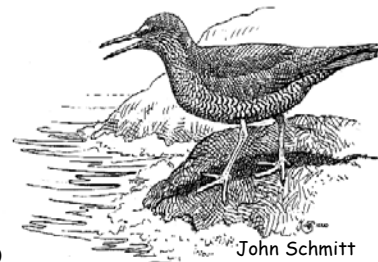


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The Voice of SEA AND SAGE AUDUBON, an Orange County Chapter of the National Audubon Society

*Come to our Annual  
Dinner on Friday  
evening, March 19th.*

- \* Socialize with friends and new acquaintances
- \* Bid for some nifty items at our Silent Auction
- \* Rub elbows with the recipients of this year's Conservation Award and the Gallagher Award
- \* Have fun browsing through our chapter displays
- \* Eat a delicious dinner and enjoy Jon Dunn's program about warblers!

*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 19th**

**“Warblers of California and  
North America”**

*presented by Jon Dunn*

Our speaker for this year's Annual Dinner is Jon Dunn. Jon has been Chief Consultant/Editor for all five editions of the National Geographic Society's *Field Guide to the Birds of North America*. He is the co-writer and host of the two-video set *Large and Small Gulls of North America*, as well as co-author (with Kimball Garrett) of *Birds of Southern California: Status and Distribution* and the *Peterson Field Guide to Warblers*.

Jon's program will be about wood warblers. Some 120 species occur in the New World and roughly half of those have been found in North America. For easterners no other family better represents the phenomenon of migration. While most species are primarily found in eastern North America, nearly all occur at least casually in California. Jon will briefly review all North American species with emphasis on those that occur regularly in California. In addition he'll review the migration routes and wintering areas for this diverse family.

We do hope you will join us for this special evening on March 19th. Jon's 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.

# Orange County Rarities

by Doug Willick



To report a RARE or UNUSUAL bird, or to receive the current RBA report for Orange County, call the OrCoRBA at (949) 487-6869, or join OrangeCountyBirding; website directions tell you how to join. Go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OrangeCountyBirding/>

Last month's Rarities column touched on some of the highlights from two of the three Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs) that are conducted each year in the county; these included the "San Juan Capistrano" CBC (conducted Dec. 19, 2009) and the "Northeastern" or "Inland" CBC (conducted Dec. 20, 2009). We'll start off this month, then, by recapping some of the highlights from the last count, the Orange County Coastal CBC, which was held Jan. 3, 2010. [It should be noted, by the way, that these CBC recaps are somewhat preliminary, as the official CBC results are not yet available.] The **Bar-tailed Godwit** present at Upper Newport Bay (UNB) since late October has been one of the more unexpected birds to be found wintering in southern California this year (one of few that have ever wintered in the state). Though the godwit was rarely seen during early December, it was kind enough to make an appearance on count day (much to the relief of those assigned with the job of trying to find it). Although it's a bit early to draw any conclusions at this point, the Bar-tailed Godwit was last reported on Jan. 12. Some of the other Coastal Count rarities which had also been discovered previously included such species as **Greater White-fronted Geese** at Mile Square Reg. Park (MSRP), **Eurasian Wigeon** at UNB, **Common Goldeneye** at San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS), **Reddish Egrets** (three still) at Bolsa Chica (BC), **Pacific Golden-Plover** at BC, **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** at MSRP, **Western Kingbird** at SJWS, **Vermilion Flycatcher** at MSRP, **Golden-crowned Kinglets** at Huntington Central Park (HCP) and Harbor View Nature Park, **Palm Warbler** along the lower Santa Ana River (SAR), **American Redstarts** at MSRP and Mason Regional Park (MRP), **Black-and-white Warbler** at MSRP, **Northern Waterthrush** at SJWS, and **White-throated Sparrow** at HCP.

A number of other rarities known to be wintering in the county lingered into January, including several waterfowl species. For example, the possibly resident **Ross's Goose** was still at Twin Lakes Park, Jan. 23, up to four **Greater White-fronted Geese** continued through Jan. at MSRP, and three male **Eurasian Wigeons** were at UNB, Jan. 16 (both Neil Gilbert). Small numbers of **Black and White-winged Scoters** continued to be seen off Newport and Huntington Beach (this being one of the better winters for these "hard-to-come by" scoter species in years). A peculiar-looking duck at Anaheim Lake, Jan. 23 (Doug Willick), showed the apparent features of a male Northern Shoveler x Blue-winged Teal hybrid. This is the second consecutive year this bird has wintered in the upper Santa Ana River area of the county. **Hooded Mergansers** lingered at several sites. At least two **American Bitterns** continued at BC till at least the end of Jan. (many observers). One of two or three **Zone-tailed Hawks** known to be in the county this winter was in the East Irvine area, Jan. 12 (Evelyn Brown). As many as three **Ferruginous Hawks** were again seen at the former MCAS El Toro Base (Jan. 29; N. Gilbert), and two were at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station (SBNWS), Jan. 5 (Bob Schallmann). A decent showing of **Burrowing Owls**, possibly all wintering birds however, appeared again at several sites (e.g., UNB and BC); one at SJWS since late fall has been frequenting a somewhat atypical location. At least *eight* **Lewis's Woodpeckers** in the Limestone Canyon area, Jan. 16 (Paul Klahr), where at least four

were present in Dec., was an excellent tally for this county. The somewhat illusive Williamson's Sapsucker in the Los Pinos Camp area of the Santa Ana Mountains, discovered last month, turned up again on Jan. 16. An adult male **Yellow-shafted Flicker** was refound at Burris Basin, Jan. 24. Other continuing birds included the **Vermilion Flycatcher** and **Northern Waterthrush** at SJWS (through at least Jan. 16); a **Gray Flycatcher**, **Plumbeous Vireo** and **Hermit Warbler** along the upper SAR (Jan. 9); another **Plumbeous Vireo** at Laguna Niguel Regional Park (Jan. 15); **Golden-crowned Kinglets** at several locations; **Mountain Bluebirds** at the former El Toro Base (through Jan. 29); the **Palm Warbler** along the lower SAR (through Jan. 30); the **Black-and-white Warbler** and **American Redstart** at MSRP (both through Jan. 30), as well as the **Black-and-white Warbler** and adult male **American Redstart** at MRP (Jan. 16 and Jan. 31, respectively); and the **White-throated Sparrow** at HCP (through Jan. 28).

During January, a number of new rarities have been reported. Two **Tundra Swans** were observed flying over the SBNWS, Jan. 5 (B. Schallmann). Complicating matters, swans seen in the BC and Hellman Ranch area have turned out to be young Mute Swans. Nine **Brant** at the mouth of Newport Harbor, Jan. 28 (Richard Thunen), were of note, though 25 at SBNWS, 31 Dec. (N. Gilbert) was exceptional, especially considering the date. A male **Eurasian Wigeon** was at HCP, Jan. 28 (Pat Cabe). A **Common Goldeneye** on Anaheim Lake, Jan. 23 (D. Willick), was inland. A **Red-throated Loon** at MRP, Jan. 24-26 (Les Redpath, found dead on the latter date), was also inland. A **Ferruginous Hawk** in Brea, Jan. 12 (N. Gilbert), was at a more notable location. A juvenile **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** at Pacific View Cemetery, Jan. 3 (D. Willick), and a male reported at Carbon Canyon Reg. Park, Jan. 30 (Ryan Abe), were an unprecedented fourth and fifth to occur in the county since November 2009. It seemed to be another good winter for **Red-naped Sapsuckers**, with several more reported this past month. A **Tropical Kingbird** on the backside of BC, Jan. 28 to at least Feb. 2 (Steve Smith), was undoubtedly wintering in the area, and possibly the same individual that wintered in the HCP/BC area during the previous two winters. A briefly seen **Myiarchus sp. flycatcher** (most likely an Ash-throated) at Burris Basin, Jan. 9 (D. Willick), was also likely wintering in the area. "New" **Plumbeous Vireos** were noted near UNB, on University Dr., Jan. 3 (Joel Weintraub), and at Portola Park, Jan. 12 (D. Willick). Encouraging were the number of **Loggerhead Shrikes** reported from around the county, which were too numerous to cite individually. A **Brown Creeper** at MSRP, Jan. 4-30 (Jim Roe), was one of only a couple reported in the county this past fall/winter.

Warbler rarities of any significance continue to be few and far between in the county this winter. There were several more discoveries in Jan., however, of some of our western warbler species that "rare but fairly regular" in winter, including **Nashville**, **Yellow**, **Black-throated Gray** and **Wilson's Warblers**. Approximately four **Hermit Warblers** found during Dec. was noteworthy for winter. A total of *five* previously unreported **Summer Tanagers** were discovered in the last month, with three individuals found during the Jan. 3 Coastal

# Conservation News

by Scott Thomas



Our Conservation Com. Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Blue House. We hope you can join us! There will be no 4th Tues. Conservation Lecture in March, so the next one will be April 27th. —Scott Thomas, 949-293-2915

## The 2010 Fern Zimmerman Conservation Award

The Sea and Sage Audubon Conservation Committee and Board of Directors have chosen Trish Smith to receive the 2010 Fern Zimmerman Conservation Award for her efforts to ensure the long term existence of the Coastal Cactus Wren in southern California. Trish is the Senior Ecologist with Newport Beach Office of The Nature Conservancy.

Following the 1993 Laguna Beach wildfire, scientists with the Nature Reserve of Orange County (NROC) began to identify a steady decline in Cactus Wren breeding territories, even in areas that had not burned. Trish, along with many others began to pay close attention to this seemingly local trend. But by the mid 2000s it had become clear that Cactus Wren populations were shrinking in most habitats in southern California habitats, and the Laguna Beach population was all but gone.

Trish decided that a coordinated effort was needed to begin to identify the rate of decline, search for causes, and begin to develop a response to reverse the decline. As Trish was planning in 2007 for the first Coastal Cactus Wren Symposium to take place in spring 2008, the extraordinary 2007 wildfires decimated Cactus Wren habitats all though the birds' range in Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego Counties. The majority of known Coastal Cactus Wren habitats were all toasted in less than a week and real concern about Cactus Wrens and other CSS birds began to spread and Trish's conviction to bringing all interested parties together increased.

Nearly 100 wildlife researchers, ornithologists, wildlife agency representatives, and conservation organization representatives have joined the statewide Coastal Cactus Wren Conservation Network because of Trish's vision and persistence. These highly interested and dedicated individuals meet regularly to forge a collaborative approach to Cactus Wren conservation efforts. In fact these meetings prompted leaders of Sea and Sage Audubon and Starr Ranch to join forces with TNC and the NROC to form the Orange County Cactus Wren Team. Similar efforts were launched by Audubon leaders in Los Angeles County and the US Fish and Wildlife Service began conducting targeted surveys in San Diego.

Trish is well known for her dedication to conservation and habitat protection in Orange County through her role with The Nature Conservancy. We believe she has gone way beyond the call of duty in her work with Cactus Wrens and we are very pleased to recognize her efforts with the 2010 Conservation Award.



## The Pelicans Are in Trouble!

Severe storms pounded the Californian coast in late January, literally battering pelicans and other seabirds. Compounding the effects of the storms, there has been mass pollution caused by run-off which has washed toxins and rubbish into the sea through storm drains, off coastal roads, and from agriculture alongside the Pacific Ocean. Seabirds have been poisoned, hurt, exhausted, and killed in huge numbers. Literally hundreds and hundreds of Brown Pelicans are being cared for and the bill for cleaning, looking after, and feeding them is enormous - and growing all the time.

At the Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center in Huntington Beach, they are caring for 50 weak & starving Brown Pelicans, as of Feb.15, and more are arriving daily. All of the volunteers have been working overtime, trying to keep up with the influx of sick and starving sea birds.

Now is a critical time for these animals and your help is needed to save them. **It takes 300 pounds of fish per day to feed our feathered friends**, and fish is expensive! The volunteers are working tirelessly on oiled birds, storm tossed animals, starving pelicans and cormorants, and the baby season is just around the corner!

Your help is urgently needed. You can contribute online though their website at [www.wwccoc.org](http://www.wwccoc.org). Every penny goes towards saving the lives of these animals. For those without internet access, send your donations to: WWCC, 21900 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach CA 92646. (Make check payable to WWCC.) Thank you.



## Orange County Rarities - continued

CBC: one at Mesa Verde Golf Course (Jim Pike), one at U.C. Irvine (Brian Daniels) and one at Harbor View Nature Park (Wayne Gochenour). Subsequently, two more Summer Tanagers turned up, with one at Ralph Clark Reg. Park, Jan. 11-28 (Ryan Abe), and one at the Santiago Park Nature Reserve, Feb. 5 (D. Willick). Three **Vesper Sparrows** were near the former MCAS El Toro base, Jan. 29 (N. Gilbert). A young male **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** at Pearson Park (Anaheim), Jan. 6 (D. Willick), was the third in the county so far this winter. A female **Orchard Oriole** was discovered on private property in Costa Mesa, Jan. 3 (J. Pike), where an adult male was subsequently found, Jan. 9-23+ (Vic Leipzig). A female type **Purple Finch** at MSRP, Jan. 23 (N. Gilbert), was in the coastal lowlands, where it has become quite rare in recent years. More expected (in the foothills) was a male Purple Finch at Oak Canyon Nature Center, Jan. 16.



# Chapter News & Announcements



For more information on Sea & Sage activities, check out our schedule of chapter 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, Deana Collins, Carolyn Cooper, Joanne Cull, Tom Drouet, Fresia Escalona, Judy Fritts, Pat Heilig, Cindi Herrera, Marina Hornby. Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Laurretta Kyle, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Shirley Price, Betty Purdy, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, John Shaddy, Bev Spring, Betty Swift and Beryl Vogel.

Audubon House is open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Our Volunteers greet visitors, answer the phone, sell merchandise, answer questions about birds, check out binoculars, etc. If you are interested in helping at Audubon House, please contact Judy Fritts at 949-551-4513.

## Go Paperless!

Sign up to receive your newsletter via email — get your issues faster, help save natural resources, reduce waste, and help our chapter save money! You can read it online or print out the pages you need to refer to more frequently. They're in pdf format and will look and print exactly like the original. Email [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net) to start your paper-free Tattler delivery today! (offer good only for chapter members in good standing)

## 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 away 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](http://www.starranch.org)

## Bookstore News

New titles for March include *Woodpeckers of North America* and *Nat Geo's Backyard Guide to the Night Sky*. Also available are books by Jon Dunn, our Annual Dinner speaker: *Peterson Field Guide to Warblers of N. America*; *Birds of the LA Region*; the Nat Geo titles: *Illustrated Birds of NA*; *Birding Essentials*; *FG to the Birds of N. America*; *Field Guide to the Birds of Western N. America* and *Peterson Reference Guide to Gulls of the North Americas*.

## List of Donors

Next month we will publish the list of all the donors to Sea and Sage for the fund appeal. It's not too late to add your name to the list of people who gave financial support to our chapter.

## Camp Scholarships Needed

We are looking for chapter members who would be willing to make donations or sponsor a scholarship for a child who wants to attend our summer nature day camp this year but needs financial assistance in order to do so. For questions or information about our camp and its scholarship program, please contact Grace McElhiney (714) 969-9617 or see our chapter webpage for information on the camp program.

## An Extra Special Thanks

An extra special thank you goes to those volunteers who staffed the Audubon House for 60 hours or more in 2009. Kudos go to Steve Jelneck (313), Nancy Kenyon (302), Betty Purdy (294), Judy Fritts (284), Lois Jones (271), Joan McCauley (259), Betty Swift (228), John Shaddy (191), Barbara Reber (171), Tom Drouet (156), Bobby Miller (151), Sonia Appell (121), Bev Spring (119), Pat and Dick Cabe (110). Eunice Morita (71), Mary Shandy (68), Pat Heilig (62) and Pam Degarimore (60).

Those who have retired in 2009 after many years of appreciated service at Audubon House are: Donna and Mike Augustine, Charlie Austin, Betty Brittingham and Mary Shandy. Many thanks for the time you spent with us to enlighten our visitors.

## Silent Auction Items Still Needed

Cheryl Thomas has been working diligently to obtain some items for our Silent Auction at this year's Annual Dinner. Do you know a person or a business which might have something special to donate? We are looking for unique items that would appeal to a large group of people with varied interests. Please contact Cheryl if there is anything you can contribute, or if there is someone you know who can. Thanks!

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

## Photographers' Meeting - March 5

The photographers meet three times a year at Jim Gallagher's house in Huntington Beach to share photos and discuss various photographic techniques. The next Photo Meeting will be held on Friday evening, March 5th at 7:30 pm. The limit is 30 photos per person. For information on these meetings and/or directions to Jim's house, call Jim at 714-962-8990. If you will be bringing digital pictures, please follow the guidelines listed on our webpage at: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Meetings/meetings.htm](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Meetings/meetings.htm)

# Sea & Sage Audubon and Starr Ranch Sanctuary

## San Juan Capistrano Christmas Bird Count - 12/19/09

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

Snow Goose	1	Red-shouldered Hawk	10	Great Horned Owl	9	Cedar Waxwing	199
Canada Goose	51	Red-tailed Hawk	103	Western Screech-Owl	18	Phainopepla	3
Gadwall	32	American Kestrel	30	White-throated Swift	23	Orange-crowned Warbler	55
American Wigeon	32	Merlin	1	Anna's Hummingbird	317	Yellow Warbler	1
Mallard	132	Peregrine Falcon	2	Costa's Hummingbird	4	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Aud.)	1384
Blue-winged Teal	1	Virginia Rail	2	Allen's Hummingbird	76	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	2
Cinnamon Teal	13	Sora	1	Belted Kingfisher	9	Black-throated Gray Warbler	1
Northern Shoveler	24	Common Moorhen	21	Acorn Woodpecker	126	Townsend's Warbler	13
Green-winged Teal	1	American Coot	730	Red-breasted Sapsucker	2	Common Yellowthroat	137
Ring-necked Duck	4	Black-bellied Plover	4	Nuttall's Woodpecker	61	Wilson's Warbler	4
Lesser Scaup	5	Snowy Plover	1	Downy Woodpecker	1	Spotted Towhee	70
Surf Scoter	51	Killdeer	60	Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)	51	California Towhee	145
Bufflehead	9	Black Oystercatcher	8	Black Phoebe	138	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	4
Hooded Merganser (SL)	6	Black-necked Stilt	12	Say's Phoebe	53	Lark Sparrow	1
Red-breasted Merganser	1	Spotted Sandpiper	14	Cassin's Kingbird	66	Fox Sparrow	1
Ruddy Duck	73	Greater Yellowlegs	2	Loggerhead Shrike	3	Song Sparrow	160
California Quail	17	Willet	21	Plumbeous Vireo	1	Lincoln's Sparrow	7
Red-throated Loon	2	Whimbrel	9	Hutton's Vireo	13	White-throated Sparrow	1
Pacific Loon	40	Long-billed Curlew	1	Western Scrub-Jay	126	Golden-crowned Sparrow	12
Pied-billed Grebe	22	Marbled Godwit	2	American Crow	####	White-crowned Sparrow	521
Horned Grebe	3	Black Turnstone	cw	Common Raven	92	Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	42
Red-necked Grebe	1	Sanderling	72	Mountain Chickadee	3	Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed)	1
Eared Grebe	12	Least Sandpiper	10	Oak Titmouse	51	Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	1
Western Grebe	155	Long-billed Dowitcher	1	Bushtit	626	Red-winged Blackbird	54
Clark's Grebe	2	Wilson's Snipe	4	White-breasted Nuthatch	1	Western Meadowlark	75
Black-vented Shearwater	75	Bonaparte's Gull	2	Brown Creeper	1	Brewer's Blackbird	20
Brown Pelican	417	Heermann's Gull	540	Rock Wren	2	Great-tailed Grackle	7
Brandt's Cormorant	200	Mew Gull	1	Cactus Wren	1	Brown-headed Cowbird	1
Double-crested Cormorant	100	Ring-billed Gull	90	Bewick's Wren	29	Bullock's Oriole	1
Great Blue Heron	12	Western Gull	986	House Wren	26	House Finch	451
Great Egret	9	California Gull	530	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	135	Lesser Goldfinch	207
Snowy Egret	32	Herring Gull	2	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	14	American Goldfinch	141
Green Heron	10	Glaucous-winged Gull	12	California Gnatcatcher	5	House Sparrow	43
Black-crowned Night-Heron	13	gull sp.	510	Western Bluebird	45		
White-faced Ibis	1	Royal Tern	6	Hermit Thrush	32	Exotic Species	
Turkey Vulture	225	Cassin's Auklet	30	American Robin	79	Nutmeg Mannikin	129
Osprey	3	Rock Pigeon	95	Wrentit	179		
White-tailed Kite	4	Eurasian Collared-Dove	3	Northern Mockingbird	37		
Northern Harrier	4	Mourning Dove	143	California Thrasher	45		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4	Greater Roadrunner	3	European Starling	467		
Cooper's Hawk	7	Barn Owl	8	American Pipit	83		

**Special thanks to the following participants who took part in this count:** Amanda Aird, Bruce Aird, Greg Aird, Tammie Allen, Lisa Allen, Diane Allison, Marian Alter, Eddie Bartley, Tom Benson, Jeff Blackburn, Jim Blackburn, Steve Counts, Pete DeSimone, Maxine Dougan, Dan D'Urso, Sharon English, Diane Etchison, John Fallan, Ken Fortune, Sachi Fukuman, Jean Marie Galang, Neil Gilbert, Bob Gley, Debbie Gley, Jessica Griffiths, Sharon Harrow, Heidi Keller, Nancy Kenyon, Ellen Lamb, Carol Leone, Merri Levy, Dan Lockshaw, Kim Lopina, Louise Lopina, Robert Lopina, Tim Maas, Donna Malloy, Wanda McGargar, Nina McLaughlin, Robert McNab, Gary Meredith, Nathan Mundry, Susan Munson, Linda Oberholtzer, Marian Porter, Shirley Reynolds, Charles Robinson, Janine Robinson, Sue Schaar, Lawrence Shaw, Geordie Shaw, Mark Silverstein, Steve Sosensky, Linda Spadoni, Ann Stanton, Paul Strass, Abby Truman, Jim Wantz, Laura Wantz, Phyllis Watson, Noreen Weeden, Joel Weintraub, Doug Willick, Jean Marie Wong, Orson Wong, Stan Woodward.

# A Workshop devoted to Warblers

## presented by Jon Dunn

*Saturday morning, March 20th*  
*9:00 – 11:00 a.m.*



Jon Dunn will be presenting a Warbler Workshop for us on the morning after our Annual Dinner. In the workshop, Jon will cover the regularly occurring Orange County warbler species in detail as well as the various subspecies issues like Orange-crowned, Nashville, Yellow-rumped and Wilson's. Timing and dates and western migration in general will be discussed. We'll also work through the more thorny warbler identification problems such as Orange-crowned and Tennessee and the other yellowish warblers, "Myrtle" and "Audubon's" Warblers, the Blackpoll, Bay-breasted and Pine trio, the Waterthrushes, and the Oporornis group.

Cost of the workshop is \$25 per person. **SPACE WILL BE LIMITED, SO DON'T WAIT** until the last minute to send in your reservation. Make check payable to Sea & Sage Audubon and mail to: Workshop, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612.

Please do not combine your payment for the dinner and the workshop into one check; use separate checks for the workshop and the dinner. Your workshop ticket will be mailed back to you in early March, so you will need to include a self-addressed stamped long envelope with your payment.



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

# Sea & Sage Annual Dinner

Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Irvine Hilton

Our Guest Speaker – Jon Dunn

Program “Warblers of California & North America”



Our Annual Dinner this year will be held at the Irvine Hilton on Friday evening, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Our guest speaker, Jon Dunn, has been the Chief Consultant and Editor for all five editions of the National Geographic *Field Guide to the Birds of North America*. The evening's program will include the presentation of our chapter's Fern Zimmerman Conservation Award and the Gallagher Award. We will also have a Silent Auction. The Irvine Hilton is located one block from the John Wayne Airport at 18800 MacArthur Blvd. in Irvine. Free parking will be available. 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:** Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport

**Tickets:** \$52 per person

**Entrees:** chicken or vegetarian

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY.** Seating will be assigned in the order the reservations are received. If you wish to sit with friends, make sure they send in their reservations on the same date you do. To reserve a seat, make your check payable to: Sea & Sage Audubon; include the name of each person for whom a reservation is made. If you wish group seating, please indicate that on the reservation form; each table will seat 10 people.

Mail your check and the reservation form to: Annual Dinner, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln., Irvine CA 92612. A message confirming your reservation will be sent back to you along with directions and a map. Be sure to include your email address and phone number on the reservation form. All reservations must be received by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please note: payment for the Saturday workshop, as described on page 6, must be made by separate check and must include a self-addressed stamped long envelope so that we can mail the ticket back to you. Both checks and reservation forms may be mailed in one envelope.

## Annual Dinner Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Entree \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Entree \_\_\_\_\_

With whom do you wish to sit? \_\_\_\_\_

Email address for confirmation & map \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (in case we need to contact you quickly) \_\_\_\_\_

**Entrees:** [C] CHICKEN - Rosemary grilled breast of chicken with pesto mashed potatoes and wild mushroom cream sauce [V] VEGETARIAN - Portabella mushroom stuffed with spinach, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes & peanuts (can leave out the goat cheese if requested in advance) All dinners will include a mixed green salad, fresh vegetables, specialty breads, coffee, tea, or decaf, and New York Cheese Cake. Mail your reservations 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](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/fieldtripscurrent.htm) . Trips marked with ® require advance reservations. Questions about the field trips? or to make trip reservations, contact Field Trip Chair, Nancy Kenyon, at 949-786-3160, or [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net) . The status of each trip is posted on the webpage Field Trip Schedule.

## Monthly Bird Walk at Santiago Oaks

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

Join Linette Lina for a monthly bird walk at Santiago Oaks Regional Park at 7:30 am. **Directions:** Take the 55 freeway to Katella Ave in Orange. Exit and drive east on Katella 3.2 miles to Windes Dr. Turn left on Windes Dr. and follow the signs to the park. Be prepared to pay the \$5 entrance fee if you don't have a county parks pass. Meet in the upper end of the parking lot.

## Monthly Bird Walk at the SJWS

**2nd Sun: March 14, April 11, May 9 - 8:00 a.m.**

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

## Upper Newport Bay by small boat ®

**3rd Wed: (March & April trips are already full)  
May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18 - 8:15 a.m.**

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

*Nancy Kenyon, Leader*



## Owl Prowl at Starr Ranch ®

**Saturday, March 20 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

The Owl Prowl is a short nighttime excursion into Starr Ranch Sanctuary in search of owls. The evening will begin with an indoor orientation where we will watch the live owl cam and learn about the owls which inhabit Starr Ranch. We will then board the big open bed truck for a short ride into Bell Canyon to search for some owls. Advance reservations required; trip size is limited due to space on the truck. Trip fee is \$10. Make check payable to Sea and Sage Audubon and mail to: Owl Prowl, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Be sure to include your phone number for last minute trip updates and your email address or a stamped self-addressed long envelope for trip confirmation & information.

*Trip Leader: Pete DeSimone*

*Reservations: Nancy Kenyon, [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net)*

## Limestone Canyon ®

**Saturday, March 27 - 7:00 a.m.**

Limestone Canyon is one of the great remaining pieces of open space left in Orange County. This property has year-round water, and a patch-work of oak-sycamore, grassland and coastal sage scrub habitats as well as some of the most spectacular canyons in the county. Due to the amount of rainfall, early spring flowers should be excellent this year. The trail goes up and down a 900-ft elevation change, so wear sturdy hiking shoes, bring adequate water, snacks if you want them, binoculars and a digital camera (scope not required). We'll be done by noon. Group size limited to 15; advance reservations required. Directions to meeting spot will be given to those with reservations. Contact Nancy Kenyon for trip reservations at 949-786-3160 or [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net) .

*Bruce Aird, Leader*

## Irvine Regional Park

**Wednesday, March 31 — 8:00 a.m.**

Join us for a weekday walk in this regional park which supports an interesting array of birds, both resident and migratory. Birds you may expect to see and/or hear 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*

## East Mojave Weekend Campout ®

**Sat & Sun, April 10-11 — 7:00 am**

This spring desert trip will take place in the Mojave National Preserve, a desert area SE of Baker. This is a great chance to explore new desert areas and see desert birds and other wildlife. 4-wheel drive vehicles or those with good road clearance are advised for this trip; those without can carpool. When you make your reservation, please let me know if you have a high clearance vehicle or if you need to carpool with someone else who does. This will be a camping trip since motel accommodations are a long way away from the area we will be birding. The best place to camp is Hole-in-the-Wall campground. Information and directions will be provided to those with reservations. The habitat there is desert sage scrub. Target birds are: the desert thrashers — Bendire's, Crissal, LeConte's and



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# April & May overnight Field Trips

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

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## East Mojave Campout trip continued –

Sage. You may also see and/or hear Black-throated Sparrows and Phainopeplas. The group will also visit an area in higher elevation to search for Juniper Titmouse, Pinyon Jay & Ladder-backed Woodpecker. At another area, we will search for Scott's Oriole and a possible Gilded Flicker. On Sunday, the group may visit Zzyzx which is an oasis research station, or Pechalka Springs on the west side of Clark Mountain which can be an interesting spot for migrating birds. (This is dependent on a recent rainfall.) Another possibility may be the Kelso Dunes which contains the second tallest sand dunes in CA. The Lucy's Warbler is often found there.

**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. and Sun., April 17-18 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, enjoying the magnificent Eastern Sierra scenery and birding along the way. We hope to see Tule Elk and Black-billed Magpies on our drive. Later that afternoon, as well as on Sunday, we will caravan to various sites in the majestic Owens Valley in search of Bald & Golden Eagles, Red Crossbills, Pinyon Jays, Gray-crowned Rosy Finches, and six swallow species including Bank.

On Sunday, we will reassemble at 6 am and drive to the Greater Sage-Grouse strutting grounds (or 'lek') by the beginning of early morning light where we will watch the Sage-Grouse display. We will then caravan to Mammoth Village for a quick breakfast and clothes change, then return to Crowley Lake for the Sage Thrasher and Common Loon in breeding plumage. Depending on the road conditions, we may go NE over the nearby hills to spots for our picnic lunch and mountain birds such as Pinyon Jay, Cassin's Finch, Williamson's Sapsucker, White-headed Woodpecker & Black-backed Woodpecker. Lastly, we will be going through a traditional Swainson's Hawk breeding area as we bird our way home.

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

*Roy Poucher, Leader*

## Southern Sierra Spring Migrants and Vagrants Trip with Bob Barnes ®

**Friday, May 14 - Monday, May 17; 5:30 am Fri.**

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

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

### **BIRDS:**

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

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

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

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

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

*Bob Barnes, Leader*

# Education News

by Trude Hurd

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



## Summer 2010 Bat Walks

Don't let any more time go by before registering for one of nine bat walks scheduled for this summer. Our local bat biologist, Stephanie Remington, will give an excellent power point presentation and answer questions for about 30 minutes and then will lead the group out into the Marsh at dusk to observe two species of bats that fly through the Marsh eating mosquitoes and other bugs as they fly. Although the series does not start until Thursday, May 13, registration opens on March 1. Download a copy of the Bat Walks Enrollment Form from our website at [www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org). Fill it out and mail it, along with your check, to the address shown on the flyer. Priority will be given to those on the waiting list from 2009. Otherwise, participation will be assigned on a first come first served basis, beginning March 1. Register early. This is a very popular program and it fills quickly. If you have any questions or cannot download the enrollment form, call me at 949-726-0858. I'll see you on a BAT WALK!

—Helen Nicholas, Coordinator

## Taxidermy Birds Awaiting Sponsors

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

We'd like to say thank you to Carol Counter who sponsored an Anna's Hummingbird after our last request. The following birds can be sponsored for \$190 each: Lesser Goldfinch, American Goldfinch, Calliope Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird, Common Yellowthroat, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Wilson's Warbler and House Finch,

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

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

## 2010 Spring Brunches

Spring will have sprung before you know it! Our first brunch of spring 2010 will take place on Saturday, April 10. Registration for this series of five 4-course gourmet brunches held in the meadow behind the Duck Club opens March 1. It's a perfect way to introduce friends, family and neighbors to this jewel of Orange County. It's also a great birthday or anniversary present. Not only will brunch be served, but a seasoned naturalist will take you on a tour of the Marsh when plants are blooming and the babies of the animal residents are being born. The program is limited to adults only and we like to keep guest participation to 15. An enrollment form can be downloaded from our website at [www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org) and then filled out and mailed with your check to the address shown on the flyer. Participation will be assigned on a first come first served basis, beginning March 1. Register early to assure your choice of dates.. If you have any questions or cannot download the enrollment form, call me at 949-726-0858. COME, RELAX, AND ENJOY!

—Helen Nicholas, Coordinator

## Audubon Naturalist Volunteer Hours in 2009

In the February Tattler, we listed the top naturalist hours for 17 naturalists and students who donated over 100 hours during the year. Here is a revised list: Helen Nicholas - 500, Bev Spring - 477, Grace McElhiney - 456, Constance Cassady - 330, Dan Trinidad - 310, Pat Vranicar - 294, Bobbie Miller - 280, Teresa Cullen - 265, Bob McElhiney - 214, Deborah Brin - 202, Dawn Zuniga - 134, Hunter Craft (student) - 124, Tim Maas - 120, Andrea Hendrixson (student) - 111, Trude Hurd - 254, Gretchen Mavrovouniotis - 102, Pat Sparks - 100.

## Summer Nature Day Camps

Registration is now open for our Sea & Sage Audubon Summer Nature Day Camps. Some of them are filling up fast and one session is already full. Below are the camp dates. Full information can be found on our chapter web site, or pick up a camp brochure at Audubon House. Make this summer a special one for a child in your family!

- **Fledgling Camp** (7-8 year olds) June 28 - July 2
- **Marsh Bird camp** (9-12 year olds)
  - Session 1: June 28 - July 2
  - Session 2: July 5 - 9
- **Birds, Bugs and Blossoms** (11 + years)
- **Advanced Bird Camp** (11+ years)
  - Week 1: July 19 - 23 (This week is already full.)
  - Week 2: July 26 - 31

## Receiving the Tattler

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

## Your Membership Payment

### Tattler Delivery

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

### Tattler Subscriptions

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

### Remember Us in Your Will or Trust

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

### DIRECTIONS

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

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

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

### Your Audubon Membership Payment and Donations

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



## Audubon Membership Application

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

**National Audubon Society Membership: Check one [✓]**

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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 2010

02	Tues	Conservation Committee Meeting.....	6:30 pm
05	Fri	Photographers' Meeting.....	7:30 pm
5-6	Fri/Sat	Animal Behavior & Tracking Class.....	8:00 am
06	Sat	Owl Prowl at Starr Ranch (full).....	6:30 pm
07	Sun	Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk.....	7:30 am
09	Tues	Board Meeting.....	7:30 pm
13	Sat	Owl Prowl at Starr Ranch (full).....	6:30 pm
14	Sun	SJWS Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
17	Wed	UNB by small boat (full).....	8:15 am
19	Fri	ANNUAL DINNER.....	6:00 pm
20	Sat	Warbler Workshop with Jon Dunn.....	9:00 am
20	Sat	Owl Prowl at Starr Ranch.....	6:30 pm
27	Sat	Limestone Canyon trip.....	7:00 am
31	Wed	Irvine Regional Park trip.....	8:00 am

### April 2010

03	Sat	Villa Park Flood Basin trip.....	8:00 am
04	Sun	Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk.....	7:30 am
06	Tues	Conservation Committee Meeting.....	6:30 pm
10/11	S/S	East Mojave weekend campout trip.....	7:00 am
11	Sun	SJWS Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
16	Fri	GENERAL MEETING.....	7:30 pm
17/18	S/S	Eastern Sierra weekend trip.....	7:30 am
21	Wed	UNB by small boat (full).....	8:15 am
18 - 24		Great Marsh Bird Count .....	day & hours are up to you
24	Sat	Birdathon.....	hours are up to you
27	Tues	Conservation Lecture.....	7:30 pm
30	Fri	Huntington Central Park trip.....	8:00 am