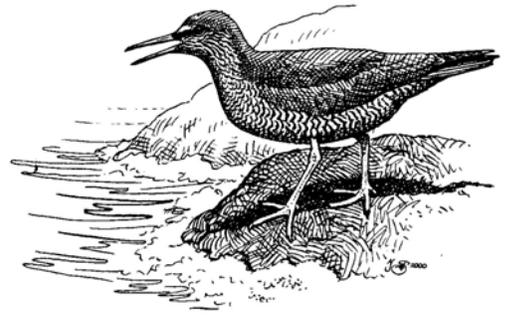


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## President's Message

*by Bruce Aird*

I recently attended an Irvine Ranch Water District Board of Directors' meeting with Trude Hurd and Carolyn Noble. We were there because, as part of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) was honoring Sea and Sage Audubon Society and The Discovery Science Center. On this occasion, both organizations received lovely plaques commemorating their relationships with IRWD. In retrospect, it could just as well have been the other way around, with us honoring the IRWD for their continuing commitment to education and science in Orange County.

The year was 1992 when the IRWD proposed that it would provide Sea & Sage Audubon with a permanent home in the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary if Sea & Sage would agree to create an educational program about the San Joaquin Marsh ecology, environment, natural history and wildlife for Orange County school children and to keep Audubon House open to visitors every day of the year. Thus a partnership began and wonderful things started happening. A former duck hunting club that used to lure waterfowl under the guns of hunters became a sanctuary for all kinds of wildlife, and the water of San Diego Creek began to be purified by passage through a revitalized freshwater marsh before flowing into Upper Newport Bay. Also born then was a tradition of continuous improvement, as the two organizations learned to communicate with one another, to align their goals, and to improve habitat and quality of life in Irvine. The marsh and ponds got a major facelift. Non-native plants were removed and replaced with native plants that benefit native wildlife. Miles of trails were laid out. The buildings were renovated and augmented and the grounds redesigned. That tradition of improvement and enrichment continues to this day. While the partnership between Sea and Sage Audubon and IRWD has benefited both organizations tremendously, the real winners in this process are the people of Irvine and greater southern California who visit the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary to watch wildlife, educate their kids, walk or jog, or just enjoy the ethos of this amazing place. Most likely, few of these thousands of visitors think of the organization whose foresight made this all happen, which is why I call attention to it now. Congratulations IRWD on your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and thanks for being such a wonderful landlord and partner.

## General Meeting

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday evening - 7:30 pm

### **"Burned Forests & Black-backed Woodpeckers in the Sierra Nevada"**

*presented by Stephen Shunk*

Join us to hear Oregon naturalist, author, photographer and field biologist Stephen Shunk talk about the natural history of the Black-backed Woodpecker. Steve spent the summer of 2011 studying Black-backs in the Sierra Nevada and visiting 28 different burns. He will interpret western forest ecology, with an emphasis on the keystone roles played by the region's woodpeckers.

Forest fires present a classic man vs. nature dilemma in California's largest mountain range. The Sierra Nevada evolved with fire as a critical part of its ecology, and the Black-backed Woodpecker is the quintessential poster-child for the current state of Sierra forests. Society's demand for wood products and the fact that we own homes in the woods make it impossible for us to allow the natural fire regime to occur. For 100 years we have suppressed fire in the forest, leaving volatile fuel loads which burn violently once sparked. How do we balance the demands of a growing populace with the importance of forest ecology?

Steve started birding in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1989 and moved to Sisters, Oregon in 1997. For the last 14 years, he has led birding tours and taught classes throughout North America through his company, Paradise Birding. He co-founded the East Cascades Bird Conservancy and coordinated its flagship project, the Oregon Cascades Birding Trail program. Steve recently completed the Peterson Reference Guide to Woodpeckers of North America.

Stephen's program will be presented at the Duck Club, at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. The doors open at 7:00 for refreshments and fellowship, and the meeting and program begin at 7:30 pm. We hope you will join us. (See page 11 for directions to the meeting.)

See notice on page 2 about the Steve's woodpecker field seminar on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> here in Orange County.

*Pat and Dick Cabe, Program Co-Chairs*

# Conservation News

by Scott Thomas



Our next Conservation Committee Meeting will be Tues. evening, Nov. 1st at 6:30 pm in the Learning Center at the SJWS. Check our webpage for the meeting's agenda the week before the meeting: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Conservation/conservation.htm](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Conservation/conservation.htm)

## 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Conservation Lecture Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm at the Learning Center



Ginny Short

Ginny Short, Manager of the Center for Natural Lands Management in the Coachella Valley, will be the featured speaker. Her talk will focus on the restoration of a desert oasis at the McCallum Preserve, just east of Palm Springs

We hope you will join us for this interesting program! Fall is one of the best times of the year to visit this area; migrant birds will

be passing through and the weather should be comfortable. Ginny has agreed to lead us on a companion Conservation-related field trip at the Preserve on Sun, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. We hope you will attend Ginny's lecture to learn about preservation efforts out there, and about the companion field trip on Nov. 6. Directions to the trip's meeting location will be available on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> and afterwards, on our website. *We do hope you can join us for this special trip to a unique desert area.*



Ginny Short



## Tagged Turkey Vultures

The University of California Davis - Wildlife Health Center began a statewide study in 2008 looking at heavy metal exposure in scavenging birds. The Turkey Vulture is one of the species that has been live trapped, tagged, and monitored. The vultures are fitted with "large white with black-numbers" patagial (wing) tags that are easily visible in flight and when perched. Numbers can usually be easily read with binoculars and/or spotting scopes. Please report any sightings of these birds with exact location, observer's name, date, & tag number to the Bird Banding Lab at:

<http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl/> (Instructions on how to report the sighting of any banded bird can be found on the Bird Banding Lab website.)

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County Volunteer Cactus Wren Survey

Partners from The Nature Conservancy, Audubon's Starr Ranch, and Sea and Sage Audubon invite you to participate in the fourth consecutive year of Coastal Cactus Wren surveys in Orange County. We welcome returning and new participants. We'll kick off this year's surveys with a Conservation Series lecture in January. The date and time will be announced within the next several weeks and the lecture will be at the Learning Center. Look for information on this conservation series lecture on the Sea and Sage website [www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org). Volunteers will be asked to perform eight surveys from March through June in the following tentative locations: O'Neill Regional Park, Saddlecreek North and South, Cleveland National Forest, and others. If you're interested in volunteering for the 2012 surveys or want more information please contact Sandy DeSimone at [sdesimone@audubon.org](mailto:sdesimone@audubon.org) or 949-858-0309.



## Steve Shunk's Seminar on Woodpeckers

Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Limestone Canyon  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Steve Shunk is conducting a field seminar on the woodpeckers of Southern California. During the 6-hour field seminar, he will explore a wide variety of habitats and provide a detailed natural history of the species encountered. He will also discuss the ecological roles played by each species in its respective habitat, as well as historic and current conservation challenges. Enjoy first-hand observations of feeding, climbing, and communication behaviors, while Steve discusses the adaptations that make woodpeckers one of the most specialized bird families in the world.



Dr. Bruce Odou

**Space is limited to 12 people.** Fee: \$35.  
Pre-register with Steve Shunk at 541-408-1753  
or by email at: [steve@paradisebirding.com](mailto:steve@paradisebirding.com)

# Orange County Rarities

by Doug Willick

If you are not a member of OrangeCountyBirding, we suggest you subscribe to get online info about birds & birding in the county. Send email to: [OrangeCountyBirding-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:OrangeCountyBirding-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)



Pectoral Sandpiper by Trude Hurd

Fall migration in southern California is perhaps the best time of the year to encounter the unexpected, and half way into Fall 2011, it appears this season will certainly be one of the better ones in recent memory. Orange County had its share of rarities during the month of September, so this summary will have to focus on the most noteworthy. We'll start off with the Sea & Sage fall pelagic trip, Sept. 24, out of Dana Harbor, led by all-star cast of Tom Benson, Jon Dunn, Jim Pike, Brian Daniels and Curtis Marantz.

Highlights of the trip included an **Ashy Storm-Petrel**, **Northern Fulmar**, a sub-adult **Long-tailed Jaeger**, and a variety of more expected species. As has become rather expected in recent years, there were multiple **Reddish Egrets** at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (BCER). The high count during the past month included an estimated four on Sept. 30 (Pat and Dick Cabe). There were few raptors of note, though a **Golden Eagle** was observed near O'Neill Regional Park, Sept. 28 (Zachary Perry).

Although the diversity of shorebird rarities during the last month may have been somewhat below average, highlights still included a juvenile **Ruff** along the upper Santa Ana River (in n.w. Orange), Sept. 26-Oct. 1 (Joe Karow), along with up to two **Stilt Sandpipers**, Sept. 18-30 (Brian Leatherman, Doug Willick), two **Bairds' Sandpipers**, Sept. 11 (D. Willick), and above average numbers of **Pectoral Sandpipers**, Sept. 11-30, in the same area; a rather significant concentration of Pectorals here on Sept. 25 included *eleven* birds (D. Willick). Two **Stilt Sandpipers** were also at BCER, Sept. 16-17 (B. Daniels), where up to five **Pectorals** (Sept. 10-16), and two **Baird's** (Sept. 16) and were also present (B. Daniels and Terry Hill, respectively). A **Black Tern** at San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS), Sept. 18 (Zachary Perry), was the third reported in the county so far this fall. A juvenile **Parasitic Jaeger** at BCER, Sept. 27-Oct. 1 (Tim Foltz), was enjoyed by many birders during its stay.

**White-winged Doves** appeared in residential neighborhoods in Fountain Valley, Sept. 17 (Rick Shearer), and Capistrano Beach, Sept. 25 (Tim Ryan). A silent **Tropical/Couch's Kingbird** on the "back side" of BCER, Sept. 26 (William Cullen and Evi Meyer), was undoubtedly a Tropical returning for at least a second winter; although Tropical is by far the more expected in California of these two very similar species, the only positive way of separating them in the field is by their diagnostic calls). The first **Plumbeous Vireo** of this fall/winter season was found at Yorba Regional Park, Sept. 29 (B. Leatherman), where one wintered last year. **Five Purple Martins** flying over and even landing at Harriet Wieder Regional Park

(HWRP), Sept. 10 (B. Daniels), was remarkable. More expected were single **Bank Swallows** over HWRP, Sep. 9 (B. Daniels), and at SJWS, Sept. 24 (D. Willick). A **Rock Wren** lingering in an unexpected location was along the upper SAR after Sept. 18 (D. Willick). A **Sage Thrasher** was a nice find on the Dana Point Headlands, Oct. 1-2 (Robert McNab).

Warblers often attract much attention in southern California during fall migration, especially when some of the more unexpected species begin turning up. The prize so far this fall goes to a **Cape May Warbler** at Laguna Niguel Regional Park (LNRP), Sept. 17 (R. McNab); this was only the third to ever be found in Orange County. Due to space limitations, the following warbler highlights, all occurring during the last month, will need to be briefly summarized: at least two **Lucy's Warblers** at Huntington Central Park (HCP)(Robb Hamilton, Leo Ohtsuki, et al.); individual **Virginia's Warblers** along the upper SAR (D. Willick) and at HCP (B. Leatherman); **Tennessee Warblers**, with up to two at HCP (B. Daniels), and singles at LNRP, Mile Square Regional Park (MSRP), and Westminster Memorial Park (R. McNab, J. Pike and D. Willick); a **Northern Parula** at Westminster Memorial Park (D. Willick); several **Blackpoll Warblers**, including up to three at HCP (Vic Leipzig, Mark Singer, B. Daniels, L. Ohtsuki, et al.), and others at MSRP (J. Pike) and Mason Regional Park (MRP)(Steve Alter, R. McNab); a **Magnolia Warbler** at YRP (B. Leatherman); somewhat early **Palm Warblers** at HCP, MRP and Dana Point Headlands (J. Pike, Wayne Gochenour and R. McNab); two **American Redstarts** at HCP (J. Pike, B. Daniels); and two **Northern Waterthrushes** (in addition to a couple reported last month) at HCP and MRP (B. Daniels, L. Ohtsuki and S. Alter).

An adult male **Summer Tanager** was a colorful visitor at LNRP on Sept. 10 (R. McNab). Rare sparrow discoveries included a single **Vesper Sparrow** at HWRP, Sept. 29 (B. Daniels), and several **Brewer's Sparrows**, with up to two at HWRP, Sept. 15-16 (B. Daniels, Jerry Tolman), and up to two on the Dana Point Headlands, Oct. 2-3 (R. McNab and Joel Weintraub). A female type **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** was at HCP, Sept. 17 (B. Daniels, L. Ohtsuki), and an **Indigo Bunting** was here, Sept. 29 (B. Daniels). And last but not least, a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was observed by survey participants at BCER, during the once-a-month census, Sept. 9 (per T. Hill).



# Chapter News & Announcements

For more information about Sea & Sage activities, check our Calendar of Chapter Activities on our chapter website ([www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org)). It lists the dates of General Meetings, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Conservation Lectures, Meetings, Field Trips, Sylvia's Birding Classes, Special Events such as the Annual Dinner, Summer BBQ, Pancake Breakfast, Summer Nature Day Camp, Summer Bat Walks, Christmas Bird Counts, Great Backyard Bird Count, Birdathon, etc.



## Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in October and November: Sonia Appell, Pat & Dick Cabe, Barbara Chidester, Carolyn Cooper, Tom Drouet, Cheryl Egger, Fresia Escalona, Judy Fritts, Carol Getz, Beverly Hargrove, Lynne Hayes, Cindi Herrera, Star Howard, Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Donna Malloy, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Shirley Price, Betty Purdy, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, Susan Sheakley, Bev Spring, Betty Swift, 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 call Judy Fritts at 949-551-4513.



-David Weber

## News from our Bookstore

Our bookstore inside Audubon House is open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is also open 45 minutes before our General Meetings. New arrivals include: *Arctic Autumn*, *Butterflies of NA*, *Birds in Origami*, *Wildlife Sketching*, birding books (Texas, Utah, Oregon, Nebraska, Arizona, New Jersey), new Dover titles (stickers, tattoos, coloring books).

For the holiday season there are lots of great nature themed gift ideas: garden flags, kitchen items (towel sets, cutting boards, coffee mugs), birding items (lens cleaning cloths, binocular straps, birding bags, caps, CDs, DVDs), children's items (puzzles, plush toys, optics, games), mouse pads, boxed note cards, long and short sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, stockings, plus much more. Holiday cards, tags, labels, children's books and 2012 calendars are also in stock.

We now accept credit cards (Visa & Mastercard) with a \$10 minimum purchase.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine Saturday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.



### Will YOU be there?

Those of you who came to our Pancake Breakfast last year will recall what fun it was! We enjoyed pancakes & sausages hot off the griddle, orange juice, fresh fruit, plenty of hot coffee, and milk for the kids. After breakfast, most people went to investigate the bird life around the ponds, talked with friends, visited Audubon House, and browsed through the interesting assortment of used nature books for sale.

This year, we've scheduled bird walks for you before and after breakfast. We will also have scope stations at the nearest ponds so you can get a close-up view of the birds.

We've been collecting books for months and have a great assortment of used nature books just waiting for you to browse through at our Book Sales table. (*Get there early while the best book bargains are still available!*)

Again this year, you'll have a chance to win a raffle prize. Stop at our Chapter Ambassador Table and our Education Table. Don't forget to visit Audubon House to see our taxidermy specimens, browse through our gift shop, and check out our reference library!

On the back porch of the Duck Club, Optics4Birding will be displaying some of their optics equipment for birders. This is a good opportunity for you to check out the latest in binoculars or scopes, and to ask questions about them.

Near the check-in table, Wild Birds Unlimited will have a table with bird seed, feeders, & other bird feeding items. They welcome questions about how or what to feed birds, where to place your bird bath, what plants attract birds, etc.

The prices & menu for this year's Pancake Breakfast will remain the same as last year.

Adults - \$10  
Children 10 & under - \$6  
Little ones 3 & under - free



Reservations are a must for this event; otherwise, we won't know how much food to buy! Please call Audubon House (949-261-7963) to reserve your place at our table; leave your name and number of people attending in your party. *We look forward to seeing you!*

# November Field Trips



For trip updates & additional trip information, check our chapter website at: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org) . Trips marked with an (R) require advance reservations. Questions about field trips? Contact Field Trip chair, Nancy Kenyon, at 949-786-3160 or by email at: [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net) . Many trips fill up quickly, so don't wait until the last minute to sign up for them!

## Upper Newport Bay Monthly Bird Walk

**Last Sun: Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am**

Join Mark Kincheloe for a monthly bird walk in Upper Newport Bay to check out the seasonal shorebirds, ducks, grebes, herons & egrets, etc. that frequent the bay. Birding will start from a good vantage point at the edge of the parking lot where we will watch for Black Skimmers and terns flying over the water as well as herons & egrets stalking their prey in the shallows. The group will then move on to check out other areas along Back Bay Drive. Bring binoculars, a field guide, and a scope if you have one. The length of the bird walk will depend on the tide and the number of birds to be seen. **Directions:** We will meet in the Big Canyon parking lot in Newport Beach. This is easily reached from Jamboree. Take San Joaquin Hills Road west toward the bay where it intersects with Back Bay Drive. Turn right on Back Bay Drive and follow it to the Big Canyon parking lot on your left.

*Leader: Mark Kincheloe*

## Riley Wilderness Park Bird Walk

**Wed: Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am**

Join Mike Clayton on a bird walk at Riley Wilderness Park. All levels of birders are welcome. As a wildlife sanctuary, Thomas F. Riley Wilderness Park is home to an abundant number of native plants and old groves of Western Sycamores and Coast Live Oaks which border the park's two seasonally flowing creeks. The remaining land features rolling hills and canyons of Coastal Sage Scrub and grasslands. Come prepared for a morning of exploring this delightful park and its abundant bird life. Wear shoes with good traction; some of the trails are quite steep.

**Directions:** From the #5 Freeway, exit on Oso Pkwy. and drive inland towards the mountains. Watch for the park entrance on the right just before the road ends at Coto de Caza. For those without a wilderness park decal, the parking fee is \$3; you will need to purchase a day-use permit from the park ticket machine. (*Because the roads & trails in the park are dirt, the park closes when it rains.*)

*Leader: Mike Clayton*

## Monthly Bird Walks at Santiago Oaks

**1<sup>st</sup> Sun: Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 am**

Join Linette Lina for a monthly bird walk at Santiago Oaks Regional Park at 7:30 am. The mix of oak riparian and coastal sage scrub habitats make Santiago Oaks one of the best places in Orange County to find a variety of songbirds. **Directions:** Take the 55 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.

*Leader: Linette Lina*

## Monthly Bird Walks at the SJWS

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sun: Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> - 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. The shorebirds and ducks are returning, so there will be many more birds to see this month. (See directions on page 11.) The walk, which is open to interested birders of all ages, will meet by the front porch of Audubon House. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult. *Leader: Chris Obaditch*

## Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat ®

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wed - Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - 8:15 am**

Join us for the rare chance of birding the Upper Newport Bay from the deck of a pontoon boat. Spotting birds from the water offers one a different perspective and the birds seem to view us differently also. Trip duration is 2½ hours. Trip limited to 15 persons and there is a \$10 trip fee payable in cash on the morning of the outing. Advance reservations are necessary. Contact Nancy Kenyon for trip reservations at 949-786-3160 or [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net) Directions will be provided to those with reservations.

*Leader: Nancy Kenyon*

## Seal Beach NWR ® - 7:30 to 12:00 noon

**Mondays: Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net) or 949-786-3160 for trip reservations. Leave your name and phone number. Nancy will contact you after Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to confirm your reservation.

**We will meet** in the parking lot by the main gate at 7:30 am. This is located at the intersection of Heron Pointe/Forrestal Ln & Seal Beach Blvd. Late comers will not be admitted. We may be using government vans to enter the facility. Restrooms will be available at one of the stops. The trip will end at noon.

## New dates for Pelagic Trips

The date of the Winter Pelagic Trip has been changed to Sat, Jan. 21 to avoid conflict with the Morro Bay Bird Festival. A new Summer Pelagic Trip has been scheduled for Sat, July 21, 2012. Please mark these dates on your field trip schedule or trip planning calendar.

# Marsh Education News

Trude Hurd, Project Director of Marsh Education

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



## School Bus Scholarship Fund

Last year, we debuted a new School Bus Scholarship Fund with an incredible response in donations from our membership. This year, we are continuing to raise money so that 450 school children from Martin and Sepulveda Elementary Schools can receive bus transportation to the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary for our outdoor science program.



Because Santa Ana schools have limited access to outdoor programs, Sea and Sage Audubon waives our program fee for over 40 Santa Ana classes each year. For many of these inner city children, this is their first exposure to a natural habitat in Orange County. During Outdoor Adventures, they act as scientists to test that wetland water is healthy and contains lots of interesting aquatic insects and crustaceans that are eaten by birds, fish, and other animals in the wetland community. The children



personally discover the importance of each link in the food chain while they are surrounded by wildlife and natural habitat instead of sitting in a classroom. As a result, they begin to take better care of the environment by improving their personal behaviors and actions. Their teachers tell us our program is something the children remember for many years to come!

If you would like to help provide an opportunity for students to personally experience nature in a fun and exciting way, then consider making a donation to our School Bus Scholarship Fund. Any amount, no matter how small or how big, will be appreciated. Our goal is 7 bus trips for a total of 14 classrooms of 4<sup>th</sup> graders from two Santa Ana schools. Please make checks payable to Sea and Sage Audubon and mail to School Bus Scholarship Fund, Sea and Sage Audubon, 5 Riparian View, Irvine, CA 92612. *Thank you for your support of our outdoor learning program for inner city school children!*

### Join the Naturalist Team!

Join us when we share our love of nature with children. Share their excitement when they watch a Great Blue Heron through binoculars for the first time or their wonder when they view the tiny wriggling critters in the pond water through microscopes. Lead them on a short walk around the ponds, guiding them to improve their powers of observation by watching the birds. Show them our



beautiful taxidermy bird specimens; guide them to make observations about feathers and bones, beaks and body structure; help them learn about the microscopic critters in the pond water, the food chain, and the critical importance of wetlands. We're not looking for people who can identify all the birds by name, but instead we want people who enjoy working with children (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders) and who want to open their eyes to the wonders of nature. Our school tours run on Tuesday & Thursday mornings from Oct. through June. If you can dedicate two mornings a month to the children, please contact Trude Hurd, our Project Director of Education, at 949-261-7964; [seaandsage@sbcglobal.net](mailto:seaandsage@sbcglobal.net) She will schedule a one-morning orientation meeting so that you can learn about the program and how you can be a part. We hope that you will join us!

# Directions and Membership

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



## 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. Make check payable to "Sea & Sage Audubon" and mail to: Tattler Subscriptions, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612

## Go Paperless!

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## 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

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

**Our entrance is now from Campus Dr., not Michelson**

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

## Audubon House

**Open daily: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
949-261-7963**

## Your Membership Payment

If you are signing up as a new Audubon member, be sure and use the membership form below that has the code C9ZC150Z in the lower right hand corner. This tells National Audubon who to credit for your recruitment. Sea & Sage gets 100% of a new member's dues, even if you sign up for more than one year. If you are feeling generous at renewal time and you want Sea & Sage to benefit, you should send your renewal fee to National Audubon and a **separate check** to Sea & Sage for your donation to the chapter. If you have any questions, please contact Membership Chair, Chuck George, at [cgeorge@george-sd.com](mailto:cgeorge@george-sd.com)



## Temporarily Away or Moving?

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

## 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.

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

[ ] NEW MEMBERSHIP: \$20 - Individual or Family members

[ ] RENEWAL: \$35 - Regular Membership

[ ] NEW MEMBERSHIP: \$15 - Senior (62+ yrs) or Student

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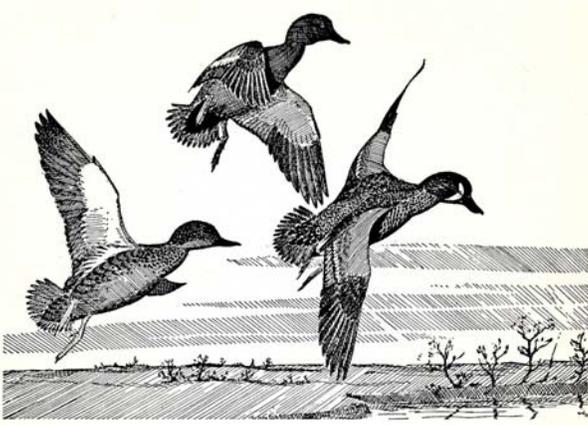


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## CALENDAR OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### October 2011

25	Tues	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues. Conservation Lecture .....	7:30 pm
28	Fri	Photographers' Meeting .....	7:30 pm
29	Sat	PANCAKE BREAKFAST ® .....	7:30 am
30	Sun	Upper Newport Bay Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am

### November 2011

01	Tues	Conservation Committee Meeting .....	6:30 pm
02	Wed	Riley Wilderness Park Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
06	Sun	Santiago Oaks Monthly Bird Walk.....	7:30 am
06	Sun	Coachella Valley Preserve Conservation FT ..	8:00 am
08	Tues	Board Meeting .....	7:30 pm
11-13	F-S	Morro Bay trip (full).....	2:45 pm
13	Sun	SJWS Monthly Bird Walk .....	8:00 am
16	Wed	UNB by pontoon boat ® .....	8:15 am
18	Fri	GENERAL MEETING .....	7:30 pm
27	Sun	UNB Monthly Bird Walk .....	8:00 am
28	Mon	Seal Beach NWR field trip .....	7:30 am

**NOTE:** January Pelagic Trip date change - see page 5 for details