

Nature Walks

Nature Walks. These free monthly walks are on the first Saturday of the month at 9 AM until 10:30 AM. Naturalists share the relationships between plants and animals as we explore the trails and ponds. Each month's experience is different depending on the seasons and wildlife encountered. This is the perfect introduction to the marsh for people of all ages and walking abilities.



Summer Bat Walks. Begun in 1999, these very popular programs allow the public to experience the wetland after dark. A local bat biologist gives an indoor presentation about bats, then our Bat Walk naturalists lead a night walk in search of bats that come in small numbers to the marsh to feed on flying insects. We offer pre-paid events July to September which fill quickly so enroll early. Opens April 1st.



Teen Program

Teenage Junior Naturalists.

Established in 2001, this free monthly program enables teens to enjoy bird-watching field trips to local habitats such as wetlands, coastal sage scrub, oak woodlands, and the pelagic environment. In addition, teens are expected to participate in stewardship projects such as helping at Coastal Cleanup and monitoring birds during Christmas Bird Count and Spring Bird Count. This program provides enriched nature experiences, fosters leadership skills, and enables social contacts with other teens with similar interests in the outdoors. Activities are during the traditional school year from August through June.



"The Junior Naturalist program provides teens with an opportunity to gain valuable experience, grow as birders, and to really get to know one another." participating teen.

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Marsh Education Project at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine, California.



As part of our mission to protect birds and their habitat, Sea and Sage Audubon provides high-quality environmental education programs at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, a 300 acre freshwater wetland owned by the Irvine Ranch Water District.

We accomplish this outreach with one full-time Project Director of Education, one part-time Education Assistant, 85 adult volunteer naturalists, 25 youth volunteers, a 25-year partnership with Irvine Ranch Water District, and generous funding from an Anonymous Foundation, Sea and Sage membership, Orange County Community Foundation, and other benefactors. Come learn about nature with our experienced naturalists!

To schedule one of our exciting interpretive programs or to volunteer, contact:
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Outdoor Science for School Children

Outdoor Adventures. Established in 1992, this 2½ hour outdoor field program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings is a highly interactive study of the wetland ecosystem. Designed for 4-5th grade classes, students learn about adaptations, food webs, habitat, and more. Students prepare for their trip with a classroom research project and mounted bird specimen borrowed from Sea & Sage and a presentation about how urban runoff and our actions affect wildlife. Students then come to the wetland where they use binoculars and microscopes to explore bird adaptations and pond life. Each year, we enroll about 75-80 Orange County classes and offer a special scholarship program for Santa Ana classes.



“Thank you for this valuable resource that supports our instruction and provides an opportunity for our students to have a hands-on experience learning about science that they may otherwise not experience.” Santa Ana teacher.

Summer Day Camps



Nature Day Camp. We offer six exciting nature camp programs for children. Since 1993, each week-long day camp has helped children increase their wildlife-watching skills as they take daily walks, keep a nature journal, create art, and do research projects while taught by enthusiastic naturalists. Full and partial scholarships are available. Registration opens February 1st.

- **Fledgling Camp** for ages 7-8 (since 2009) introduces youngsters to backyard birds through walks, crafts, games and songs.
- **Marsh Bird Camp** for ages 9-12 (since 1993) covers all aspects of marsh bird life and includes wildlife rehabilitator visit with live hawks and owls plus a birdathon contest. This same camp is offered twice.
- **Coastal Camp** for ages 11 and older (since 2010) introduces coastal birds and their threats. May include off-site trip to Bolsa Chica Wetlands or Crystal Cove State Park (alternates years).
- **Advanced Bird Camp I and II** for ages 11 and older (since 2001) spans two weeks about local habitats and bird families (different each year).

Community Outreach Programs

Community Tours. Begun in the mid-1990's, this nature program helps scouts, home school families and other community groups to understand the importance of wetland habitat. For a small fee, groups observe close-up taxidermy specimens then take a short walk around the ponds to discover how a variety of birds use the wetland.



Nature Discovery Kits. Our 6 nature kits (about owls, bats, butterflies, reptiles & amphibians, bird nests, and wonderful life of dead trees) may be borrowed free for 2 weeks by classroom teachers, home school parents, and other educators to supplement their nature presentations. Each kit includes prepared specimens, research projects, puppets, read-aloud books, DVD's, and posters so educators can select what is most appropriate for their audience.

