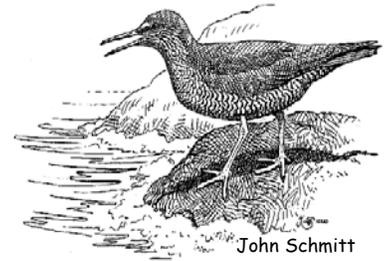


# Wandering Tattler

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## Welcome Back!

*by Al Baumann, president*

Welcome back! I trust everyone had a terrific summer doing exactly what you wanted to do. Janet and I spent three weeks birding our way down the Skyline Drive through Shenandoah National Park in Virginia, onto the Blue Ridge Parkway through the rest of Virginia and into North Carolina, ending in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park - then, on to our family reunion. It was all a great time, but I think the highlights were finding a male Cerulean Warbler and coming face to face with a beautiful singing male Canada Warbler. It just doesn't get any better!

No matter where we go or what we do, it's good to get home. I first scan the yard to see if "our" birds are still there. Where are "our" House Finches? Where are "our" scrub-jays? I immediately check and fill the feeders. Several long quiet days go by before we hear a familiar sound - they're BACK - "our" House Finches! Now, it feels like home again.

This little story might seem simple, but it's real - our home does not feel like home unless we can see and hear "our" birds.

This story continues with the arrival of two alarming setbacks. First, I open the latest issue of *Audubon* magazine to find "A State of the Birds Report Summer 2007" listing "The Top 10 Common Birds in Decline." It's an eye opener! The second setback really hit home. Gary Langham, Director of Bird Conservation for Audubon California, sent me a list of declining common birds in California. Both lists were compiled from the Christmas Bird Counts and the Breeding Bird Surveys since 1967. The declines are unbelievable! Rather than mention each bird in this article, the entire list is reprinted inside this issue of the *Wandering Tattler*.

What can we do? This cannot continue! The easiest thing all of us can do is educate everyone about the problem. Get involved in a Citizen Science project. We must preserve habitat. Please, please buy your Duck Stamp at your local post office; \$14.70 of the \$15.00 cost goes directly to the National Wildlife Refuges for development and/or acquisition purposes.

Well, take another look at the California list. Let's see: White-crowned Sparrow, Bullock's Oriole, House Finch...HOUSE FINCH!! Our HOUSE FINCH! I once read that Suquamish Chief Seattle said in 1854, "What is man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone, man would die from a great loneliness of spirit."

## General Meeting

September 21st - Friday - 7:30 pm

### "Kenya: Birds & Wildlife of the Gem of East Africa"

*presented by Roy Poucher and Linda Oberholtzer*

Join Roy Poucher and Bird Odysseys on a wild and wonderful photographic safari to Kenya.

Your virtual-reality tour will transport you to the expansive grasslands of the Masai Mara and to other scenic locations where exotic birds and the big game hippos, rhinos, zebras, elephants, giraffes and lions live.

Bee-eaters & Rollers, Hamerkop & Fish Eagles, Weavers & Sunbirds, Hoopoes & Hornbills, Bustards & Lapwings, Longclaws & White-Eyes..... These birds and more are captured in stunning photos taken by our Sea and Sage trip participants.

Grasp the millions of Lesser Flamingoes blanketing Lake Nakuru. Enjoy the gangly Secretary Bird and the largest flying bird in the world, the Kori Bustard. Visit the beautiful bird-rich Lakes Baringo and Naivasha, the verdant Kakamega Forest, and famous Treetops Lodge, built above big game watering holes in Aberdares National Park.

Roy Poucher has been a Sea and Sage trip leader and field assistant in Sylvia Gallagher's introductory birding classes for 15 years. He has lead multi-day trips to the Eastern Sierra, Arizona and Texas. His bird tour company, Bird Odysseys, has taken groups to North Dakota & the Great Lakes, Costa Rica, Ecuador and the Galapagos. Trips to Thailand and Costa Rica are planned.

We hope you will join us. The doors open at 7:00 and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm. We meet in the Irvine Ranch Water District Board Meeting Room at 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine.

*Jay and Marquita Miller, Program Co-Chairs*

Our meetings are held in the Board Meeting Room of the Irvine Ranch Water District's main office on the east side of Sand Canyon Ave. at the intersection of Water Works and Sand Canyon, in the city of Irvine. If you are coming by freeway, Sand Canyon may be accessed from either Santa Ana Frwy (5) or San Diego Frwy (405); there are ramps from both the north and the south. (The Irvine Ranch Water District neither supports nor endorses the cause or activities of organizations which use the district's meeting rooms, which are made available as a public service.)

# Urban Sanctuaries, Audubon at Home

by Susan Sheakley



Our Conservation Committee Meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Audubon House. See chapter webpage for meeting agenda: <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Conservation/conservation.htm> We hope you will join us! For additional information, please call Susan Sheakley at 949-552-5974.

## BIRD FRIENDLY YARDS

*Susan Sheakley, Conservation Chair*

**Tree Trimming.** Taking action in the fall and early winter to trim your trees will greatly reduce conflicts with the nesting activities of birds next spring! Also, with our spring and summer seasons getting warmer, we can all appreciate the cooling effects of shade. If you are interested in taking this idea to your homeowners association, your community, or your local golf course, contact us. We can provide you with a sample letter to promote the idea. Trees are a valuable resource and we do recommend consulting a certified arborist on their care

**Bird Friendly Yards.** Birds prefer yards that offer food, water, shelter, or cover while seeking food or water. Plants, including native plants, provide sources of food, through flowers, seeds and the insects attracted to them.

**Planting Native Plants.** Spring prompts us to step-up our gardening activities, but fall and early winter are the best times to plant native plants. Planting at this time lets them take advantage of the rainy season (when we have one.)

**Best Tip.** Sign up this fall for our "Gardening With Natives" workshop, for landscaping ideas and help in selecting native plants. See page 9 in this issue for details.

## BIRD FRIENDLY DECORATIVE DECALS

*Laura Cohen, Resource Specialist, Laguna Coast Wilderness Park*

Laguna Coast Wilderness recently opened the beautiful new James and Rosemary Nix Nature Center, located in Little Sycamore Canyon, an area rich with bird life. The Nature Center is designed to feature the beauty of the wilderness. The large windows at the Nix Nature Center are the most important element of the design, enticing visitors to explore the outdoors. This design could be a calamity for the birds of the canyon.

Jenny Rigby at Acorn Naturalists had the solution to the problem. They are "Window Alert" decorative decals. These decals reflect the ultraviolet portion of the sunlight. We humans see very little when the decal is applied, but the manufacturer states the decal "glows like a spotlight for the birds." We have applied the decals about three

feet apart near the tops of the windows and other bird-unfriendly locations. Since the decals were applied, we have had no avian collisions. People don't mind the decals. We have actually received compliments concerning our window's beautifully "etched" sycamore leaves. If you are looking for a way to protect your birds, you can find WindowAlert decals at Acorn Naturalists (800-422-8886).

Visit the Nix Nature Center (18751 Laguna Canyon Road, 949-923-2235) to be drawn into the outdoors and to see these effective decals in action!

## SAVE THESE DATES!

**9-4-07, September Conservation Meeting** at Audubon House, 6:30 pm. Guest from Orange County Interfaith Coalition for the Environment will discuss activities concerning climate change.

**9-15-07, 9:00 am to Noon, Coastal and Inner Coastal Cleanup Day, 23rd Annual.** For more info and OC sites, go to [www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd) or to [www.ocparks.com](http://www.ocparks.com).

**10-1-07, 10 am to afternoon, Gum Grove Park Bird Walk and Welcome Malkom to OC.** See page 9 for more info.



**10-1-07, Huntington Beach, Birding and Cycle Along with Malkom.**

**10-2-07, San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary and Newport Beach, Birding and Cycle Along with Malkom.**

**10-2-07, October Conservation Meeting,** Ken Boothroyd, special guest at Muth Center, Upper Newport Bay, 6:30 pm. More info on page 8.

**10-3-07, Crystal Cove and beyond, Birding and Cycle Along with Malkom.**

**10-27-07, 10th Annual Caring for Creation Conference,** sponsored by Orange County Interfaith Coalition for the Environment. More info in October Tattler and online at [www.ocice.org](http://www.ocice.org).

# Rarities in Orange County

## by Doug Willick



To report a RARE or UNUSUAL bird, or to receive the current RBA report for Orange County, call the OC RBA at (949) 487-6869. To find out how to access this information online and/or how to subscribe to the Orange County Rare Bird Alert by e-mail, visit our Sea and Sage website at: <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/BirdInfo/birdinforbas.htm>

This month's "Rarities" column will attempt to catch up on the more interesting bird observations that were made in the county since April 2007 (the period covered by the last edition of the *Tattler*). Due to the number of rarities that have occurred over the past three month period (May-July), the latter half of the spring migration period, as well as some of the early summer rarities, will be covered here. A recap of the mid to late summer reports will then continue in next month's column.

Warblers often steal the show during late spring in southern California, including species that are typically rare wanderers to the western states. Adding to the experience is the fact that a number of these birds, even though not local breeders, will be singing males in their breeding plumage finery. Orange County enjoyed somewhat fewer warbler rarities than has become expected in recent years, but there were still a few nice surprises. In addition to Northern Parula and Ovenbird in early May (reported in the last issue of the *Tattler*), subsequent warblers rarities included a male **Chestnut-sided Warbler** at Laguna Niguel Regional Park (LNRP), May 28-29 (Robert McNab), a singing male **Bay-breasted Warbler** at Seagate Park, May 26-28 (Jim Pike), and an adult male **American Redstart** along the upper Santa Ana River (Orange), May 12-13 (Doug Willick). The Bay-breasted Warbler was only the second for spring and the seventh or eight overall for Orange County.

There were several other songbird migrants of note during May. **Gray Flycatchers** were at Harriet Wiedner Regional Park (HWRP), May 7 (Brian Daniels), and at Pacific View Cemetery, May 13 (Peyton Cook), and a **Dusky Flycatcher** was reported at Harbor View Nature Park, May 9 (Kaaren Perry). A hybrid **Hermit X Townsend's Warbler** was studied at Huntington Central Park (HCP), May 12 (J. Pike, B. Daniels). Single **Green-tailed Towhees** visited a Laguna Niguel yard, May 9 (R. McNab), and a location along the lower San Juan Creek, May 12 (P. Cook). Although one or two **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** are found in the county during a typical spring, six this year was exceptional. These included a male at a Costa Mesa feeder, May 11 (Denise McKay), two reported in a Dana Point yard, May 24-25 (Gary Wright), a singing male at HCP (including Shipley Nature Center), May 25-June 1 (Dave & Sharon Telford, Bob Pinning, Jean Casselman, J. Pike, B. Daniels), a singing male at LNRP, May 26 (R. McNab), and another singing male (apparently a late migrant) at HCP, June 22 (B. Daniels). Two different **Clay-colored Sparrows** were nice discoveries, especially for spring; these included one in the Gallagher's bird-friendly Huntington Beach yard, May 1 (Sylvia Gallagher), and another at HCP, May 6 (Dick & Pat Cabe). They were only the 5th and 6th spring records for the county. Apparent spring migrant **Summer Tanagers** included one along lower San Juan Creek, May 20 (P. Cook), and one at HCP, June 1 (B. Daniels). In addition to the Summer Tanager and Rose-breasted Grosbeak at HCP on June 1, an adult male **Baltimore Oriole** (B. Daniels) discovered there the same day added additional color. Other rare spring migrants in the county, in the non-songbird department, included a **Franklin's Gull**, May 27 (John Cubit), and single **Common Terns**, May 12 and 19 (B. Daniels, Leo Ohtsuki), both at Bolsa Chica (BC).

It is not clear whether a singing Dark-eyed Junco near Harbor View Nature Park, May 19 (D. Willick), was a late "straggler" or potentially a summering bird at this location, which would be unexpected. Other observations that were considered to be late spring migrants in the county included a **Bonaparte's Gull** on June 3 (D. Willick), a **Hermit Thrush** on May 21 (B. Daniels), a **Warbling Vireo** on June 22 (B. Daniels), individual **Yellow-rumped Warblers** on May 28 (J. Pike) and May 29 (Robb Hamilton), a **MacGillivray's Warbler** on June 2 (D. Willick), and an exceptionally late **White-crowned Sparrow** [at San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS)], June 23 (B. Daniels, L. Ohtsuki). The vast majority of White-crowns have left the county by the end of April. A breeding plumaged **Pacific Loon** at BC, June 2-6 (Vic Leipzig, Felicia Lee), was actually only slightly late for a spring migrant.

Early summer can often be fairly uneventful in terms of noteworthy bird occurrences in the county. There were several rarities, however, during June that were quite exceptional by county standards. A second year **Lesser Black-backed Gull** was at BC, June 10-17 (B. Daniels). This was only the county's 4th or 5th record, and likely one of very few (if not the first?) anywhere in the state at this time of year. A **Laughing Gull** at BC, July 1 (L. Ohtsuki), was also a nice find here. Quite exceptional was the occurrence of *two* **Yellow-billed Cuckoos**, with one in a Tustin residential area, June 25 (Wayne Gochenour), and another at the SJWS, June 27-July 1 (Bob Hoakum; Leigh Johnson, R. McNab). These fit the unusually late spring migration pattern for this species. Now one of the rarest of breeding birds in the state, the two recent cuckoo observations here were only the 5th and 6th county records since regular record-keeping was begun about 1978.

There was a nice variety of seabirds seen from the coast in June, with the more interesting sightings including a **Pigeon Guillemot** off the Newport Pier, June 6 (B. Daniels), and a **Leach's Storm-Petrel** at the same location, June 7 (J. Pike). Other early summer observations from Newport included **Sooty Shearwater**, **Black Storm-Petrel**, **Rhinoceros Auklet**, **Cassin's Auklet**, **Common Murre**, and a few **Xantus's/Craveri's murrelets** (B. Daniels, J. Pike, et.al.).

During June, both **Least** and **Forster's terns** were again setting up inland breeding colonies in the Burris Pit reservoir, along the upper Santa Ana River in east Anaheim. The terns have opportunistically used islands within the reservoir, at least during years when suitable water levels are present, for their nesting colonies. A brief update on their nesting success will be provided in next month's column. Other noteworthy locations for nesting species in the county included up to a couple pairs of **Purple Finches**, with a male seen feeding a fledgling, at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, June 3-10 (D. Willick). **Mountain Chickadees** appear to be continuing to establish their breeding population in the Mission Viejo, Lake Forest and Laguna Hills area, and undoubtedly other nearby communities as well (many observers). One singing near Harbor View Nature Park, June 2 (D. Willick), may potentially even indicate breeding along the immediate coast.

# Chapter News

For more information on Sea & Sage events & activities, check out our chapter webpage at: <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org>



## Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in June, July, August & September: Sonia Appell, Donna & Mike Augustine, Barbara Chidester, Deana Collins, Carolyn Cooper, Tom Drouet, Fresia Escalona, Judy Fritts, Virginia Gochenour, Pat Heilig, Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Mary Martineau, Joan McCauley, Sally Menzel, Joan Olafson, Rosemary Price, Betty Purdy, Barbara Reber, Mary Shandy, Bev Spring, Betty Swift, Celia Vorsanger, and Vic Westling.

## Can You Lend Us a Hand?

We often talk about encouraging others to take up birding, to enjoy the outdoors, to preserve habitat, and to share our love of nature. We want to pass on this love to the next generation, but many of us never get the opportunity to influence others in this area. Here is your chance! We have a great bunch of teenagers in our chapter who belong to the Junior Naturalist Program. Most of them have attended our Advanced Bird Camp and want to continue nature-related activities during the year. They get together once a month and go on field trips together to explore different birding habitats here in Southern CA and they need birders to go with them on these trips. Your job, as a birder, is to guide them, to help them learn more about the birds in the area they're visiting. The kids are motivated, they're enthusiastic, and they want to learn more. Many of them are already good birders. There will be other adults along on the outings as well. If you enjoy working with young people and you'd like to help them improve their birding skills, here is your chance. Please contact Kate Grabenstein at 714-540-6768 or email her at [papians@sbcglobal.net](mailto:papians@sbcglobal.net). They are great kids to work with and you'll have fun helping out! For more information about the Junior Naturalists Program visit: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Education/JuniorNaturalists.htm](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Education/JuniorNaturalists.htm)

—N. Kenyon

## 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 Wednesday evening, Sept. 5th at 7:30 pm. The limit is 30 photos per person. For information on these meetings and/or directions to Jim's house, call Jim at 714-962-8990. If you will be bringing digital pictures, please follow the guidelines listed at: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Meetings/meetings.htm](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Meetings/meetings.htm) or call Steve Metildi at 714-505-3256.

## News from the Bookstore

Check out our new titles: *Ivorybill Hunters: The Search for Proof in a Flooded Wilderness* (Oxford Univ Press 3/07), *In the Company of Crows and Ravens* (Yale Univ Press 5/07), *Ecology and Behavior of Chickadees and Titmice* (Oxford Univ Press 4/07), *Big Twitch: One Man, One Continent, a Race Against Time - a True Story about Birdwatching*, *Good Birders Don't Wear White* (4/07), *Silence of the Songbirds* (5/07), and *Death Shoots a Birdie*, a birdwatcher's mystery by Christine Goff (3/07). The 2008 calendars are also here, many designs and styles, including a new Audubon Birding Trails calendar. Also in are new t-shirt designs, coffee mugs, pens, notepads and children's items (puzzles, rubber toys, clickers, and more). We're open from 8-4 daily.

## 50th Anniversary Celebration

In 2008, we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary as an Audubon chapter. Cheryl Thomas is putting together a special power point presentation on this to be shown at our Annual Dinner in March. If you have any material on our early days as a chapter, please contact Cheryl Thomas at 949-294-2275. We are looking for photos, articles, stories, and other items. Cheryl would appreciate your mailing items to her and promises to return the items. Please mail to: Cheryl Thomas, 24911 Hayuco, Mission Viejo CA 92692.

## We Could Really Use Your Help

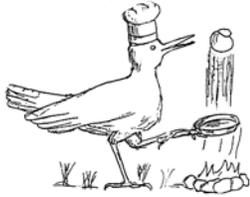
Many of you have stopped at Audubon House when you visited the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. You may have purchased a new field guide, a t-shirt, a present for someone, or picked up a trail map while you were there. Or, you may have stopped by to drop off some books for the Pancake Breakfast or attended a committee meeting. You know what a busy place our chapter office can be, but were you aware that it is staffed solely by volunteers? The people who answer the phone when you call there for information, who assist you when you purchase a book, who check out videos or binoculars for loan, who greet visitors and answer bird questions, all these things are done by our chapter volunteers. Some of us volunteer our time there once a week while others help out once or twice a month. Audubon House is open daily from 8 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon; there are 2 shifts for volunteers to fill, a morning shift and an afternoon shift. We could really use your help! It's a great place to spend 4 hours and it's one of the ways you can really help Sea and Sage. Please call Judy Fritts (949-551-4513) if you'd like to volunteer.

—Nancy Kenyon

# Pancake Breakfast

Sat., October 27th

<http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/SpecialEvents/SpecialEvents.html>



## It's More Than Just Pancakes!

Sea & Sage will be hosting its 15th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 27th, at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. Breakfast of hot-off-the-griddle pancakes, sausages, fresh fruit, cold orange juice, hot coffee and milk for the kids will be served from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. This event is more than just a Pancake Breakfast! Browse through the wonderful selection of nature books at our famous Used Book Sale. Spend some time in our Audubon House with its excellent reference library, large taxidermy collection of birds, and outstanding gift and book store. Wander out to the ponds and look through one of the spotting scopes, set up at strategic locations for your convenience. The price of this fund raiser is only \$10 for adults, \$6 for children 10 and under, and children under 3 are free. Reservations for the breakfast are a must so that we know how much food to buy and prepare. For reservations, directions, donation of used books, or volunteering to help, call Audubon House at 949-261-7963 or contact Scott Thomas at 949-293-2915.



## We Need Your Used Books!

Attention members! Here is an easy way to support your chapter! Start your fall cleaning now! Clear out your bookshelves and take down those unused books on birds, natural history, travel & gardening to donate to Sea & Sage for our Annual Pancake Breakfast Used Book Sale. Proceeds from this sale will benefit our education & conservation projects. All donations will be greatly appreciated! Deliver them to Audubon House any time before Oct. 17th.

## Our Summer BBQ

We had a sellout crowd at the Summer BBQ again this year. The weather was perfect summer weather for being outdoors and we even had a full moon which rose above the meadow during the evening program. Forty willing volunteers worked together to help make our event a success. The BBQ was coordinated by Cat Waters with the able assistance of Jan Gaffney who supervised the

# Our Summer Barbecue

July 28th - were you there?

outdoor kitchen area and Scott Thomas who took care of setting up the tables & chairs with the help of Al Baumann and taking them down with the help of Hal Sheakley, setting up the AV equipment, unloading the food & drinks, and countless other jobs that kept him constantly busy throughout the event and afterwards. I had the pleasure of coordinating our wonderful volunteers and taking reservations.

This year we held the event in the "meadow" area behind the Duck Club so as to conserve parking spaces which were in limited supply due to various obstacles. This provided us with more room to spread out in and gave us more flexibility with our setup. Everyone commented on the food and agreed it was delicious! We even had room to show off Sheila Fitzgerald's fantastically decorated cake made especially for our event; many people took photos of it before it was finally cut into generous serving pieces for all to enjoy. (If you missed seeing it as whole, a photo of it can be found on our webpage.

After dinner, many people went out for a short bird walk, returning for dessert and Todd McGrath's interesting program on pelagic birds and other marine animals found along our coast. If you're like me, you forgot to bring note-taking materials with you and so were unable to jot down notes about the information Todd provided. Much of that material is covered in the two articles Todd McGrath and Jon Feenstra wrote about pelagic birding for the LA Audubon newsletter in 2005. I have posted those articles on our webpage for you to read at your leisure.

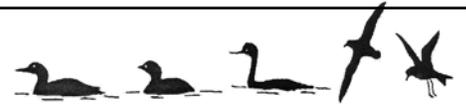
After Todd's program, Jay & Marquita Miller led a Night Nature Walk into the marsh in search of bats and other nocturnal creatures. They and their helpers had sonar bat detectors with them and were able to show the group bats actively flying over the ponds catching insects and let them hear the bats as well. It was a wonderful way to end a special evening!

I'd like to thank all our wonderful volunteers who helped to make our BBQ such a success: Neal Anderson, Al & Janet Baumann, Charlotte Coleman, Pete DeSimone, Bettina Eastman, Frank & Shirley Feller, Sheila & Kaitlin Fitzgerald, Judy Fritts, Jan Gaffney, Kate Grabenstein, Scott Hendrixson, Tommye Hite, Lois Jones, Mary Joseph, Merri Levy, Marcia Marlowe, Gretchen McCausland, Jay & Marquita Miller, Linda Oberholtzer, Butch & Lynda Pash, Steve & Kaaren Perry, Roy Poucher, Betty Purdy, Robert Scrimger, Hal & Susan Sheakley, Steve Sosensky, Scott & Cheryl Thomas, Jim Vance, Ralph & Beryl Vogel, Cat Waters, Debbie Wrathall.



—Nancy Kenyon

# September Field Trips



For trip updates & additional trip information, visit: [www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/fieldtripscurrent.htm](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/fieldtripscurrent.htm)  
Trips marked with 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](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net)

## Santiago Oaks Regional Park

**Sunday, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 at 7:30 a.m.**

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 Walk at the SJWS

**Sunday, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11 at 8:00 a.m.**

Join Chris Obaditch for a monthly bird walk around the ponds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine at 8:00 am on the 2nd Sunday morning of each month. (See directions on page 11.) The walk, which is open to interested birders of all ages, will meet by the front door of Audubon House. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult. *Chris Obaditch, Leader*

## Observing Birds Carefully at UNB ® for Intermediate & Advance Birders

**Sunday, Sept. 9 - 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon**

**Monday, Sept. 10 - 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon**

Sylvia Gallagher will lead duplicate field trips to Upper Newport Bay on Sunday, Sept. 9th, and Monday, Sept. 10th. These are designed to help intermediate and advanced birders improve their observation skills. We'll practice describing the appearances, vocalizations, and behaviors of a few birds—and not try to list as many species as we can find. The entire July/August issue of Birding magazine features these skills. Try to read it before the field trip.

Each trip will be limited to 15 people. Contact Nancy Kenyon for trip reservations (see below). Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Canyon parking lot at Upper Newport Bay.

**Directions:** Take Jamboree Rd. south from I-405 or north from PCH to San Joaquin Hills Rd. Turn west and go down the hill a short distance to Back Bay Dr. Turn right & drive about a half-mile to the paved parking lot on the left.

**Bring:** binoculars, water, scope (if you have one), field guide, field notebook, sheets of plain paper and pencils for sketching, and perhaps a light chair or stool. The trip will end by noon. Space is limited to 15 people; **advance reservations are necessary.** Contact Nancy Kenyon for trip reservations at [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net) or by phone at 949-786-3160.

*Sylvia Gallagher, Leader*

## Fall Pelagic Trip from Dana Point ®

**Saturday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 a.m.**

★ **Target Birds:** Black-vented, Sooty & Pink-footed Shearwaters; Black & Least Storm-Petrels; Cassin's & Rhinoceros Auklets; Parasitic & Pomarine Jaegers, a variety of shorebirds, terns, gulls, and possibly some whales & dolphins. Our leader, Jerry Tolman, is an experienced pelagic birder. We will be using the Sea Explorer, a 70 ft. research vessel belonging to the Ocean Institute of Dana Point. The boat offers ample deck space & seating for great viewing of the ocean, use of a microphone for the leader, good restroom facilities (heads), deck stability, and more power for quickly covering the distances not occupied by birds. Advance reservations are necessary. Trip fee is \$35 per person, (payable to Sea & Sage Audubon). Mail to: Pelagic trip, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Include your phone number & your email address or a self-addressed legal size envelope for trip confirmation and additional information.

*Jerry Tolman, Leader*

## San Diego/Point Loma & vicinity

**Saturday - Sept. 29th - 8:00 am**

Early fall is one of the best seasons to bird the San Diego area. At this time of year, one can see a wide range of shorebirds in various plumages, as well as an assortment of migrant warblers, sparrows, raptors, and others. We will visit a number of locations to check out the birds of the area. Though a complete set of written directions will be provided to trip participants, a good map of the San Diego area would also come in handy. We will meet at the upper end of Ocean Beach Park near Mission Bay.

**Directions:** Take the I-5 south to the Mission Bay area. Exit on Sea World Drive, continue past Sea World and bear left to the 2nd bridge across the channel, which is Sunset Cliffs Blvd. After crossing the channel, turn right on Voltaire to Ocean Beach Park. Park at the upper end of the parking lot. **Bring** lunch & beverages, binoculars, a scope if you have one, a San Diego county map and a folding chair. (We will be spending at least an hour watching the birds at the Point Loma water drip.) The trip may last until 2:00.

*Nancy Kenyon & Gary Meredith, Co-Leaders*

## Los Cerritos Wetlands - "Bird Year" Birding & Welcome Malkom Field Trip

**Monday, Oct. 1 at 10:00 a.m. - afternoon  
at Gum Grove Park in Seal Beach**

SEE PAGE 9 FOR FULL INFORMATION ON THIS TRIP.

# Field Trip Schedule for 2007-2008

CLIP OUT THIS SCHEDULE & SAVE IT. Mark the trips you want to go on on your calendar. Be sure to check the current Tattler as well as the chapter webpage each month for up-to-date field trip information. This schedule is not complete; more trips will be added during the year and will be posted on the webpage at: <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/FieldTripSchedule0708.html>  
For additional information, contact Nancy Kenyon, Field Trip Chair, at 949-786-3160, or [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net).  
Trips which require reservations are marked with this symbol (R).

Sept. 02	Sun.	Santiago Oaks Regional Park	Feb. 2/3	S/S	Salton Sea weekend trip (R3)
Sept. 09	Sun.	San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary	Feb. 03	Sun.	Santiago Oaks Regional Park
Sept. 09	Sun.	Observing Birds Carefully at UNB (R1)	Feb. 05	Tues.	Laurel Canyon, Natural History Walk (R1)
Sept. 10	Mon.	Observing Birds Carefully at UNB (R1)	Feb. 09	Sat.	San Jacinto Wildlife Area
Sept. 19	Wed.	Upper Newport Bay by Small Boat (R1)	Feb. 10	Sun.	San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
Sept. 22	Sat.	Fall Pelagic Trip out of Dana Point (R2)	Feb. 11	Mon	Seal Beach NWR (R1)
Sept. 29	Sat.	San Diego/Point Loma & Vicinity	Feb. 20	Wed	Upper Newport Bay by Small Boat (R1)
Oct. 01	Mon.	Los Cerritos Wetlands	Mar. 02	Sun.	Santiago Oaks Regional Park
Oct. 07	Sun.	Santiago Oaks Regional Park	Mar. 04	Tues.	San Juan Loop Trail, Nat. History Walk (R1)
Oct. 14	Sun.	San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary	Mar. 09	Sun.	San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
Oct. 14	Sun.	The Big Sit	Mar. 19	Wed.	Upper Newport Bay by Small Boat (R1)
Oct. 17	Wed.	Upper Newport Bay by Small Boat (R1)	Mar. 22-24	S/S/M	Borrego Valley Hawk Watch
Nov. 03	Sat.	Seal Beach NWR (R1)	Apr. 01	Tues.	Holy Jim Canyon, Natural History Walk (R1)
Nov. 04	Sun.	Santiago Oaks Regional Park	Apr. 05	Sat.	Villa Park Flood Basin
Nov. 06	Tues.	Starr Ranch, Natural History Walk (R1)	Apr. 06	Sun.	Santiago Oaks Regional Park
Nov. 11	Sun.	San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary	Apr. 13	Sun.	San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
Nov. 18	Sun.	Bolsa Chica	Apr. 16	Wed.	Upper Newport Bay by Small Boat (R1)
Nov. 21	Wed.	Upper Newport Bay by Small Boat (R1)	Apr. 26	Sat.	BIRDATHON
Dec. 01	Sat.	Harper Dry Lake & Silver Lakes	May 04	Sun.	Santiago Oaks Regional Park
Dec. 02	Sun.	Santiago Oaks Regional Park	May 10	Sat.	Huntington Central Park
Dec. 09	Sun.	San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary	May 11	Sun.	San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
Dec. 15	Sat.	San Juan Capistrano CBC	May 17/18	S/S	Kern River Area weekend trip (R5)
Dec. 16	Sun.	Northeastern (Inland) CBC	May 21	Wed.	Upper Newport Bay by Small Boat (R1)
Dec. 19	Wed.	Upper Newport Bay by Small Boat (R1)	June 08	Sun.	Santiago Oaks Regional Park
Dec. 30	Sun.	Coastal CBC	June 15	Sun.	San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
Jan. 05	Sat.	CBC Specialties Trip	June 18	Wed.	Upper Newport Bay by Small Boat (R1)
Jan. 06	Sun.	Santiago Oaks Regional Park	June 21	Sat.	San Bernardino Mountains (R1)
Jan. 12	Sat.	Winter Pelagic Trip (R2)	July 06	Sun.	Santiago Oaks Regional Park
Jan. 13	Sun.	Antelope Valley Hawk Trip	July 13	Sun.	San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
Jan. 13	Sun.	San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary	July 16	Wed.	Upper Newport Bay by Small Boat (R1)
Jan. 16	Wed.	Upper Newport Bay by Small Boat (R1)			
Jan. 26/27	S/S	Carrizo Plain weekend (R4)			

## How to Make Advance Reservations for Field Trips:

(R) This symbol means advance reservations are necessary. If there is no symbol by the trip name, reservations are not necessary. Any trip listed here may be signed up for in advance; in fact, it is preferable not to wait until the last minute to sign up because the trip may very well be filled by that time.

To make trip reservations, follow the directions in the current Tattler, or use the directions listed here. If there is a trip fee, make check payable to: SEA & SAGE AUDUBON and mail it to: Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Be sure to indicate the name & date of the trip; include your phone number for last minute trip updates, as well as your email address so trip info & confirmation can be sent back to you. If you don't have email, send a stamped, legal-sized, self-addressed envelope.

All trip participants will be required to sign a trip waiver (releasing Sea & Sage from liability). A copy of the waiver is on our chapter webpage in the field trips section. If you need to cancel your paid reservation, refunds will not be given for cancellations less than 30 days prior to a trip unless someone from the waiting list is found to fill the vacancy.

### TRIPS REQUIRING ADVANCE RESERVATIONS:

**R1** UNB by small boat, Natural History walks, Seal Beach NWR, San Bernardino Mts., Observing Birds Carefully at UNB  
No trip fee but space is limited. Email or call Nancy Kenyon at (949-786-3160) or [nancykenyon@cox.net](mailto:nancykenyon@cox.net)

**R2** Pelagic Trips. Trip fee \$35.

**R3** Salton Sea Trip. Trip fee \$20.

**R4** Carrizo Plain trips. Trip fee \$25

**R5** Kern River Area trip. Trip fee \$40.

**R6** Seal Beach NWR trip. *When making your reservation, please give Nancy your name & phone number. You will need to bring a photo ID, such as your drivers license, with you in order to enter the base.*

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# **Bird Year:** a remarkable 10,000 Mile Journey in Search of Birds by a Remarkable Young Man - Malkom Boothroyd and His Parents Ken and Wendy

by Scott Thomas , Conservation Director of Orange County

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In June, 2007, 15-year old Malkom Boothroyd, inspired by Mark Obmarsik's book "The Big Year" embarked on a 10,000 mile bike ride, stretching from Alaska to Florida in search of birds. Malkom, already an avid birder with an impressive life list, convinced his parents Ken and Wendy to take a year long trip on bicycles, looking for new birds while promoting fossil-fuel-free transportation.

October 1st, Malkom and family are scheduled to reach Orange County. Sea and Sage Audubon will meet them on Pacific Coast Highway near Seal Beach. They will be leaving the company of Los Angeles Audubon, who will have already hosted them for several days of riding and birding in Los Angeles County. We, Sea and Sage Audubon and friends, will be taking Malkom to some of our special birding locations along the coast, such as the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary.

Malkom's vision and journey has sparked enthusiasm and support from the birding world. The "Bird Year" Website [www.birdyear.com](http://www.birdyear.com) quotes David Allen Sibley's (author of the Sibley Field Guide to Birds) comments about Malkom's "Bird Year": "I am excited to hear about your epic adventure! When I was in high school in Connecticut I daydreamed about doing something similar when I graduated, but ended up with a van, camping in good birding areas and using my bike for daily transportation. I just checked out your website and it looks like your goal of raising awareness is already well underway-congratulations!" David Sibley has also agreed to be the featured birder for "Bird Day Challenge". See the "Bird Year" Webpage link for information.

**About Malkom.** At 15 years old you might be wondering, well how does a kid take off for a year, what about school? Well, this was not just a whimsical spur of the moment plan. Malkom caught onto the fossil-fuel-free movement some time ago. And to get ready for this trip he made a commitment to literally cram three years of school into two years. In 2006, and 2007, he completed enough extra coursework to account for a years worth of schooling, allowing for the June 2007-June 2008 trip.

**Bird Year.** This was Malkom's idea to adapt the "Big Year" concept to a long bike ride. Malkom hopes to see 400 birds in twelve months, on his journey across North America. We will be planning a few outings for Malkom while they are here, to places such as the SJWS and San

Onofre State Beach, hopefully adding some new and interesting birds to his list.

**The Journey.** Roughly 10,000 miles from Alaska to Florida, it boggles the mind to consider the logistics and distance. Much of the trip will follow the coast until they reach San Diego where they will cut inland a bit and head for the Salton Sea, a natural destination for birders. From there they will head towards the deserts of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

The family is funding the trip themselves, but they do appreciate hosts along the way. Audubon California has asked chapters that are able to lend support and host them as they pass through our areas. Support in the way of donations can be made in behalf of Malkom, to bird conservation organizations, on their Website.

**While They Are Here.** We will be hosting Malkom and the family while they are in Orange County, taking birding trips with them and riding along as they pass through.

We need birders and field trip leaders to join at places such as Bolsa Chica, Huntington Beach Wetlands, Newport Back Bay, Crystal Cove and San Onofre.

We also want to ride along with them. Check the Sea and Sage Website for details about short, very short, and long ride-along routes and dates.

On Tuesday, October 2nd, Malkom, Ken and Wendy will be staying in the Huntington Beach area. We will be birding, biking, and enjoying other outdoor fossil-fuel-free activities with them.

**Tuesday evening, October 2nd.** Ken, a well known conservationist and accomplished speaker, will be giving a Powerpoint presentation about their trip at our monthly Conservation Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, at the Muth Center in Upper Newport Bay.

**For More Info:**

[www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org)

[www.birdyear.com](http://www.birdyear.com)

[www.birdyear.blogspot.com](http://www.birdyear.blogspot.com)



Be sure to check out the **Malkom's Bird List** link on the Bird Year Webpage!

# Los Cerritos Wetlands Birding & Welcome Field Trip Monday, Oct. 1st

## Los Cerritos Wetlands - "Bird Year" Birding & Welcome Malkom Field Trip Monday, Oct. 1 at 10:00 a.m. - afternoon at Gum Grove Park in Seal Beach

Join us Monday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m. for a bird walk at Gum Grove Park in Seal Beach and to welcome Malkom Boothroyd and family to Orange County. See "Bird Year" article in this issue. We will be walking through the park past a long expanse of eucalyptus trees, with song birds and raptors on one side and a nice view of the eastern portion of the Los Cerritos Wetlands on the other. El Dorado Audubon leaders will join us to talk about the efforts to save the wetlands and show us the best birding spots.

Bring your lunch, as we plan to stay through lunch. We will provide drinks and fruit. Sometime around lunch, the "Bird Year" bike trip will meet Sea & Sage Audubon on Pacific Coast Highway near the park as they leave the company of LA Audubon. Malkom and his family will ride to the park and meet with all of us and probably do a little birding too. Following this, there will be a chance to bicycle along with Malkom to the next "Big Year" bike trip stop in OC.

For more info please see our website [www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org) and look for the link to "Bird Year" or go to [www.birdyear.com](http://www.birdyear.com). Directions to Gum Grove Park: North of PCH and Seal Beach Blvd take third right on Mar Vista, then left on Coastline, right on Catalina, left on Avalon, and go through the gate to Gum Grove Park.

*Scott Thomas, Conservation Director, 949-293-2915*  
*Susan Sheakley, Conservation Chair, 949-552-5974*



## Western Field Ornithologists Conference

The Western Field Ornithologists are having their 32nd annual meeting in Las Vegas/Henderson, Nevada, September 27 - 30, 2007 at Sam's Town Resort. WFO's two-half day science sessions combined with expert led birding for Mojave Desert and Great Basin specialties and migrants are geared to every range of birder and ornithologist. Beginners and seasoned birders are welcome. Chris Elphick, principal editor of The Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior will be giving the keynote address. Other activities will include a book signing, welcoming reception, sound and slide expert identification panels and pre and post meeting field trips. Check the WFO website for details: [www.wfo-cbrc](http://www.wfo-cbrc)

# Native Gardening Workshop 2 workshop dates to choose from

## Native Gardening Workshop How to Select, Plant and Care for California Natives in Your Garden

This workshop will be offered twice:

**Workshop I:** Sunday, Oct. 7 & 14, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and Saturday, Oct. 20.

**Workshop II:** Sunday, Oct. 28 & Nov. 4, and Saturday, Nov. 10; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

The diversity, abundance and beauty of California's flora provide an exciting opportunity for incorporating native plants into residential gardens. Because many California natives are adapted to our dry southern California climate and require less water than lawn and many nonnative plants, they can contribute substantial benefits to our environment. Natives planted in even small gardens can provide resting places and food sources for resident and migrating birds, butterflies and other insect pollinators.

This workshop will give you information on selecting appropriate native plants for the spaces in your garden. You will learn how and when to plant natives, as well as how to care for and prune them. Soil and watering requirements that enable these plants to thrive will also be discussed.

Each morning we will meet at a residential garden or other site where you can see natives growing. The workshop will take place at locations in Santa Ana, Claremont and San Juan Capistrano. A donation of \$30 or more per person is requested if you can afford it. Enrollment is limited.

**To reserve a place**, send your \$30 check payable to Sea and Sage Audubon and a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to Diane Bonanno, 4611 Santa Fe St., Yorba Linda, CA 92886, postmarked no earlier than September 11 (2 day penalty for earlier postmarks). State which workshop you wish to attend; if you are able to attend either workshop, indicate your first and second choices. Confirmations as well as directions to meeting locations and other material will be mailed to you on Sept. 24. No reservations will be taken by phone. If you have questions, you may call Diane at 714-572-9911.

*Co-leaders: Diane Bonanno & Pat Overby,*  
*Landscape Designers Specializing in California Natives*



# Join our Sea & Sage Naturalists Team!

## Common Birds in Decline in California

### Audubon California Assembly at Asilomar



#### Join The Audubon Naturalists Team!

Our volunteer naturalists interact with school children to help them understand the importance of wetlands to both wildlife and people. Through the naturalists' enthusiasm, interest and dedication, thousands of school children and their teachers conclude that this is the best outdoor field program they have ever attended.

We are proud of our naturalists and how they help Sea & Sage Audubon achieve its mission. Perhaps **you** have some experience teaching children and have wondered about participating in our exciting outdoor field program. Now is the time to sign up!

Each one of us should share what we love and pass it on to the next generation. If you think educating children about nature is vital and you love being around others who care about nature, then join our naturalist team!

Our school tours are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. One-morning orientation meetings have been scheduled for Sept. 20, Oct. 18, and Nov. 15, from 9 am to 12:30 pm. To find out more about this great program and/or to sign up for the orientation, contact Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education, by phone at 949-261-7963 or by email at [seaandsage@sbcglobal.net](mailto:seaandsage@sbcglobal.net).

—Trude Hurd

#### Common Birds in Decline in CA since 1967

Table lists percentage in non-breeding (CBC) and breeding seasons (Breeding Bird Surveys). Dashes indicate a migratory species.

<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Non-breeding</b>	<b>Breeding</b>
Northern Pintail	-85%	-96%
Horned Lark	-84%	-75%
Olive-sided Flycatcher	—	-79%
Dunlin	-78%	—
Canvasback	-76%	—
Western Sandpiper	-74%	—
Mountain Chickadee	-65%	-46%
Loggerhead Shrike	-76%	-46%
Lark Sparrow	-68%	-47%
Purple Finch	-67%	-44%
Chipping Sparrow	-20%	-81%
Violet-green Swallow	—	-59%
Brewer's Blackbird	-54%	-60%
Western Meadowlark	-60%	-54%
Golden-crowned Kinglet	-50%	-63%
Killdeer	-59%	-54%
Bullock's Oriole	—	-55%
Western Wood-Pewee	—	-55%
American Pipit	-55%	—
Cedar Waxwing	-54%	—
Black-throated Sparrow	—	-54%
"Yellow-bellied" Sapsucker	-27%	-63%
Varied Thrush	-51%	—
White-crowned Sparrow	-24%	-75%
Sage Sparrow	-55%	-39%
House Finch	-41%	-53%
Evening Grosbeak	-96%	-59%

## Audubon California Assembly 2007 - Global Warming

**Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday - October 7, 8, and 9**  
**at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, CA**

The Audubon California Assembly brings together over 300 chapter leaders, birders, scientists, volunteers, grassroots activists and staff for three days at the Monterey Bay.

At the Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, participants will have an opportunity to attend a wonderful variety of interactive workshops on restoration, policy and education; and meet renowned speakers emphasizing the importance of effective conservation of California's birds, wildlife and habitat. World class birding, and pelagic and condor fieldtrips, and so much more, will make the Assembly an unforgettable experience. We welcome old friends and first time attendees!

#### **Speakers:**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (Invited)  
 Congresswoman Hilda Solis

#### **Workshop Topics:**

Conservation & Science  
 Seabird and Shorebird Conservation  
 Conservation of Important Bird Areas  
 Global Warming and California Bird Populations  
 Approaches to Bird Monitoring

#### **Policy:**

Global Warming Solutions  
 Global Warming and Water  
 Conservation Tools  
 Wind Power and Birds

#### **Education:**

Interpretive Programs  
 eBird: Keeping birding records online  
 Audubon at Home: Gardening for Birds and Butterflies

#### **Chapter Building:**

Recruiting New Members  
 Crafting A Message that Matters: Global Warming  
 Organizing Great Bird Festivals  
 Audubon Political Limits  
*Workshop topics subject to change*

#### **Registration:**

Registration Fees: \$325.00 per person. Includes two nights/three days, double occupancy; 6 meals; workshops. Visit [http://ca.audubon.org/audubon\\_assembly.html](http://ca.audubon.org/audubon_assembly.html) for details or call 510-601-1866 ext 3



# Your Membership Payment

# Directions to Audubon House

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## Your Membership Payment & Donations

If you are signing up as a new Audubon member be sure and use the application in the Tattler or on our website that has the C15 in the lower right hand corner. This tells National Audubon who to credit for your recruitment. Sea & Sage gets 100% of the first year's dues of new members (even if you give more than the minimum membership fee). When renewing your membership and you pay more than the standard renewal fee (\$35 for regular and \$15 for senior/student membership), the extra you contribute goes to National Audubon; the chapter does not get any of the contribution back. So, if you are feeling generous at renewal time and you want Sea & Sage to benefit, you should send your renewal fee to National and a separate check with your donation to the chapter. If you have any questions please contact Phil Brobst at (949) 261-7963.



## Directions to AUDUBON HOUSE and the SJWS

8:00 am - 4:00 pm daily  
(949) 261-7963



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. Follow the sign directing you to turn right down a short hill into our parking lot. The first building you see will Audubon House; parking is ample. Beyond Audubon House are the ponds and marsh mitigation areas of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary which are open every day from dawn until dusk.

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



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## 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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September '07

# 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



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## CALENDAR

### September

02 Sun	Monthly bird walk at Santiago Oaks.....	7:30 am
04 Tues	Education Committee meeting.....	1:30 pm
04 Tues	Conservation Committee meeting.....	6:30 pm
05 Wed	Photographers Meeting.....	7:30 pm
09 Sun	Monthly bird walk at the SJWS.....	8:00 am
09 Sun	Observing Birds Carefully at UNB.....	7:30 am
10 Mon	Observing Birds Carefully at UNB.....	7:30 am
11 Tues	Board meeting.....	7:30 pm
19 Wed	UNB by small boat.....	8:15 am
20 Thurs	New Naturalists Orientation.....	9:00 am
21 Fri	GENERAL MEETING.....	7:30 pm
22 Sat	Fall Pelagic Trip.....	6:30 am
29 Sat	San Diego/Point Loma & vicinity.....	8:00 am

### October

01 Mon	Los Cerritos Wetlands.....	10:00 am
02 Tues	Conservation Committee meeting.....	6:30 pm
07 Tues	Monthly bird walk at Santiago Oaks.....	7:30 am
09 Tues	Board meeting.....	7:30 pm
14 Sun	Monthly bird walk at the SJWS.....	7:30 pm
17 Wed	UNB by small boat.....	8:15 am
18 Thurs	New Naturalists Orientation.....	9:00 am
19 Fri	GENERAL MEETING.....	7:30 pm
21 Sun	Seasons of Nature Walk at the SJWS.....	9:00 am
27 Sat	Pancake Breakfast.....	7:30 am