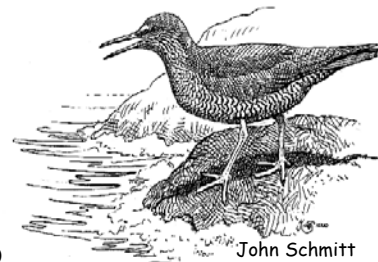


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*Come to our Annual
Dinner on Friday
evening, March 20th.*

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*Space is limited so get
your reservations in now!
See pages 6 & 7
for full
information
about this
special event.*



Annual Dinner

Friday evening, March 20th

**"Migrant and Vagrant Traps
in North America"**

presented by Paul Lehman

Our speaker for this year's Annual Dinner is renowned ornithologist, Paul Lehman. Paul has been birding since the age of nine. He has traveled extensively throughout North America and worked on bird lists in every state and province in the U.S. and Canada.

A successful day in the field during migration will probably be determined by when and where you decide to go birding and by what types of birds you are looking for. Join Paul Lehman on an illustrated tour of North America's migrant hotspots, from eastern Newfoundland and the Dry Tortugas to the western Aleutians and the California coast - and everywhere in between. We'll visit a wide variety of islands, peninsulas, "habitat islands" and oases, isolated lakes and reservoirs. Topics include what makes a good migrant/vagrant trap, when to visit, and characteristic birds found at many of the sites.

We do hope you will join us for this special evening on March 20th. Paul is a stimulating speaker and enthusiastic about his subject. His program will appeal to birders of all levels of experience and expertise as well as those who are simply interested in nature. See pages 6-7 for additional information.

—Marquita Miller, Programs Chair

Conservation News

by Susan Sheakley & Scott Thomas



Our Conservation Committee Meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the 1st Tues. of the month at the Audubon House "Annex" (the blue house). Our Conservation Lecture Series are on the 4th Tues. of the month at 7:00 pm in the Education Center at the SJWS. We hope you will join us! For the Conservation Director's Report, see the chapter website. Susan Sheakley 949-552-5974

Each year, the Conservation Committee selects individuals who have made outstanding personal contributions to the conservation of birds and habitats in Orange County. There are many people doing excellent work in Orange County, and while we can't always recognize them all, here are a few we think deserve special recognition from Sea and Sage Audubon Society.

The Fern Zimmerman Conservation Award

Dick Zembal will receive the 2009 Fern Zimmerman Conservation Award for his long-term study and conservation of the Light-footed Clapper Rail and his effective leadership of the Arundo removal project in the Santa Ana River Watershed.

In 1979, Dick undertook the study of the endangered Light-footed Clapper Rail, and has worked on their conservation ever since. His study of the rails continued throughout his employment with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. One of Dick's innovations was the design and placement of artificial nesting rafts. In addition, Dick developed a captive breeding and relocation program. He created the Clapper Rail Study Team, providing volunteer opportunities in the rails's recovery. Dick currently leads the Clapper Rail Recovery program for the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy.

In addition to his work on Clapper Rails and other bird species, Dick founded the Santa Ana River Watershed Authority. He planned and managed the Arundo Eradication Project in the Santa Ana River Watershed. He started the removal at the headwaters, first having the arundo cleared from the feeder streams, and then moved down stream. He brought the project in on time and under budget. Thanks to Dick's leadership, over 3500 acres of the Santa Ana River Watershed are now arundo free.

Letters of Commendation

Scott Ferguson with Conservation Fund, Erin Wilson with California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), and Ken Corey with US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will receive Letters of Commendation for their work to reach an important conservation agreement to purchase 300 acres of critical wildlife habitat in Trabuco Canyon.

The property, Saddle Creek North, lies just northeast of Live Oak Canyon Road near the famed Cooks Corner Restaurant in Trabuco Canyon. After years of tireless work by many groups including Rural Canyon Fund, Sierra Club, Endangered Habitats League, and Audubon to stave off numerous development schemes, an opportunity arose to purchase the most critical pieces of the property. The

purchase was made with CDFG Wildlife Conservation Funding and USFWS endangered habitat funds. Lands preserved include coastal sage scrub and oak woodland habitats that form a critical wildlife corridor between the Central and Southern NCCP properties.

4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture Series "Creatures of the Orange County Intertidal Zones"

presented by Dr. Peter Bryant

March 24, 2009, 7:00 pm at the Education Center
San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, Irvine
(Directions on page 11)

Dr. Peter Bryant will speak about the intertidal zones along our Orange County coastlines and bays. He has a wealth of expertise and information about the natural history of southern California that he enjoys sharing with others. One of his many interests is the biodiversity of the shallow waters and tide pools of places like Newport Bay and Laguna Beach. He rarely goes anywhere without a camera and rarely does he not find something interesting to shoot. He has been using his cameras skills and knowledge of biology to document the intertidal zone at the Back Bay Science Center. You can see some of his photography of sea life in a presentation on the web at www.uci.edu/galleries/bryant/

Dr. Bryant teaches Biological Conservation at the University of California, Irvine. We are lucky to catch him during a sabbatical. The presentation promises to be very interesting and will help us better understand a nearby sensitive habitat that we often overlook.

Companion Field Trip - March 28th at 8:00 am, a guided tour of the Back Bay Science Center at Shellmaker Island, Newport Bay. From the facility, we will caravan to some special places to explore some of the intertidal zones. Further details and reservations will be available at the March 24th Lecture.

Conservation Leadership

We are pleased to introduce Barry Nerhus as Conservation Co-Chair. Barry is a recent graduate of UCI and is pursuing a master's degree at CSULB. While at UCI, Barry helped to form the Orange County chapter of the Society for Conservation Biologists. He has been active in Sea and Sage's Raptor Research Project. We welcome Barry and look forward to working with him on conservation matters.

Rarities in Orange County

by Doug Willick



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

In last month's "Rarities" column, Jim Pike touched on some of the highlights from the December 14, 2008, "Inland" (or "Northeastern") Orange County Christmas Bird Count (CBC). We'll begin this month's column by recounting some of the highlights from the remaining two CBCs that were conducted in the county this past winter, the San Juan Capistrano count (held Dec. 20), and the Coastal count (held Dec. 28, 2008). Unfortunately, the final reports on these CBCs have not been reviewed, so this summary is likely to be incomplete.

Only a few of the highlights were known from the San Juan Capistrano CBC: these included a high count of ten **Hooded Mergansers** (Oso Creek, at the Mission Viejo Country Club [MVCC]), **Least Bittern** (Laguna Niguel Regional Park [LNR]), **Common Murre** (pelagic trip), a continuing **Plumbeous Vireo** (LNR), a continuing adult male **American Redstart** (LNR), **Yellow Warbler** (MVCC), two **Summer Tanagers** at Saddleback Community College, and an exceptional three **White-throated Sparrows** at Casper's Regional Park.

The Coastal Orange County CBC again managed to break the prestigious '200 species' barrier. A partial rundown of the highlights included a **White-winged Scoter** and **Common Goldeneye** at the Santa Ana River mouth, **Ross's Goose** at the Rancho San Joaquin Golf Course, **Brant** (at Bolsa Chica?), **Snow Goose** (at presumably the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station [SBNWS]), continuing **Hooded Merganser** at San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS), continuing **Reddish Egret(s)** at Bolsa Chica (BC), a **Swainson's Hawk** (just outside the count circle [SBNWS]; very rare at this time of year north of its South American wintering range), continuing **Short-eared Owl** at Upper Newport Bay (UNB), **Burrowing Owls** (a few possibly wintering near UNB), **Common Ground-Dove** on BC mesa, **Red-naped Sapsuckers** (Estancia Park and Newport Beach residential area), **Eastern Phoebe** at Arroyo Park, a continuing **Tropical Kingbird** at Huntington Central Park (HCP), **Gray Flycatchers** at Fairview Developmental Center, Santa Ana Country Club and Mile Square Park, **Loggerhead Shrike** (SBNWS, UNB), **Plumbeous Vireo** at Estancia Park, the continuing **Yellow-throated Vireo** at HCP (the county's second wintering record, and apparently only the fourth for the state), **Brown Creeper** (East Bluff Park), **Rock Wren** (Wintersburg Channel), **Townsend's Solitaire** (a most unexpected species for this count, a bird that has been wintering in a Huntington Beach residential area since Dec. 19), continuing **Hermit** and **MacGillivray's Warblers** at HCP, another **MacGillivray's Warbler** in Newport Beach, a **Palm Warbler** at Orange Coast College, a returning adult male **Pine Warbler** at Estancia Park, **Summer Tanager** (Mile Square Park?), a continuing **White-throated Sparrow** at HCP.

Several wintering rarities found earlier in the season continue to be seen by local birders. These include multiple **Eurasian Wigeons** and **Hooded Mergansers**, a **Ferruginous Hawk** in the east Irvine area (on the former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, last reported Jan. 17); a juvenile **Bald Eagle** along the Santa Ana River, in the Santa Ana Canyon area, last seen Jan. 20; an adult male **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** relocated at Santiago Oak Regional Park (SORP) on Jan. 21 (a bird that has apparently returned for its *seventh* consecutive winter here); a **Vermilion Flycatcher** continuing at El Toro Cemetery, Jan. 17;

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a **Cassin's Vireo** at Fairhaven Memorial Park, Jan. 30; a **Brown Creeper** in Irvine, Jan. 12; a **Black-and-white Warbler** and **American Redstart** at Mason Regional Park (MRP), Jan. 31; the HCP **Hermit Warbler**, last reported Jan. 10, and **MacGillivray's Warbler**, last reported Jan. 8; and a **Northern Waterthrush** at SJWS, Jan. 31. The **Townsend's Solitaire** in a residential area of Huntington Beach was still present Jan. 10 (per the last report by Steve Morris). A distinctive looking male duck showing the apparent features of a hybrid between Northern Shoveler and Blue-winged Teal, was noted on Kraemer Basin, Jan. 26, about a mile from the upper Santa Ana River location where it was originally found, Oct. 26.

Several new discoveries were made since the last Rarities summary. Quite unexpected was the presence of a **Bar-headed Goose** at SBNWS, Jan. 3-5 (Robert Schallmann). This bird had joined a flock of migratory Canada Geese (which also contained two Ross's), and appeared to be every bit as wary as the other geese it was with. However, due to this species range and movement patterns, all Bar-headed Geese that have appeared in North America, wild-appearing or not, have been considered likely to be escapes or releases from captivity. Other new waterfowl species of note included a **Greater White-fronted Goose** associating with the large Egyptian Goose flock at Tri-City Park, Jan. 31 (Jim Pike); a **Ross's Goose** and a pair of **Common Goldeneyes** at BC, Jan. 6 (Cheryl Egger, Claire Grozinger); a male **Eurasian Wigeon** at Teewinkle Park, Jan. 3 (Felicia Lee); and single **White-winged Scoters** at the Newport Pier, Jan. 7 (Irene Horiuchi), and at BC, Jan. 9-31 (Graham Etherington, et al.). Approximately 110 **Common Mergansers** were at Burris Basin, 17 (Doug Willick). Two **Glaucous Gulls** (both first winter birds) were reported from Doheny State Beach in early January. The first was found Jan. 3 (Robert McNab), and the second lingered for several weeks after Jan. 5 (J. Pike). Although the first bird displayed a predominance of Glaucous Gull features, it appeared to show some evidence of "mixed ancestry" in its past. The Sea & Sage Audubon pelagic trip, Jan. 10, out of Dana Point, yielded a decent variety of alcids, included two **Xantus' Murrelets**, a number of **Rhinoceros** and **Cassin's Auklets**, and **Common Murres**, as well as a cooperative **Short-tailed Shearwater**.

A **Western Kingbird** at UNB, 29 Dec. (Kelli Heindel Levinson), was exceptional for this time of year. A **Varied Thrush** at SORP, Jan. 21 (Neil Gilbert), was one of a few found this fall/winter in the county. Surprisingly, another **Townsend's Solitaire** was along the coast this winter, with one in El Moro Canyon (Crystal Cove State Park), Jan. 1 (Dave Telford); also in El Moro Canyon was the county's second **Harris's Sparrow** of the season, Jan. 6 (Pat Cabe). At Ralph B. Clark Park, a **Nashville Warbler** was found Jan. 31 (J. Pike). A **White-throated Sparrow** was at MRP, Jan. 1 (Bettina Eastman), where it was seen cooperatively for at least a few more weeks.

OrangeCountyBirding is a yahoo group for birders. Most birders send in their emailed reports about bird sightings to this group and then, if the bird is really unusual, they send in a report to the OrCoRBA also. Website directions will tell you how to join. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OrangeCountyBirding/>
Be sure to sign your name and city with any report you send in.

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 February and March: Sonia Appell, Pat & Dick Cabe, Carolyn Cooper, Pam DeGarimore, Tom Drouet, Judy Fritts, Pat Heilig, Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Nancy Kenyon, Laretta Kyle, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Rosemary Price, Shirley Price, Betty Purdy, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, John Shaddy, Mary Shandy, Susan Sheakley, Bev Spring, and Betty Swift.

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

Barn Owl Webcam at Starr Ranch

Viewers from around the world are flocking to Audubon Starr Ranch live bird webcams. Bird enthusiasts from as far as the Netherlands have written in to say that they're watching a Barn Owl nest live on the Internet. The webcams tend to be seasonal, with the best viewing in January and running through the summer. The Barn Owl webcam can be viewed now at www.starranch.org

Bookstore News

National Geographic Guide to Birding Hot Spots of the United States (Mel White & Paul Lehman) pinpoints the best places to see more than 400 species of birds. It is divided by regions (13 in all) in the US, giving clear directions with info on best times of day and seasons to see each species. *ABA Guide to Metropolitan Areas of NA* (P. Lehman, editor) covers more than 30 cities with directions to the best birding sites in each city. Both are available at Audubon House and will also be at the Annual Dinner. *How Birds Migrate*, 2nd ed. (P. Kerlinger) explains the basics of flight, how weather and geographical barriers affect flight strategies. Also in is a new line of earrings including hummingbirds, bats, bird houses and binoculars.

Growing Native (Plants) Symposium March 28th, 2009 - Golden West College

This one-day conference is designed to help homeowners and landscapers become more familiar and comfortable using natives in residential or small commercial landscapes. The event includes speakers, lunch & a garden tour. Reservations needed. Registration form on www.occnps.org or call Sarah Jayne for information (949) 552-0691

Marsh Education Project

In 2008, 77 naturalists and other Marsh Education volunteers donated over 5,300 hours for the education programs at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. This enthusiastic and fantastic team enabled thousands of children and adults to experience firsthand the importance of nature in our lives.

We very much appreciate the following volunteers: Susie Anon, Sherry Bass, Sara Bethurum, Sheryl Blevins, Deborah Brin, Pat Cabe, Mary Jo Carew, Constance Cassady, Christine Cooper, Teresa Cullen, Lisa Cummings, Joan Curtis, Mary Ann Desmond, Christine Dickey, Jean Drum, Frank Feller, Sheila Fitzgerald, Judy Fritts, Carol Getz, Susan Gibb, Elizabeth Glazner, Peggy Goetz, Jenny Golden, Kate Grabenstein, Beverly Hargrove, Mary Joseph, Nancy Kenyon, Tim Maas, Ellen Mansour, Gretchen Mavrovouniotis, Grace McElhiney, Bob McElhiney, Bobbie Miller, Jay Miller, Marquita Miller, Susan Munson, Sharon Nantell, Martin Natland, Helen Nicholas, Carolyn Noble, Sharon O'Brien, Joan Olafson, Bob Polkinghorn, David Randel, Dianne Ravin, Margaret Renten, Gail Richards, Rich Shilk, Barbara Sentovich, Mary Shandy, Mary Lou Shattuck, Jennifer Smietana, Joe Sortais, Pat Sparks, Bev Spring, Margo Stuart, Lois Taylor, Don Thomas, Dan Trinidad, Pat Vranicar, David Weber, Gail White, and Dan Young.

We are pleased to include student volunteers in our education programs, and give thanks to Sonia Brin, Marisa Camisasca, Kaitlin Fitzgerald, Alison George, Neil Gilbert, Cyrus Kay, Darius Kay, Samantha Masaki, Daniel Murphy, Nora Papian, Pierce Shipp, Olivia Simon, Lee Sisson, Shannon Theissen, and Haley Werner.

If you would like to become a part of our environmental education outreach to our local community, please contact Education Project Director Trude Hurd at 949-261-7964.

Top Volunteer Hours in 2008

Grace McElhiney (454)
Helen Nicholas (380)
Bev Spring (363)
Teresa Cullen (285)
Bob McElhiney (217)
Pat Vranicar (208)
Deborah Brin (180)
Constance Cassady (173)
Bobbie Miller (172)
Carolyn Noble (158)
Gretchen Mavrovouniotis (144)
Dan Trinidad (144)
Kate Grabenstein (132)
Samantha Masaki, student (111)



Thank you so much!

Sea & Sage depends on your financial contributions to pay for our conservation, education and birding programs. Your donations help make us a strong chapter. The following is a list of the folks whose donations we received prior to the New Year. Those who donated after January 1, 2009 will appear in the next Tattler. It is not too late to add your name to the list. Once again, a heartfelt thank you.

—Jay Miller

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Our Guest Speaker, Paul Lehman

“Migrant and Vagrant Traps in North America”

Our speaker for this year’s Annual Dinner is Paul Lehman. Paul has been birding since the age of nine. He has strong interests in weather, biogeography and North American regional geography. He has traveled extensively throughout North America and has worked on bird lists in every state and province in the U.S. and Canada.

Paul has written many articles and papers on North American bird distribution and identification and is a past editor of *Birding* magazine. He is an associate editor for *North American Birds* magazine and has been a principal consultant for several popular field guides. Recently, he was appointed Chairman of the CA Bird Records Committee. He was the chief editor of the ABA/Lane birdfinding guides, *A Birder’s Guide to Metropolitan Areas of North America*, and *A Birder’s Guide to the Rio Grande Valley*, and was managing editor of the recently published book, *Rare Birds of California*. He is the chief range map researcher and map editor for the *National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America* and also worked on the range maps for the *Sibley Field Guides to the Birds of Eastern and Western North America* and the *Peterson Field Guide to Birds of North America*. Paul also leads birding tours throughout North America for WINGS, Inc.

We do hope you will join us for this special evening. Paul is a stimulating speaker and enthusiastic about his subject. His program will appeal to birders from all levels of expertise as well as those who are simply interested in nature.

“Weather & Bird Migration” Workshop with Paul Lehman – Saturday morning, March 21

As an added treat, Paul Lehman has agreed to conduct a workshop for us on “Weather and Bird Migration” on Saturday morning following the Annual Dinner. Birders need to know where the best places are to look for migrants and when particular species are most likely to occur; they also need to have a basic understanding of weather and how it impacts migration. Understanding and closely following the weather is a crucial component of successful birding. Heading out into the field without first checking a weather forecast, particularly during spring and fall migration, may hinder their success as much as forgetting their field guide or spotting scope. Throughout North America, weather plays a crucial role in the timing and volume of migration, and in the occurrence of vagrant species. Paul Lehman will begin with a basic weather primer and then cover the influences various weather conditions have on bird migration.

Location: Education Center, Audubon Adventures Room, San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$35 per person



Advance reservations are advisable. For reservations, send this form and your check (payable to Sea and Sage Audubon) to: Workshop, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612

Please do not combine the payment for the dinner with the workshop in one check. Write out a separate check for the workshop; however, you can mail your workshop reservation in the same envelope as the dinner reservation. Include a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) so we can mail the workshop tickets to you in early March

— Marquita Miller, Programs Chair

Paul Lehman Workshop Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Email address or phone for confirmation. _____

Amount enclosed _____ Stamped, self-addressed envelope enclosed? _____

Make check payable to: Sea & Sage Audubon.

Mail to: Workshop, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612.

Sea & Sage Annual Dinner

Friday, March 20th at Mile Square Park Banquet Center

Our Guest Speaker – Paul Lehman

Program: “Migrant and Vagrant Traps in North America”

Our Annual Dinner this year will be held at the Mile Square Park Banquet Center on Friday evening, March 20th. Our guest speaker will be Paul Lehman who will speak on “Migrant and Vagrant Traps in North America”. Paul is a renowned ornithologist with expertise in finding & identifying rare or unusual birds and their migration patterns. The evening’s program will include the presentation of our chapter’s Fern Zimmerman Conservation Award and Letters of Commendation and the Gallagher Award. We will also have a silent auction. The Mile Square Park Banquet Center is at the south end of Mile Square Park, at the intersection of Warner & Ward. Free parking is available. Directions & a map will be sent to each person who makes reservations for the dinner. Below is the schedule for the evening.



No Host Bar: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:15 p.m.

Program: 8:00 p.m., sharp!

Location: Mile Square Park Banquet Center

Tickets: \$50

Entrees: Chicken or Vegetarian

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. Seating will be assigned in the order the reservations are received. The entrées will be chicken or vegetarian. For reservations, make your check payable to “Sea and Sage Audubon”; include the name of each person for whom a reservation is made. If you wish group seating, please indicate that; each table will seat 10 people. Mail your reservations to: Annual Dinner, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln., Irvine CA 92612.

You can mail your reservations to Nancy, deliver them to Audubon House, or hand them to her at our Feb. General Meeting. The dinner tickets will not be mailed back to you; proof of your reservation will be your name badge on which will be marked your table number — which you will pick up at the check-in table the night of the dinner. Those who wish to receive confirmation of their dinner reservations should include their email address or a stamped, self-addressed envelope and phone number; a confirmation message will be sent to you as soon as your reservation has been received. All reservations must be received by 6:00 pm, Monday, March 16th.

Please note: payment for the Paul Lehman workshop on Saturday, must be made by separate check and must include a self-addressed stamped envelope so that we can mail the ticket to you. You can mail your reservation for the dinner and the workshop in the same envelope; just use a separate check for each.

Annual Dinner Reservation Form

Name _____ Entree _____

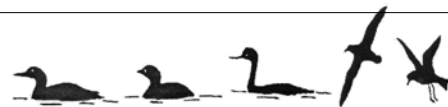
Name _____ Entree _____

Who do you wish to sit with? _____

Email address or phone (in case we need to contact you) _____

Entrees: [C] Chicken [V] Vegetarian. All dinners will include a salad, fresh vegetables, freshly baked rolls, coffee, tea, or decaf, and dessert. **Mail your reservation to:** Annual Dinner, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln., Irvine CA 92612.

March & April Field Trips



For trip updates & additional trip information, visit 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 trip reservations, contact Field Trip Chair, Nancy Kenyon, at 949-786-3160, or nancykenyon@cox.net
For information about pelagic trips here in Southern CA, visit this excellent website: www.socalbirding.com

Santiago Oaks Regional Park

Sundays, March 1 & April 5 - 7:30 am

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

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

Linette Lina, Leader

Monthly Bird Walks at the SJWS

Sundays, March 8 & April 12 - 8:00 am

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

Chris Obaditch, Leader

Riley (Wagon Wheel) Wilderness Park

Thursday, March 12 - 8:00 am

As a wildlife sanctuary, Thomas F. Riley Wilderness Park is home to an abundant number of native plants and old groves of Western Sycamores and Coast Live Oaks which border the park's two seasonally flowing creeks. The remaining land features rolling hills and canyons of Coastal Sage Scrub and grasslands. Come prepared for a morning of exploring this delightful park and its abundant animal and bird life. Wear shoes with good traction; some of the trails are steep. **Directions:** From the #5 Freeway, exit on Oso Pkwy. and drive inland towards the mts. 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; you will need to purchase a day-use permit from the park ticket machine. The outing will last until noon.

Donna Krucki, Leader

Oso Reservoir

Sunday, March 22 – 7:30 am

Oso Reservoir is a fairly large body of freshwater in the Santa Ana foothills, managed by the Boy Scouts of America. This man-made lake is surrounded by remnant coastal sage scrub, and has patches of cattail marsh and, depending on its depth at any given moment, several small islands along the south shore. The main attraction here is waterbirds, and among those, the best are the large grebes of genus *Aechmophorus*, Western and Clark's. Both have been known to nest here, and in March, their weird frog-like cries echo among the hills as they meet in pairs to engage in their wild dancing, which features bizarre head-bobbing, neck-entwining and culminates in a mad side-by-side rush over the water's surface. It's a trip! The hills have Cactus Wrens and California Gnatcatchers along with Rufous-crowned Sparrows, while Least Bell's Vireos have nested in the lakeside willows.

We will meet at 7:30 in the parking lot outside the McDonald's at Los Alisos and Santa Margarita Parkway. There we will condense into fewer vehicles and proceed to the spot. Expect the trip to take approximately 1.5-2 hours. No special footwear is required but water may be needed. Bring a spotting scope if you have one.

Bruce Aird, Leader

Irvine Regional Park

Friday, March 27 – 8:00 am

Join us for a weekday walk into this regional park which supports an interesting array of birds, both resident and migratory. Birds you may expect to see include Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawks, White-tailed Kites, nuthatches, woodpeckers, wrens, titmice, etc. **Directions:** Take Jamboree NE (toward the mts.) & follow it across Santiago Cyn. Rd. into the park. Or, from the #55 Frwy, 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 \$3 entrance fee at the gate if you don't have a county parks' pass. **We will meet** in the first parking lot on the right, after you enter the park.

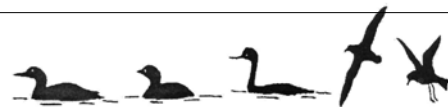
Beverly Hargrove, Leader

Heise Park & Vicinity ®

Saturday, March 28 – 8:00 am

The Mar. 28 field trip to Heise Park, the jewel of the San Diego County campgrounds, will highlight desert and mountain birds as well as migrating vireos, warblers, flycatchers. You may reserve a campsite or cabin, or stay in nearby Julian or Ramona. We'll meet in the parking lot

March & April Field Trips



For trip updates & additional trip information, visit 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 trip reservations, contact Field Trip Chair, Nancy Kenyon, at 949-786-3160, or nancykenyon@cox.net
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Heise Park & Vicinity ® - continued

Saturday, March 28 — 8:00 am

just inside the entrance (fee) at 8 a.m. Hikes are moderate to strenuous, but the birding in the campground is outstanding, too. Wild Turkeys abound. Advanced reservations needed, trip size is limited. Trip fee is \$10 per person payable to Sea and Sage Audubon: Heise Park FT, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Include phone number & email address or stamped legal-sized envelope for trip info & confirmation. (For information about Heise Park, see their website <www.co.san-diego.ca.us/parks/Camping/heise.html> or google "William Heise County Park" for maps & reservations)

Dick & Pat Cabe, Leaders

Canyon Park & Vicinity

Sunday, March 29 — 8:00 to 11:00 am

Canyon Park is one of those little pockets of habitat that birds love to find. Brush up on your local birds, wintering, migrating and nesting. Easy terrain, fun birding, rarities possible. **Directions:** South on the 55 freeway to 19th Street West; on 19th, drive past Placentia (last light) to Whittier Avenue. Turn right on Whittier and right again on Arbor. The first left is the entrance to Canyon Park. Go downhill to the main parking lot to meet the group. (The park has no restroom facilities.)

Beverly Hargrove, Leader

Owl & Hawk Banding Trips ®

OWLS: Sunday, March 22

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

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

East Mojave weekend trip ®

Sat. - Sun. April 4-5 — 7:00 am

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

Steve Sosensky, Leader

Eastern Sierra weekend trip ®

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

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

Roy Poucher, Leader

Kern River Extended Weekend Trip ® Friday-Monday, June 26-29

This will be a joint trip with LA Audubon. Our trip leader will be Bob Barnes. The trip will cover high deserts to high Sierra habitats, including the Kern River Valley. This area is the most diverse, species-rich region in the state. Trip participants can expect to get up to 150 species in 4 days, birding dawn to dusk, with some possible specialties such as Northern Goshawk, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Pileated Woodpecker, and several owls. Advance reservations are needed and space is limited. To reserve, and receive trip info including lodging, send SASE with email, phone #, and \$15 for each day you plan to attend (\$60 for 4 days) to: LAAS, PO Box 931057, Los Angeles CA 90093. Friday, we will meet in Inyokern; all other days start in Kernville. Lots of driving, so bring a friend, and we will carpool.

Bob Barnes, Leader

Sea and Sage Audubon

Summer Education Programs for 2009

at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine



Fledgling Camp

June 22 - 26
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
7- 8 year olds
\$165/180* per camper

On daily nature walks, youngsters will learn how to keep a nature journal and how to observe birds. They will also have fun playing games, doing crafts and learning songs. (* The lower price is for Audubon members.)

Typical camp day:

*Morning bird walk & journal entries *Sharing favorite birds seen during the walk *Snack *Song *Lunch *Art project such as working on a book, that is later published, of everyone's favorite birds *Game such as the Bird Race *Story *Ending songs, sharing, prizes



Marsh Bird Camp

Session 1: July 6 - 10
Session 2: July 13 - 17
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
9 - 12 year olds
\$185/200* per camper

Campers will explore all aspects of marsh bird life such as feathers, nests and feeding behavior. They will also enjoy daily nature walks, see live hawks & owls from a rehabilitator, make a bird feeder, keep a nature journal, do crafts, and much much more. (* The lower price is for Audubon members.)

Typical camp day:

*Speaker from the Orange County Bird of Prey Center with live owls and hawks *Campers dissect owl pellets *Play hula hoop migration game * Get to touch owl and hawk wings and talons *Story *Bird Trivia game

What parents say about our camp program —

"I cannot say enough about the value of this program. My children learned so much about life here, and not just identifying birds. My daughter would never have discovered her artistic side without bird camp."

Bat Walks



Thursdays (Adults only): May 14, June 18
Fridays (Family Bat Walks): May 22, June 12, June 26, Aug. 7, Aug. 14. (7:00 - 9:00 pm; starting times may vary according to time of sunset.)
\$12 for adults; \$8 for children (7-12 years)

Participants must be prepaid; walk-ins are not accepted. Come discover firsthand that this freshwater wetland is a magical place at dusk. We begin with a slide presentation by Stephanie Remington, a local bat biologist. We then take a short walk along the ponds to watch the sun set, listen to night sounds, and smell the fresh scent of sage plants. The highlight of the walk is locating the two species of bats that come in small numbers to the marsh to feed.

*This popular Irvine event fills up quickly, so register early! *A 48-hour cancellation notice is required for refunds. *Registration for the Bat Walks opens on March 2nd.

Spring Brunch at the Marsh

(These brunches are for adults only.)

Saturdays: April 4, April 18, June 6
Sundays: May 3, May 17
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

How long has it been since you've been to the marsh? Hopefully, most of you have been there recently. but, in the off chance that you haven't yet seen our new and expanded facility, you are invited to Brunch at the Marsh. This event is also a unique opportunity to introduce the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary to your friends or family who have never been there. This is the second spring that we have offered a series of outdoor gourmet brunches at a fee of \$24 per person (adults only). In addition to brunch, you will be treated to a guided mini-tour of the Marsh so you and your guests can enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the Marsh in the springtime. These brunches will be offered on the following dates from 10:00 a.m. to noon:

We look forward to entertaining you and your friends and family at Brunch at the Marsh this spring. *Registration opens March 1st; advance reservations are necessary. *\$24 per person.

For more information on these activities, pick up flyers at Audubon House, or visit our chapter webpage at: <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org> Questions? Call (949) 261-7963.

Receiving the Tattler

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

Your Membership Payment

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



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

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

Your Audubon Membership Payment and Donations

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



Audubon Membership Application

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

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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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March 2009

01 Sun	Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk.....	7:30 am
03 Tues	Conservation Committee Meeting.....	6:30 pm
05 Thurs	Santa Rosa Plateau Nat. History Walk (full).....	9:00 am
07 Sat	Birding by Ear for the hearing impaired.....	8:30 am
08 Sun	SJWS Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
10 Tues	Board Meeting.....	7:30 pm
12 Thurs	Riley Wilderness Park.....	8:00 am
18 Wed	UNB by small boat (full).....	8:15 am
20 Fri	ANNUAL DINNER.....	6:00 pm
21 Sat.	Paul Lehman Workshop.....	9:00 am
22 Sun.	Oso Reservoir.....	7:30 am
22 Sun.	Owl Banding Trip	8:00 am (morning FT)
22 Sun.	Owl Banding Trip	12 noon (afternoon FT)
24 Tues	4th Tues. Conservation Lecture.....	7:00 pm
27 Fri	Irvine Regional Park.....	8:00 am
28 Sat	Heise Park	8:00 am
29 Sun	Canyon Park.....	8:00 am

April 2009

02 Thurs	Baker Canyon Natural History Walk.....	9:00 am
04 Sat	Spring Brunch at the Marsh.....	10:00 am
4-5 S-S	East Mojave Campout weekend trip.....	7:00 am
05 Sun	Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk.....	7:30 am
11 Sat	Hawk Banding Trip.....	8:00 am (morning FT)
11 Sat	Hawk Banding Trip.....	12 noon (afternoon FT)
12 Sun	SJWS Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am