

SEA AND SAGE AUDUBON SOCIETY

BIRDS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

An Introductory Birding Skills Workshop

Presented by Sylvia Gallagher

Sea and Sage Audubon Society is again offering a ten-week workshop on bird identification for beginning birders or those with a small amount of knowledge, which is most likely disorganized. Professional biologists whose expertise is not in ornithology or whose studies have been confined to just a few species or places will find this workshop helpful, too. Each session will feature about 15 common birds of a particular local habitat on the coastal side of the mountains. With the use of printed worksheets and photos from the Sea and Sage Library, Sylvia Gallagher will help you to learn to identify those birds. In the process, you'll also be introduced to a variety of other topics, such as bird families, plumages and molts, bird topography, distribution and habitat preferences, behavior, vocalizations, the birding literature, birding ethics and etiquette, etc.

The topics to be covered in the series are:

1. Birds of neighborhoods.
2. Birds of playing fields and parking lots.
3. Birds of mudflats and shallow water.
4. Birds of the ocean shore.
5. Birds of the open country.
6. Birds of prey.
- 7,8. Birds of the streamside woodland (in 2 parts).
9. Birds of bays, lakes, and marshes.

Each person will attend ten weekly meetings via Zoom. For these, you'll need a computer and good internet access. Each person should have his/her own computer. You will choose one of these three sections to attend:

Wed. 7:00 - ca. 10:00 p.m., Oct. 5 - Dec. 14 except Nov. 23

Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - ca. noon, Oct. 6- Dec. 15 except Nov. 24

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Four half-day field trips to Orange County locations will be scheduled, and you may choose Saturdays or Mondays. See dates below. Participants will be divided into small groups of 7-10 people with an experienced leader. See enrollment form (below) for dates and indicate your preferences. COVID-19 immunization required to participate in field trips. The places will be Huntington Central Park (FT #1), Crescent Bay Point & Upper Newport Bay (FT #2), Irvine Regional Park (FT #3), and Yorba Regional Park (FT #4), all Orange County locations. Except for FT#2, which depends on the tides, the trips will run from 8:00 am till around noon.

To be on the safe side and to accommodate people who don't live close-by, this workshop is presented remotely via Zoom.

The maximum enrollment for each section is 22. If any section does not have at least 12 people enrolled by Sept. 26 it will be canceled. Reserve early though, because some sections may fill quickly. A donation of \$120 (or more) per person, payable to Sea and Sage Audubon, is requested, if you can afford it. Enclose at least half of it with your reservation. Installment plan possible for those who can't afford it right now.

The required book for the workshop is the **7th edition** (no other!) of the *National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America* by Dunn and Alderfer. Recommended, but not required, is *Birds of Southern California* by Garrett, Dunn, and Small. These books are available in the Sea and Sage Audubon Bookstore, open daily from 8:00 am till 4:00 pm.

Send your reservation (see form below) for this workshop, **postmarked no earlier than Sept. 6** (2-day penalty for early reservations), to "Introductory Workshop, Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92646." Priority for placement in sections will be based on postmark date. **Enclose a LONG (4" x 9½") self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE). Confirmations will be mailed Sept. 28**, including preliminary information.

Shortly after the confirmations are mailed, you will also receive, this time via email, an access code to a portion of Sea and Sage's Dropbox where you will find the workshop's introductory pictures plus the printed material in .pdf form. **YOU WILL HAVE TO PRINT OUT THE TEXTUAL MATERIAL.** Read first the document entitled "Read first" for further information. It will not be the first one on the list of attachments!

If you have questions, contact Sylvia at sjrgallagher@yahoo.com (preferred) or 714-962-8990. If you phone and get no answer, don't leave a message; write an email instead.

ENROLLMENT FORM - INTRODUCTORY BIRDING SKILLS WORKSHOP (FALL, 2022)

Names of all participants _____

Address(es) _____

City _____ ZIP _____ Phone(s) _____

E-mail(s) _____

Check (or rank) your choice of section for the Zoom **workshop meetings**:

Wed. p.m. _____ Thurs. a.m. _____ Thurs. p.m. _____

Circle your choice of field trip dates—one date each weekend. All are Saturdays and Mondays.

10/22 or 10/24. 11/5 or 11/7. 11/19 or 11/21. 12/10 or 12/12.

SASE enclosed? _____