big Morongo Preserve and co-lead CBC Specialties trip with Vic Leipzig

Larry Tripp - Southern Utah 3-day trip

Bob Barnes - Southern Sierra 4-day trip

Pete Bloom & Scott Thomas - Antelope Valley Hawk Trip

Sally Menzel & Darrell Wilson - led the UNB by pontoon boat trips when I was out of town

Thanks so much for all your help!

Nancy Kenyon, Field Trips Chair

Join Us for a Fun-Filled Bat Walk!

Live bats can be found in Orange County, and we invite you to discover more about their interesting lives on one of our Bat Walks at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. This is the perfect summer outing for your family and friends as we listen to the local bat biologist share about the fascinating world of bats and then take a leisurely walk at sunset. We'll watch day turn to night, enjoy the quiet serenity of the ponds, listen to night noises, and search for live bats that fly around the waterways in search of their insect meal. Reservations are required and the program fee must be paid before the event. The Bat Walk costs \$18 per adult and \$10 for each child 7-12 years old. Choose from these Thursday and Friday nights: June 13, June 14, June 20, July 11, July 18, July 19, August 8, August 9, August 22, August 23, Sept 5, Sept 6, Sept 12 and Sept 13. Many dates are close to filling, so enroll quickly! Call Bat Walk Registration Coordinator Laura Osteen at 714-841-1214 to find out if the date you want is still available, then send in your reservation with payment (pick up a registration form at Audubon House or from our chapter website.) We hope that you will join us this year for a fun-filled Bat Walk!

— Trude Hurd

Audubon House Volunteers Needed!

If you are looking for an interesting way to help our chapter, we have just the thing for you — become an Audubon House Volunteer! Our chapter office is often a busy place and we could use a few more people to help us out by signing up for a 4-hour shift in the morning from 8-12 or the afternoon from 12-4. Volunteers greet visitors, answer the phone, talk with people about birds, check out binoculars for loan, sell merchandise, etc. Our Volunteer Committee will provide you with a short training session so that you will learn how to handle different situations. Now that summer is almost here, many of our regular AH volunteers will be away on vacation, so we really need additional help, especially on weekends. Please call Betty Swift (714-815-3642) if you can help out, or leave your name at Audubon House with the volunteer on duty. It's a great place to spend 4 hours AND it's one of the ways you can really help your chapter!

Upcoming Birding Skills Workshops:

- **Birds of Southern California** - Intro Visual Workshop (Oct. 2 - Dec. 12, 2013) except Thanksgiving week
- **Learning CA Bird Sounds** - Intro Aural Workshop (Jan. 6 - March 6, 2014)
- **Learning Desert Bird Sounds** (March 10, 2014 - sometime in May)

Monthly & Bi-Monthly Trips

Nancy Kenyon, Field Trip Chair



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Monthly Wildlife Walks at the SJWS

1st Sat: July 6 and Aug. 3 - 9:00 am to 10:30

We'll be exploring the birds, plants, and creatures of the marsh on this wildlife walk at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Meet in front of Audubon House at 9:00 am for a 1½ hour nature walk. (See directions on page 11.)

Leaders: Audubon Naturalists

Bi-Monthly: Riley Wilderness Park

Alternate 1st Wed: July 3 - 8:00 am to 11:00

Join Mike Clayton for a birds and butterflies walk at Riley Wilderness Park. This walk will focus on the birds and butterflies close to the visitors center instead of the trails in the upper region of the park that are usually covered.

Directions: From the #5 Frwy, exit on Oso Pkwy and drive inland towards the mountains. Watch for the park entrance on the right just before the road ends at Coto de Caza. For those without a wilderness park decal, the parking fee is \$3 and you will need to purchase a day-use permit from the park's ticket machine.

Bi-Monthly: Caspers Wilderness Park

Alternate 1st Wed: Aug. 7 - 8:00 am to 11:00

Join Mike Clayton for a bird walk at Caspers Wilderness Park. The park is home to an abundant number of native species of birds and mammals. The walk may meander through old grove Sycamores, Coast Live Oak, Riparian, or Coastal Sage Scrub habitats. Come prepared for a morning of exploring. **Where?** Caspers Wilderness Park, 33401 Ortega Hwy (#74), San Juan Capistrano.

Directions: Take the I-5 Fwy south to Ortega Hwy and turn left (toward the mts.). Drive 7.6 miles to Caspers Park which will be on your left. Be prepared to pay the \$3 entrance fee if you don't have a county parks pass. Meet in the Old Corral day use area.

Bi-Monthly: Irvine Reg. Park Bird Walk

Alternate 1st Sun: July 7 - 7:30 am to 11:00

Join Linette Lina for a summer bird walk at Irvine Reg. Park at 7:30 am. This park supports a large number of breeding birds as well as resident species. **Directions:** Take Jamboree NE towards the mountains and follow it across Santiago Canyon Rd. and into the park. Or, from the 55 Fwy, exit on Katella & drive east. Katella turns into Villa Park Rd, then Santiago Cyn Rd which you will stay on until it intersects with Jamboree. Turn left on Jamboree & follow it into the park. Be prepared to pay the \$5 entrance fee if you don't have a county parks pass. **Meet** in the 1st parking lot on the right as you enter the park.

Bi-Monthly: Santiago Oaks Bird Walk

Alternate 1st Sun: Aug. 4 - 7:30 am to 11:00

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

Directions: Take the 55 Fwy 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 parking lot.

Monthly: Bird Walks at the SJWS

2nd Sun: July 14 & Aug. 11 - 8:00 am to 12:00

Join Chris Obaditch for a monthly bird walk around the ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine at 8:00 am. This is a good time to see breeding birds and returning shorebirds. The walk, which is open to interested birders of all ages, will meet by the front porch of Audubon House. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult. (Directions to SJWS on p. 11)

Monthly: Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat

3rd Wed: July 17 & Aug. 21 - 8:15 am to 11[®]

Join us for the rare chance of birding the Upper Newport Bay from the deck of a pontoon boat. Spotting birds from the water offers one a different perspective and the birds seem to view us differently also. Trip duration is 2½ hrs. Trips are limited to 15 persons and there is a \$10 trip fee per person payable in cash on the morning of the outing. Advance reservations are necessary; contact Nancy Kenyon to reserve a spot on the boat. (The June 19 trip is full.) Directions will be provided to those with reservations. nancykenyon@cox.net; 949-786-3160

Bi-Monthly: Laguna Niguel Reg. Park

Alternate 3rd Sun: July 21 - 7:30 am to 11:30

Join Garrett Lepper for a morning of birding at Laguna Niguel Reg. Park at 7:30 am. This park attracts a wide variety of birds due to the landscaped park vegetation and lake. We will look for breeding birds as well as summer residents. **Directions:** Take the Santa Ana Fwy (5) to the La Paz Road off ramp. Head west 4 miles to the park entrance. Be prepared to pay the \$5 entrance fee if you don't have a county parks pass. **Meet** at the Shelter #3 parking lot at the far end of the park where there is ample parking and a nearby restroom. (Ask for directions to Shelter 3 at the park entrance kiosk. The park is located at 28241 La Paz Rd. in Laguna Niguel.

More Summer Field Trips

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Bi-Monthly: Carbon Canyon Bird Walk

Alternate 3rd Sun: June 16 & Aug. 18 - 7:30 am

Discover the local birds of our canyons and foothills at Carbon Canyon Regional Park with leader, Garrett Lepper. Offering different habitats, this park provides a glimpse of some birds that are uncommon throughout most of the county. **Directions:** From the 57 fwy, exit Lambert. Go east on Lambert to Carbon Canyon; park will be on the right. Upon entry to the park, turn left and park in the 1st parking area on the right, in front of the pond and the children's play-ground. Be prepared to pay the \$5 entrance fee if you don't have a county parks pass.

Monthly: Upper Newport Bay Bird Walk

Last Sun: June 30, July 28, Aug. 25 - 8:00 am

Join Mark Kincheloe for a monthly bird walk in Upper Newport Bay to check out the seasonal shorebirds, ducks, grebes, herons & egrets, etc. that frequent the bay. Bring binoculars, a field guide, and a scope if you have one. **Directions:** We will meet in the Big Canyon parking lot in Newport Beach. This is easily reached from Jamboree. Take San Joaquin Hills Road west toward the bay where it intersects with Back Bay Drive. Turn right on Back Bay Drive & follow it to the Big Canyon parking lot on your left.

Summer & Fall Pelagic Trips ®

Sat, July 13th - 6:30 am to 1:00 pm

Sat, Sept. 21st - 6:30 am to 1:00 pm

Join us on the 70 ft. Sea Explorer, a research vessel belonging to the Ocean Institute of Dana Point, for a pelagic trip out to the Fourteen Mile Bank to search for migrating pelagic birds. We will be looking for Black-vented, Sooty & Pink-footed Shearwaters, Black & Least Storm Petrels, Cassin's & Rhinoceros Auklets, Parasitic & Pomarine Jaegers and other seasonal migrants, a variety of shorebirds, terns, gulls, as well as some whales and dolphins. Additional trip information including bird lists & trips notes from last year's summer & fall pelagic trips can be found on the chapter webpage. Look under the heading "Reservation Trips." Trip fee is \$50 per person, payable to Sea and Sage Audubon. **Advance Reservations** are necessary; these trips usually fill up early, so don't wait until the last minute to sign up! **For reservations**, mail your check to: Pelagic Trip, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Be sure to include your email address, or a stamped, self-addressed long envelope for trip confirmation, trip waivers, and additional information.

Orange County Spring Count

Hi OC Birders! I want to thank everyone who pitched in to make the 2013 Orange County Spring Count a great success. From May 10-12 we had individuals and teams fan out all over Orange County, and record everything they could find. We covered more locations this year: all the obvious "must have" places plus a number of neighborhood parks, and a few back yards as well. Overall participation increased from last year too, so I think people are enjoying it.

Here Are Some Summary Statistics:

Number of participants: 2012: 100; 2013: 126

Number of locations reported: 2012: 68; 2013: 88

Number of species found: 2012: 207 sp. 2013: 212 sp.

Number of individual birds: 2012: 36800; 2013: 32000

All the data will go into eBird (but I can't promise how soon).

Some Highlights:

American Bittern (1): Upper Newport Bay

Bald Eagle (1): Irvine Lake

Common Murre (2): Newport Pier

Common Tern (1): Bolsa Chica

Dusky Flycatcher (1): Mile Square Park

Franklin's Gull (1): Doheny St. Beach

Gray Flycatcher (2): HCP, Orchard Hills

Hairy Woodpecker (1): Los Pinos Trailhead

Least Bittern (1): San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary

MacGillivray's Warbler (5): Dana Point, Orchard Hills, Fremont Canyon

Merlin (1): San Clemente

Northern Saw-whet Owl (2): Upper Silverado Canyon

Pine Siskin (1): Dana Point Headlands

Pomarine Jaeger (1): Dana Point Headlands

Pygmy Nuthatch (1): Los Pinos Trailhead

Reddish Egret (1): Bolsa Chica

Ross' Goose (1): Eisenhower Park

Sage Sparrow (2): Fremont Canyon

Storm-petrel sp (4): Crescent Bay

Vermillion Flycatcher (3): Irvine Valley College

Western Wood-Pewee (88)...we seemed to time their migration well

Willow Flycatcher (2): Mason RP, San Clemente

That was fun! Let's do it again next year.

Steve Alter

Editor's note: Steve organized the count and compiled all the data. We REALLY appreciate all your help Steve! We couldn't have pulled it off without you! . . . (All OCSC count data will be posted on our webpage when Steve has finished compiling it.)



Sea & Sage Audubon

Bird Embroidery Class

WITH SYLVIA GALLAGHER



Many people have enjoyed looking at Sylvia Gallagher's embroidered birds—on quilts, pictures, and shirts—and wondered how she does it. For at least eight Saturday mornings, July 20 through Sept. 7 (maybe longer), 9:00 a.m. to noon, she will teach a workshop, sponsored by SEA AND SAGE AUDUBON, on how to do this sort of embroidery. Participants will learn how to select a bird picture, transfer it to cloth, select thread colors, and do the stitches to bring the bird to life. The stitches involved are mostly satin stitch and a version of long-and-short stitch quite different from that described in most western embroidery books. (It is used in Asian embroidery; the Chinese call it "shan tao.") Occasionally other stitches such as French knots, outline stitch, and blanket stitch are used for accents. Individualized instruction will allow the class to accommodate all levels of embroidery skill--beginner to expert--and all will find themselves learning new techniques. You will be taught how to do any stitches you are unfamiliar with--and maybe even a better way to thread a needle. The cost for the class is \$80.00 for new students, \$50.00 for continuing students, who will need less assistance. Repeaters are urged to sign up again and continue to develop their skills. This class is open to men, as well as women. Come on, guys, be the second man to give it a try!

At the first session, beginners will learn and practice two stitches and learn how to get started on their choice of one of the class projects. Continuing students should come ready to work on and receive help with a project.

At the second session, Sylvia will present a slide-illustrated program, which has been presented to several embroidery clubs. In this program she will take you step-by-step through the entire process of converting to stitches a painting or photograph of a bird. (This process is fully applicable to subjects other than birds.)

The class will be limited to 15 participants and will be cancelled if fewer than eight people enroll. Please do not sign up if you expect to miss more than two meetings. (Exceptions may be made if there is room. If you have not seen the introductory slide lecture, you must attend the second meeting (Aug 14). There will be a number of additional spaces for those who just want to attend the July 27 slide lecture (cost \$10.00).

The class location is the house just south of the Gallagher residence in Huntington Beach. Send your reservation form, a check for the fee, and a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln, Huntington Beach, CA 92646. Reservations must be postmarked no earlier than June 17 (2-day penalty for early reservations). Confirmations and further information will be mailed July 11, along with a map to the meeting place.

If you have questions, email or telephone Sylvia: sjrgallagher@yahoo.com or 714-962-8990.

Reservation Form - Bird Embroidery Workshop 2013

Names of all participants _____

Address(es) _____

City & Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

Check one: Entire series, new student (\$80) _____

Entire series, continuing student (\$50) _____

July 27 lecture only (\$10) _____

Check for \$_____ to SAGE AUDUBON enclosed.

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Directions and Membership

Directions to Audubon House, Chapter Meetings, and the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, Audubon Membership Form, Tattler subscriptions & delivery, and Remember Us in Your Will or Trust



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Directions to Audubon House, our Chapter Meetings & the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary

Our entrance is now from Campus Dr., not Michelson

From the San Diego Fwy (405): Exit on Jamboree, south toward Newport Beach. At the 1st signal, Michelson, turn left. Continue on Michelson (past the old entrance to the SJWS) to the 5th signal which is Harvard and turn right. Drive to University & turn right. Drive to Campus Drive & turn right. Stay in the far right lane and immediately turn right onto Riparian View which will enter the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. The entrance road is marked by a green sign. If you miss the turn and reach Carlson, turn right and go around the block again to Harvard. The sanctuary is open every day from dawn until dusk.

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Open daily: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
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Your Membership Payment

If you are signing up as a new Audubon member, be sure and use the membership form below that has the code C3ZC150Z in the lower right hand corner. This tells National Audubon who to credit for your recruitment. Sea & Sage gets 100% of a new member's dues, even if you sign up for more than one year. If you are feeling generous at renewal time and you want Sea & Sage to benefit, you should send your renewal fee to National Audubon and a **separate check** to Sea & Sage for your donation to the chapter. If you have any questions, please contact Membership Chair, Chuck George, at cgeorge@george-sd.com



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Please notify Membership Chair, Chuck George, of your new address if you are temporarily, or permanently, moving from your current address. If you do not want to continue receiving the Tattler at your new address, let him know. This will save us from paying return postage fees.

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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.

National Audubon Society Membership: Check one [✓]

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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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CALENDAR OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

June

13/14 Th/Fr	Summer Bat Walks.....	6:45 pm
16 Sun	Carbon Canyon bi-monthly bird walk.....	7:30 am
19 Wed	UNB by pontoon boat (Full).....	8:15 am
20 Thurs	Summer Bat Walk.....	6:45 pm
21 Fri	GENERAL MEETING.....	7:30 pm
29-30 S-S	Mammoth Lakes Trip (Full).....	5:15 am
30 Sun	UNB monthly bird walk.....	8:00 am

July

03 Wed	Riley bi-monthly birds & butterflies walk.....	8:00 am
06 Sat	Wildlife Walk at the SJWS.....	9:00 am
07 Sun	Irvine Park bi-monthly bird walk.....	7:30 am
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12 Fri	Summer Bat Walk (Full).....	6:45 pm
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20 Sat	Embroidery Class begins.....	9:00 am
21 Sun	Laguna Niguel bi-monthly bird walk.....	7:30 am
25 Tues	Conservation Lecture.....	7:30 pm
27 Sat	SUMMER BARBECUE.....	5:00 pm
28 Sun	UNB monthly bird walk.....	8:00 am

August activities - See inside this Tattler or check our website for information.