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# Sea and Sage Audubon

## General Meeting – Online Presentation

Friday, September 16, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Via Zoom

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### Local Bugs: The Good, the Not-So-Bad, and the Awesome”

Presented by **Bob Allen**

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We all enjoy watching wildlife, like birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, & plants. But what about other wildlife such as spiders, lobsters, grasshoppers, butterflies, moths, beetles, and bees? These are in a group called Arthropods or “bugs”. They make up at least 80% of the animal kingdom and over 60% of all life on Earth.

With such a large group and relatively few people studying them, many questions remain unanswered. Questions that Bob gets include, Can that spider harm me? What’s going on with monarch butterflies? What’s the

story with those large green beetles that fly during the day? Why don't I see many bumble bees anymore?



Together, we'll take a look at Arthropods, learn to identify groups and subgroups, and discuss the lives of some local species.

Bob "BugBob" Allen, M.S., is a biologist, author, photographer, native plant gardener, and instructor. Raised in San Juan Capistrano, he has studied insects since age 2 according to his parents. In high school, he took a photography class, was immediately hooked, and has been photographing wildlife ever since.

At age 9, he began tagging monarch butterflies for Dr. Fred Urquhart, originator of the tagging program. Today, he's the Volunteer Coordinator in Orange County for the Xerces Society's Western Monarch Program.

In 2013, his book, *Wildflowers of Orange County and the Santa Ana Mountains*, was published, with the support of Sea and Sage Audubon. He leads his own workshops and short courses in nature photography, entomology, and botany. His photographs and illustrations appear in scientific publications, books, natural history field guides, and nature centers.

Please join us for this fun filled program. Meeting room opens at **6:30 PM**, join us for some **virtual games (e.g., bird trivia, bird ID, bird count)** prior to the 7:00 PM meeting. Here is the link you will need to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82682717616>

See you there (virtually).

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