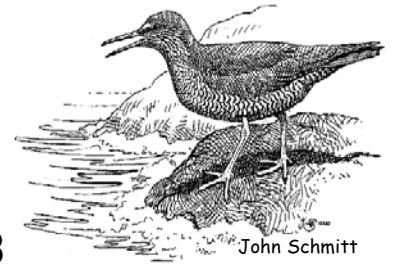


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Important Bird Areas What They Are and Why They Matter

by Jay Miller, President

Before I get into my article I would like to encourage everyone to participate in the Great Marsh Bird Count on Sunday, April 26. Why? It's something new, you can get together with your friends, meet new ones, have pizza, and have lots of fun. For the details, please read page 6.

Now, here is the information on Important Bird Areas. Marquita and I recently attended the 2009 Audubon California Assembly at Asilomar in Pacific Grove. The theme of the conference was conservation. Although the presenters were realistic about the challenges we face, most of the conference was upbeat. We learned a lot about issues facing other California chapters. I want you all to know that Sea and Sage is very well thought of.

One of the big themes of the conference was the concept of Important Bird Areas. The following information is what I gleaned from publications that I received at the conference and from the internet.

Important Bird Areas (IBAs) are special sites that provide habitat for groups of birds during breeding, wintering or migration seasons. The IBAs are important because the birds that use them are threatened or endangered, have small or limited ranges, or are vulnerable because they occur in large flocks (such as waterfowl or shorebirds). The IBA was created as a worldwide effort by Birdlife International in the 1980's. Audubon California administers the program in California.

Audubon California and state parks have collaborated on projects that benefit birds and other wildlife on state park lands. Audubon members have volunteered to work on education programs and to improve habitat by planting native plants and working on other resource management techniques. In 2007, Audubon California established an endowment to sponsor conservation actions in state parks. The endowment supports IBA projects through habitat restoration, monitoring and public education.

The Orange County IBAs are: Camp Pendleton, Central Orange County Preserves (such as O'Neill Regional Park/Oso Reservoir and Thomas F. Riley Wilderness Park), and Orange Coast Wetlands (such as Bolsa Chica and Upper Newport Bay). Puente-Chino Hills, San Joaquin Hills and Southern Orange County Preserves.

As you can tell, IBA's are very important for the birds we love to see and need to protect. You can learn more by visiting <http://ca.audubon.org/iba> to view maps, photos, and descriptions of California's Important Bird Areas.

General Meeting

Friday evening, May 15th

"Recovery Program of Hawaii's Endangered Forest Birds"

presented by Alan Lieberman

Jay and I heard Alan Lieberman speak several months ago about recovery efforts to save endemic birds in Hawaii. We were so impressed we asked him that night if he could come to Sea and Sage and do his presentation.

Alan earned an undergraduate degree in Zoology from San Diego State University in 1972, and began working for the San Diego Zoo in 1973. He has been Curator of Birds, Curator of Reptiles, Conservation Program Manager and most recently Associate Director, for the Zoo's Institute for Conservation Research. Alan also has worked for The Nature Conservancy-International Program and the Peace Corps Environmental Program in Colombia, and for The Peregrine Fund in Hawaii. He is responsible for managing the Hawaii Endangered Bird Conservation Program as well as the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center.

The San Diego Zoo's Hawaii Endangered Bird Conservation Program is playing a role as an "endangered species bank account" for the re-establishment of endemic Hawaiian forest bird species into managed habitat. This captive propagation effort helps to secure the future of species that might otherwise go extinct, while their habitat is being identified, reserves are being designed, and management measures are being implemented in native Hawaiian habitats. The captive program, based on many years of technological advances in zoos and private aviculture, has saved at least one Hawaiian species from extinction. Currently, the program manages five Hawaiian species at the Maui and Keauhou Bird Conservation Centers, as well as three active release programs.

Alan's engaging talk will most certainly make you want to go to Hawaii to see some of their endemic birds which we are not familiar with here on the mainland. They are precious little treasures and the efforts that are going into saving them are truly inspiring.

The doors open at 7:00 and the meeting starts at 7:30. We meet in the new Education Center building at 5 Riparian View in Irvine. For those who like to come early, Audubon House and its popular Bookstore will be open before the meeting (from 6:30 to 7:15 pm). See directions to our meeting location on page 11 in this issue.

Marquita Miller, Programs Chair

Conservation News

by Scott Thomas



Our Conservation Committee Meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the 1st Tues. of the month in the Blue House. Our 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture Series are at 7:00 pm in the Education Center. We hope you will join us! Susan Sheakley 949-552-5974

Urban Sanctuaries Campaign

For the past 15 years or so, the Conservation Committee and others have been wrestling with the growing problem of untimely tree trimming and its impact on nesting birds. Several years back we launched the "Urban Sanctuaries Campaign" in an effort to focus the attention of the entire chapter on the challenges facing birds in Orange County. We have had some successes and some disappointments. We have some great friends out there that are doing their best to help protect birds and then we have those who still don't get it. I wanted to share just a few of this year's success stories and some of its challenges.

First, let's start with some of the bright spots. Orange County Parks have been working with Sea and Sage Audubon for many years to develop responsible guidelines for maintenance in the parks. They do their best to schedule and perform major tree trimming work prior to, and after the nesting season, which we are very grateful for. In past years, there have been a few glitches, but 2009 was basically a flawless year. Thanks to the management of OC Parks and a great crew of park rangers, major tree work was completed prior to March 1st, which saves a whole bunch of birds and nests. Our hats are off to OC Parks!

The Cities of Irvine and Mission Viejo have also been helpful. While both cities do some tree work year round, a practice we wish would stop, both of them work with their maintenance departments and contracted workers to avoid the obvious and most sensitive species and nests, such as raptors. In some case they work directly with Sea and Sage Audubon to help identify and avoid problem areas.

The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), US Fish and Wildlife Service, and California Coastal Commission have all been very helpful and supportive in recent years in helping us deal with the worst problems. They have limited staff and budget challenges, so we can't rely on them to be everywhere, or to address every situation, but we do appreciate their help.

In south Irvine this spring we had an unfortunate clash of the good, the bad, and the ugly of tree trimming. A Homeowners Association scheduled major maintenance for their trees a bit too late in the year. This resulted in significant threats to nesting White-tailed Kites, Red-tailed Hawks, and many other birds. A couple of our friends and Sea and Sage Audubon members, Reggie Durant and Lori Whalen, found themselves in the middle of the tree trimming debate. Thanks to their efforts, we managed to save the most important nests, but many others were probably lost. Things got very hot as Reggie and Lori worked with CDFG and the Irvine Animal Services to try

and stop the late work. As these things often go, the parties involved were very passionate and arguments ensued. Despite some much appreciated help from Irvine Animal Services, tree work continued after it should have, which probably resulted in the loss of some smaller bird nests and breeding opportunities. We hope that after things cool down we might be able to work with the Homeowners Association to help them plan better for future tree work.

There were probably other situations this year that turned out well because of our many friends good work, and many more that went poorly. But where do we go from here to make things even better next year? First we need to thank all our friends, the ones we've mentioned already, and the many more who care for birds and other wildlife, and ask them for their continued support. We need to reach out and educate more people about the problems of untimely tree trimming. We need to consider how to help the tree trimming industry make long term changes to their tree trimming practices. And, we need a coordinated effort from wildlife agencies, civic leaders, Audubon, and other organizations, to protect nesting birds.

If you want to do more to help protect birds, please come to a Conservation Meeting and join the Urban Sanctuaries Campaign to help us seek solutions.

See the Web Site for more info

—Scott Thomas



4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture Series "Conservation of the Tejon Ranch"

*presented by Graham Chisholm,
Executive Director of Audubon California*

**May 26th, 7:00 pm, Education Center
San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, Irvine
(Directions on page 11)**

Graham Chisholm has been leading the conservation efforts of Audubon California for the last 4 years. The Tejon Ranch Conservation Agreement, announced in May 2008, secures 375 square miles of California's largest contiguous land holding. The ranch is at the crossroads of four distinct ecological regions and home to innumerable rare species including California Condor, San Joaquin Kit Fox, Spotted Owl and many more.

Graham will be discussing the biological importance of Tejon Ranch and will explain the conservation agreement, which came after 2 years of intensive negotiations, and discuss how Audubon and its partners were able to reach

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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>

4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture Series "Conservation of the Tejon Ranch"

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agreement with the Tejon Ranch Company. He will also tell us about the newly formed Tejon Ranch Conservancy, as well as speak about some of the controversy surrounding the Conservation Agreement.

Long time Sea and Sage member Pete Bloom worked on the Tejon Ranch Agreement with Graham. Pete will join Graham to answer questions and maybe say a few words about his participation in the agreement and how it relates to conservation of the California Condor.

Graham worked for 10 years with The Nature Conservancy, then started the Great Basin Bird Observatory, and completed the Nevada Breeding Bird Atlas before coming to Audubon California in the Emeryville office. He is making a special trip to southern California to give us this presentation which promises to be interesting and insightful.

Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in April and May: Sonia Appell, Donna & Mike Augustine, Charlie Austin, Pat & Dick Cabe, Barbara Chidester, Carolyn Cooper, Pam Degarimore, Tom Drouet, Fresia Escalona, Judy Fritts, Beverly Hargrove, Pat Heilig, Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Rosemary Price, Shirley Price, Betty Purdy, Barbara Reber, John Shaddy, Mary Shandy, 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.

Volunteers Needed to Help the Terns



Volunteers are needed to help monitor the Least Tern colony at Huntington State Beach. We watch for breeding behavior, eggs, chicks, fledglings, predators and record our observations; we also help to educate the public about the tern colony. Volunteers get free entry to the state beach. Check our chapter webpage for full information on this project. To volunteer, contact Cheryl Egger at 714-842-9232 or dc.egger@verizon.net.

Calling All Photographers of the SJWS

Sea and Sage Audubon is going to produce a 2010 small desk calendar. The theme is "Birds and Mammals of the San Joaquin Marsh". Each month will show a different photo. The calendar will be similar to the Sparrow calendar of 2008. Our goal is to feature 12 different photographers. We are inviting all digital photographers to submit up to 3 photos. The photos should be emailed to Donelda Warhurst at doneldaw@gmail.com by Aug 1, 2009. The photos must be email-sized files, which will not overload Donelda's email. After the 12 photos for the calendar are selected, we will contact you in late August to email a high quality file of the selected shot. There will not be any payment for the photos, but you will get credit on the picture. The photos must be taken at the marsh or be of a bird or animal that frequents the marsh. Please keep in mind that the finished size will be about 3.5" x 3", so close ups are best. We look forward to highlighting your work and the wonderful wildlife viewing opportunities the marsh can provide. More details about the calendar will follow in the coming months.

Camp Scholarships

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 camp 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. See our chapter webpage for information about our summer camp program: <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Education/Camp/NatureDayCamp.html>

Bookstore News

The embroidered shorebird bucket hats and new line of earrings are back in stock after selling out quickly last month. New book titles include: *Princeton Field Guide to Dragonflies and Damselflies of the West*, *Birdsong by the Seasons* (book & cd) by Kroodsma, *Prairie Spring* by Pete Dunne, *The Frogs and Toads of NA* (book and cd), and *America's National Wildlife Refuges* (2nd ed)

Dana Point Headlands Preserve

The City of Dana Point is currently seeking volunteers to work at the Dana Point Headlands Nature Interpretive Center which is scheduled to open sometime this summer; volunteers are also needed to lead interpretive hikes along the trail system of the open space parks. Interested volunteers should contact Jeff Rosaler, at 949-371-7308 or jrosaler@danapoint.org.

More Chapter News & Announcements



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Adult Research Camps at Starr Ranch Reptiles & Amphibians: Biology and Research Techniques



Spend a weekend at beautiful Starr Ranch Sanctuary learning some of the techniques used by herpetologists to study amphibians and reptiles (herps) in the field. We will begin with an introduction to the biology and ecology of amphibians and reptiles before learning identification and natural history of some of the common herps on the Ranch. Later in the afternoon, campers will use radio telemetry to simulate a study of snake movement that will include a GIS analysis of the data. In the evening, we'll conduct a night time herp survey in Bell Canyon that may include night driving and frog hunting depending on the condition of our streams. Sunday morning we will conduct a comparison of herp diversity in several Ranch habitats using live trapping arrays.

Dates and Times: 1 pm Sat, May 30 - noon Sun, May 31
Cost: \$90/bunkhouse; \$85/camping
(Sat. dinner and Sun. breakfast provided)

Space is limited.

For reservations, call 949-858-0131
Questions? call 949-858-0309.
www.starr-ranch.org



Slate of Officers and Directors for 2009

The following slate of officers and directors was placed in nomination at the Annual Dinner on March 20, 2009. There were no nominations from the floor.

President: Jay Miller
Vice President: Susan Sheakley
Secretary: Gretchen McCausland
Treasurer: Hal Sheakley
Director 2012: Carolyn Noble
Director 2012: Steve Jelnick

The voting will take place on May 15, 2009, at the May General Meeting.

*Respectfully submitted by the Nominating
Committee (Susan Sheakley and Marquita Miller)*

Annual Dinner Photos & CBC Reports

Due to a lack of space in the Tattler, I have been unable to include photos from the Annual Dinner or the reports from the 2008 Christmas Bird Counts. However, both the photos and the CBC reports can be found on our chapter webpage. Please check them out! —N. Kenyon

Our Annual Dinner and Silent Auction

157 people attended our 2009 Annual Dinner on March 20 at the Mile Square Park Banquet Center. Many people commented on how much they liked the new location, the close proximity of the parking area, the nice way the room was set up to accommodate our group, and the delicious food. Everyone enjoyed the social hour before dinner with the no-host bar and the opportunity to look at the displays and make the rounds at the Silent Auction tables where a large number of interesting items were so artfully laid out by Cheryl Thomas.

Dick Zembal received the Fern Zimmerman Conservation Award and Letters of Commendation were presented to Scott Ferguson, Erin Wilson, and Ken Corey. The Gallagher Award was presented to Doug Willick. All of us enjoyed Paul Lehman's program on "Migrant and Vagrant Traps in North America." It was definitely a memorable evening! The following morning, Paul presented a very interesting workshop on "Weather and Bird Migration."

We would like to thank all the people who worked together to make this event such a success. The unstinting efforts of Cheryl Thomas's work on the Silent Auction deserves special recognition. Organizing the auction was a big undertaking and Cheryl began planning for it 11 months in advance, putting in many long hours on the project. Thank you, Cheryl, for doing such a great job!

We would also like to thank the following for their generous contributions to the auction: Air Tran Airlines, Ann Zemer, Anonymous, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, Barbara Chidester, Betsy Flynn, the Borren Family, Carolyn Biller, Ginny Chester, Christine Cooper, Cygnet Theater, David Meyer, DeeDee McGann-Gollwitzer, Fairmont - Newport, First Colony Inn, Fleming Steak House, Grand Canyon Railway, Grand Hotel Mackinac Island, Greg Sullivan, Harbin Hot Springs, Heron's Dance, Jason Gabarra - Herradura Co, Karly Moore, Kira Melman, Korakia Pensione, Kris Hanna, Laguna Playhouse, Lee Child, Margaret Carlberg, MaryAnn Desmond, Michael Do, Michelle Russi, Nancy Swan, Napa Valley Wine Train, Pala Casino, Paula Deen, Peter Bloom, Robert and Catherine Waters, Ron Wilson, Sea and Sage Audubon, Sony Pictures Studio, Southwest Airlines, Susan Schwartz, The Bluebird Society, The Inn at Laguna Beach, Viking River Cruises, Vineyard Vines, Viva Terra, and Volcano Island Honey Company. Next year's Annual Dinner will be Friday, March 19, 2010.

—NK

Don Marlowe

Don Marlowe passed away in early April. He was a faithful supporter of our chapter, attended all our meetings and always pitched in to help out at our Pancake Breakfast, Summer BBQ and other chapter events. We will miss Don.

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 terms of the county's avian highlights over the last month (i.e., March 2009), it was a definite "mixed bag." There were several rarities found earlier in the season that continued to linger at their winter hangouts. There were a few new rarities found that had undoubtedly been wintering locally, but that had previously gone undiscovered. And there were also a few interesting reports of early spring arrivals. To start off, several of Bolsa Chica's star winter attractions continued to make appearances, including at least one **Reddish Egret** and an **American Bittern** (through at least Mar. 21), the young male **White-winged Scoter** (through at least Mar. 30), and a few **Greater Scaup**. A few of the county's wintering **Eurasian Wigeons** continued (e.g., at least one of the Upper Newport Bay birds). **Hooded Mergansers** were again reported from San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS), with five till at least Mar. 6, and from Oso Creek on Mar. 14 (which included five at the Mission Viejo Country Club and two at Forbes Road). A **Least Bittern** was again detected at Laguna Niguel Regional Park (LNRP), Mar. 21. An out-of-place **Red-throated Loon** at Huntington Central Park's (HCP) Huntington Lake since early Feb. was still present Mar. 8.

A first-year **Bald Eagle** known to be wintering along the upper Santa Ana River was last reported on about Mar. 7. On Mar. 21 one of Doheny State Beach's **Glaucous Gulls** was again among the large gull flocks that typically congregate at the mouth of San Juan Creek. A **Hairy Woodpecker** found at Carbon Canyon Regional Park (CCRP) in Feb. was again reported Mar. 15; this species rarely occurs in the county away from the upper Santa Ana Mountains. The adult male **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** wintering at Santiago Oaks Regional Park for its *seventh* consecutive year was apparently last seen on Mar. 14. One of the county's biggest winter highlights was the **Yellow-throated Vireo** at HCP; on Mar. 8, this bird was rediscovered (and was even singing), after going unreported for almost two months. Other birds of interest wintering this year at HCP were also refound on Mar. 8, including a **Hermit Warbler**, a **MacGillivray's Warbler**, and a **White-throated Sparrow**. A wintering **Brown Creeper** was still in Irvine Mar. 15. The male **Pine Warbler**, back for its third consecutive winter at Estancia Park, was easier to refind Mar. 26-28, now that it has begun singing regularly. Other warblers of note known to be wintering included a **Black-and-white Warbler** (last reported Mar. 26) and an **American Redstart** (last reported Apr. 1), both at Mason Regional Park.

There was a variety of new discoveries that likely involved birds that had been wintering locally. These included, for example, a **Ross's Goose** at Greer Park, Mar. 20 (Bill Miller), and a **Cackling Goose** (possibly of the Aleutian subspecies) at Oso Reservoir, Mar. 8-22 (Bruce Aird). Most interesting was the discovery of a male **Eurasian Green-winged Teal** (also known as "Common Teal") at Upper Newport Bay (UNB), Mar. 3-7 (Robert Hamilton, Gene Cardiff, et al.). Including this year, a male Common Teal has now turned up at UNB during six of the last seven winters. Adding to the nearly two dozen **Hooded**

Mergansers found in the county this past winter, 2 more were in little El Modena Park, Mar. 23 (Neil Gilbert).

Possibly the county's second **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** of the season was reported from CCRP on Mar. 7 (Valerie Wheeler). A male **Vermilion Flycatcher** turned up at SJWS, Mar. 14 (Jeff Keen); this individual may have been wintering in the vicinity of SJWS, such as at the nearby Rancho San Joaquin Golf Course. While looking for the Hairy Woodpecker that had recently been discovered at CCRP, birders uncovered a few other birds of interest, such as a **Brown Creeper**, Mar. 14-15 (Robert McNab), a **Red-breasted Nuthatch**, Mar. 14 (Brian Daniels), and **Lawrence's Goldfinch**, Mar. 15 (N. Gilbert). At Blue Jay Campground, in the Santa Ana Mountains, a **Townsend's Solitaire** and up to 20 **Purple Finches** were present on Mar. 15 (B. Daniels and Leo Ohtsuki). A **Summer Tanager** was a late winter surprise in a Laguna Niguel yard, Mar. 29 (R. McNab), as was a **Swamp Sparrow** at LNRP, Mar. 21 (N. Gilbert). A "**Red**" **Fox Sparrow** in the Santa Ana Mountains, off Ortega Highway, Mar. 21 (Jon Dunn), was exceptional; fewer than ten have ever been documented in the county, and none had previously been recorded from the mountains. A "**Thick-billed**" **Fox Sparrow** along the edge of Oso Reservoir, Mar. 15 (B. Aird), was one of perhaps two or three reported in the county this winter.

A variety of the more expected early spring migrants and summer visitors were noted in March, such as Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Warbling Vireo, Black-throated Gray and Wilson's Warblers, Bullock's and Hooded Orioles, etc. Along the coast, the first **Elegant Terns** returned to Bolsa Chica, Mar. 9 (Peter Knapp), where upwards of 100 birds were present. More significantly, the first **Gull-billed Tern** of the season was at Bolsa on Mar. 26 (P. Knapp). Although one can only speculate at this point, it appears that Gull-billeds may soon become established as a regular summer visitor and possible breeder in the county. Currently, along the coast of southern California this species is only known to breed in San Diego Bay. Prior to last summer, there had only been three accepted records for the county. In 2008, however, as many as 10 to 12 Gull-billed Terns appeared at three different coastal sites (Bolsa Chica, UNB, Talbert Marsh). One even made a brief visit to SJWS, a bit surprising given this species' affinity for coastal estuaries.

Elsewhere, a **Grasshopper Sparrow** in the Hicks Canyon area, Mar. 7 (Leigh Johnson) was somewhat early (if not wintering in the area). **Rufous Hummingbirds** were on the move in March, such as two males that were frequenting flowering Eucalyptus in an Orange residential area, Mar. 4 (N. Gilbert). Five **Cattle Egrets** flying over El Modena Park, Mar. 28 (N. Gilbert), were apparently on the move.

Well, spring is here once again. Whether it be a coastal estuary, or a favorite park or nature area, May can be a great time to get out and enjoy the sights and sounds of the outdoors.

Celebrate with us at the Great Marsh Bird Count!



Introducing "The Great Marsh Bird Count"
A Friendly Competition and Celebration at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary.

When: Sunday, April 26, 2009.
Sunrise to 2:00 pm - Birding
3:00 pm - Pizza Party for participants in Birdathon and the Great Marsh Bird Count

Where: San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (trails and ponds) and the San Diego Creek Channel

What is it? A competition and fundraiser, like Birdathon, that takes place solely at the Marsh, followed by a party to celebrate the chapter's programs

Prizes: Door prizes — Most Species — Most Money* — Most Sponsors *
(*These prizes will be awarded at the Summer BBQ)

Entry Fee: \$5 OR 2 sponsors, for each team member

You are invited to form a team and participate in the Great Marsh Bird Count at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary on Sunday, April 26. Bird anytime - all the time, if you want - between sunrise and 2:00 PM. Count the species you can identify by sight or sound from the trails around the ponds and in the "woodlands" and along the San Diego Creek Channel between Campus and Michelson. Get your friends, family and business associates to sponsor you.

What is a team? 1 to 4 people. You can bird alone or have up to 3 people join you. Teams must bird together in one party and at least 2 members of the team must identify a bird to count it.

What happens at 2:00 PM? Stop birding, add up your species and turn in your bird list to the officials at the Marsh. Then join us for Cold Drinks, Pizza, and Prizes.

Deadline to Sign Up: Friday, April 24.

The Great Marsh Bird Count Participation Form



I want to participate in the Great Marsh Bird Count on Sunday, April 26.

____ Enclosed is my \$5 entry fee OR ____ I will get 2 or more people to sponsor me and I will send in the money after I do the Great Marsh Bird Count. (Sponsor sign-up form is on the Sea and Sage website.)

My Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

My Team Name: _____

If you would like to be a part of the Great Marsh Bird Count, please complete this form and deliver to Audubon House or mail it to: Sea & Sage Audubon, PO Box 5447, Irvine CA 92616. For more information, contact Nancy Kenyon at (949) 786-3160 or by email at nancykenyon@cox.net. If you plan to attend the Pizza Party for the Great Marsh Bird Count participants and sponsors at 3:00 PM on Sunday, April 26, please indicate the number in your party. _____

May 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, May 3 & June 7 - 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

Spring Migrants at Huntington Central Park — Saturday, May 9 - 8:00 am

Huntington Central Park is considered by many birders to be one of the best places in Orange County to find migratory birds. We hope you will join Pat & Dick Cabe for this morning trip to look for spring migrants. The trip will end at 12 noon. **Directions:** We will meet in the Slater Street parking lot of Huntington Central Park which is just east of the intersection of Slater and Goldenwest in Huntington Beach. From the #405 Frwy, take Goldenwest south to Slater and turn left; the park entrance will be on your right.

Pat & Dick Cabe, Leaders

Monthly Bird Walks at the SJWS Sundays, May 10 & June 14 - 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

Big Morongo Preserve & Vicinity Sunday, May 10 - 7:00 am

Big Morongo Preserve is a mecca for migratory birds as well as resident desert species. This willow-cottonwood, riparian oasis, with a year-round stream, surrounded by mesquite woodland and desert, attracts a wide variety of birds including the nesting Vermilion Flycatcher, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Summer Tanager, Yellow-breasted

Chat, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Lucy's Warbler, Gambel's Quail, Verdin, and often, many migrants. Least Bell's Vireos, Sora and Virginia Rail may be found in the marsh beneath the cottonwoods. The late spring date means we may encounter a bewildering array of flycatchers as migrants. The nearby Black Rock unit of Joshua Tree National Park adds true desert birds such as Scott's Oriole, Black-throated Sparrow, Cactus Wren (interior subspecies) and Costa's Hummingbird to the mix.

An excellent source of information about the preserve can be found on the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve website at: www.bigmorongo.org

Directions: Take the Riverside Frwy. (#91) to the San Bernardino Frwy. (#10) towards Palm Springs. Drive past Banning and the Palm Springs exit to #62, the Yucca Valley/Joshua Tree exit where you should turn off. Drive approximately 7 miles to the center of Morongo Valley. Turn right on East Street across from Rocky's Pizza; then take the first driveway to the left, into the preserve parking lot where we will meet. Bring binoculars, a hat, water, snack, jacket & lunch. For trip participants who arrive before 7:00, we will be birding in Covington Park, adjacent to the Big Morongo Preserve.

Bruce Aird, Leader

Yorba Regional Park (Bluebirds & others) Saturday, May 16 - 8:00 am

Join Tom Croom to find nesting Western Bluebirds at Yorba Regional Park. Tom is responsible for monitoring a number of the bluebird nest boxes here, so he'll know where to locate active nest boxes and will be able to explain all about the nesting behavior of these beautiful birds. This park is also a great place to find a variety of spring migrants, so after spending some time with the bluebirds, Tom will lead the group to some other locations that are good for birding. **Directions:** Yorba Park is located in NE Anaheim. From central Orange County, take the Costa Mesa Frwy. (#55) east; continue east when #55 merges with the Riverside Frwy. #91. Exit on Imperial Hwy. (#90) and proceed north approximately 1/4 mile, crossing the Santa Ana River to La Palma Avenue. At La Palma, turn right (east) and drive approximately 1-1/2 miles to the park entrance. Be prepared to pay the \$5 entrance fee if you don't have a county parks pass. Meet in the first parking lot. —*Tom Croom, Leader*

Upper Newport Bay by small boat ®

Wednesday, May 20 - 8:15 am

Contact Nancy Kenyon for reservations at 949-786-3160 or by email at nancykenyon@cox.net **before May 4.**

Thank you so much

The following is the final printing of the friends and members who responded to the annual appeal letter with a donation. In these chaotic financial times, your donations are greatly appreciated.
Thank you again

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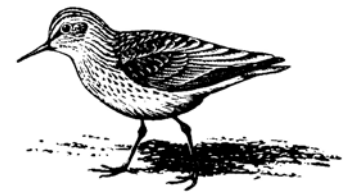
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Education News

Trude Hurd, Project Director of Marsh Education

For more information about our Education program, visit our chapter webpage at —
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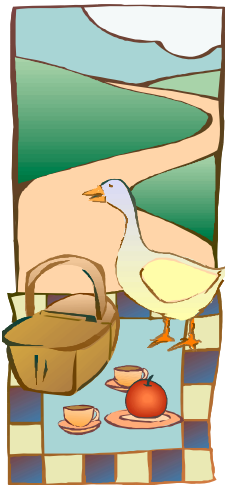
PLAN AHEAD for these Summer Activities!

SUMMER BBQ: Sat, July 25. We've got a great program planned; full information in the June Tattler. Save the date!

FLEDGLING CAMP: June 22-26 for children 7-8 years. 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. \$165/180 per camper.

MARSH BIRD CAMP: July 6-10 or July 13-17 for campers 9-12 yrs. 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. \$185/200 per camper.

ADVANCED BIRD CAMP: This camp is already filled.



Spring Brunches

There's still time to invite that special someone to one of our Spring Brunches served in the beautiful surroundings of the meadow and the butterfly garden. It's a perfect opportunity to introduce to the Marsh those who have not yet made its discovery. A special invitation is made to all members of the Chapter Board who have not yet had the pleasure of attending. Please see the website for more details and dates, www.seaandsageaudubon.org. Or, call Helen Nicholas at 949-726-0858.

Summer Camp Reunion

A great time was had by about 30 returning campers at our Annual Reunion held on March 22 in the new Education Building. Even though it was very windy, the group saw over 40 different species of birds on our bird walk. After the walk and tally, we painted feathers on a piece of tile and all the kids did a great job and took them home with pride. Playing in the wind with the parachute was very challenging but such fun. After having a dinner of pizza, salads, and cupcakes for dessert, the group went home with the anticipation of another summer camp to come. Our Advanced Camps are now full and we are signing up children for Marsh Camp every day. If you know of a 7 or 8 year old who has nothing to do, talk about signing them up for our Fledgling Camp which is a great start for upcoming birders.

—Bev Spring

Summer Bat Walks

Although the 2009 summer season of bat walks does not start until May 14, registration opened on March 2 and all but one of the walks are already full. If you've been thinking of experiencing a bat walk, I suggest that you immediately visit the chapter website at: www.seaandsageaudubon.org and follow the links for details and get an enrollment form. Or, call Helen Nicholas at 949-726-0858. Time is of the essence for participation in this summer's program.

—Helen Nicholas

Art Meets Science

The gratitude we receive from students, teachers and parents attending the Art Meets Science tour is amazing! Our Art Meets Science tour starts out with a field trip to the Irvine Museum. At the museum, the children learn about plein air art, look at the paintings on display and hear a lecture by the museum docents on California artists.

When the tour at the museum is over, the children come next by bus to the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Watching them get off the bus and look around at the beauty of the sanctuary is a joy. Some children and adults have never set foot inside a wildlife sanctuary before, so the tour is a real treat.

We divide the children into smaller groups, introduce ourselves and review what they saw at the museum. We teach the children the connection between art and science and explain how both scientists and artists observe and interpret nature and our environment.

As a tour leader, showing the children around the sanctuary is a lot of fun. I enjoy their field drawings, their questions and observations about nature and art. I love to see a child's reaction to birds and animals never seen before; their ooh's and ahh's are wonderful to experience. The children are stimulating and enlightening to teach. I learn as much from them as they do from me!

After our tour and field note gathering, we lead the children to the new Education Center and proceed to create a mural from our experiences in the sanctuary. The art produced by the children is colorful, expressive and fun. We hear a lot of thank yous and praise at this stage of the tour, which is always wonderful to receive.

The Art Meets Science program is a great success due to our creative art and science volunteers and Education Project Director. Big thank yous go to Deborah Brin, Pat Cabe, Mary Jo Carew, Christine Cooper, Christine Dickey, Elizabeth Glazner, Marquita Miller, David Randel, Dianne Ravin, and Trude Hurd. Volunteer guides are needed, appreciated and wanted for next year, so we invite you to come join the fun!

—Christine Cooper, co-coordinator of Art Meets Science

Project Director's Note: Art Meets Science is Sea and Sage Audubon's new field program for elementary school children. This school year, over 400 students in 15 Tustin and Irvine classes participated in our scholarship program, thanks to funding from an anonymous foundation and the Joan Irvine Smith and Athalie R. Clarke Foundation.



Chapter Financial Report - 2008

	Chapter Operations (Excluding Educ. Project)	San Joaquin Marsh Education Project	Combined
BALANCE SHEET			
Assets			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash & Equivalents	102,570	95,185	197,755
Investments	336,145		336,145
Other Current Assets	31,015		31,015
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	469,730	95,185	564,915
FIXED ASSETS			
Furniture & Equipment, etc.	2,628	0	2,628
TOTAL ASSETS	472,358	95,185	567,543
Liabilities and Equity			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Restricted Funds and Payables	13,926		13,926
TOTAL LIABILITIES	13,926		13,926
EQUITY			
Endowment Fund	295,029		295,029
General Fund	102,133		102,133
Conservation Fund	61,270		61,270
San Joaquin Marsh Fund		95,185	95,185
TOTAL EQUITY	458,432	95,185	553,617
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	472,358	95,185	567,543
INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT			
Income			
Chapter Transfer to Marsh Education Project		21,200	* see note
Dues Split	7,960		7,960
Direct Mail Appeal	27,031		27,031
Other Donations	2,399	1,545	3,944
Grants		68,000	68,000
Merchandise Sales - Bookstore	29,495		29,495
Other Income **	124,755	36,510	161,265
TOTAL INCOME	191,640	127,255	297,695*
Expenses			
Chapter Transfer to Marsh Education Project	21,200		*see note
Education Program Expenses		103,407	103,407
Newsletter Publication	11,433		11,433
Committee Expenses	13,238		13,238
Cost of Sales - Bookstore	28,487		28,487
Other Chapter Expenses	130,688		130,688
TOTAL EXPENSES	205,046	103,407	287,253*
NET ORDINARY INCOME	(13,406)	23,848	10,442
INTEREST AND INVESTMENT INCOME	(97,564)	1,549	(96,015)
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(110,970)	25,397	(85,573)
* Note: Internal transfer of \$21,200 not shown in combined totals.			
** Chapter Income includes \$60,500 transferred from Conservation Fund Reserve Account.			

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

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

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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

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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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May 2009

03 Sun	Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk.....	7:30 am
05 Tues	Conservation Committee Meeting.....	6:30 pm
09 Sat	Spring Migrants at Huntington Central Park....	8:00 am
10 Sun	SJWS Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
10 Sun	Big Morongo Preserve & Vicinity.....	7:00 am
12 Tues	Board Meeting.....	7:30 pm
14 Thurs	Bat Walk.....	7:00 pm
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20 Wed	UNB by small boat.....	8:15 am
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26 Tues	4th Tues Conservation Lecture Series.....	7:00 pm

June 2009

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26-29	F-M Kern River extended weekend trip.....	tba