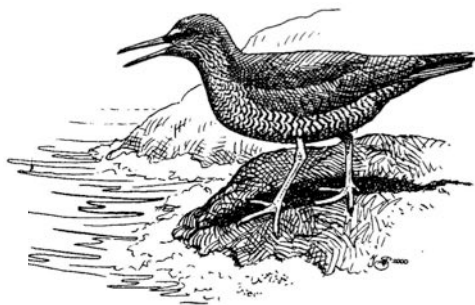


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The Voice of SEA AND SAGE AUDUBON, an Orange County Chapter of the National Audubon Society

Sea & Sage Oil Spill Response Funds

Gail Richards, President

I am proud to share the outcome of Sea and Sage Audubon Society's response to the Huntington Beach Oil Spill on October 2, 2021. On October 4, we began a fundraising effort to help mitigate the anticipated damages. In the next few weeks, we raised \$57,215. As donations began pouring in, we learned that the costs of all damages would be covered by the "responsible party". We then had some challenges in determining how to disperse these funds. Over the next two months, the Conservation Committee worked diligently to identify non-profit conservation organizations that had either responded to the oil spill response and had other costs, or that do critical work to protect coastal wildlife and resources – shorebirds, seabirds, wetland birds, their habitats, and other marine resources in or near the oil spill. We looked for groups with current projects or ongoing operating costs where these funds would be of immediate assistance. We gave special consideration to those groups working with sensitive species such as Western Snowy Plovers. We feel strongly that we identified a list of excellent and deserving non-profit organizations, each with financial needs related to coastal and marine birds and habitats, in or near Orange County. On behalf of our Sea and Sage Audubon Society members and friends, here are the names of the organizations to which we donated: *International Bird Rescue (IBR), Pacific Marine Mammal Center (PMMC), Orange County Coastkeeper, Point Blue Conservation Science, Bolsa Chica Land Trust, Bolsa Chica Conservancy, Amigos de Bolsa Chica, Beach Ecology Coalition, San Onofre State Parks Foundation, Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy, CSULB Wetlands and Ecology Lab (Courtesy of the 49ers Foundation CSULB), and San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance.*

We are confident that these funds were well spent and will significantly help protect coastal birds and their habitats, as well as help strengthen important relationships with these organizations in the continuing efforts to protect Southern California's unique coastal resources. We are proud of our organization and thankful to our members and donors for making this possible.

General Meeting - Online Presentation

Friday, February 18th - 7:00 PM

Via Zoom

"Birds in a Changing World"

presented by JD Bergeron

Experts around the world agree—aquatic birds are in crisis. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation reports that "Seabirds are declining faster than any other group of birds. Populations of oceanic seabirds are most threatened" (2018). Earth's delicate ecological systems are woven together by intricate and far-reaching threads of movement and change. As habitats shift, wildlife is affected. At International Bird Rescue, we are called to continue to take action, to innovate and evolve in response to the changing needs of our patients. As we move into the next 50 years, we build partnerships which help protect the natural world waterbirds rely on for their survival. In the future, Bird Rescue will continue to respond to these crises as they emerge and also to center conservation as a critical and growing part to the work we do. And we can't do it alone. The public must be involved—willing, engaged, and connected to the collective challenge.

About International Bird Rescue: In 1971 after 800,000 gallons of crude oil spilled into the bay, concerned individuals led by a registered nurse jumped into action, bringing International Bird Rescue to life. We have always had to pave a road where there is none. Staff and volunteers work with tenacity alongside clients, partners, and the public to find solutions. Today, we research best practices at our crisis response hospitals in California and Alaska and share them worldwide. Our mission is to inspire people to act toward balance with the natural world by rescuing waterbirds in crisis. We dream of a world in which every person, every day, takes action to protect the natural home of wildlife and ourselves. More information at <http://www.birdrescue.org>

Please join dynamic speaker, JD Bergeron, for this informative program. Meeting room opens at **6:30 PM**, join us for some **virtual games (e.g. bird trivia, bird ID)** prior to the 7:00 PM meeting. Here is the link you will need to join the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82621580704>

See you there (virtually). If this link isn't working for you, try Meeting ID: 826 2158 0704

Need Help? email Jonathan Aguayo at: jonathan.aguayo@psomas.com

Jonathan Aguayo, Program Chairman

Conservation & Chapter News



Join us for our next '4th Tuesday' Conservation Lecture on Tuesday, February 22nd.

Audubon House is open 8:00am – 4:00pm daily, when a volunteer is on duty. Please drop by, but call ahead to verify the shift is filled.

4th Tues.' Conservation Lecture

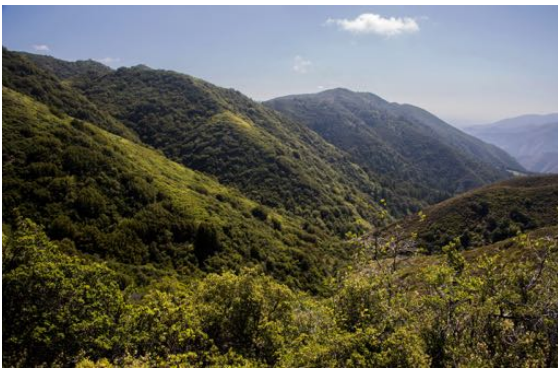
Tues. Feb. 22nd – 7:00 pm

by Zoom

'Doors open' at 6:30 pm

"Rediscovering Ourselves Through Nature and the Chaparral" *presented by Richard A. Halsey*

After more than a decade we are pleased to welcome back Rick Halsey, Director of the California Chaparral Institute. In his prior talk, Rick spoke about the fire ecology of chaparral. Rick returns to share additional thoughts on the special nature of this local treasure.



Here are some words from Rick: "For more than two million years we evolved outside, in nature,

driven by our instincts. Over the last several thousand years, our newly conscious minds have tried to reconcile the conflict between the demands of civilization, social expectations, and our ancient, wild selves. Yet despite our best efforts, the conflict persists, causing many of the personal, social, and environmental problems we face today. Nature provides the remedy

"Join us as we explore how connecting with Nature through our local native habitats, especially the chaparral, offers us a way to achieve what so many philosophers through the ages have identified as essential to achieving a meaningful existence – to "know thyself".

Halsey is a writer, philosopher, photographer, and a guide to help others reconnect with nature. He has given over 500 presentations and written numerous books, papers and articles over the past 15 years about the importance of chaparral and connecting with nature. He works with the San Diego Museum of Natural History and teaches natural history throughout the state. The second edition of his book, *Fire, Chaparral, and Survival in Southern California*, received an award from San Diego Book Awards Assoc. He taught biology, physics, and environmental science for over 30 years.

Please join us. Advance registration is required through our website: www.seaandsageaudubon.org. Look under **February '4th Tues.'** or **What's new?** When you register, you will be given the meeting link.

Audubon House Volunteers



We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in December and January: Susan Burgess, Jim Fiedler, Greg Figge, Carol Getz, John Hargrove, Sarah Jayne, Nancy Kenyon, David Kramer, Loretta Kyle, Doug Lithgow,

Joan McCauley, Mary Meister, Bobbie Miller, Paula Monroe, Dagmar Muthamia, JoAnn Nothhelfer, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, Linda Reed, Dev Sellin, Susan Sheakley, Catherine Steinberg, Monte Taylor, Pat Wells and Philip Westin.

Our Volunteers greet visitors, answer the phone, sell merchandise, answer questions about birds, etc. If you are interested in helping at Audubon House, please call one of our Audubon House Volunteer Coordinators: Paula Monroe (480-299-9885) or Dev Sellin (714-943-3682). We welcome new volunteers!

A note from Susan Sheakley: More than a year ago, despite having enjoyed my experience as Audubon House Chair, I made the decision to retire from it at some suitable point after we were able to reopen. With Doug Lithgow available to take over as the new chair, Dev Sellin and Paula Monroe in place as the Audubon House Volunteer Coordinators, and the solid support of volunteers and staff, now is a good time! I know Audubon House will be in good hands.

Don't be surprised if you see me at Audubon House, as I will continue to be a house volunteer and will be available to answer questions and conduct orientations for new volunteers, as needed.

A heartfelt "Thank You!" to all! — *Susan*

Looking for Audubon House Volunteers

We are excited and pleased that we were able to reopen Audubon House on November 1st. We knew there would be challenges and one of those has been finding enough volunteers to stay open full-time. We have new Covid rules including proof of vaccination for volunteers and no more than 3 visitors at one time inside. Masks are required for all visitors and for volunteers when others are inside. Those of you who have been regular volunteers have probably been contacted by email or phone to determine your interest in continuing to volunteer and your availability. If you have not been contacted or have not yet responded, we hope you will do so. We love our volunteers!

New volunteers are needed and welcomed! We offer excellent training and flexible schedules, so if you are interested, please contact Dev Sellin or Paula Monroe. Our contact info is on the back page. Thank you!

— *Paula Monroe and Dev Sellin*

Chapter News & Announcements

Sea and Sage Audubon Society's mission is to protect birds, other wildlife, and their habitats through education, citizen science, research, and public pol



Summer Education Programs

Our Education Team is hard at work planning summer programs like Nature Day Camps and Summer Bat Walks. Although registration information is not available at this time, you can check the Sea and Sage website, future Wandering Tattlers, or email seaandsage@sbcglobal.net. We hope to see you at one of these events!

~ Join Us on February 18-21 ~

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Celebrate 25 Years of Counting Birds!

<https://www.birdcount.org/participate/>

Don't Be Left Out!

There is a lot going on with Sea and Sage, and communications, news, and notifications are being done through emails. With all of our chapter activities, don't be left out! If you haven't already, please send us your email address. Rest assured we do not give out email addresses to anyone outside of Sea and Sage. Send your email to membership@seaandsageaudubon.org and include your first name, last name, and city.

Olympic Peninsula Birdfest

April 22-24 - Sequim, Washington

Discover birds of coastal Pacific Northwest. Guided field trips, boat cruise in Strait of Juan de Fuca, gala banquet. The festival with the most spectacular setting! Contact: <http://www.olympicbirdfest.org>

February Field Trips ®

Sat/Sun, Feb. 5-6 - Salton Sea Trip (Full)
Sat, Feb. 5 - Nature Walk at the SJWS
Fri, Feb. 11 - Birdability Trip at Irvine Reg. Park
Sat, Feb. 13 - Bird Walk at SJWS (Full)
Sun, Feb. 20 - Anaheim Coves Park
Sat, Feb. 26 - San Jacinto Wildlife Area
Sun, Feb. 27 - Upper Newport Bay

Check the webpage to find out if these trips are full before making your reservations.

Nature Walk at the SJWS - Feb. 5 ®

At 9:00 AM, participants who have made prior reservations will take a short 1½ hour walk and explore the diverse life of the Marsh. There's plenty to discover in winter: White Pelicans hunting fish, dabbling and diving ducks, Toyon's red berries, mistletoe, raccoon tracks, and more. We'll also learn about adaptations of the marsh plants and animals for winter rain and cold. **Advance reservations are required.** Send an email to Project Director Trude Hurd at seaandsage@sbcglobal.net with your name, contact number on morning of walk, # in your group, and copies of proof of complete Covid vaccinations for everyone in your group. For pandemic safety until further notice, trip is limited to 12 people and participants must wear a mask covering their nose and mouth for duration of trip. Cancelled if rain.

—Trude Hurd

Birdability at Irvine Regional Park Friday, Feb. 11 - 9 AM to 12 PM ®

Have you heard of a "Big Sit"? Join us for a birding "Little Sit" when we'll tally birds from one general location. This event has been designed to include those with mobility limitations, but all are welcome. Irvine Park is highly rated for accessibility, and we have chosen a location with picnic tables close to the parking and with nearby handicapped restroom facilities. This event is free, but the park requires a \$3 entrance fee or OC Park card. Registration is required. E-mail Nancy Kenyon at nancykenyon@cox.net and supply your e-mail address, cell number and evidence of Covid vaccination. Questions? Ask Nancy!

San Jacinto Wildlife Area - Feb. 26®

Don't miss this field trip to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area in Riverside County. The wildlife area consists of a series of ponds with a backdrop of Mt. San Gorgonio and the San Bernardino Mts. The ponds support an abundance of waterfowl and shorebirds. In addition to the ponds, there are grasslands where you may see foraging Golden Eagles and a variety of other raptors. Reservations are necessary; trip size is limited. nancykenyon@cox.net **Driving Directions** will be sent to those with reservations. **Bring:** binocs, a scope if you have one, water, and warm layered clothing. This trip may involve a lot of walking. The trip will be led by Bettina Eastman who is very familiar with the area.

Orange County Rarities

by Samuel Bressler



To report a RARE or UNUSUAL bird, or to receive reports from other birders about rare or unusual bird sightings here in Orange County, send an email to: OrangeCountyBirding+subscribe@groups.io

November is perhaps the most interesting of the four fall migration months when it comes to vagrants; as most, though not all, of our common migrants have moved south to Latin America, a sundry assortment of wanderlost eastern visitors appear. Some stay only a day or two, while others decide that our ornamental parks and gardens are sufficiently similar to their tropical haunts to stick around through December and beyond. December also brings a wide variety of northern and montane species: ducks, raptors, songbirds who have overshot their traditional wintering grounds. The start of winter also produces a fair number of neotropical migrants, who were either particularly late stragglers or were wintering in small and underbirded parks. And so ends 2021; here's to a birdy 2022!

Due to space considerations only the most interesting species have been chronicled in this report.

The **Mexican Duck** first found last winter returned on Nov. 20th to Carr Park in Huntington Beach, where it has spent the last several weeks fraternizing with the neighborhood mallards and wigeons and gorging on bread. Meanwhile, associating with rafts of offshore surf scoters throughout the winter were several **White-winged Scoters**, **Black Scoters** and at least two **Long-tailed Ducks**; all of these were seen off of Newport Beach, particularly the Pier.

A **Vaux's Swift** at San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (SJWS) from Dec. 12th-15th was an unexpected and quite rare winter record. A similarly rare wintering visitor was a **Solitary Sandpiper** at the Ladera Settling Ponds in Ladera Ranch from Dec. 15th through the end of the month. A **Glaucous Gull** was a one-day wonder at the Santa Ana River Mouth on Nov. 24th, while a **Black-legged Kittiwake** was found off Newport Pier on Dec. 24th. A **Tricolored Heron** continued at Upper Newport Bay (UNB) throughout Nov. and Dec.; this was joined by a second bird on Nov. 6th at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (BCER), and potentially the same bird at Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station from Nov. 6th-8th. Meanwhile, the **Little Blue Heron** continued at BCER through Nov. 28th.

Two **Zone-tailed Hawks** were seen in the Santa Ana foothills on Dec. 19th: one off of Hicks Canyon Road near Limestone Canyon, the other in the Jeronimo Open Space Park in Mission Viejo. A **Rough-legged Hawk** at the Los Cerritos Wetland on Nov. 25th was the county's first record since 1997; it's current whereabouts remain a mystery. A pair of **Lewis's Woodpeckers** continued at

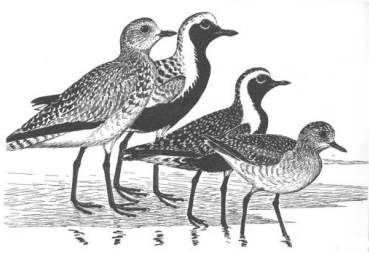
Irvine Regional Park (IRP) throughout Nov. and Dec., and a **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** was at Laguna Niguel Regional Park on Dec. 17th.

An **Eastern Phoebe** was at Huntington Central Park (HCP) on Nov. 4th, while **Gray Flycatchers** turned up at two Mission Viejo parks: Castille Park on Nov. 6th and Pinecrest Park on Dec. 17th. A **Brown-crested Flycatcher** returned to the Chrisanta Drive Willows on Nov. 18th; this is likely the same bird that wintered at this site last winter, and all indications suggest that it will continue to enjoy this riparian corridor this winter. Another *Myiarchus* species, a **Great-crested Flycatcher** was first identified on Dec. 23rd at John Baca Park (JBPK), and seen well by countless birders through the end of the month; this was a fourth county record. Lending support to the Patagonia Picnic Table Effect, a **Red-eyed Vireo** was subsequently found at JBPK on Dec. 25th; it too persisted until the new year.

In what appears to be an underreported invasion year, **Brown Creepers** overwintered at HCP, IRP, and Yorba Regional Park; a fourth bird was at Aurora Park through Nov. 9th. **Golden-crowned Kinglets** were at El Toro Memorial Park Nov. 3rd-4th, and at Crucero Park in Mission Viejo from Dec. 20th-27th. Mountain Bluebirds were at IRP on Nov. 3rd, and at Quail Hill Trail from Nov. 29th-Dec. 2nd.

A **Swamp Sparrow** was at Mile Square Regional Park (MSRP) on Nov. 10th, while a **Nelson's Sparrow** was at BCER on Nov. 14th. Subsequent efforts to refind the Nelson's were unsuccessful, but did turn up a **Grasshopper Sparrow** at the same spot on Nov. 20th; others were found at UNB Nov. 13th, and at Loma Ridge and Quail Hill on Nov. 19th. Multiple **Baltimore Orioles** have been wintering at MSRP through the last two months. At least two **Tricolored Blackbirds** are overwintering with a roving flock of rapacious red-winged at Carr Park, while a **Rusty Blackbird** was reported with a flock of Brewer's at SJWS on Dec. 13th.

Several notable warblers spent the latter half of fall in the county, with some appearing to overwinter. A **Canada Warbler** continued at MSRP through Nov. 13th, and was joined by a **Pine Warbler** on Nov. 8th. The undisputed warbler highlight of Nov. however was a **Bay-breasted Warbler** at Goldenwest College from Nov. 20-21. Meanwhile our most notable Dec. warbler was a Chestnut-sided Warbler at Mason Regional Park from Dec. 15th through the end of the month. Finally, a Rose-breasted Grosbeak visited a Laguna Beach residence on Dec. 14th.



Sea and Sage Audubon Society
Shorebirds of North America, Part I (CA)
An Intermediate/Advanced Birding Skills Workshop
presented by Sylvia Gallagher

Starting the week of Mar. 14-17, 2022, Sylvia Gallagher will offer a comprehensive workshop on the **SHOREBIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA**. It will have about 12 meetings and end during the latter half of June. This will be the third time this workshop has been offered, the previous one being in 2005.

Because so many species have occurred in North America (97 in all), **this year's sessions** will cover only the 40 species that are common enough in California that they are no longer being reviewed by the California Bird Records Committee. Next year at this same time we'll review these and tackle the rest, covering them with varying degrees of thoroughness.

With the aid of detailed worksheets, we'll discuss **all plumages**--usually three per species, but sometimes more. Although the focus will be on identification, there will also be a discussion of other aspects of the birds' lives, such as breeding locations, wintering habitats, feeding behavior, migration routes, conservation concerns, etc.

The required textbook for the workshop is ***The Shorebird Guide*** by O'Brien, Crossley, and Karlson (Houghton Mifflin Co., 2006). You will also need these two general references: ***National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America***, 7th ed., and ***The Sibley Guide to Birds***, 2nd ed. Other excellent books will be in the list of references.

The workshop will be **presented via Zoom**. Just before the workshop starts, Doug Lithgow will send you information about accessing it. If you are having computer difficulties attending Zoom meetings, Doug will help you (dmlithgow@aol.com). Since the class is virtual, workshop materials will have to be distributed by email, and you'll have to print them for yourself.

Roy Poucher and Hope Kanaley have volunteered to coordinate the schedule of **field trips**. These trips will be led by you, the students in the workshop, so be thinking of places you're familiar with that have shorebirds, especially a lot of them or an unusual one. You don't have to be an expert on the birds, just know how to lead people around. The participants will talk the birds over and figure them out. The trips will start during the class months, but that's actually not a very good time for shorebirds around here. Most breed in the far north. For that reason, the field trips will be scheduled throughout the remainder of this year and the start of next. There may even be one or more guided tours to hotspots elsewhere in the US. These will be under the sponsorship of Roy's birding tour company, Birding Odysseys, not Sea and Sage.

Participants in the field trips must sign a **liability release form** and be current in their **COVID-19 vaccinations**, including whatever boosters are available at that time. Send with your reservation for the workshop documentation of status at that time. Those who are not immunized must present to the field trip leader documentation of a negative diagnostic COVID test done no more than 72 hours before the start of the field trip.

Five sections will be offered, starting on the dates indicated below. They'll meet every week, including holidays, until we've covered the material, at least 12 weeks. Expect the workshop to end in the latter half of June.

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 7:00 - ca.10:00 p.m., starting March 14, 16, 17.

Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 a.m. - ca. noon, starting March 15, 17.

The maximum enrollment for each section is 21. If any section does not have at least 12 people enrolled by March 4, it will be canceled. Reserve early, though, for some sections will probably fill quickly.

A **donation of \$200** is requested, if you can afford it. Enclose at least \$100.00 with your reservation. The rest may be mailed later. Checks should be made out to Sea and Sage Audubon, not me. Subsequent checks should be mailed to me, not directly to the Sea and Sage treasurer.

Mail (not email) your reservation for the workshop, **postmarked no earlier than Feb. 14** (2-day penalty for early reservations) to **Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646**. Enclose:

1. A LONG self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE).
2. Enrollment form (print copy from website) <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org>
3. Signed liability release and COVID-19 form (print copy from website)
4. Documentation of COVID-19 immunizations, including booster. (You'll be on your honor to keep these up-to-date if additional boosters are recommended later.)
5. Workshop donation (see above)

Confirmations will be mailed March 5, including preliminary information. If you have questions, email Sylvia (sjrgallagher@yahoo.com). Her phone is 714-962-8990, but email is preferred. No text messages.

Marsh Education Project Annual Report 2021

"You did such a great job in these covid times." Camp parent

A challenging but successful year. Working safely, our Education Team supported Santa Ana elementary school children, reopened education programs in modified formats at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, and planned new programs and partnerships. The 39 active naturalists donated over 2,025 hours to make these accomplishments happen. We appreciate our partnership with the Irvine Ranch Water District plus the generous support of an Anonymous Foundation. We thank everyone who helped us re-connect people with nature during the pandemic!



Food Chains and Food Webs



and Sage Audubon Society, 2021.
Narrated by Debbie Hays.



- **Outdoor Adventures** (780 children): Created 4 virtual science lessons on YouTube for use during distance learning.
 - Bird Beak Adaptations (<https://youtu.be/Giyoo9GQ37s>)
 - Food Chains and Food Webs (https://youtu.be/U8_cjbm1JM)
 - Water Quality of a Marsh (<https://youtu.be/44Mx9qH5898>)
 - The Language of Birds ([nearpod lesson; contact Trude for code](#))
- **Nature Walk** (143 people): Hosted monthly Nature Table from July to December for marsh visitors, 4 seasonal nature displays in a kiosk, and one year of weekly nature posts on Facebook.
- **Nature Day Camps** (43 children): Held 3 week-long, half-day camps under shady cottonwoods with nature walks, art, and more.
- **Summer Bat Walks** (48 people): Led 4 evening walks in August as dozens of insect-eating bats flew around us.
- **Junior Naturalists** (24 teens): Helped teens connect with each other through zoom meetings, field trips, and hawk & owl banding.
- **Nature Discovery Kits** (485 children and adults): Loaned our owl, bat, and butterfly kits plus taxidermy specimens to educators.
- **Nature Journaling Club - NEW:** Trying an outdoor club to encourage artists to utilize the marsh and "I observe, I wonder" techniques.
- **Picture Book Walk - NEW:** Began plans to engage younger audience through pages of a children's nature book displayed along the marsh trails with interactive activities.
- **Partnership with Cavity Conservation Initiative - NEW:** Began plans to provide educational materials to O.C. Parks' Resource Specialists about the value of trees to birds and other wildlife.
- **Partnership with Roger's Gardens - NEW:** Assisted a Newport Beach nursery during their Hummingbird Summer event and created a new "Hummingbirds of OC" brochure for the public.
- **Audubon Naturalists:** former camper/Yale graduate Hunter Craft shared anthropological insight about birders at winter meeting; gave shows about marsh seasons; and created inclusivity guidelines.
- **New Chapter Website:** Revised all education pages and new content about getting started in birding and where to go in OC.
- **Bolsa Chica Theft subcommittee:** Helped develop victim survey and created PowerPoint of survey results to share with city officials to decrease the theft problem at this birding hotspot.
- **IRWD Live Virtual Marsh Tour:** Trude Hurd was 1 of 3 co-host presenters for over 300 people at these tours in March & September.
- **Pollinators Garden:** 36 new plants after new drain system installed.

Chapter News, Directions, Membership

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Bloom-Hays Ecological Research Grant

Pete Bloom and Loren Hays are both well known within the chapter for their passion to protect birds and open spaces. In the 1980s and the Loren Hays Memorial Fund have been combined to create a funding for ecological research projects. The objective of the Bloom-Hays Ecological Research Grant is to advance ecological research, particularly research related to avian species and the natural communities upon which they depend, by providing funds or supplies to support research activities benefitting native species and habitats in Southern California. The total funding for grant awards was recently increased to \$10,000. Graduate students, undergraduates, and high schoolers are invited to apply for research grants varying from \$250 to \$2,500. The 2022 Bloom Hays Grant application and instructions are posted on the Sea and Sage website under Conservation. Application packages must be received by email no later than April 8, 2022.

Directions to the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (5 Riparian View, Irvine) Our entrance is from Campus Dr., not Michelson

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



SAVE THE DATE! for our Annual Dinner on Friday, March 18th

The Annual Dinner, scheduled for March 18, has been changed from an in-person event back to another Zoom meeting due to the ongoing surge of the Omicron variant. It is possible that the spike will subside by mid-March, but in order to finance the event we must start selling tickets in February. Now is not a good time to ask 200 people to gather for a dinner and mingle for several hours. We will also not be having a Silent Auction, so donations are not needed this year. We are saddened to make this decision but are optimistic that Omicron may be the beginning of the end of this pandemic. **The program will be "Bald Eagles in the Wild" presented by Jeffrey Rich. Full info will be in the next Tattler.** It promises to be a great evening! Plan now to join us on March 18th.



Audubon Membership Application

We invite you to become a member of the National Audubon Society and the Sea and Sage Audubon chapter. Members receive the AUDUBON magazine as well as the WANDERING TATTLER newsletter.

NEW MEMBERSHIP is \$20 for an individual or for a family. (The membership is good for one year.)

To join: Complete the form below & mail it along with your payment to: Sea and Sage Audubon, PO Box 5447, Irvine CA 92616

Make your check payable to: NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY. Please pay by check only; do not send cash.

Or, go online to: <http://tinyurl.com/hyeaw67> (Our chapter code is C15)

To renew membership: renew directly with National Audubon by direct mail or online: (Renewals are \$20 per year.)

<http://tinyurl.com/zjbs5tt>

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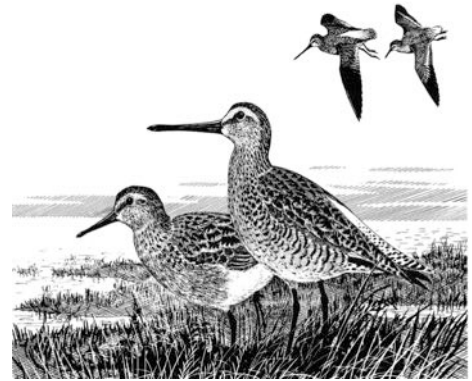
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SCHEDULE of CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

February 2022:

01 Tues Conservation Committee Mtg. via Zoom.....6:45 pm
 05 Sat Nature Walk at the SJWS @.....9:00 am
 5-6 S/S Salton Sea Trip @ (Full)7:00 am
 08 Tues Board Meeting via Zoom.....7:00 pm
 11 Fri Birdability Trip at Irvine Reg. Park @.....9:00 am
 13 Sun Bird Walk at the SJWS @ (Full).....8:00 am
 14 Mon Shorebirds Workshop registration opens today
 15 Tues *Sea & Sage Reading Group*1:00 pm
 18 Fri GENERAL MEETING via Zoom.....7:00 pm
 20 Sun Anaheim Coves Park Bird Walk @.....8:00 am
 22 Tues '4th Tues' Conservation Lecture via Zoom7:00 pm
 26 Sat San Jacinto Wildlife Area Bird Walk @.....8:00 am
 27 Sun Upper Newport Bay Bird Walk @.....8:00 am

March 2022:

01 Tues Conservation Committee Mtg. via Zoom.....6:45 pm
 05 Sat Nature Walk at the SJWS @s.....9:00 am
 08 Tues Board Meeting via Zoom.....7:00 pm
 13 Sun Bird Walk at the SJWS @.....8:00 am
 14-17 Shorebirds Workshop begins (see page 5 for info)
 15 Tues *Sea & Sage Reading Group*1:00 pm
 17 Thurs Bolsa Chica Bird Walk @.....8:00 am
 18 Fri ANNUAL DINNER via Zoom.....6:00 pm
 20 Sun Carbon Canyon Bird Walk at @.....8:00 am
 22 Tues '4th Tues' Conservation Lecture via Zoom tentative
 27 Sun Upper Newport Bay Bird Walk @.....8:00 am