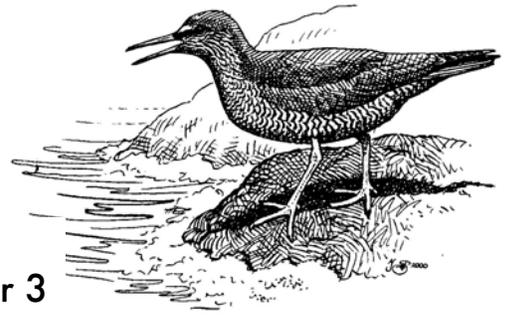


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Oops! We goofed...

We forgot to mention that the October 12th General Meeting on "Transpacific Migrations" presented by Peter Pyle on the 2nd Friday, not the usual 3rd

will not be held at the Duck Club, but instead at the IRWD multi-purpose room on 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine.



The location is on the EAST side of Sand Canyon Ave, at the intersection of Sand Canyon & Water Works. Parking at the rear; easy access to the meeting room from the parking lot.

DIRECTIONS: If you are coming by freeway, Sand Canyon can be accessed from both the Santa Ana Fwy (5) or the San Diego Fwy (405); there are ramps from both the north and south.

Doors open at 7:00 for refreshments and fellowship, and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm. We do hope you will join us for this interesting program by Peter Pyle. (See program notes for Peter's program in the October Tattler and the chapter webpage.)

NOVEMBER General Meeting Friday - Nov. 16th - 7:30 pm

"The Deserts of North America" *presented by Sylvia Gallagher*

For many people the word DESERT produces an image of desolate, barren sand--or glorious carpets of spring wildflowers among towering green saguaros. Both images are correct, but they are far from the whole picture. At this month's general meeting, Sylvia Gallagher will take you on a slide tour of the deserts of North America. She will address such questions as: Why are the deserts located where they are? How many deserts are there, and how do they differ from one another? What are some of the birds typical of each desert, and how are they adapted to life in their severe environment? Her talk will be illustrated with slides from the Sea and Sage Audubon Library of Nature Slides.

In January, Sylvia will start a two year sequence of workshops on The Deserts of North America in which she will cover at least 80 species of desert birds in a wide variety of families. The 2013 workshops will focus on visual identification while the 2014 workshops will be for aural ID of those desert birds. More information will be on the Sea & Sage webpage and in the Dec. Tattler. Registration for the Desert birding skills workshops will open on December 3.

We hope you will join us for Sylvia's Desert program in the Duck Club, at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary on Nov. 16. The doors open at 7:00 for refreshments and fellowship, and the meeting & program will begin at 7:30 pm. (See page 11 for directions to our regular meeting place.)

Remember, you must access Riparian View from Campus Drive, not from Michelson. Audubon House will be open from 6:30 to 7:15 pm for those who arrive early.



Pat & Dick Cabe, Program Co-Chair

Conservation News

Susan Sheakley

Our Conservation Committee meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Blue House. Conservation Lectures are at 7:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday in the Learning Center. Additional Conservation information is on our webpage.



4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture Tuesday, November 29th - 7:30 pm

"Snakes 101"

Presented by Scott Gibson, Assistant Director of Research and Education at Audubon CA Starr Ranch Sanctuary

Scott's talk will focus on the general biology and ecology of this often misunderstood, and frequently feared, group of animals. It will cover a broad range of topics such as foraging, reproduction, and defense, with special emphasis on venomous snakes. The presentation will touch on the natural history of some of the common and interesting snakes of southern California, as well as the conservation issues and challenges facing our snakes.

Scott has worked at Audubon's Starr Ranch Sanctuary since 2004. He conducts and helps direct Starr Ranch's education program and leads small mammal, invertebrate, and aquatic vertebrate research at the Sanctuary. Scott received his Masters in Biology and Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management from Purdue University. He has a strong background in field research that includes leading or assisting studies on the spatial ecology of two species of rattlesnakes, assessing the efficacy of headstarting as a conservation strategy in northern water snakes, and quantifying the utilization of non-native pine stands by reptiles and amphibians. Scott also coordinated all field and laboratory activities for the first two years of a multi-agency study assessing the environmental benefits of private landowner conservation practices in northern Indiana, and served as the sole GIS specialist for a project aimed at identifying high priority areas for conservation within the St. Joseph River watershed.

The '4th Tuesday' program will take place at the Learning Center (Gray Building) at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine on November 27.



Scott Gibson

(See page 11 for directions.) The doors open at 7:00 PM for snacks and social. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

Companion "Snakes 101" Field Trip Saturday, April 27th at 2:00 pm Audubon CA Starr Ranch Sanctuary

The companion field trip for the 'Snakes 101' lecture will be held in the spring - of course! Join herpetologist Scott Gibson at Starr Ranch for a 1.5 - 2 hour field trip to see how amphibians and reptiles are studied in the field. We will start with a short indoor presentation before checking two to three trapping arrays. With any luck we'll have a few lizards, snakes, or salamanders to look at!

Details on this field trip will be provided at the November meeting and in future newsletters and on the website. Reservations will be required, with a minimum 5 and maximum 20 participants. Since this is an afternoon trip, we'd like to finish with a sack lunch supper.

REMINDER: Don't forget the 4th Tues.

**Conservation Lecture on October 23rd —
OC Watershed with Jenna Voss and Mary Ann
Skorpanich** - at 7:30 PM in the Learning Center.

And join us also for the **OC Watershed Companion Field Trip**, a demonstration monitoring event conducted by the OC Watershed group, sometime between November 15th and 20th. Reservations can be made at the October 23rd 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture and by following instructions on our website; reservations required.



View from the Coyote Hills
photo by David Hoonsbeen

West Coyote Hills, Nov. Election Day Notice:
A "No!" vote on **Measure W**, on the ballot by referendum in the City of Fullerton, will overturn the Fullerton City Council's approval of the Chevron development plan for West Coyote Hills, and help save the 510-acres as a park and coastal sage scrub natural resource. *Sponsored by ABF (A Better Fullerton); approved by the Friends of Coyote Hills.*

President's Message & Chapter News

For more information about Sea & Sage activities, check the Calendar of Chapter Activities, listed under the heading of Main Areas, on our chapter website at: <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org>. It lists the dates of our Meetings, Field Trips, Special Events such as the Annual Dinner, Summer BBQ, Pancake Breakfast, Orange County Spring Count, Christmas Bird Counts, Birding classes, etc.

President's Message

by Bruce Aird

The sad truth is conservation news is often unpleasant, and this can be discouraging to those who confront it regularly. Such news can be demotivating for people in the important fight to preserve species diversity and critical habitat. The best antidote for this is good news, and as it happens, I have some regarding two species native to California. Recent surveys of these species revealed that both were more numerous in California than previously expected. First, the Ukiah Daily Journal reported that surveys of islands offshore from Mendocino found Ashy Storm-Petrels breeding in locations not used by the species since 1926 (see: http://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/ci_21449703/rare-californiaseabird-reported-breeding-off-mendocino-coast) This is important news for a species with a world population estimated at less than 6,000 birds, particularly as it extends the region of known breeding areas by about 13-15%.

That may not seem very important to some of you, especially since the only way to see this bird is to get lucky on a pelagic birding trip. This is not to minimize the importance of the Ashy Storm-Petrel; it just recognizes the fact that people are more supportive of things they are familiar with, and of species that are, by whatever standards, more aesthetically pleasing. Which brings us to our next news item: recent surveys of Black Oystercatchers, sponsored by Audubon California, found about 4000 of these iconic shorebirds nesting within the state. This constitutes roughly 33% of the Black Oystercatcher world population, and was about 4-fold higher than previous estimates had led researchers to expect. Black Oystercatchers are distinctively handsome, their dark brownish-black plumage contrasting with bubblegum pink legs and feet, and bright red-orange bills and orbital rings. They are often found by their loud, piercing cries which somehow penetrate the noise of crashing surf in their natural habitat. Unlike the storm-petrels, Black Oystercatchers are fairly easily seen in areas of rocky shoreline or on large stone jetties. They are annual visitors and uncommon breeders here in Orange County.

For me, what makes the oystercatcher data more interesting is the way it was obtained: this was a survey conducted not by dedicated professional biologists, but by citizens like you. The study was organized by Audubon California and carried out by volunteers. So in a real sense, this was good news that was discovered by you. This exemplifies how, by volunteering nothing more than your time, you can have a real positive impact. I can't speak for you, but I find that really inspiring.

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, Carolyn Cooper, Tom Drouet, Fresia Escalona, Judy Fritts, Lynne Hayes, Pat Heilig, Cindi Herrera, Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Lauretta Kyle, Joann Lemberger, Donna Malloy, Joan McCauley, Bobbie Miller, Eunice Morita, Betty Purdy, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, Susan Sheakley, Bev Spring, Betty Swift, Diana Van Horn, Beryl Vogel, and Pat Wells.

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.

Bookstore and Giftshop News

Our bookstore inside Audubon House is open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is also open 45 minutes before our monthly General Meetings at the Duck Club, so be sure to stop by and pay us a visit. Check out our 2013 calendars, T-shirts, books and gift items. We now accept credit cards (Visa & Mastercard) with a \$10 minimum purchase.

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November & December Field Trips

Nancy Kenyon, Field Trip Chair

For trip updates & additional trip information, check our webpage at: www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/fieldtripscurrent.htm
Trips marked with ® require advance reservations. Questions about field trips? Contact Nancy Kenyon, at 949-786-3160 or nancvkenyon@cox.net. Many field trips fill up quickly, so don't wait until the last minute to sign up for them!

Monthly Wildlife Walk at the SJWS

1st Saturday - Nov. 3 & Dec. 1 - 9:00 am

We'll be exploring the birds, plants, and creatures of the marsh on this wildlife walk at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Watch fall come to the marsh, shorebirds and waterfowl will return in greater numbers, some of the plants will go to seed as temperatures cool and the days become shorter. Meet in front of Audubon House at 9:00 am for a 1½ hour nature walk in the marsh. (See directions to the SJWS on page 7.)

Leaders: Audubon Naturalists

Bi-Monthly Bird Walk at Irvine Park

1st Sunday - Nov. 4th & Jan. 6th - 7:30 am

Join Linette Lina for a bird walk at Irvine Regional Park at 7:30 am. This is a new area for our alternate 1st Sunday bird walk and there will be new birding areas to explore. Irvine Park supports a large number of resident as well as wintering species, and it does not close when it rains because the connecting roads are paved. **Directions:** Take Jamboree NE (toward the mts.) and follow it across Santiago Canyon Rd. and into the park. Or, from the 55 Fwy, exit on Katella & drive east. Katella turns into Villa Park Rd. & then Santiago Cyn Rd. which you will stay on until it intersects with Jamboree. Turn left on Jamboree & follow it into the park. Be prepared to pay the \$5 entrance fee if you don't have a county parks pass. **Meet** in the 1st parking lot on the right, after you enter the park.

Leader: Linette Lina

Bi-Monthly Bird Walk at Riley Park

1st Wednesday: Nov. 7th Jan. 2nd - 8:00 am

Join Mike Clayton for a bird walk at Riley Wilderness Park. This 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. (*This park closes when it rains.*)

Leader: Mike Clayton

Monthly Bird Walk at the SJWS

2nd Sunday - Nov. 11th & Dec. 9th - 8:00 am

Join Chris Obaditch for a monthly bird walk around the ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine at 8 am. The shorebirds and ducks have returned as well as some of the other wintering species, so there should be more birds to see this month. We may have a chance to check up on the Clark's Grebe family in pond 2 which added 3 new chicks to the family in late September. 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 to the SJWS on page 7.)

Leader: Chris Obaditch

Bi-Monthly Bird Walk at Laguna Niguel Reg. Park - 3rd Sun: Nov. 18 & Jan. 20 - 8 am

Join Garrett Lepper for a morning of birding at Laguna Niguel Regional Park at 8:00 am. This is a new area for our alternate 3rd Sunday bird walk and there will be new birding areas to explore. This park attracts a wide variety of birds due to the landscaped park vegetation and water. We will look for resident birds as well as fall and wintering species. **Directions:** Take the Santa Ana Fwy (5) to the La Paz Road off ramp. Head west 4 miles to the park entrance. Be prepared to pay the \$5 entrance fee if you don't have a county parks pass. **Meet** at the Shelter #3 parking lot at the far end of the park where there is ample parking and a nearby restroom. Ask for directions to Shelter 3 at the park entrance kiosk. (The park is located at 28241 La Paz Rd. in Laguna Niguel.)

Leader: Garrett Lepper

Upper Newport Bay by pontoon boat ®

3rd Wed. - Nov. 21st & Dec. 19th - 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 about 2 ½ hours. Trip is 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 to reserve a spot on boat. Directions will be provided to those with reservations.

Leader: Nancy Kenyon
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Upper Newport Bay Monthly Bird Walk

Last Sunday – Nov. 25th - 8:00 am

The Dec. 30th UNB bird walk has been cancelled because of its conflict with the Coastal CBC on that same day.

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 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:** The meeting place for this walk is 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

Antelope Valley Hawk Banding Trip

Saturday, Dec. 1st – 7:00 am to 2:00 pm



In the fall and winter months, migratory raptors flood into the Antelope Valley and upper desert regions. Red-tailed Hawks are a sure bet with many others such as Prairie Falcons, Rough-legged and Ferruginous Hawks, American Kestrels, Northern Harriers, and even Golden Eagles. Unlike most birding trips, this one offers close-up views of the raptors because Pete Bloom & Scott Thomas are

going to be banding those they catch. (Photos of some of the birds that have been banded on past hawk-banding trips are posted on our webpage.)

Depending on the location of Pete and Scott's banding operations, our group will be directed to drive to a location close to the banding area. There we will wait for Pete and Scott to bring the raptors they plan to band so that we can watch the banding operation, get close views of the birds, take pictures of them, and talk with Pete and Scott about them. They will be able to tell us the approximate age & sex

of the birds, what they eat (their prey), their general migration route, whether they are spending the winter in the Antelope Valley or are en route to some other wintering ground, their general health, where they nest, and a whole lot of other interesting information. During the day, we may change our location several times.

Though the primary focus on this trip will be to see the raptors, we will also be looking at other birds as well, so be sure to bring your binoculars and a scope if you have one. In the winter in the Antelope Valley, one often sees raptors perched on the telephone poles which give them a good vantage point since there are few trees. With a scope, we can often spot various raptors within sight of our stopping location. We'll also be looking for smaller birds such as Horned Larks, Mountain Bluebirds, Loggerhead Shrikes, and various other species.

If the weather is warm enough, you may wish to sit outside your car to watch for the birds and wait for the banders to bring us the birds they have caught for banding. Folding chairs can come in handy. **Be sure to bring plenty of warm clothes because it can be very chilly out there!** (Restroom facilities are few and far between, so go slow on the coffee. Usually, we drive back to the nearest town to use their restroom facility sometime during the morning.) *If you plan to bring children with you on this trip, be sure to bring activities with you that will occupy them while they're waiting.*

Reservations are not needed for this trip. **If you have room in your car for a passenger or two, please contact Nancy Kenyon to let her know.** There are always people who want to go but would like to ride with someone.

DIRECTIONS: We will meet at Ave. A and Hwy.14 in the Antelope Valley. From Orange County, take the #5 Fwy. north to #14 (Antelope Valley Fwy.); exit on #14 and drive north approximately 45 miles (through Lancaster) until you reach Avenue A. Turn left on Avenue A and park. Morning temperatures can be very chilly! Dress in layers; bring lunch, a map, and a full tank of gas. Don't forget your binoculars, scopes, and cameras. We will be out until around 2:00, rain or shine.

If bad weather (rain, snow, high winds, etc.) is predicted, the trip may be cancelled. Call Nancy Kenyon (949-786-3160) the day before the trip, or check the chapter webpage, if you are not sure about whether the trip will run as scheduled because of inclement weather.

Leaders: Pete Bloom and Scott Thomas

Marsh Education News

Trude Hurd, Project Director of Marsh Education

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



Taxidermy brings life from death

Not many people get excited by dead birds, but some of us at Sea and Sage Audubon do! I work closely with Gretchen Mavrovouniotis, Taxidermy Coordinator, to make decisions affecting our wonderful taxidermy collection. The process begins when Sea and Sage members find a recently dead bird and call to see if we want it. Gretchen and I consider if we can use this species for one of our educational programs, if we can afford the taxidermist's fee, and if there is room for it. We tell members to bury unwanted birds shallowly so decomposers can benefit, while desired birds are placed in our big chest freezer at the Sea and Sage Office.

Once a year, Gretchen and I go through what's in the freezer and decide which birds will come "alive" again. We have had several taxidermists during the past 20 years, beginning with CSU Fullerton graduate student Trish Skellinger and continuing to a company that specialized in hunting specimens, then wildlife artist John Schmitt, and finally our current taxidermist Igor Caragodin who competes in national taxidermy competitions. Each taxidermist breathed life into a skin of feathers! If you attended our 20th Anniversary Event at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, you might have watched this happen when Igor prepared a European Starling as a "study skin."

When the Irvine Ranch Water District remodeled the historical blue cottage for our administrative office four years ago, we requested that the unnecessary second bathroom and two bedroom closets be combined into one taxidermy storage room. It now houses one wall of whole specimens, one wall of mammal pelts and skulls, and one wall of bird parts (spread wings, skulls, feet, eggs, and feathers). Throughout the year, the majority of these birds "migrate" out of storage into the light where they can be viewed and admired by Audubon House visitors and participants in our educational programs.

Birds in the Audubon House glass display case change during the year to highlight wetland birds that visitors can see that season. Twice a week during Outdoor Adventures programs, 4-5th grade students sit only a foot away from 10 birds and can easily compare adaptations of the beaks and feet. In the classroom before their trip, students examine one of 16 birds like the American Kestrel, California Quail, and Western Scrub-jay and write its field marks from beak to tail.

Our taxidermy gets more use during six weeks of summer camp. Students match 8 different locally nesting birds with actual nests and eggs. Other birds are used during bird sounds lessons and sketching activities. Advanced Camp features an Orange County habitat one week and a bird family the next week, and these rotate every 5-6 years so that's a lot of bird specimens for campers to enjoy!

If you have attended one of Sylvia Gallagher's birding skills workshops, you have seen both whole specimens and parts like wings, feet, or skulls. At Sea and Sage's Exhibit table at community events, Mary Joseph and her team of volunteers display a large hawk to attract attention, then use smaller backyard birds to engage visitor interest.

I was recently asked, "Do we really need more dead birds?" The answer is, yes, to replace worn or damaged specimens and to assist new and continuing programs. There's magic and learning in seeing a real bird up close. We could not teach about bird biology, adaptations, migration, nesting, or taxonomy without our collection. We appreciate the people who have sponsored birds throughout the years. While "your bird" may not be on display when you drop by Audubon House, you can be proud that it is contributing to increasing knowledge and wonder about birds that live and migrate through our community.

We give a hearty welcome to Jon Boss, Pat Heilig, Amanda James, Steve Jelnick, and Gillian Martin who responded to our recent request for new volunteers for our Taxidermy Team.



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



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

Our entrance is now from Campus Dr., not Michelson

From the 405 Freeway south, exit on Jamboree. Turn right onto Jamboree. Turn left at Michelson Drive. Turn right at Harvard Avenue. Turn right at University Drive. Turn right at Campus Drive. Make an immediate right into the marked entrance to IRWD San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary and the Marsh Campus.

From the 405 Freeway North, exit on Jamboree. Turn left onto Jamboree, then follow above directions.

The San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary is open every day from dawn until dusk.

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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.

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Sea and Sage Audubon Society

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.

Late Breeding Clark's Grebes observed at the SJWS

These are the same parents who had 2 chicks earlier this summer in July. This late breeding record is a first for the SJWS and may be a first for Orange County as well.



photo by Trish Gussler on 9/23/12 at the SJWS

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Report ALL Banded Birds to:	http://www.reportband.gov/	

CALENDAR OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

November 2012

03	Sat	Wildlife Walk at the SJWS	9:00 am
04	Sun	Irvine Reg. Park bird walk	7:30 am
06	Tues	Conservation Com. Meeting	6:30 pm
07	Wed	Riley Wilderness Park bird walk	8:00 am
9-11	F-S	Morro Bay Trip (<i>Sorry, trip is full</i>).....	
11	Sun	SJWS monthly bird walk	8:00 am
13	Tues	Board Meeting	7:30 pm
16	Fri	GENERAL MEETING	7:30 pm
18	Sun	Laguna Niguel Reg. Park bird walk	8:00 am
21	Wed	UNB by pontoon boat.....	8:15 am
25	Sun	UNB monthly bird walk.....	8:00 am
27	Tues	4 th Tuesday Conservation Lecture	7:30 pm

December 2012

01	Sat	Antelope Valley Hawk-Banding Trip	7:00 am
01	Sat	Wildlife Walk at the SJWS	9:00 am
02	Sun	Santiago Oaks Bi-monthly bird walk.....	7:30 am
04	Tues	Conservation Com. Meeting	6:30 pm
08	Sat	Seal Beach NWR bird walk (<i>Sorry, trip is full</i>)	
09	Sun	SJWS monthly bird walk	8:00 am
11	Tues	Board Meeting	7:30 pm
19	Wed	UNB by pontoon boat.....	8:15 am
15	Sat	San Juan Capistrano (south county) CBC	
16	Sun	Northeastern (inland) CBC.....	
30	Sun	Coastal CBC	