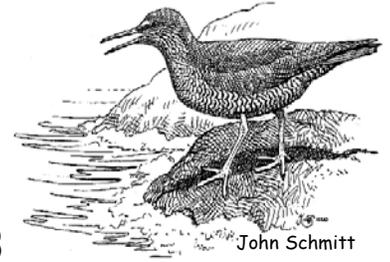


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The Voice of SEA AND SAGE AUDUBON, an Orange County Chapter of the National Audubon Society

We Did It Without Botox

by Jay Miller, president

Last year I wrote often about the new Blue House which is our new administrative building for education, conservation and chapter activities. However, the face of Sea and Sage, to most of its members and visitors to the Marsh is the Audubon House. By moving our administrative functions out of the Audubon House, we were able to make many much needed changes.

The Audubon House committee members are Susan Sheakley, Al Baumann and Nancy Kenyon. They have done a fantastic job. First, they sought input from everyone whose work at the Marsh would be affected. This included our sales manager, librarians, house volunteers, naturalists, and our education project director, Trude Hurd. They then asked the IRWD and San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary Board to make modifications to the building. This included taking down walls, moving furniture, painting, and refinishing the floors. Once again these two organizations came through for us magnificently. Next, shelving was purchased, varnished (Al Baumann), and installed. The finishing touch, arranged by Trude, was the addition of a big flat screen monitor, purchased from donations to the Carola Hurd Memorial Fund. It is mounted on the wall facing the entrance. Trude has loaded it with rotating pictures of the birds, flowers, plants, and mammals that one might see at the Marsh. These images will change with the seasons.

As a result of all the dedication from everyone listed above we now have a bright, open, inviting, workable, uncluttered Audubon House. We still have our fantastic Fern Zimmerman Library with a table where people can do research. We still have more interpretive displays and plan to have more. Finally, Debby Thyssen has done a great job of organizing the book and gift store. It is an inviting place to browse and buy. As a result, our sales have gone up dramatically since the change.

I had high expectations for our new Audubon House but the changes went way beyond what I had hoped for. If you haven't visited the Audubon House recently, do yourself a favor and come by. I am sure you will be delighted.

General Meeting

Friday, November 20th - 7:30 p.m.

**"Invasive Species –
The Good, the Bad, and the Unwanted"**

presented by Martin Byhower

Martin Byhower's talk, focusing on California but extending globally, discusses who the "good guys" and "bad guys" really are, in terms of invasive species of plants and animals (which, next to habitat loss, are the greatest threat to biodiversity). Many people are surprised not only by which species are harmful but also by which species are not. Some native species are actually problematic due to overpopulation, and some non-natives are harmless or even beneficial. He likes pigeons and hates fox squirrels, and can tell you how to get rid of Argentine ants in and around your house, guilt free! The complex links and webs are amazing, such as pigs destroying coral reefs, lizards that keep us safe from Lyme disease and Endangered Species threatening other Endangered Species.

Martin will also talk about habitat restoration, his own habitat restoration project and the best habitat restorer of all, the coyote.

Martin Byhower has been an environmental studies teacher and Ecology Community Service Coordinator at Chadwick School for 25 years, where in addition to teaching, he heads up a 12-acre Chadwick Canyon Coastal Sage Scrub restoration project and coordinates the school's recycle program. He is also director of *Birding Southern California*, a private bird guiding/tour service, and past President of Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon.

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

Marquita Miller, Programs Chair

Conservation News

Scott Thomas, Conservation Chair



Our Conservation Committee Meetings will be held at 10 am on the 1st Sunday of the month at Santiago Oaks. We hope you will join us! Scott Thomas, 949-293-2915. There will be no 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture in November or December. See our chapter webpage for more Conservation information at — <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Conservation/conservation.htm>

Editor's Note: In July, this article was sent to me, as an Audubon newsletter editor, by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. I didn't have room in the Sept. or Oct. issues but fortunately have room in this one. I felt that the subject was especially appropriate to include in this issue because of Pete Bloom's involvement with this project. Earlier this year Pete was invited to join other experts from bird conservation groups and the wind energy field, to discuss the progress that has been made so far in addressing bird mortalities and the future of wind energy policies. . . As you know, Pete will be our speaker for the Oct. 27th Fourth Tuesday Conservation Lecture. (See page 3 for information.)

Scientists to Investigate Wind Power Impacts on Migratory Wildlife

Industry and conservation representatives set research priorities

Racine, WI & Ithaca, NY, July 23, 2009—Thirty top wildlife scientists have announced agreement on some of the highest research priorities to help America's rapidly growing wind energy industry produce much-needed alternative energy—while also providing safe passage for birds and bats. This coalition of scientists from industry, government, nongovernmental organizations, and universities met recently in Racine, Wisconsin, to address unanswered questions about how continued wind energy development will affect migrating birds and bats. The meeting was hosted by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the American Bird Conservancy, and the The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread.

"We see great potential in wind energy for addressing global climate change and reducing America's reliance on fossil fuels," said Dr. Michael Fry of the American Bird Conservancy. "It's critical we act now to understand the interactions between wind energy installations and birds and bats."

"Billions of birds migrate annually, taking advantage of the same wind currents that are most beneficial for producing wind energy," said Dr. Andrew Farnsworth of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. "We know that in some locations a small percentage of wind turbines may cause the majority of bird and bat deaths. For example, Altamont Pass, east of Oakland, California, is an extreme case: in an area used regularly by migrant and resident raptors, only a fraction of the 5,000 turbines are responsible for most of the raptor deaths annually. As wind power develops further, we need to know more about how placement,

design, and operation impact birds and bats as well as how habitat and weather conditions affect potential hazards."

The scientists addressed the critical information that could be collected using cutting-edge tools such as weather surveillance radar, thermal imaging, and microphones directed skyward to map migrations by day and night. New research will build upon monitoring and research studies of birds and bats before and after construction of existing wind energy facilities as well as work done by other researchers. The coalition appointed working groups to move this new research agenda forward.

Top research priorities identified by the coalition include:

- Studying bird and bat behaviors and more accurately estimating mortality at existing wind turbines
- Using current and newly-obtained information on bird and bat population numbers and distributions to focus research on critically important migratory routes and timing
- Documenting how interactions of birds and bats with turbines are affected by factors such as weather, topography, and their distribution within airspace swept by wind turbine blades
- Establish standardized methods for pre- and post-construction studies of bird and bat behavior at wind facilities
- Conduct research on the best methods for mitigating the impacts of wind energy development on birds and bats

"Conducting this research will help the wind industry make informed, science-based decisions about where future wind energy projects can be built, and how they can be operated to minimize the impact on migrating wildlife, while still providing much-needed alternative energy," said Dr. John Fitzpatrick, director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. "It will also help flesh out specific guidelines for wind farm construction being developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service."

"Imagine if a similar effort had taken place at the turn of the 20th century with the auto industry and air quality," said Kraig Butrum, President and CEO of the American Wind Wildlife Institute, an umbrella organization for the wind energy industry and environmental groups. "We'd probably be in a completely different place when it comes to global climate change and energy dependence, because we considered environmental impact from the start."

Conservation & Education News

Lecture - Oct. 27
presented by Pete Bloom

“Coming and Going”
by Trude Hurd

4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture Series on — “Raptor Research and Tracking with Radio/Satellite Telemetry”

The speaker for our October 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture will be Pete Bloom. The lecture will be held at the Education Center in the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine (the gray building down the path from the Duck Club). It will begin at 7:30 pm. See page 7 for directions.

Pete has been studying raptors here in Orange Count for more than 40 years. He and other wildlife researches have used radio telemetry tracking to learn specific details about the movements and daily activities of animals, especially birds. Coming to fruition in the last few decades, satellite based telemetry has also become a very important research tool for tracking the migration patterns of birds.

Pete and his associates have used radio and satellite tracking systems on Red-tailed Hawks, Red-shouldered Hawks, Great Horned Owls, California Condors, Burrowing Owls, and most recently, Turkey Vultures, in Orange County. In the last few years, Pete and collaborators, including Communications Specialist and Sea and Sage Audubon, have tracked locally hatched Red-tailed Hawk fledglings with satellite telemetry, and Turkey Vultures with both satellite & traditional radio telemetry (hand held receivers).

Pete's talks on raptors are always informative and full of insight. We hope to see you there for this special presentation.

Scott Thomas
Conservation Committee Co-Chair



Reminder: There will be no 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture in November or December because of the holidays, but the lectures will resume in January.

As birds migrate this autumn, so do some of our Audubon Naturalists. Mary Shandy, who has been with our Outdoor Adventures program since 1993, has now retired. She was a retired 4th grade teacher and led many Whale Watch programs, and has been very dedicated in educating school children for the past 16 years with our program. Judy Fritts joined Outdoor Adventures in 1994 after 33 years in the education field. So she kept on being an educator with us! Judy was also our Naturalist Scheduler since 1997, working to ensure that each tour was fully staffed. Everyone appreciated her reminder call about their upcoming tour. (Judy will continue as the Audubon House Volunteer Coordinator.) We are grateful for Mary and Judy's many years of volunteerism and their commitment to sharing nature with children at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary.

As some depart, others arrive. We welcome Frank Feller and Carolyn Noble as new co-chairs of the Education Committee. Frank, a retired school principal, joined the naturalist program in 2001 and is very experienced working with the children. He also organized our naturalist meetings for several years. Carolyn joined Outdoor Adventures in 2003 and has a friendly smile for all the school children and naturalists. We all love that she brings fresh bakery to our naturalist meetings! Carolyn recently returned to teaching part-time, but continues to lead two or more science programs a month. Both of them are very effective educators and bring much experience to our Marsh Education Project. Both continue as Audubon Naturalists as they accept the new responsibility of heading the Education Committee.

—Trude Hurd
Project Director of Education

14th Annual Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival, January 15-18, 2010

Morro Bay is recognized worldwide for its diversity of both resident and wintering birds, and at last year's festival, over 200 species of birds were identified! The Festival offers great field trips, workshops and evening programs with outstanding speakers.

To register and for more information, visit their website: www.morrobaybirdfestival.org or call (805) 772-4677. Early signups are encouraged as the most popular events fill up quickly.

Chapter News



For more information on Sea and Sage events & activities, check out the Schedule of All Chapter Activities on the webpage at: www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Chapter/ChapterSchedule.html or the Calendar of Chapter Activities at: www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Chapter/ActivitiesCalendar0910.pdf

Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in October and November: Sonia Appell, Mitch Bigos, Julie Brodhag, Pat & Dick Cabe, Barbara Chidester, Carolyn Cooper, Pam Degarimore, Tom Drouet, Carol Freund, Judy Fritts, Peggy Goetz, Pat Heilig, Cindi Herrera, Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Laurette Kyle, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Betty Purdy, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, John Shaddy, Bev Spring, Betty Swift, Beryl Vogel, Bobbie Miller.

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.

Photographers' Meeting

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 Monday evening, Nov. 16th 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 at: www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Meetings/meetings.htm

News from the Book Store

New titles include: *Shorebirds of North America, Europe, and Asia: A Photographic Guide* (Princeton Univ Press, 7/09), *Sibley Guide to Trees* (9/09), *Birdwatcher: The Life of Roger Tory Peterson*, and more (all located on our recent arrivals shelf). Also check out the selection of 2010 calendars, long sleeved t-shirts and children's games, puzzles and plush toys. Start your holiday shopping early and browse through our large selection of nature books, children's items, clothing, coffee, jewelry and of course bird and birding items.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sat., Oct. 24th!

7:30 to 10:30 am at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
Adults \$10; children 10 & under are \$6; 3 & under - free.
There will a used nature book sale & bird walks around the marsh. Be sure to call Audubon House to make your reservation (949) 261-7963 so we know how many people to prepare food for. We hope you will join us for this special event and look forward to seeing you!

Classes to be taught this fall—

★ Sylvia's Birding Skills Workshops

There are still a few seats left for Sylvia Gallagher's two Birding Skills Workshops which begin in November: Birds of Southern California and Observing Birds (parts, shapes, sounds, colors, and behaviors of birds). Full information on these excellent birding skills workshops, taught by Sylvia Gallagher, can be found in the Oct. Tattler, on the chapter webpage, and at Audubon House.

★ Native Gardening Workshop —

The two-day Oct. Native Gardening workshop is almost filled and there is still room in the Nov. 8th and 15th one taught by Diane Bonanno and Pat Overby. This is a good chance to learn how to select, plant, and care for CA native plants in your garden. Diane & Pat are experienced landscape designers who specialize in California natives. Info on this workshop can be found in the Sept. Tattler, on the chapter webpage, and at Audubon House.

Planning Ahead for our Annual Dinner's Silent Auction on March 19

Each year, a great deal of thought and advance planning goes into our Silent Auction for the Annual Dinner. This isn't the type of thing that can be done at the last minute! Chery Thomas, who is in charge of the auction, is hoping you can offer some assistance: Do you know someone who owns a business which could donate an item or gift certificate? Do you have season tickets to an event for which you would be willing to give up a pair of tickets? Do you have a vacation home, or know someone who does, who can donate a week's stay in it? Do you know someone who is a good artist who would be willing to donate a picture or two? These are just a few of Cheryl's ideas for great silent auction items. Please call Cheryl if you have something to offer or know of someone who does. Thanks.

Cheryl Thomas, 949-294-2275, Cthomas1313@cox.net

Christmas Bird Counts

Mark your calendars for the 3 Christmas Bird Counts coming up in December & January —

Sat., Dec. 19 - San Juan Capistrano Count

Sun, Dec. 20 - Northeastern (Inland) CBC

Sun, Jan. 3 - Coastal CBC

Full information is already posted on our website and will be listed in the Dec. Tattler.

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.

September is often one of the busiest months for the occurrence of rarities in southern California. Not surprisingly then, Orange County seemed to have an above average contingent of birders this past month combing our various birding "hotspots" As we have a number of observations to cover, we'll jump right in. A **Ring-necked Duck** at Peter's Canyon Reservoir (PCR), Sept. 10 (Neil Gilbert), was quite possibly the county's earliest date for a fall arrival. For the last four consecutive years two or more **Reddish Egrets** have wintered at BC, and it appears this pattern will be continuing for a fifth consecutive year. On Sept. 6 at least *four* Reddish Egrets were here (Brian Daniels, Leo Ohtsuki), and three were tallied on Sept. 17 (Terry Hill, Carolyn Raynesford). Most exceptional was the report of two booby species in the county. On Sept. 9 a report was submitted to the OC Rare Bird Alert of a "possible juvenile **Blue-footed Booby**" in the Dana Point Harbor (Dwight Mudrey). Although searches following this report proved unsuccessful, what was undoubtedly the same immature Blue-footed Booby eventually reappeared on the breakwater, Sept. 24-27 (Robert McNab). This is only the second record of this species in the county. On Sept. 20, an immature **Red-footed Booby** was reported to have come aboard a research vessel, during the evening, while in waters off Anacapa Island (Michael Force); the next morning, with the ship apparently just "two nautical miles southwest of Dana Point", the booby was said to have left the ship, headed north. There have been no previous records of Red-footed Booby documented from Orange County.

Two **Golden Eagles** were over Mission Viejo, Sept. 4 (Joan and Brett Rubin), in the same general area where up to three were seen for awhile in Sept. 2008. At least two **Pacific Golden-Plovers** were again seen periodically from the south end of BC (B. Daniels, et al.), and at least one other was reported from the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, Sept. 8 (Robert Schallmann). A **Solitary Sandpiper** was on the upper Santa Ana River (SAR) in Orange, Sept. 26-28 (Doug Willick). **Baird's Sandpipers** were seen again at PCR, with two to three present between Sept. 21 and 25 (N. Gilbert). Two more Baird's were at the south end of BC, Sept. 26 (B. Daniels), and another was in a small pool in the lower SAR, near Fairview Park, the same day (N. Gilbert). **Pectoral Sandpipers** have been scarcer than normal so far this fall, although on Sept. 26 individuals were at the south end of BC (B. Daniels), and along the upper SAR, in Orange (N. Gilbert). A juvenile **Sabine's Gull** found in Huntington Beach, in poor health, was brought in to the Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center, Sept. 8, and later expired (Susan Kaveggia, Debbie McGuire). A juv. **Black Tern** was at BC, Sept. 3-7 (Vic Leipzig).

A **Great Crested Flycatcher** made for a surprising discovery along the upper Santa Ana River in Orange, Sept. 26-28 (D. Willick); this was the third Orange County

record for this species. A migrant **Bell's Vireo** in Mile Square Park, Sept. 13 (Jim Pike), was interesting. A **Yellow-throated Vireo** at Laguna Niguel Regional Park (LNRP), Sept. 20-27 (Robert McNab), was amazingly the fourth to occur at this location, and the second this year. A **Plumbeous Vireo** along the SAR in Orange, Sept. 26 (N. Gilbert), was precisely where a bird had wintered for the last four consecutive years. A **Bank Swallow** at PCR, Sept. 8 (N. Gilbert), was one of very few reported so far this fall. **White-breasted Nuthatches** continue to appear in the county's lowlands, where unexpected, with individuals seen in Huntington Beach, Sept. 6 (J. Pike); in Laguna Niguel, Sept. 7 (Andy Lazere); in Fairhaven Memorial Park, Sept. 18 (D. Willick); and in Yorba Regional Park, Sept. 22 (Steve Riddle). An elusive **Gray Catbird** apparently made only a few brief appearances at Huntington Central Park (HCP), Sept. 14-16 (Irene Horiuchi, Dick Norton). In contrast, a cooperative **Sage Thrasher** was in an east Orange residential area, Sept. 22 (N. Gilbert).

Fall is a time often associated with rare warblers. Despite a below average showing at the well-worked "migrant traps," the following at least kept things interesting: a **Tennessee Warbler** at LNRP, Sept. 20 (R. McNab); single **Blackpoll Warblers** in a Huntington Beach yard, Sept. 11 (Dick Cabe), and at HCP, Sept. 13 and 22+ (J. Pike, B. Daniels, L. Ohtsuki); a **Black-and-white Warbler** at LNRP, Sept. 27 (Gjon Hazard); single **American Restarts** at HCP, Sept. 19 (Bettina Eastman), and at Harriett Wieder Regional Park (HWRP), ; a **Prothonotary Warbler** at HCP, Sept. 15-22 (Pat and D. Cabe); a **Northern Waterthrush** at HWRP, Sept. 11 (B. Daniels); and a **Yellow-breasted Chat** at HCP, Sept. 14 (Jim Roe). An apparent **Kentucky Warbler** visiting a Huntington Beach bird bath, Sept. 4 (Terry Pool), would possibly be just the fourth recorded in the county.

A male **Summer Tanager** was in San Juan Capistrano during early Sept. (Laura Camp). **Green-tailed Towhees** were in a Newport Beach yard, Sept. 8, and at HCP, Sept. 11, 18 and 22 (B. Daniels, J. Roe, J. Pike). Single **Brewer's Sparrows** were in e. Orange, Sept. 24, and along the upper SAR, Sept. 26 (both N. Gilbert). "**Large-billed**" **Savannah Sparrows** were again seen at BC, with individuals reported Sept. 19 (V. Leipzig) and 26 (N. Gilbert). A Vesper Sparrow was at Riley Wilderness Park, Sept. 22 (Joan Rubin). An apparent adult male **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** in basic plumage was at the Environmental Nature Center, Sept. 19 (D. Willick). An **Orchard Oriole** was at HCP, Sept. 11, and a **Bobolink** was heard flying over HWRP, Sept. 26 (both B. Daniels).

A female type **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was associating with blackbirds and cowbirds along the upper SAR, Sept. 26 (N. Gilbert).

Nov. & Dec. 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, Nov. 1 & Dec. 6 - 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 have a county parks pass. Meet in the upper end of the parking lot.

Linette Lina, Leader



Monthly Bird Walks at the SJWS Sundays, Nov. 8 & Dec. 13 - 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. The ducks and shorebirds are now returning, so there will be a lot more birds to see. 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. (See directions on page 7.)

Chris Obaditch, Leader

Upper Newport Bay by small boat ® 3rd Wed. morning of each month - 8:15 am

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 limited because the boat is **very small**; advance reservations are mandatory. (The Nov. & Dec. trips are already full.) Contact Nancy Kenyon for trip reservations at nancykenyon@cox.net or 949-786-3160.

Nancy Kenyon, Leader

Christmas Bird Counts -

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

Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy Saturday, Nov. 21 - 8:15 am ® P

Please join us for a winter bird walk at the Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy, a 1200-acre wilderness reserve located on historic Rancho Mission Viejo in southern Orange County. The reserve was created in 1990 to provide for wildlife displaced by development in the city of San Clemente. Conservancy habitats include coast live oak woodlands, coastal sage scrub, and high quality native grasslands. **We will meet** at 8:15 to sign in, so we can be "in place", ready to start the field trip at 8:30 am. The trip will end at 11:30. Hope to see you there! Advance reservations are needed.

For reservations, send an email with your first & last name, phone number and number of adults and children in your party to: staff@theconservancy.org or phone in your reservation by calling 949-489-9778. There is a small trip fee to go on the Conservancy land. Directions will be provided with the reservation.

Joel Weintraub, Leader

Seal Beach NWR ® Saturday, Dec. 5th - 7:30 am

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

We will meet in the parking lot by the main gate of the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station at 7:30 am. This is located at the intersection of Heron Pointe/Forrestal Ln & Seal Beach Blvd. (Forrestal is the street that enters the base; Heron Pointe is on the opposite side of Seal Beach Blvd. There is a signal at this intersection; the address is 800 Seal Beach Blvd. The station is located on the east side of Seal Beach Blvd. about 2 miles south of the #405 Frwy. and 1 mile north of Pacific Coast Hwy. Late comers will not be admitted. We may be using government vans rather than our own vehicles to enter the facility. **Bring** binocs, field guide, and a scope if you have one. Restrooms will be available at one of the stops. The trip will end at noon.

Leader - Kirk Gilligan
Reservations - Nancy Kenyon P
nancykenyon@cox.net ; 949-786-3160

Owl Prowl at Starr Ranch

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

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Due to the popularity of this outing, we will be scheduling another trip. If you are interested in attending, contact Nancy Kenyon to be put on her notification list. (email preferred) nancykenyon@cox.net 949-786-3160.

The "Owl Prowl" is a short nighttime excursion into Starr Ranch Sanctuary. Our evening will begin with an orientation in the classroom where we will watch some Barn Owls by means of the live cam. Pete DeSimone, who has been Manager of Starr Ranch Sanctuary since the mid 1980s and knows all about the owls and hawks which inhabit Bell Canyon, will speak with us about the Barn Owls and answer our questions about owl behavior. We will then board the open bed truck for a short ride into Bell Canyon to search for some owls. Advance reservations are necessary; trip size is limited. Trip fee is \$10. Do not send in your \$10 until we have set a date for the next trip, but do contact Nancy to be put on the notification list.

*Pete DeSimone, Leader
Nancy Kenyon, Reservations*



DIRECTIONS

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; 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.

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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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November 2009

01 Sun	Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk.....	7:30 am
01 Sun	Conservation Committee Meeting.....	10:00 am
08 Sun	SJWS Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
10 Tues	Board Meeting.....	7:30 pm
16 Mon	Photographers' Meeting.....	7:30 pm
18 Wed	UNB by small boat.....	8:15 am
20 Fri	GENERAL MEETING.....	7:30 pm
21 Sat	Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy bird walk....	8:15 am

December 2009

05 Sat	Seal Beach NWR.....	7:30 am
06 Sun	Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk.....	7:30 am
08 Tues	Board Meeting.....	7:30 pm
10 Thurs	Pelican Point Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
12 Sat	Owl Prowl (full).....	6:30 pm
13 Sun	SJWS Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
16 Wed	UNB by small boat.....	8:15 am
18 Fri	No General Meeting this month.....	
19 Sat	CBC: San Juan Capistrano.....	to be arranged
20 Sun	CBC: Northeastern (Inland)	to be arranged

January 2010

03 Sun	CBC: Coastal.....	to be arranged
09 Sat	CBC Specialties Trip.....	8:00 am
10 Sun	Antelope Valley Hawk Banding Trip.....	7:00 am
10 Sun	SJWS Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am