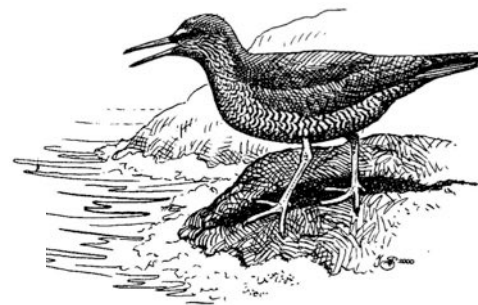


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The Voice of SEA AND SAGE AUDUBON, an Orange County Chapter of the National Audubon Society

New Goals for 2022

Gail Richards, President

During the month of January, the Sea and Sage Board of Directors reviewed the Annual Plan for 2022 which is submitted to National Audubon Society. I would like to share with you our major areas of focus for the upcoming year. First of all, we will be launching our new website this year.

The Board has recently approved four new committees to increase our efforts in the following areas:

Climate Change - Chris Byrd, Chair. We believe that climate change is the #1 threat to birds. We will strive to learn and to educate ourselves and our community about issues impacting climate at all levels, including habitat creation and preservation, personal choices, organizational decisions, and public policy. We will advocate for public policies and legislation that address sustainable energy sources, reducing waste and single use plastics, and in other ways reduce the release of greenhouse gases.

Legislation and Advocacy - Vic Leipzig, Chair. We will expand our program of outreach to elected officials, meeting with at least one congress member, one state senator, and one state assembly member over the course of the year; and expand our engagement of chapter members with more training and more opportunities for them to communicate directly to office holders at all levels.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - Scott Thomas, Chair. We will continue to grow the newly formed DEI Committee and engage in tangible efforts, such as events and field trips, to reach out to new audiences that may be currently underserved or disconnected from nature, and welcome new and diverse members to our chapter.

Birdability - Sharon Rockwell, Chair. We will offer special "Birdability" events for those with physical disabilities and will continue to survey local birding destinations for accessibility. Our first 2022 Birdability event was on Feb. 11th at Irvine Regional Park.

We welcome any members that would like to get more involved. Please let me know if you would like to serve on any of these new committees: agrigh@me.com.



Spring Fling - Online Presentation Friday, March 18, 2022 Via Zoom

Sea and Sage is unable to open the doors for our traditional Annual Dinner again this year, but we still have a great program planned for you. The evening will include door prizes, presentation of our slate of officers, and very well-deserved Conservation Awards. The highlight of the evening will be our speaker who will present a program about Bald Eagles.

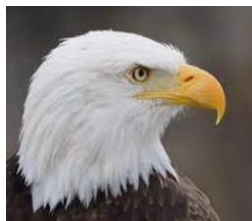
"Bald Eagles in the Wild" presented by Jeffrey Rich

Wildlife and bird photo naturalist, Jeffrey Rich, will present the story of the Bald Eagle with his glorious storytelling photography. He will share insights into the birds' habitat, feeding habits, mating patterns, the care of their young, and more. You will marvel over images of birds in flight, in nests with their young, at rest, preening, and capturing prey. Jeffrey has chronicled their daily lives, in detail. He will also share the story of many people who have helped and been inspired by nature and eagles. This presentation is a wildlife-lover, good news, feel good, state of things. You should leave knowing what is right with the world.

Please join us for this fun filled program. Meeting room opens at **6:00 PM**, join us for some **virtual games (e.g. bird trivia, bird ID)** prior to the 6:30 PM meeting. Here is the link you will need to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88028653553>

See you there (virtually). If this link isn't working for you, try Meeting ID: 880 2865 3553 .



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

*Jonathan Aguayo,
Programs Chair*

Conservation News

Susan Sheakley, Conservation Chair



Our next '4th Tuesday' Conservation Lecture, by Zoom, is planned for Tuesday March 22nd. Please join us!

'4th Tues.' Conservation Lecture

Tues. March 22nd – 7:00 pm

online presentation

Zoom doors open at 6:30 pm

"Volunteer Opportunities 'Virtual' Fair "

Are you interested in protecting habitats, birds and other wildlife? Do you want to help the environment and have fun doing it?

Come to our March 22 '4th Tues.' to learn about Sea and Sage Audubon's and other local organizations' volunteer opportunities. We will have brief presentations about programs at various locations that you can participate in and will provide information on how to volunteer.

Please join us. Advance registration is required for this meeting. Registration opens on March 1st through our website: www.seaandsageaudubon.org

Look for **March '4th Tues' Conservation Lecture** under **What's New** or **Conservation** on the homepage.



Holly Fuhrer

Volunteer to help the Least Terns at the Least Tern Natural Preserve at Huntington State Beach. Attend the Season Kick-off program on April 21st featuring a slide show of the Breeding Biology of Least Terns. Please RSVP by email to leastternshb@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

2022 FERN ZIMMERMAN CONSERVATION AWARD and Letter of Commendation

Each year since 1967 the Conservation Committee has presented the Conservation Award and Letter of Commendation to individuals or organizations that have made noteworthy contributions to the protection of habitats, natural resources, birds and wildlife in Orange County. At the Zoom "Spring Fling" Annual Dinner/ General Meeting on Friday, March 18, it will be our honor to present:

FERN ZIMMERMAN CONSERVATION AWARD:

* **Robert A. (Robb) Hamilton** for his long term commitment to the protection of birds and their habitats in southern California and for his generosity in sharing his vast knowledge of birds with others.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION:

* **Congressman Alan Lowenthal:** for his role, during many years of service to the people of his district and the nation, in protecting birds and other natural resources, including the introduction of the Migratory Bird Protection Act, the Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act and legislation to ban further oil drilling in federal waters off the coast of California.

WHO IS FERN ZIMMERMAN?

Fern Zimmerman, a keen birdwatcher, was an early chapter leader, a true conservationist and grass roots organizer, and a constant source of optimism about our ability to effect change in our environment. She received the SAS Conservation Award in 1973. The award was renamed in her honor after her death in 1996.

GOOD NEWS FOR COYOTE HILLS!

There was a celebration on Saturday, January 29, 2022, to cheer the City of Fullerton's purchase in December of the east half of Coyote Hills. Senator Josh Newman and Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva played critical roles in obtaining the state funds to make this happen, as did Supervisor Doug Chaffee and Mayor Fred Jung. Scott Thomas, Gail Richards and Dianne Poore were present at the event to hear Sea and Sage Audubon, along with other groups, such as Friends of Coyote Hills and Endangered Habitats League, acknowledged for their long term efforts to preserve Coyote Hills.

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 policy advocacy.



Audubon House Volunteers

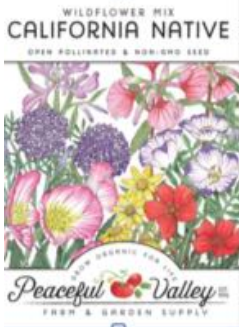


We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in February and March: Susan Burgess, Jim Fiedler, Greg Figge, John Hargrove, Sarah Jayne, Nancy Kenyon, David Kramer, Lauretta Kyle, Mary Meister,

Bobbie Miller, Paula Monroe, Dagmar Muthamia, JoAnn Nothhelfer, Joan Plevins, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, Linda Reed, Dev Sellin, 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

Attract birds to your yard with California Native Wildflowers



Hummingbirds sip nectar, warblers glean insects, and goldfinches feast on dried seed heads - and you can watch it all from your backyard! California native plants provide food, shelter, and habitat for birds, bees, butterflies and other local wildlife.

We are excited to announce that our Bookstore/Gift shop is now carrying California native wildflower seed packets, just in time for the arrival of spring! Poppies, Lupines, Goldfields, and Tidy Tips will add a pop of color to your garden and will provide a haven for the birds we love. By planting native species, you will also save water, use fewer chemicals, and support declining pollinator populations.

Volunteer Birders Needed for Fairview Park Bird Surveys

The Sea & Sage Conservation Committee is launching a new series of bird surveys at Fairview Park in Costa Mesa, starting in late February 2022. Three levels (tiers) of surveys will be conducted, all using eBird to collect all bird observations in 4 designated eBird Hotspots. The surveys will be conducted every month at least through February 2023.

We are conducting these surveys to provide quality data to the City of Costa Mesa about the birds that use Fairview Park and for Sea and Sage volunteers to use their birding skills to help protect birds, advance the use of eBird as a conservation tool and to have **fun birding** while we do it.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please see the article on our website. (Look under Conservation or "What's New" to find the article's link.)

Passing of Pat Cabe



We are sorry to report the passing of Pat Cabe. She and her husband, Dick, were active in Sea & Sage for many years as Field Trip Leaders and Program Chairs. They were also long-time students in Sylvia's Birding Skills Workshops. Pat and her husband traveled

all over the country birding; Dick is also an avid bird photographer. Their favorite local birding spot was on the east side of Huntington Central Park where they could be found birding several days a week. Pat suffered from dementia or Alzheimers for the last few years. We will miss her.

OC Western Snowy Plover & CA Least Tern Quarterly Survey – March 13-20

If you have already attended a Snowy Plover Survey training session, join us in looking for Snowy Plovers, Least Terns, and their habitats on our local beaches, while helping to contribute to endangered species research. This is the beginning of the Snowy Plover breeding season and it is important to see how many Snowy Plovers are using our beaches and where they are located. Volunteer surveyors may choose their Orange County beach segment to survey by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator, Cheryl Egger at ocsnpurvey@gmail.com

See our chapter webpage on the Snowy Plover Surveys.

This includes maps of the beach segments & other info.

<http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Conservation/SNPLsurvey/OCSNPLsurvey.html>



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

Most rarities observed in the county in January were continuing birds from the first half of winter. Nevertheless, several new vagrants were found, particularly in smaller parks and outlying, infrequently visited portions of the county.

A **Mexican Duck** continued with the local Mallards at Carr Park throughout the month. Sea Ducks found off Huntington Beach Pier this month included two **Black Scoters** and a **White-winged Scoter** from January 10-13, joined by a **Long-tailed Duck** on January 13th; in addition **White-winged Scoters** were found off Newport Beach Pier on January 21 and January 31.

A **Common Ground-dove** was found in Bommer Canyon from January 10-14. Unusual pelagic species were in short supply this month, but included an **Ancient Murrelet** on January 2 and five **Brown Boobies** on January 8. An immature **Short-billed Gull** visited Mile Square Regional Park January 18-19; this species was formerly, and more familiarly, known as Mew Gull, until it was split from its old-world counterpart in 2021.

A pair of rare herons continued in two of our larger coastal estuaries: a **Little Blue Heron** at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve and a **Tricolored Heron** at Upper Newport Bay. A **Swainson's Hawk** at Irvine Regional Park on January 29 may have been an early spring migrant. A continuing second-winter **Bald Eagle** continued to frequent the upper end of Upper Newport Bay near the interpretive center. A **Zone-tailed Hawk** intermittently appeared over various locations in Mission Viejo between January 4 and January 19; likely a second individual appeared over San Joaquin Marsh on January 22-23. A **Short-eared Owl** was found in the back area of Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve; this area is closed to the public.

A very shy and hard to find **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** was found at Vintage Park in Mission Viejo on January 3, and continued through January 8, while the pair of **Lewis's Woodpeckers** continuing at Irvine Regional Park were more cooperative, and were observed by many throughout the month. A trio of *Empidonax* flycatchers spent January well north of their typical neotropical

wintering range: the continuing **Gray Flycatcher** at McCallen Park was observed through January 23, **Hammond's Flycatchers** were along Aliso Creek on January 4 and at Mile Square Regional Park on January 9, and a **Pacific-slope Flycatcher** was at the Chrisanta Drive willows on January 29. The **Great-crested Flycatcher** that spent late December at John Baca Park was seen on January 1, and then disappeared forever, possibly to avoid being counted for the Coastal Christmas Bird Count. More cooperative was the continuing **Brown-crested Flycatcher** at the Chrisanta Drive willows which was seen by observers throughout the month. The **Red-eyed Vireo** at John Baca Park only stuck around one day longer than the Great-crested Flycatcher, but its January 2 appearance was good enough to be countable for the CBC.

A **Brown Creeper** continued at Huntington Central Park throughout the month, while a **Mountain Bluebird** found at Quail Hill Preserve continued through the end of the month while a **Varied Thrush** continued at Irvine Regional Park throughout the month. A variety of sparrows continued at several sites around the county; these included **White-throated Sparrows** at Vintage Park through the end of the month and Aurora Park through January 16., a **Clay-colored Sparrow** at Clark Regional Park through the end of the month, **Vesper Sparrows** were at Limestone Canyon on January 21, Irvine Lake on January 30, and in Rancho Santa Margarita from January 29-31, and a **Green-tailed Towhee** at Harriett Wieder Regional Park through January 18.

Baltimore Orioles were at Mile Square Regional Park throughout the month, as were **Tricolored Blackbirds** at Carr Park. A pair of **Black-and-white Warblers** continued at Aurora Park throughout the month, and a **Chestnut-sided Warbler** was found at Mason Regional Park through January 15. A **Northern Parula** was found at a preschool in Westminster on the Coastal CBC on January 2 and continued through January 9. Also found on the Coastal CBC was a **MacGillivray's Warbler** at Harbor View Nature Park; this individual was not subsequently re-found.

Bird Collisions & Community Science

Devon Bradley

Window collisions are one of the most significant anthropogenic causes of bird mortality in North America. Between 365 to 988 million birds die each year, and over the past fifty years, building collisions have contributed to a 29 percent decline in North American birds. The vast majority of bird collisions occur at residences and low-rise buildings, as opposed to high-rise buildings. During daylight hours, birds may collide with glass or other reflective surfaces for a variety of reasons; birds flee from predators, attempt to fly toward a reflected tree, or perceive a reflection as an open flyway. The majority of birds killed by building collisions are nocturnal migrants; light pollution from cities skews migration paths, disorients nocturnal migrants, and disrupts collective decision-making communication in flocks.



Many bird collision studies come from long-term community science monitoring programs, as vast amounts of data are required to close the gap in estimates for bird collision mortality. The majority of these studies are concentrated along the Central, Mississippi, or Atlantic Flyways. Because western migratory birds migrate differently and face different pressures than eastern migratory birds, more bird collision research along the Pacific Flyway is crucial.

Sea and Sage Audubon is collaborating with the University of California Irvine and Irvine Valley College to investigate the severity of bird building collisions in Irvine and to evaluate the linkage between window surface area and reflected vegetation on the frequency of bird collisions. We hope that by achieving these goals, we will raise awareness of bird building collisions in Irvine, advance scientific knowledge of building collisions along the Pacific Flyway, and engage the public in research.

But, first, we need volunteers! We are hoping to recruit Sea and Sage volunteers to share survey routes with students in this collaborative community-science initiative. A few details:

1. To participate, first sign up for a training session:
<https://forms.gle/VRDBr9JUWSi5LHMq6>
2. After training, you will receive information on how to sign-up for routes. You could commit to a weekly schedule or just drop-in as needed!
3. Routes will begin at 7:00 AM, Monday - Friday, beginning February 22 and continuing through April on both the IVC and UCI campuses.
4. If you have any questions (or are interested in scheduling an alternative training session), contact Devon Bradley for IVC volunteering (devonjbradley@gmail.com) or Barbara Kipreos for UCI volunteering (bkipreos@uci.edu)



Thank you so much!

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Northeastern (Inland) CBC Report - 12/19/21

The Northeastern CBC covers the inland areas of Orange County and is divided into the following sections: Irvine Reg. Park; Irvine Lake & vicinity; Silverado Canyon; Upper & Lower Black Star Canyon; Mountain Areas; Modjeska & Harding Canyons; O'Neill Reg. Park & Plano Trabuco; Lion Country & Areas south of the 405 (The area between Lake Forest & El Toro from Trabuco Rd. to Glen Ranch Rd, excluding Oso Reservoir); Mission Viejo-Lake Forest-El Toro & foothills; former El Toro Marine Base & foothill areas; Rattlesnake & Siphon Reservoirs; Peters Canyon Reg. Park & Lemon Heights.

The count was coordinated and compiled by Doug Lithgow.
Full information on this count will soon be posted on our Sea & Sage webpage.

The Total Species for this count was 135. There were 7 exotic species. Number of Observers was 79.

SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total
Cackling Goose	8	Great Egret	10	Barn Swallow	1	Song Sparrow	203
Canada Goose	320	Snowy Egret	12	Mountain Chickadee	27	Lincoln's Sparrow	40
Northern Shoveler	215	Black-crowned Night-Heron	5	Oak Titmouse	124	White-throated Sparrow	1
Gadwall	39	White-faced Ibis	1	Bushtit	687	White-crowned Sparrow	1672
American Wigeon	113	Turkey Vulture	149	White-breasted Nuthatch	50	Golden-crowned Sparrow	25
Mallard	455	Osprey	3	Canyon Wren	1	Grasshopper Sparrow	1
Green-winged Teal	47	White-tailed Kite	4	House Wren	36	Dark-eyed Junco (Ore.)	178
Canvasback	2	Golden Eagle	4	Bewick's Wren	50	(Slate-colored Junco)	109
Ring-necked Duck	101	Northern Harrier	5	Cactus Wren	13	Western Meadowlark	57
Bufflehead	38	Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	34	Bullock's Oriole	12
Hooded Merganser	4	Cooper's Hawk	20	California Gnatcatcher	13	Red-winged Blackbird	24
Ruddy Duck	488	Bald Eagle		Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	Brown-headed Cowbird	55
California Quail	105	Red-shouldered Hawk	35	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	211	Brewer's Blackbird	3
Pied-billed Grebe	12	Zone-tailed Hawk	2	Wrentit	82	Great-tailed Grackle	14
Eared Grebe	10	Red-tailed Hawk	111	Western Bluebird	202	Orange-crowned Warbler	50
Western Grebe	34	Barn Owl	3	Hermit Thrush	87	Nashville Warbler	6
Clark's Grebe	4	Western Screech-Owl	5	American Robin	24	Common Yellowthroat	76
Rock Pigeon	18	Great Horned Owl	9	Varied Thrush	1	Yellow Warbler	1
Band-tailed Pigeon	163	Lewis's Woodpecker		California Thrasher	39	Yellow-rumped Warbler	2038
Eurasian Collared-Dove	101	Acorn Woodpecker	41	Northern Mockingbird	78	(Myrtle)	81
Common Ground-Dove	1	Red-breasted Sapsucker	2	European Starling	379	Black-throated Gray Warbler	1
Mourning Dove	346	Downy Woodpecker	1	Cedar Waxwing	193	Townsend's Warbler	21
Greater Roadrunner	10	Nuttall's Woodpecker	112	Phainopepla	21	Black-and-white Warbler	1
White-throated Swift	447	Hairy Woodpecker	1	House Sparrow	40		
Anna's Hummingbird	411	Northern Flicker	54	American Pipit	100	Exotic species:	
Costa's Hummingbird	1	American Kestrel	17	House Finch	926	Egyptian Goose	20
Allen's Hummingbird	295	Peregrine Falcon	4	Purple Finch	1	Mandarin Duck	2
American Coot	772	Red-crowned Parrot	91	Pine Siskin	12	Domestic Duck	15
Killdeer	1	Cassin's Kingbird	138	Lesser Goldfinch	700	Indian Peafowl	17
Least Sandpiper	30	Black Phoebe	22	American Goldfinch	18	Japanese White-eye	77
Spotted Sandpiper	13	Say's Phoebe	60	Spotted Towhee	123	Pin-tailed Whydah	27
Greater Yellowlegs	4	Loggerhead Shrike	1	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	15	Scaly-breasted Munia	90
Ring-billed Gull	55	Hutton's Vireo	10	California Towhee	185		
California Gull	6	California Scrub-Jay	243	Chipping Sparrow	40		
Double-crested Cormorant	559	American Crow	867	Lark Sparrow	4		
American White Pelican	16	Common Raven	451	Savannah Sparrow	76		
Great Blue Heron	4	Tree Swallow	17	Fox Sparrow	19		

Special thanks for the 79 CBC birders who did such a great job helping us with this count. The names of all the participants will be posted on our chapter webpage along with a complete report of this count.

San Juan Capistrano CBC Report - 12/26/21

The San Juan Capistrano CBC covers the southern section of Orange County and is divided into the following areas: Laguna Niguel Regional Park & vicinity; San Clemente; Caspers Wilderness Park; Pelagic Areas along the coast, or a Sea Watch from land; Saddleback College & vicinity; Prima Deshecha Landfill & vicinity; Upper San Juan Creek & vicinity; Aliso-Woods Canyon & the Ziggurat/Cosco Area; San Clemente hillside area; Dana Point: Doheny State Beach, Dana Point Harbor, Dana Point Headlands, Salt Creek Beach, local parks, & golf course; Thomas F. Riley Wilderness Park.

The count was organized and compiled by Darrell Wilson. Full information on this count will soon be posted on our Sea & Sage webpage:

The Total Species for this count was 137. There were 4 exotic species. Number of Observers was 56.

SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total
Cackling Goose	1	Black Turnstone	1	Red-shouldered Hawk	20	American Robin	1
Canada Goose	299	Sanderling	123	Red-tailed Hawk	49	Cedar Waxwing	265
Blue-winged Teal	4	Least Sandpiper	48	Barn Owl	1	Phainopepla	1
Cinnamon Teal	25	Western Sandpiper	1	Great Horned Owl	2	House Sparrow	9
Northern Shoveler	25	Wilson's Snipe	10	Belted Kingfisher	3	American Pipit	85
Gadwall	13	Spotted Sandpiper	9	Acorn Woodpecker	54	House Finch	546
American Wigeon	48	Wandering Tattler	1	Downy Woodpecker	3	Lesser Goldfinch	176
Mallard	249	Greater Yellowlegs	2	Nuttall's Woodpecker	70	American Goldfinch	1
Northern Pintail	1	Willet	17	Northern Flicker	19	Chipping Sparrow	10
Ring-necked Duck	1	Rhinoceros Auklet	1	American Kestrel	5	Lark Sparrow	28
Lesser Scaup	4	Heermann's Gull	74	Merlin	1	Fox Sparrow	12
Surf Scoter	7	Short-billed Gull (Mew)	1	Peregrine Falcon	4	Dark-eyed Junco	45
Hooded Merganser	18	Ring-billed Gull	102	Black Phoebe	147	White-crowned Sparrow	1036
Red-breasted Merganser	1	Western Gull	208	Say's Phoebe	34	Golden-crowned Sparrow	39
Ruddy Duck	208	California Gull	96	Cassin's Kingbird	77	White-throated Sparrow	1
California Quail	47	Herring Gull	3	Hutton's Vireo	4	Savannah Sparrow	20
Pied-billed Grebe	16	Caspian Tern	4	California Scrub-Jay	77	Song Sparrow	184
Western Grebe	2	Royal Tern	12	American Crow	1221	Lincoln's Sparrow	5
Rock Pigeon	153	Northern Fulmar	1	Common Raven	66	California Towhee	123
Eurasian Collared-Dove	13	Black-vented Shearwater	15	Mountain Chickadee	15	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	1
Mourning Dove	178	Brandt's Cormorant	305	Oak Titmouse	23	Spotted Towhee	69
Greater Roadrunner	3	Pelagic Cormorant	21	Bushtit	416	Western Meadowlark	41
White-throated Swift	5	Double-crested Cormorant	107	Wrentit	65	Red-winged Blackbird	57
Anna's Hummingbird	206	American White Pelican	2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	117	Great-tailed Grackle	15
Allen's Hummingbird	179	Brown Pelican	94	White-breasted Nuthatch	7	Orange-crowned Warbler	61
Sora	2	Great Blue Heron	18	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	22	Common Yellowthroat	74
Common Gallinule	8	Great Egret	9	California Gnatcatcher	24	Yellow-rumped Warbler	854
American Coot	255	Snowy Egret	29	Canyon Wren	2	Townsend's Warbler	11
Black-necked Stilt	2	Black-crowned Night-Heron	4	House Wren	20	Wilson's Warbler	1
Black Oystercatcher	2	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	1	Bewick's Wren	25		
Black-bellied Plover	16	White-faced Ibis	25	Cactus Wren	1	Exotic Species:	
Snowy Plover	24	Turkey Vulture	66	European Starling	45	Egyptian Goose	9
Semipalmated Plover	2	Osprey	7	California Thrasher	42	Swinhoe's White-eye	47
Killdeer	25	Northern Harrier	2	Northern Mockingbird	38	Scaly-breasted Munia	40
Whimbrel	22	Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	Western Bluebird	79	Pin-tailed Whydah	2
Long-billed Curlew	3	Cooper's Hawk	10	Hermit Thrush	28		

Special thanks for the 56 CBC birders who did such a great job helping us with this count. The names of all the participants will be posted on our chapter webpage along with a complete report of this count.

Education News this spring

Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education

Sponsor Santa Ana children to the Wetland



Sea and Sage Audubon brings Santa Ana elementary students to the wetland to experience scientific concepts in the field

and to learn how to protect the environment. We pledged to pay for 33 school bus trips and hope that you will help sponsor some of these transportation costs. All donations are helpful; see what your gift provides:

\$300 for 30 students (one bus)

\$150 for 15 students (half bus)

\$100 for 10 students

\$50 for 5 students

\$10 for 1 student

Make your check payable to "Sea and Sage Audubon Society" and mail to: School Bus, Sea and Sage Audubon Society, 5 Riparian View, Irvine, CA 92612. If you have questions, contact Project Director Trude Hurd by email:

seaandsage@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for helping to get children outdoors into nature at an exciting wetland habitat. Every child benefits!

Nature Day Camps



Our Camp Committee is planning a variety of camp programs that will dazzle and educate your child about nature at the marsh. Each camp's

highlight is a daily walk around the pond and riparian habitats with a diversity of birds. Age-specific nature art projects and short science topics guarantee your child will talk non-stop about their camp experience. Camp details on website soon. Registration opening soon!

- July 5-8: Fledgling Camp (ages 7-8-9)
- July 11-15: Coastal Birds Camp (ages 9-10-11)
- July 18-22: Advanced Birds Camp-coastal sage scrub habitat (ages 12-15)
- July 25-29: Advanced Birds Camp-oak woodland habitat (ages 12-15)

Come Volunteer with our Education Team



If you are retired (especially from teaching) and looking for a rewarding place to volunteer, then consider joining our Audubon Naturalist

team! Whatever age you like to teach, we have the right age category and program. Choose from preparing activities for young children during Fledgling and Coastal Camps; explaining adaptations of common plants and animals during Nature Walks; pointing out bats to guests on Bat Walks; or showing bird adaptations to elementary students during Outdoor Adventures. You will have opportunities for training, making new friends, and learning fun interpretive techniques. To schedule a viewing day of one of these four programs to see if you want to volunteer, contact Project Director Trude Hurd at seaandsage@sbcglobal.net.

Monthly Nature Walk



If you haven't attended a monthly Nature Walk, consider signing up with a friend. You will learn a lot from our friendly, knowledgeable

naturalists as they explain what you are hearing and seeing around the ponds. There's so much to discover! Look for registration information on our Chapter webpage.

Upcoming Anniversary



This August is Trude's 30-year anniversary working at the marsh! If you know a former naturalist, camper, Junior Naturalist, or anyone who has benefited from the

Marsh Education Program, contact Trude who is collecting stories from the early days!

Directions and Membership

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



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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 \$14.00 per year. Make check payable to "Sea and Sage Audubon" and mail to: Tattler Subscriptions, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612

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Please remember to include "Sea and Sage Audubon Society" by name (tax ID#23-7003681) in your will or trust.

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.

Audubon House
949-261-7963

Sea & Sage Reading Group

Please join us for one of our upcoming monthly Sea & Sage Reading Group sessions where we'll be discussing the following:

- **March 15th** - David Haskell's *The Songs of Trees*
- **April 19th** – Richard Powers' *Bewilderment* (Fiction)

The group meets via Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm and we love and welcome new comers. Please join us for what should be a lively discussion. For more information, visit the Reading Group page on the Sea & Sage website: <https://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Chapter/ReadingGroup.html>

Temporarily Away or Moving?

Please notify Jim Kissinger of your new address if you are temporarily, or permanently, moving from your current address; or, let him know if you do not want to continue to receive the Tattler. This will save us postage.

Jim Kissinger, Membership Chair
membership@seaandsageaudubon.org

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)

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SCHEDULE of CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

March 2022:

01 Tues Conservation Committee Mtg. via Zoom.....6:45 pm
 05 Sat Nature Walk at the SJWS ®.....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
 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 ®.....8:00 am
 22 Tues '4th Tues' Conservation Lecture via Zoom7:00 pm
 27 Sun Upper Newport Bay Bird Walk ®.....8:00 am

April 2022:

02 Sat Nature Walk at the SJWS ®.....9:00 am
 2-3 S-S Eastern Sierra weekend trip ® (Full).....
 05 Tues Conservation Committee Mtg. via Zoom.....6:45 pm
 10 Sun Bird Walk at the SJWS ®8:00 am
 12 Tues Board Meeting via Zoom.....7:00 pm
 15 Fri GENERAL MEETING via Zoom7:00 pm
 17 Sun Anaheim Coves Park Bird Walk ®8:00 am
 19 Tues *Sea & Sage Reading Group*1:00 pm
 24 Sun Big Morongo Preserve ® (Full)
 24 Sun Upper Newport Bay Bird Walk ®.....8:00 am
 26 Tues '4th Tues' Conservation Lecture via Zoom7:00 pm