

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) 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.

Enrollment Form for workshop is on the following page



Enrollment Form - Birding Skills Workshop (Shorebirds I) - Spring, 2022

Print unambiguously neatly, or you won't get your materials. I had problems reading ca. 10% of them in the Sparrows workshop last year!!

Names of all participants _____

Address(es) _____

City _____ ZIP _____ Phone(s) _____

Email _____

Check or rank at least two choices of section (three if one is morning and one evening):

MON. p.m. ____ TUES. a.m. ____ WED. p.m. **[Waiting List]** THURS. a.m. ____ THURS. p.m. **[Waiting List]**

Long SASE enclosed? _____



**Be sure to fill out the Release Form for the workshop.
Scroll down to the next page.**

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WORKSHOP FIELD TRIP LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

Workshop Name _____

Date(s) _____

Participant's name _____

(Print neatly. Each person prepares a separate form.)

Understanding of Risks: The participant listed understands that participating in a Sea & Sage Audubon Society field trip carries with it various risks. Some of the risks, but not all of them, include:

- Risk of personal injury or death and damage to or loss or theft of property, while traveling to and from, and participating in, the trip, whether from accidents, criminal activity, exertion, animals, terrain, location, or any other cause.
- Absence of rescue and medical facilities and expertise.
- Negligence of Sea & Sage, its trip leaders, and anyone else acting on its behalf in arranging, planning, and conducting the trip.

Waiver and Release. In consideration for being allowed to participate in these trips, the participant **voluntarily assumes all risks** associated with participating in these trips--from any cause whatsoever --even if caused by the negligence or other misconduct of Sea & Sage, its trip leaders, anyone else acting on behalf of Sea & Sage, any other participant on the trip, or any third parties or other causes. **Further**, the participant releases Sea & Sage, its trip leaders, and all others acting on its behalf from any claim for damages of any kind, whether personal injury, death, or damage to, or loss or theft of property, caused by or resulting from participating in this trip, whether caused by the negligence of Sea & Sage, its trip leaders, or anyone else acting on its behalf.

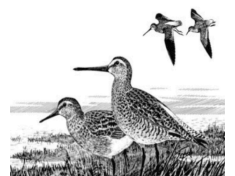
The participant confirms that he or she has carefully read this document and fully understands that it is a release of liability. The participant confirms that he or she is waiving any right he or she may have to bring a legal action to assert a claim against Sea & Sage, its trip leaders, and anyone else acting on behalf of Sea and Sage, whether based on their negligence or any other theory.

Signature _____ Date _____

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COVID Vaccination info (required for field trips):

I am fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including booster.
Copy of documentation of immunizations is attached.



Signature _____ Date _____