



Sea and Sage Audubon Society
Raptor Identification Workshops



Introductory Workshop: Sat-Sun, Mar. 4-5, 2023
Intermediate/Advanced Workshop: Sat-Sun, Mar. 11-12, 2023
presented by William S. Clark

Comprehensive workshops on raptor identification will be presented during two weekends in March, 2023. The instructor for the course will be Bill Clark, coauthor of *Hawks*, the raptor field guide in the Peterson series, and the *Photographic Guide to North American Raptors*. Bill has been conducting these popular workshops in Orange County and elsewhere for many years.

Although the pace and emphasis will vary with the experience of the participants, both workshops will first cover the basic field marks for the identification of California raptors. Then, a more thorough coverage of the field ID of *Accipiters*, eagles, and *Buteos* will be presented. Also discussed will be molt and its use in field ID, terminology, albinism and other unusual plumages. The field ID of vagrants to be expected in California will be covered, as well as how to document their sightings.

Each weekend will consist of a full day of Class instruction on Saturday. Sundays will be spent in the field with details announced on Saturdays. Bring lunches. **Full agenda of each weekend** will be posted on our webpage under the heading of Adult Education.

You will be required to sign a liability release form in order to participate in the field trips. Each vehicle must have an FRS radio (short-range radio for communication between vehicles.) Bring yours if you have one; loaners will be available.

The required text for the workshop will be the second edition of *Hawks* by Clark and Wheeler (Houghton Mifflin Co., 2001.) Recommended, but not required, is *Photographic Guide to North American Raptors* by Wheeler and Clark. These books are now out of print and you should purchase one or both of them from Amazon or some other book source.

Bill Clark has many decades of experience working with birds of prey and has published on a variety of raptor subjects, including many papers on raptor identification. He has taught hawk-ID classes and led hawk-watching tours for a long time.

Classes will be held in the big gray Learning Center at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (near the Sea and Sage Audubon House). A map to the meeting place will be enclosed with the workshop confirmation.

The cost of the workshop is \$200.00 for each weekend—to be enclosed with your registration.

Enrollment each weekend will be limited to 25 participants and it may be cancelled if there is insufficient registration by Feb. 14. Don't wait until the last minute to register; you don't want your workshop to be cancelled because you forgot to register by that date! Confirmations and further information will be mailed out on Feb. 16, 2023.

Mail your enrollment form, check for the workshop fee, and a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to: Raptor Workshop, Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln, Huntington Beach CA 92646. Your form should be **postmarked no sooner than Wed, Jan. 18, 2023** (two-day penalty for early reservations). If you have questions, email Sylvia at sjrgallagher@yahoo.com (preferred), or call her at 714-962-8990.

Enrollment Form - Raptor Weekends with Bill Clark - 2023

Names of all participants _____

Address(es) _____ Apt. _____

City _____ ZIP _____ Phone(s) _____

E-mail _____ SASE enclosed? _____

Check your choice(s) of weekends. (Some people attend both.)

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Workshop fees enclosed? (Make check payable to: *Sea & Sage Audubon Society*.)

