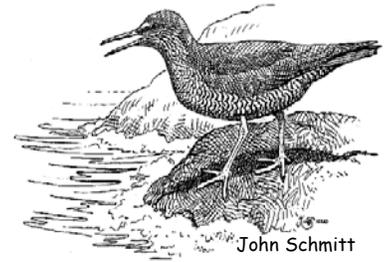


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The Voice of SEA AND SAGE AUDUBON, an Orange County Chapter of the National Audubon Society

Thank you, Scott

by Jay Miller, President

In January 2007, Sea and Sage Audubon was able to hire a Conservation Director for a period of 2 1/2 years. Our choice was Scott Thomas. He had been our Conservation Co-Chair and was very familiar with the conservation issues we face here in Orange County. As a result, he was able to hit the ground running.

Space constraints allow me to list only a few of Scott's accomplishments in the areas of conservation, research and community outreach. One activity that took up much of his time was fighting against the building of a toll road through San Onofre State Park. He attended countless meetings and spoke at the big Del Mar Coastal Commission meeting. Many organizations joined together to help defeat this unnecessary and environmentally damaging road. Scott was involved with other Orange County conservation groups, such as Friends of Coyote Hills and Save Banning Ranch. As part of the chapter's Urban Sanctuaries Campaign, he was able to establish a good relationship with OC Beaches & Parks, resulting in their altering the time of year when tree trimming occurs so as not to disturb nesting birds. Scott's highly publicized walks along the glass wall on the bluffs overlooking Bolsa Chica resulted in the developer putting a number of decals on the wall, diminishing the number of birds fatally striking the glass. Recently, Scott was instrumental in delaying the mowing of a field which contained nesting Red-winged Blackbirds. With Starr Ranch, NROC, and TNC, Scott helped launch the volunteer Coastal Cactus Wren Monitoring Project to collect data on this troubled population. Scott led apprenticeships in Pete Bloom's Raptor Research project to track the status of raptors in the county, successfully involving a number of UCI students and chapter members in this project. Scott was the first to suggest that Sea and Sage start a Science Committee. The committee gave out its first grant this year to a student who is researching pathogens in fresh water locations in Orange County. Scott arranged our new 4th Tuesday Conservation Lectures Series. Not only are these meetings interesting and informative, but they have introduced Sea and Sage to a whole new group of people.

While Scott was Conservation Director, he did what had to be done. Although some of the projects are still works in progress, a number have been brought to a successful conclusion. Sea and Sage and Orange County are better off today because of all that Scott has done and will do, as he continues his work in Conservation and resumes being Conservation Co-Chair.

General Meeting

Friday evening, Sept. 18th, 7:30 pm

“Birding Southeast Asia: Cambodian Charms, Thai Surprises”

presented by Roy Poucher & Linda Oberholtzer

In Dec '07 and Jan '08, Roy Poucher's Bird Odysseys explored old-world Cambodia and modern Thailand, documenting their diverse natural and cultural riches. Come join us on a photographic tour of these highlights.

In Cambodia, travel to the enchanting floating village called Prek Toal on the ever-changing, sustenance-providing Tonle Sap Lake. Surrounding Prek Toal is flooded swamp forest, an international Important Bird Area supporting the largest waterbird colony in Southeast Asia, including breeding populations of the globally threatened Spot-billed Pelican. Walk in the jungle forests surrounding the ancient and awesome temples of Angkor Wat, one of the few UNESCO World Heritage Sites, enjoying unique birds and architectural/cultural wonders.

Journey to Thailand for the birder's dream bird; the Spoon-billed Sandpiper. Walk along Thai beaches to find Malaysian Plover, Black-faced Spoonbill and Painted Stork. Other shorebirds abound such as Red-wattled Lapwing, Common Redshank and Broad-billed Sandpiper.

In high, chilly mountainous Thai forests, see breath-taking birds such as the Greater Flameback (a huge and brilliantly colored woodpecker). Watch as Great Hornbills swoop down steep hillsides. View Large-tailed Nightjars, Spotted Owlets, and a Collared Scops Owl on our night patrols.

All this and more surprises are in store for you. Roy Poucher has been a Sea and Sage Audubon trip leader and field assistant in the introductory birding classes for 17 years. He has lead multi-day trips to the Eastern Sierra, SE Arizona and Texas. His bird tour company, Bird Odysseys, has taken groups throughout the U.S. and to Costa Rica, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands and Kenya.

Linda Oberholtzer, field trip assistant for Bird Odysseys, leads many field trips for Whittier Area Audubon. She is the editor of L.A. Audubon's newsletter, the *Western Tanager*, and is past President of Whittier Area Audubon.

The doors open at 7:00 and the meeting begins at 7:30 pm. We meet in the new Education Center building at 5 Riparian View in Irvine. See directions to our meeting location on page 11 of this issue.

—Marquita Miller, Programs Chair

Conservation News

by Scott Thomas



Our Conservation Committee Meetings will be held at 10:00 am on the 1st Sunday of the month in the Blue House. Our 4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture Series will be held at 7:30 pm in the Education Center. We hope you will join us! Scott Thomas, 949-293-2915.

Birders, we need your help —

We are hoping you can help us by spotting marked Turkey Vultures and giving us information on your sightings.

Long time Sea and Sage member and Raptor Biologist, Peter Bloom, Scott Thomas, and the Sea and Sage Raptor Research Program participants have been working on tracking Turkey Vultures in Orange County. To do so they have marked a good number of adult vultures with conspicuous white wing tags. These patagial tags, or P-Tags, have black alpha/numeric sequences (such as a number with a dot: **26.**, or **F1**) on a white tag. The data from sightings will help us learn more about the behavior and breeding habits of our local Turkey Vulture populations, as well as interactions between the 6 or 7 major flocks around the county.

These tags are easily read with binoculars when the birds are perched and/or in flight. Pete and Scott are looking for information on sightings of these birds and photos when possible.

We are also looking for a few individuals to adopt a Turkey Vulture roost in Orange County. We need observations taken once or twice a month at some of our traditional roosts.

If you see any Turkey Vultures with wing tags - please send the following information to the contacts below:

Data Needed:

- Your Name and Contact Info
- Photos (if available)
- Location of Sighting
- Date of Sighting
- Tag information such as a white tag with the number 26 on the right wing
- Brief behavior notes such as: perched, soaring, foraging,



Send information to Cheryl, Scott, Pete, or Nancy:

- Cheryl Thomas at: cthomas1313@cox.net
- Scott Thomas at: redtail1@cox.net or mail to:
24911 Hayuco, Mission Viejo, CA 92692
- Pete Bloom at: phbloom1@aol.com
- Nancy Kenyon at: nancykenyon@cox.net

You will receive a confirmation of your sighting.

Your help is very much appreciated.

Scott Thomas, Conservation Chair

Editor's note: I asked Scott for some additional information about Turkey Vultures and how they are captured for tagging. Here is the information he provided: "We utilize a "walk-in" trap to capture (the) vultures. The enclosure, which we build ourselves, is a 12 x 12 foot, 6 foot tall cage that is covered on the sides with heavy wire mesh with a large netted top. It has a small door with a funnel entrance that vultures can wiggle into, but can't easily get out of. We place a large carcass, usually a road killed animal, inside the enclosure to attract the vultures and simply wait for one or more vultures to enter the trap.

They are active all day, but as you know they often spend some time in the morning warming up by sunning their backs and wings. The P-Tags are visible from the top and bottom sides so they can be identified while the birds are perched or in flight."

Information on known roost sites and a map as well as recent sightings, photos, and other information, will be posted on the chapter website at:
<http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Conservation/BirdResearch/TurkeyVultures.html>

4th Tuesday Conservation Lecture Series Season Opener & Free Hot Dog BBQ (6:00 pm) "Chaparral, Wrentits, and Fire: A different way to see Orange County" (7:30 pm)

presented by Richard Halsey

Sept. 22nd at the new Education Center in the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, Irvine.

Due to a scheduling snafu, we missed Richard Halsey in June, but he has agreed to give us his special presentation in September.

You may have read about Richard, or heard about one of his very interesting presentations. His talks have become very popular and the topic couldn't be more fitting for our Conservation Lecture Series.

Of all the distinct, natural communities in California, only one is found throughout and only one can be said to represent the state's most characteristic wilderness: the chaparral. Join us as we explore the chaparral's unique natural history, discuss its highly territorial bird populations, reveal the truth concerning its relationship to fire, and why it represents such a vital link to nature for all Californians.

Richard W. Halsey is a chaparral ecologist, writer, and director of The California Chaparral Institute.

The lecture will be held at the new Education Center in the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, Irvine (the gray building is down the path from the Duck Club) - see full directions to our meeting place on page 11. Hope to see you there!

Orange County Rarities

by Doug Willick

To report a RARE or UNUSUAL bird, or to receive the current RBA report for Orange County, call the OrCoRBA at (949) 487-6869.



As it has been approximately two and a half months since the last "Rarities" column was submitted, there have been a number of noteworthy bird observations since the last summary. We'll begin by catching up on some of the late spring rarities, but due to space limitations we'll probably only be able to cover the first half of the summer highlights this time around.

Certainly one of the more exciting birds of the spring, for Orange County, was a singing **White-eyed Vireo** at Huntington Central Park (HCP), May 31 (Brian Daniels). This was only the county's sixth record, dating back to 1985, with half of these occurring at HCP. A **Yellow-throated Vireo** at Laguna Niguel Reg. Park, June 7-8 (Robert McNab), was amazingly the county's 26th, and the third already for 2009 (one earlier spring vagrant at HCP, in addition to the bird that spent the past winter at HCP). A singing **Cassin's Vireo** at Talbert Nature Preserve (TNP), June 4 (B. Daniels), was quite late for a spring migrant. Rare warblers have come to be expected these days, towards the end of spring migration in southern California. However, this year in Orange County, late season warbler highlights were limited to a singing **Northern Parula** at HCP, May 31 (B. Daniels), and two singing **Hooded Warblers**, with one at HCP, June 3, and another at TNP, June 4 (both B. Daniels). 3 **Indigo Buntings** (all males) were discovered, with one near the Santa Ana River mouth, May 25 (B. Daniels), another at Westminster Memorial Park (WMP), May 31 (Doug Willick), and the third in a Huntington Beach yard, June 20 (Bettina Eastman). Unprecedented for Orange County were the number of late spring and summer **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** reported. At least three or four (two males and one or 2 females) were at HCP between May 25 and 31 (Becky Turley, Leo Ohtsuki, et al.); a "pair" was reported to be visiting a Costa Mesa feeder, May 28 (Joan Clements); a male was at WMP, May 31 (D. Willick); and one was reported in a Huntington Beach residential area, June 26 (Julie Morrison). There were apparently two additional Rose-breasted Grosbeaks in July, although details associated with the reports were incomplete; these included a male at an undisclosed location, July 8 (Judy Davin), and a male at an Anaheim Hills residence, July 16 (observer unknown).

Mid summer is typically one of the slower periods of the year for noteworthy bird observations in the county. This year was certainly an exception, with two especially significant occurrences. A **Black-footed Albatross** approximately one to two miles off Dana Point (viewed from the Dana Point Headlands), June 21 (Robert McNab), was only the second to be reported in the county, and likely one of few ever seen from shore in southern California. A bit later in the summer, an adult **Sooty Tern** was an exciting discovery at Bolsa Chica, July 27 (Peter Knapp). This is an exceptionally rare visitor to California, although there are now at least four that have occurred in Orange County. Although this year's bird has only been seen once since (on Aug. 1), a number of the past records for the state have involved birds that lingered for a few weeks to a few months.

The following summarizes some of the other early summer rarities that were reported. Highlights from later in the summer will be continued in next month's column. As many as three **Brant** have apparently been summering at BC (many observers). Other unexpected waterfowl occurrences for summer included a male **American Wigeon** at Burriss Basin, June 6 (D. Willick), one

to two **Red-breasted Mergansers** at the mouth of the Santa Ana River, June 7 to July 9 (Felicia Lee), and a few **Surf Scoters**, as typical, off the immediate coast (as well as one or two others at BC and Upper Newport Bay). Seawatching along the O.C. coast this summer, primarily at such sites as the Newport Pier, Crystal Cove State Beach, Crescent Bay Point and Dana Headlands, was a bit more productive compared to the past couple years. The previously mentioned albatross, of course, would take top honors, although there were relatively good numbers of **Sooty** and **Pink-footed Shearwaters**, an early **Black-vented Shearwater** or two, **Black Storm-Petrels**, **Cassin's** and **Rhinoceros Auklets** and "probables" of **Common Murre** and **Xantus's Murrelet** (B. Daniels, R. McNab, L. Ohtsuki, Neil Gilbert and Kaaren Perry). Also seen were a few midsummer **Pacific Loons**, such as up to two off Newport Beach on July 3-4 (B. Daniels, N. Gilbert). **Brandt's Cormorants** can usually be found in small to moderate numbers along the immediate coast of Orange County during the summer. However, the discovery of two active nests on the fairly small sea stacks just off Crescent Bay Point, July 1 (N. Gilbert), was exceptional, as this established the first confirmed breeding record for this species in the county. Neil noted that both nests had young that were apparently close to fledging age. In southern California, Brandt's Cormorants are only known to breed on the Channel Islands, and along the coast from Santa Barbara County north, except for a small nesting colony in the La Jolla area of San Diego County.

Two other significant nesting records were documented in Orange County this summer. On June 20, in the Maple Springs area of upper Silverado Canyon (at roughly 4,000' elevation in the Cleveland National Forest), two singing male **Black-throated Gray Warblers** were on territory, along with a female observed in the same area carrying nesting material (N. Gilbert). Although Black-throated Grays have been suspected of nesting in the county's Santa Ana Mountains for some time, this was finally the first confirming evidence of nesting that has been obtained. Neil also had several other interesting birds while exploring the upper Silverado Canyon area and Maple Springs on June 20. These included up to 15 **Mountain Quail**, **Western Tanager**, **Purple Finch**, **Lawrence's Goldfinch**, and as many as six **Olive-sided Flycatchers**, all of which have very restricted breeding ranges within the county. One other very noteworthy nesting incident, especially for the lowlands of the county, involved that of **Chipping Sparrow**. A territorial male was initially noted in Fullerton's Craig Regional Park in late May and early June (Valerie Wheeler). A pair was confirmed on June 20, and on July 6, Valerie discovered an active nest (although a few days later, unfortunately, a dead juvenile was discovered on the ground). Blue Jay Campground, in the southern Santa Ana Mountains, is the only location where Chipping Sparrows are otherwise known to nest in Orange County. A pair of **Lawrence's Goldfinches** at Carbon Canyon Regional Park, May 31 (V. Wheeler), were quite possibly breeding here. Away from the Santa Ana Mountains, where expected as breeders in small numbers, **Blue-gray Gnatcatchers** appear to be expanding their breeding population in the lowlands, with several pairs likely, or observed, nesting at Irvine Regional Park and Santiago Oaks Regional Park (N. Gilbert, D. Willick).

Chapter News

For more information on Sea & Sage events & activities, check out our schedule of activities at:
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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, Charlie Austin, Mitch Bigos, Pat & Dick Cabe, Barbara Chidester, Deana Collins, Carolyn Cooper, Joanne Cull, Pam Degarimore, Tom Drouet, Fresia Escalona, Frank Feller, Judy Fritts, Carol Freund, Peggy Goetz, Beverly Hargrove, Pat Heilig, Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Donna Krebs, Mary Martineau, Joan McCauley, Eunice Morita, Shirley Price, Betty Purdy, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, John Shaddy, Mary Shandy, Bev Spring, Betty Swift, Beryl Vogel, Vic Westling.

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. It's fun to be an Audubon House Volunteer and it's a great way to support our chapter. If you are interested in helping at Audubon House, please contact Judy Fritts at 949-551-4513.



Tracking Red-tailed Hawks

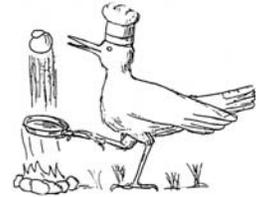
Many of you know that the chapter sponsored a "Satellite Telemetry Transmitter" for a male Red-tailed Hawk chick in 2008 for one of Pete Bloom's raptor research projects. We put the transmitter on a fledgling (Red-tail) last year from the Fremont Canyon area, that made it to northern Nevada and back down to Baja before dying in the fall in the San Diego area. We were able to recover the transmitter from the carcass.

The transmitter was refurbished and placed on a 2009 fledgling male Red-tailed Hawk this spring at Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. This young male has just recently arrived in the northern Nevada / Idaho area. This is really exciting for us because the 2008 bird, and this recent bird, are the first 2 males we have tracked, compared to about 15+ females. The transmitter Sea and Sage sponsored was purchased through a new company for us and is slightly smaller and lighter weight, allowing us to fit it on a male. The success rate of 2 birds making that first critical trip north is pretty good – it is the primary data we are seeking.

So I wanted to say thanks again on behalf of Pete, myself, and all the people who work on the raptor research programs with Sea and Sage. —*Scott Thomas*

Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 24th

**It's More Than
Just Pancakes!**



Sea & Sage will be hosting its 17th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 24th, at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. Breakfast of hot-off-the-griddle pancakes, sausages, fresh fruit, 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 newly remodeled Audubon House. Wander out to the ponds and utilize one of the spotting scopes setup at strategic locations for your convenience. Get advice on feeding birds from the experts from Wild Birds Unlimited and check out the latest binocs and scopes from Optics4Birding on the Duck Club back porch. The price of this fundraiser is only \$10 for adults, \$6 for children 10 and under, and free for youngsters under 3. 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 us at this event, please call Audubon House at 949-261-7963.

News from the Bookstore

The new book and gift shop is here! More shelves for books, lots of racks with items arranged by category and all t-shirts now on closet rods - all for easier viewing. It's brighter, lighter and roomier! Each month a different book will be showcased (including a special price). This month's new books include *Bolsa Chica: Its History from Prehistoric Times to the Present*, *The Vascular Plants of Orange County CA*, *LifeList: A Woman's Quest for the World's Most Amazing Birds*, *The Tracker's Field Guide*, and *Mammal Tracks & Signs* (both for the tracking class to be held in October). Shorebird bucket caps and Sea and Sage logo caps are also in stock again. The book store is also open an hour before the monthly general meetings so stop in and check things out.

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 any unused books on birds, natural history, travel & gardening to donate to Sea & Sage for our Annual Pancake Breakfast Used Book Sale. Proceeds will benefit our education & conservation projects. All donations will be greatly appreciated! Deliver them to Audubon House any time before Oct. 19th. Thanks!

More Chapter News & Announcements



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Our Summer Barbecue

Over 185 people attended our Summer BBQ this year. No one wanted to miss the chance to socialize with friends at the marsh, eat a delicious barbecue supper in the meadow, browse through the interesting variety of used nature books for sale, check out our newly remodeled Audubon House, take an evening bird walk around the ponds as the shadows lengthened, listen to an entertaining program about raptors by Joe Platt, view the (clear) night sky through telescopes set up by members of the Orange County Astronomers Club, or go out into the marsh on the evening bat walk after the program.

The BBQ was very well organized. Jay Miller coordinated the event, making sure that everything ran smoothly; he also set up the AV equipment for the program. Jan Gaffney coordinated the food preparation in the kitchen and Gretchen McCausland kept an eye on the food serving tables as well as a number of other areas as well. (Both Gretchen and Jan did a lot of preparatory work ahead of time.) Susan Sheakley was in charge of the book sale tables while her husband, Hal, took care of the drinks tables. Nancy Kenyon coordinated the volunteers and took care of the reservations. We had a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers who pitched in and helped out in all sorts of ways; we could never have done it without them!

I'd like to thank the following sponsors and volunteers who helped make our 2009 Barbecue such a success: the Irvine Ranch Water District for their continuing support, the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary Board, the Orange County Astronomers Club, Carl's Junior of Irvine (Culver & Michelson) for the loan of their big red drink dispenser, and Jan's Health Bar of Huntington Beach. I would also like to thank our wonderful volunteers who stepped forward to make an event like this possible: Jorgia Bass, Al & Janet Baumann, Maryette Beers, Creed Blevins, Dick & Pat Cabe, Deana Collins, Marie Connors, Carol Counter, Gary & Pam Degarimore, Barbara Dixon, Tom Drouet, Bettina Eastman, Frank & Shirley Feller, Judy Fritts, Jan Gaffney, John & Neil Gilbert, Kate Grabenstein & Nora Papiian, Sarah Jayne, Steve Jelnick, Lois Jones, Nancy Kenyon, Carol & Ed Lamphier, Merri Levy, Joan & Ken Louie, Ellen Mansour, Joan McCauley, Gretchen & Michelle McCausland, Sally Menzel, Jay & Marquita Miller, Carolyn & Charlie Noble, Linda Oberholtzer, Betty Purdy, Margaret Renton, Nancy Ryder, Hal & Susan Sheakley, Jim Vance, and the Orange County Astronomers: Vittal Badithe, Jim Benet, Tom Drouet, Dan Hooligan, & Paul Kreitz.

Be sure to mark your 2010 calendar for next year's BBQ, which will be held on Saturday evening, July 31st. I'll see you there! — *Nancy Kenyon*

Planning Ahead for the Silent Auction at our Annual Dinner

Here it is August and we are already off to a good start on donations. We are going to have some really fun items this year! I can tell you that looking for items is a long process and it begins the month after the last auction. I sure could use your help. Here are some of my ideas so far —

- Do you know someone who owns a business which could donate an item or a gift certificate?
- Do you have season tickets to an event to which you would give up a pair of tickets?
- Do you have a vacation home, or know who does, who can donate a week's stay in it?
- Do you know someone who is a good artist or photographer who would be willing to donate a picture or two?
- Do you know someone with a boat who would take people out fishing?

These are just some of my ideas. If you have some good ideas or have something you might be able to offer, please contact me. Thanks.

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

CA Coastal Cleanup Day - Sept. 19th

If you only set aside one day a year to improve the environment, this is the day to do it. On the other hand, if you regularly participate in environmentally friendly activities, then this is another one of those opportunities to make a difference.

California Coastal Cleanup Day is intended to remove the trash, detritus, non-native plants, and other unwanted items from our coastal areas and nearby inland waterways that accumulated during the summer. The idea is to remove unwanted items now before winter storms arrive and make removal more difficult.

Please join us at Talbert Marsh from 9 AM to Noon on September 19th to engage in this annual day of coastal cleansing. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a morning of doing something meaningful for the environment. You'll feel better for yourself for having done a good thing.

Talbert Marsh is located at the intersection of Pacific Coast Hwy. and Brookhurst in Huntington Beach. Wear work clothes & bring a pair of gloves. A hat & sun glasses might also be useful. We'll provide everything else else.

We hope to see you there.

The Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy

Field Trip Schedule for 2009-2010

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. For additional information, contact Nancy Kenyon, Field Trip Chair, at nancykenyon@cox.net or 949-786-3160. Trips marked (R) require advanced reservations. Field Trips webpage: <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/fieldtrips.htm>

September

- 06 Sun. Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 13 Sun. San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 16 Wed. Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)
- 19 Sat. Fall Pelagic Trip out of Dana Point (R2)
- 26 Sat. Huntington Central Park

October

- 04 Sun. Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 08 Thurs. Starr Ranch Natural History Hike (R1)
- 10 Sat. Bolsa Chica
- 11 Sun. San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 21 Wed. Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)
- 24 Sat. Pancake Breakfast
- 30/31 F/S Animal Behavior & Tracking Class (R4)

November

- 01 Sun. Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 08 Sun. San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 18 Wed. Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)

December

- 05 Sat. Seal Beach NWR (tentative date) (R1)
- 06 Sun. Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 10 Thurs. Pelican Point, Crystal Cove State Park
- 12 Sat. Owl Prowl at Starr Ranch (R3)
- 13 Sun. San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 16 Wed. Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)
- 19 Sat. San Juan Capistrano CBC
- 20 Sun. Northeastern O.C. (Inland) CBC

January

- 03 Sun. Coastal CBC
- 03 Sun. Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 09 Sat. CBC Specialties Trip
- 10 Sun. Antelope Valley Hawk Banding Trip
- 10 Sun. San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 20 Wed. Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)
- 23 Sat. Winter Pelagic Trip out of Dana Point (R2)

February

- 01 Mon. Seal Beach NWR (tentative date) (R1)
- 04 Thurs. Laurel Canyon Loop, Nat, Hist Hike (R1)
- 6/7 S/S Salton Sea weekend trip (R4)
- 07 Sun. Santiago Oaks Regional Park

- 14 Sun. San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 17 Wed. Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)
- 20 Sat. Prado Basin (R1)

March

- 5/6 F/S Animal Behavior & Tracking Class (R4)
- 07 Sun. Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 11 Thurs. O'Neill Regional Park
- 14 Sun. San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 17 Wed. Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)
- 19 Fri. Annual Dinner (R)
- 27 Sat. Limestone Canyon

April

- 03 Sat. Villa Park Flood Basin
- 04 Sun. Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 10/11 S/S East Mojave weekend trip (R5)
- 11 Sun. San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 17/18 S/S Eastern Sierra weekend trip (R6)
- 21 Wed. Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)
- 24 Sat. Birdathon
- 25 Sun. Great Marsh Bird Count
- 30 Fri. Huntington Central Park

May

- 01 Sat. Peters Canyon
- 02 Sun. Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 08 Sat. Big Morongo Preserve (desert birds)
- 09 Sun. San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 14-17 F-M Kern River 4-day trip (R7)
- 19 Wed. Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)

June

- 06 Sun. Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 11 Fri. Yorba Regional Park
- 13 Sun. San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 16 Wed. Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)
- 26 Sat. San Bernardino Mountains (R1)

July

- 04 Sun. Santiago Oaks Regional Park
- 11 Sun. San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 21 Wed. Upper Newport Bay by small boat (R1)

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.

Directions for making trip reservations are in the tattler, on the webpage, and on this page. If there is a trip fee, make check payable to SEA & SAGE AUDUBON & mail it to: Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Be sure to indicate the name & date of the trip AND your phone number and email address so that trip info & confirmation can be sent to you. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope only if you do not have email.

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. Refunds for cancellations of fee trips will not be given less than 30 days prior to date of trip of trip unless someone is found to fill the vacancy. Remember to check the Sea & Sage website for up-to-date info on any trip you plan to go on. This section of the website is kept up to date!

The following field trips require advance reservations:

- R1 – No trip fee but space is limited. Contact Nancy.
- R2 – Fall Pelagic trip - fee \$50; Winter Pelagic trip - fee \$50.
- R3 – Owl Prowl trip - fee \$10
- R4 – Salton Sea weekend trip - fee \$25
- R5 – East Mojave weekend trip - fee \$25
- R6 – Eastern Sierra weekend trip - fee \$30
- R7 – Kern River Trip - fee \$15 per day; \$60 for all 4 days.

Contact FT Chair, Nancy Kenyon, for trip questions or reservations at nancykenyon@cox.net or (949) 786-3160; Additional trip information for the reservation trips will be posted on the chapter webpage.

Additional field trips will be added to this field trip schedule during the year. Check the online Field Trip Schedule for the latest trip listing and to find out if a particular trip still has room. Full information on the trips will be listed under "This month's Field Trips" on the webpage; this page usually covers a 3 month period.

Sept., Oct., and Nov. Field Trips



For trip updates & additional trip information, visit www.seaandsageaudubon.org/FieldTrips/fieldtripscurrent.htm
Trips marked with a ® require advance reservations. If you have any questions about the field trips or would like to make trip reservations, contact Field Trip Chair, Nancy Kenyon, at 949-786-3160, or nancykenyon@cox.net
For information about pelagic trips here in Southern CA, visit this excellent website: www.socalbirding.com

Santiago Oaks Regional Park Sundays, Sept. 6 & Oct. 4 - 7:30 am

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

Directions: Take the 55 freeway to Katella Ave in Orange. Exit and drive east on Katella 3.2 miles to Windes Dr. Turn left on Windes Dr. and follow the signs to the park. **OR**, take Jamboree towards the mountains, all the way to its intersection with Santiago Cyn. Rd; turn left and follow Santiago to Windes Dr. Turn right on Windes and follow it to the park. Be prepared to pay the \$5 entrance fee if you don't own a county parks pass. Meet in the upper end of the parking lot.

Linette Lina, Leader

Monthly Bird Walks at the SJWS Sundays, Sept. 13 & Oct. 11 - 8:00 am

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

Chris Obaditch, Leader

Upper Newport Bay by small boat ® 3rd Wed. - Jan. 20 - 8:15 am (Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec. - full)

Join us for the rare chance of birding the Upper Newport Bay from the deck of a small boat. Spotting birds from the water offers one a different perspective and the birds seem to view us differently also. Trip duration is about 3 hours. The Sept. trip is already full but the Oct. 21 trip is open. Space is limited because the boat is very small; advance reservations are mandatory. Contact Nancy Kenyon for trip reservations at 949-786-3160 or NancyKenyon@cox.net

Nancy Kenyon, Leader

Fall Pelagic Trip out of Dana Point ® Saturday, Sept. 19 — 6:30 am - 1:00 pm

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 trip will take us out to the Fourteen Mile Bank where the more interesting birds are. On last fall's trip, we had incredible views of a close Blue Whale.

Other highlights included 3 species of shearwater, a Pomerine Jaeger, a migrating Black Tern, 2 Sabine's Gulls and a Common Murre. We will be using the Sea Explorer, a research vessel belonging to the Ocean Institute of Dana Point. The boat is a large, comfortable 70 foot research vessel with ample deck space & seating for great viewing of the ocean, good restroom facilities, great deck stability, two decks (upper and lower) and good power for quickly covering the distances not occupied by birds. Our trip will be led by Terry Hunefeld, an experienced pelagic birder and trip birder. Advance reservations are necessary. Trip fee is \$50 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.

Terry Hunefeld, Leader

Huntington Central Park, for fall migration Saturday, Sept. 26 — 8:00 am to 12 noon

Huntington Central Park is considered by many birders to be one of the best places in Orange County to find migratory birds. We hope you will join Pat & Dick Cabe to look for fall migrants. Meet at the north end of the Huntington Beach Library parking lot, just above the bandstand area. **Directions:** From the #405 Frwy, take Beach Blvd. south to Talbert and turn right; the library is located between Gothard & Goldenwest, at 7111 Talbert. Watch for the parking lot entrance on your right

Pat & Dick Cabe, Leaders

Natural History Walk at Starr Ranch ® Thursday, Oct. 8 — 8:30 a.m.

Join Dick Newell for a Wilderness Interpretive Hike at Starr Ranch Sanctuary to examine the geology, plant life, birds, herps, and other types of wildlife. The trip will take about 4 hours to complete and will cover about 3 miles and perhaps a 400' elevation gain. Group size is limited to 10; advance reservations are necessary. Contact Nancy Kenyon, FT chair at nancykenyon@cox.net or 949-786-3160. Directions to the meeting place will be given to those with reservations

Owl Prowl at Starr Ranch - Sat, Dec.12 ®

On this trip, we're going to "prowl" the back roads of Starr Ranch in search of Barn, Western Screech and Great Horned Owls. Our mode of transportation will be the big red flatbed truck which can hold about 14 people. Advance reservations necessary; trip size limited. Trip fee \$10. Make check payable to SEA & SAGE AUDUBON and mail to: Owl Prowl, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Include your phone, email address or a self-addressed stamped envelope for trip info.

Native Gardening Workshop

How to Select, Plant and Care for California Natives in Your Garden

Workshop I: Oct. 25th and Nov. 1st

Workshop II: Nov. 8th and 15th

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.

The workshop meets on two Sundays (9 am to noon and 9 am to 1 pm) on two consecutive weekends for 7 hours of instruction. Workshops I and II cover the same material. You will visit two residential gardens, a botanic garden (additional entrance fee) and a nursery. Meeting locations are in Santa Ana and Claremont. 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. State which workshop you wish to attend; if you are able to attend either workshop, indicate your first and second choices. Please include your phone number and email address. Confirmations as well as directions to meeting locations and other material will be mailed to you. 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

Animal Behavior & Tracking

Learn the basics of tracking any O.C. animal, including birds & most insects

Class I: Fri & Sat, Oct. 30-31, (8 - 2)

Class II: Fri & Sat, March 5-6, (8 - 1)

Dick Newell and Don Millar of OTRACKERS will cover the basics of tracking any animal or bird and most insects that frequent the County, and, as a result of this training, you will become familiar with the animals' behavior, scat, signs and feeding habits. After some practice time in the field, most students will be able to identify the species that left the track and frequently will be able to determine the speed the animal had been traveling and which foot the animal used to make the specific track.

We will discuss who makes or occupies the various holes, dens and cavities that are seen along the trail. We will get to know how an animal propels itself along the ground and what its various gaits and patterns can tell us. We will learn to identify the prints that most folks don't even see.

The first day of class is a six hour lecture with many practical exercises to teach the basics of tracking. It will be held in the Duck Club (building) at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm). On the second day, the class will meet at the mouth of Fremont Canyon near Irvine Regional Park and go into the field for about four hours of practical tracking fun, much of the time being spent on hands and knees measuring the tracks and gaits and getting a closer view of the evidence, from 8:00 am to around 1:00 pm.

During the class, various text books and other sources of information will be available for you to peruse. You are strongly recommended to buy/read/study the following texts:

- 1) The Tracker's Field Guide by James Lowery
- 2) Mammal Tracks & Sign by Mark Elbroch
- 3) Bird Tracks and Sign by Mark Elbroch

Students wanting to get a head start on this class should take a close look at the www.octrackers.com site, particularly the pages on Basic Patterns and Gaits, Identify and Analyze Tracks, and Interpreting Bird Tracks

Advance reservations are necessary; class size is limited to 14 students. Class fee is \$50 per student. (Make check payable to Sea & Sage Audubon.) To register for one of these classes, print out a copy of the registration form, fill it out and mail it, along with your check to: Tracking Class, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612. Be sure to list your email address on the form so that we can send you confirmation and additional info.

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR & TRACKING CLASS Enrollment Form

Name _____

Address, City & Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Class Date (circle the class date you prefer) Oct. 30 & 31 March 5 & 6

Class fee is \$50. Mail your check (payable to Sea & Sage Audubon) and this form to:
Tracking Class, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612.

Upcoming Birding Festivals & Conferences



WFO Conference in Boise, Idaho September 10-13, 2009

The Western Field Ornithologists are holding their 34th annual meeting this year in Boise, Idaho September 10 - 13, 2009. The meeting will include science sessions, expert identification panels, half and full day field trips, field skills workshops, social events, and the annual membership meeting and banquet with this year's keynote speaker Dr. Craig Benkman. Dr. Benkman's research into Crossbills (*Loxia*), particularly those of Idaho, has been very exciting. Beginners and seasoned birders are all welcome. *Don't miss this event! They've got a great program planned, and it's not too late to sign up!* <http://www.westernfieldornithologists.org/conference.php>

Monterey Bay Birding Festival September 24-27, 2009 theme: "Bridging the Americas"

WATSONVILLE, CA - Pajaro Valley's fifth Annual Monterey Bay Birding Festival will take place Thursday, September 24th through Sunday, September 27, 2009. The festival offers over 50 expert-led field trips, specialized birding outings for beginners, "slough safaris" of the Elkhorn Slough via kayak, a trip to Pinnacles National Monument, vagrant chasing at the Carmel River mouth, pelagic trips of the Monterey Bay, excursions to the Big Sur Ornithology Lab to view California Condors and other activities. To illustrate the festival's theme, Bridging the Americas, evening presentations will be hosted by birding experts and researchers from South and Central America.

The Birding Festival Web site, www.montereybaybirding.org provides full information about the festival. Those without internet access can call the Santa Cruz County Conference and Visitors Council's main visitor center at (800) 833-3494.

Central Valley Birding Symposium Thursday - Sunday, November 19-22 in Stockton, CA

It's party time again! The 13th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium will be held Nov. 19-22 in Stockton, CA, at the Hilton Stockton

Attend workshops with raptor expert Bill Clark, birding pros Jon Dunn and Joe Morlan, as well as other informative folks. Our evening programs include Murrelet Halterman on Yellow-billed Cuckoos and Stephen Shunk on "The Magic of Birding".

Central Valley Birding Symposium - cont.

We will have drawing and digiscoping workshops, our always popular & informative ID Panel with guest experts, programs for beginning birders, and more. The many Field Trips frequently turn up chasable goodies. The Birder's Market is full of artists and vendors with a wonderful selection of bird and nature related items.

For more info, check the website at www.cvbs.org or contact Frances Oliver at hummer52@sbcglobal.net or (209) 369-2010.

The economy may be down, but the birds are still here to lift you up with their wings. Come and enjoy them with us. See you there!

14th Annual San Diego Bird Festival Thursday - Sunday, March 4-7, 2010

The festival will feature guided field trips, including popular pelagic birding trips, as well as a Birding & Optics EXPO, workshops, presentations, social mixers, and a mini film festival. An exciting new field trip for 2010 is a behind-the-scenes look at the world-famous San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park. Birders will be bused to the park for admission before opening hours. In addition to birding the "volunteer" inhabitants of the 1,800-acre park, participants will go behind the scenes to learn about conservation and avian propagation of species such as the endangered California Condor. Birders will ride in photo caravan trucks to off-exhibit condor breeding pens and will travel via mules to a post-fire habitat restoration area.

Other Bird Festival field trips include the Anza-Borrego Desert, the Salton Sea, Baja, California, Mexico, local mountains, coastal chaparral, rocky sea coast, bays, estuaries, near-shore islands, and open-ocean pelagic birding, where you might spy a Blue-footed Booby, as 2009 festival-goers did, as well as whales, dolphins, Mola mola fishes, sea lions, seals, and dolphins.

The 2010 festival keynote speaker is Bill Thompson III, editor of Bird Watcher's Digest. Bill leads birding trips across North America and has birded in more than 25 countries. Registration for the festival is \$20. Fees for workshops and field trips vary, with price points that fit every budget, including some specialized trips, workshops, and events that are free. All workshops and events are held at Marina Village on Mission Bay and all field trips depart from Marina Village where parking is free. For the latest information and to register, visit www.sandiegoaudubon.org and click on the Bird Festival tab, or email birdfest@cox.net. For more info or for a brochure to be mailed, call 619-682-7200.

Education News

Trude Hurd, Project Director of Marsh Education

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



Our Marsh Education Project Volunteers

In 2008, 85 naturalists and other volunteers donated over 5,300 hours for the education programs at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Thank you!

Top Volunteer Hours in 2008

Grace McElhiney - 454
Helen Nicholas - 380
Bev Spring - 363
Teresa Cullen - 285
Bob McElhiney - 217
Pat Vranicar - 208
Deborah Brin - 180
Constance Cassady - 173
Bobbie Miller - 172
Carolyn Noble - 158
Gretchen Mavrovouniotis - 144
Dan Trinidad - 144
Kate Grabenstein - 132
Samantha Masaki (student) - 111

Pennies for Pelicans

What do you do with the loose change in your pocket or wallet? Children attending Sea and Sage Audubon's five weeks of summer nature camp knew exactly what to do. They collected coins from family members and others to fill the "pelican's pouch" as part of our camp's new Pennies for Pelicans project. The children were told that money raised would be donated to the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center (W.W.C.C.) to help rehabilitate rescued bird species such as the Brown Pelican. How much did we raise? Over \$451 in coins were presented to Sharon Weeks, Development Director for W.W.C.C., on the last day of camp at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. This money will enable the caring staff of W.W.C.C. to purchase supplies and medicine to treat injured birds with the goal of returning as many as possible to the wild. The children did an amazing job to benefit our local wildlife! Let's hear it for Pennies for Pelicans!

Art in Nature

During the Art Meets Science program at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, elementary school children discover the relationship between art and science. They explore the trails and ponds of the marsh while writing and sketching about their experience in a personal nature journal. They also create a colorful group mural about the importance of wetlands. Sea and Sage Audubon Society is looking for experienced, enthusiastic artists to help lead these 1 1/2 hour programs on Wednesdays during 2009-10. If you or someone you know loves art and nature,

please contact Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education, at 949-261-7964 to learn how you can be involved in this vital program that teaches that "there is science in art and art in science!"

Sharing Nature With Children

Each year, the Sea and Sage Audubon Naturalists share their love of nature with thousands of school children. If you have some experience working with children and would like to make a child's field trip an exciting experience that he or she will remember for many years, then come join us! The next new naturalist training begins in September and October, and classes can be taken in any order. Training is easy, tour group sizes are reasonable, and activities are fun for students and naturalists. Prospective candidates must be available 2 mornings a month on Tuesday and/or Thursday (flexible with your schedule). For the Fall 2009 schedule, contact Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education, at 949-261-7964. We hope that you or someone you know will become part of our caring naturalists who teach children about the importance of wetlands to wildlife and people.

Taxidermy Birds Awaiting Sponsors

Sea & Sage Audubon maintains a wonderful taxidermy collection of local birds and mammals. These specimens play an important role in our Education Program. Preparing these specimens is costly and we need your help. You can sponsor one of the following birds or mammals and have a special sponsor plate with your name attached. Taxidermy sponsorships are a great way to commemorate a birthday or anniversary or special person.

The following birds can be sponsored for \$190 each: Lesser Goldfinch, American Goldfinch, House Finch, Common Yellowthroat, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Calliope Hummingbird, Anna's Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird, Warbling Vireo, Nuttall's Woodpecker, American Robin. A Common Poorwill can be sponsored for \$210 and a female Bufflehead for \$260. A bobcat or raccoon can be sponsored for \$890 each.

We are also in need of contributions for our taxidermy general fund. Contributions to our taxidermy general fund help us pay for supplies for our collections - including the wings, tail and feet collection and study skins. We have a few small rodents that we would like to prepare as study skins. A contribution of \$40 will pay for one study skin.

To sponsor a taxidermy specimen or contribute to the taxidermy general fund, please contact Sea & Sage's Taxidermy Coordinator, Gretchen Mavrovouniotis, at (949) 552-8266.

Receiving the Tattler

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

Your Membership Payment

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We post the Tattler on our chapter website. Members who wish to receive monthly e-mail notification that the latest issue of the tattler is online, should send an e-mail to nancykenyon@cox.net. This method of Tattler delivery not only helps cut our costs and conserves resources, it also is much faster since the Tattler is posted immediately after it has been delivered to the printer. You can read it online, or print out the pages you want to keep.

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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 & Sage Audubon" and mail to: Tattler Subscriptions, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612.

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

From the San Diego Frwy. (405), exit on Jamboree south toward Newport Beach. At the 1st signal, Michelson, turn left. Continue on Michelson to the 4th signal which is Riparian View; turn right toward the Irvine Ranch Water District plant. Follow the signs directing you to Audubon and the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Continue down the road to a short hill into a parking lot. The first building you see will be Audubon House; parking is ample. Between Audubon House and the Duck Club is a path which will take you to the Education Center where our meetings are. Beyond this area are the ponds and marsh mitigation areas of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary which are open every day from dawn until dusk.



Audubon House

Open 8 am - 4 pm daily
(949) 261-7963

Stop by Audubon House for a trail map; browse through our bookstore & gift shop; look at our taxidermy birds and check our reference library. Be sure to stop by; we're there to help

Your Audubon Membership Payment and 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 C9ZC150Z in the lower right hand corner. This tells National Audubon who to credit for your recruitment. Sea & Sage gets 100% of the first year's dues of new members (even if you give more than the minimum membership fee). When renewing your membership and you pay more than the standard renewal fee (\$35 for regular and \$15 for senior/student membership), the extra you contribute goes to National Audubon; the chapter does not get any of the contribution back. So, if you are feeling generous at renewal time and you want Sea & Sage to benefit, you should send your renewal fee to National and a separate check with your donation to the chapter. If you have any questions please contact Phil Brobst at (949) 261-7963.



Audubon Membership Application

Membership: We invite you to become a member of the National Audubon Society and the Sea & Sage Audubon chapter. **To join:** *Please pay by check only; do not send cash.* Make your check payable to: NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, complete this form, and mail it along with your payment to: Sea & Sage Audubon, PO Box 5447, Irvine CA 92616-5447.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP: \$20 - Individual or Family members RENEWAL: \$35 - Regular Membership
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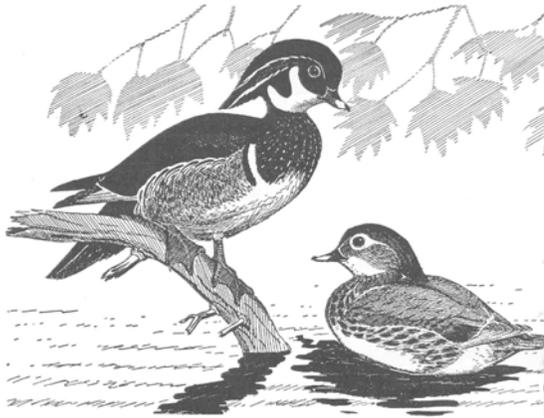


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September 2009

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19 Sat	Coastal Cleanup.....	9:00 am
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