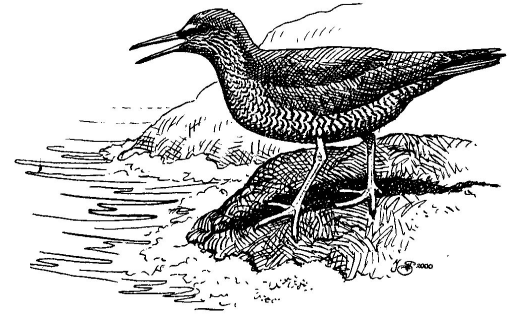


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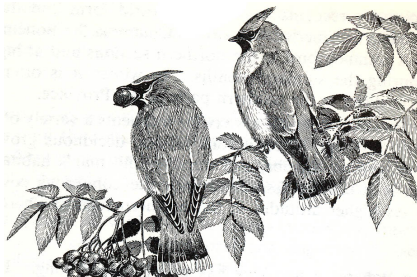


The Voice of SEA AND SAGE AUDUBON, an Orange County Chapter of the National Audubon Society

Come to our Annual Dinner on Friday evening, March 17th

- * Socialize with friends and new acquaintances
- * Bid for some nifty items at our Silent Auction
- * Rub elbows with the recipients of this year's Conservation Award and Letters of Commendation
- * Have fun browsing through our chapter displays
- * Eat a delicious dinner
- * Enjoy Allison Shultz's program on "The Evolution of Bird Diversity"

Space is limited so get your reservations in now! See page 3 for full information about this special event.



Annual Dinner Program
March 17th – Friday evening – 6 pm

“The Evolution of Bird Diversity”

presented by Dr. Allison Shultz



Dr. Shultz is the new Assistant Curator of Ornithology at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. Her talk will focus on her research there, as she seeks to understand the evolution of bird diversity, focusing on two major areas: how birds are responding to human-caused environmental changes, and how and why bird colors evolve.

See page 3 for more information.

Conservation News

Susan Sheakley, Conservation Chair



Meetings this month: Conservation Committee **TU Mar 7**; Tackling Climate & Trash *none this month*. (Melissa Rapp, Co-Chair); Legislation & Advocacy **SU Mar 26** (Vic Leipzig, Chair). '4th Tuesday' Conservation Lecture **TU Mar 28**. **Join us!**

'4th Tues.' Conservation Lecture

Tuesday, March 28th – 7:00 pm

Zoom Doors will open at 6:30 pm

"Breeding Raptors of Orange County"

presented by Scott Thomas



Varying by richness of habitat and altitude, and annually somewhat, about 15-19 raptors breed in the Southern California Coastal Region. In Orange County we are very lucky to

have most of these raptors breeding within short driving distances.

Scott Thomas, Chair of Sea and Sage's Raptor Research Committee, will walk us through all the raptors that nest - or should be nesting - in Orange County. This will include the year-round residents and fairly common species, such as Great Horned Owls and Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawks, to the more elusive, infrequent rare species, such as Long-eared Owls and Swainson's Hawks.

The 2023 breeding season should be quite successful for raptors, as the early and favorable rains we have had should prompt a boom in prey availability.

To study this year's success and update the database of the general status of raptors in Orange County, the Raptor Research Committee has launched a county-wide, volunteer-based study of common nesting raptors in selected parks and open spaces. Trained volunteers will assist Scott, Mina Brown and other raptor researchers, in conducting regularly scheduled surveys for active raptor nests. The study will follow the progress of the nests through the end of the breeding season, when hopefully a new and robust generation of young raptors takes to the skies!

Please join us! Advance registration is required and will be available on our website under 'What's New' or 'Conservation'.

2023 FERN ZIMMERMAN CONSERVATION AWARD AND LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Each year since 1967 the Conservation Committee has presented the Conservation Award and Letters of Commendation to individuals or organizations that have made noteworthy contributions to the protection of habitats, natural resources, birds and wildlife in Orange County. This year at the Annual Dinner on Friday, March 17, it will be our honor to present:

FERN ZIMMERMAN CONSERVATION AWARD

* **Spence Porter:** for his support of the study and protection of raptors and other wildlife through countless contributions of his expertise, personal time and the donations of specialized, custom-built electronic communications and tracking equipment, to help wildlife researchers and institutions, such as Starr Ranch Audubon Sanctuary, Dr. Peter Bloom, Dave Garcelon and others, complete important conservation work. Radio and satellite tracking equipment designed, produced and donated by Spence and his company Communication Specialists changed the way local scientists study and protect birds, especially raptors. Spence has been an integral part of Pete Bloom's long-term raptor studies in Orange County, which have been a very important part of Sea and Sage Audubon's conservation efforts and successes. Spence's equipment helps Starr Ranch operate safely and he has assisted in the conservation of the Catalina Island Fox.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

* **Samuel Bressler:** For establishing, organizing and leading the Puente Chino Hills Count Circle. This count has grown in diversity, participants, and birds counted each year since it began 3 years ago, contributing valuable avian data from a local area previously not included in the Christmas Bird Count.

* **Thea Merritt:** for establishing *Eco Now* stores that offer refills for cleaning and personal hygiene products as well as non-plastic and reusable items. They give much needed options to customers who want to adopt zero-waste consumerism.

Sea & Sage Annual Dinner

Friday, March 17th at Mile Square Park Banquet Center
Our Guest Speaker is Dr. Allison Shultz
She will speak on “The Evolution of Bird Diversity”

Join Assistant Curator of Ornithology at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County as she talks about the Ornithology Collection at NHMLAC, and the research she conducts there. Her talk will touch on the many different facets of specimen-based research, and will also delve into her investigations into why and how bird colors evolve. She will talk about why she is careful to use a bird’s visual perspective to study this important signaling trait, and how natural and sexual selection have shaped plumage color in males and females. She will end her program by describing some of her current work on the mechanisms underlying the great diversity of colors in birds.

The evening will also include a Silent Auction and the presentation of our chapter's Fern Zimmerman Conservation Award and Letters of Commendation. The Mile Square Park Banquet Center is located at the south end of Mile Square Park, at the intersection of Warner and Ward in Fountain Valley. Free parking is available. Below is the schedule for the evening:

No Host Bar: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Program: 8:00 p.m., sharp!

Location: Mile Square Park Banquet Center

Tickets: \$55 for all reservations received before March 1st
\$60 for reservations received on or after March 1st

Entrees: Lemon Chicken, Seared Salmon Filet, or Vegetarian Lasagna. (All dinners will include a salad, fresh vegetables, freshly baked rolls, coffee, ice tea, or decaf, and mixed berries sorbet for dessert.)



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. Seating will be assigned in the order the reservations are received. If you wish to sit with friends, be sure they make their reservations on the same day you do. **Reservations will be made through Eventbrite, not by check.** You will receive a confirmation email after your reservation has been made. **ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 6th.** If you are late in making your reservation, please phone or email Nancy Kenyon to let her know that you wish to come. (949-892-9212; nancykenyon@cox.net) If you need a special order such as no salt or seasoning, or no dairy products, be sure to report that information to Nancy also.

Your link for registration is: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/40927981695>

~ Photography Showcase ~

Love photographing birds? Love to share your favorite shot? Submit your bird photograph for others to enjoy at our Annual Dinner! You must attend the Annual Dinner on March 17th to win a prize, but all submissions will be featured during the gala. Use this link to enter:

<https://mailchi.mp/seaandsageaudubon.org/share-you-bird-photo>

Thank you so much!

Sea and Sage depends on your financial contributions to support our conservation and education programs. Your donations help make us a strong chapter. The following is a list of Annual Direct Mail Appeal Donors whose donations were received prior to January 31, 2022.

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Audubon House Volunteers



We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in February and March: Kathy Blackmarr, Susan Burgess, Ann Chan-Verdugo, Judith Frant, John Hargrove, Sue Henry, Sarah Jayne, Jay Matchett, Loretta Kyle,

Mary Meister, Paula Monroe, Dagmar Muthamia, Steve Munzinger, Roberta Ray, Barbara Reber, Jennifer Reed, Paul Saiki, Dev Sellin, Susan Sheakley, Barbara Wasbin, Pat Wells, Phil Westin, Irene Wotta.

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

Sea & Sage Reading Group

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

March 21 – Scott Weidersaul's *“World on the Wing: the Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds.”*

March Field Trips

Sat, March 12 – Bird Walk at SJWS
Wed, March 15 – UNB Pontoon Boat Trip ® - Full
Thurs, March 16 – Bolsa Chica Bird Walk
Sun, March 19 – Carbon Canyon Bird Walk
Sun, March 26 – Upper Newport Bay Bird Walk

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OC Western Snowy Plover & CA Least Tern Quarterly Survey

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. (Survey and training dates to be determined.) 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 ocsnpisurvey@gmail.com See our chapter webpage on the Snowy Plover Surveys. This includes maps of the beach segments & other information.

<http://seaandsageaudubon.org>. Select **CONSERVATION**; then select – **Conservation Bird Surveys** — **Western Snowy Plover & CA Least Tern Surveys** — **Survey Forms** — **Beach Assignments**

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Sea & Sage Orange County Nesting Raptor Survey Needs your Help!

The Raptor Research Committee needs volunteers to assist with a study of nesting raptors in Orange County parks and open spaces. We are interested in the reproduction success of raptors in selected open spaces where Sea and Sage Audubon and local raptor ecologist expert Dr. Pete Bloom have gathered significant historical data for comparison. We want new data on nesting attempts and success of Red-tailed Hawks, Red-shouldered Hawks, Cooper's Hawks, Great Horned and Barn Owls. We are also interested in documenting any use of these habitats by White-tailed Kites. Volunteers will search for active nests in assigned locations and then observe the nests periodically through the 2023 spring breeding season to document chick survival.

Strong raptor ID skills are not a prerequisite! Scott Thomas will provide a training in basic raptor ID and nesting ecology, data collection, basic survey methods, and responsible nest searching and monitoring techniques. Volunteer assignments will be flexible depending on volunteers' schedules and abilities. Throughout the season, Scott will conduct several field trips for volunteers to selected parks to work as a team and learn more about our local raptor populations. Mina Brown will assist with volunteer coordination and data compiling. **To volunteer for this project**, contact Mina Brown at (714) 514-6375, gocreativeplaces@gmail.com; or Scott Thomas at (949) 293-2915, redtail1@cox.net.

WHO IS FERN ZIMMERMAN?



Fern Zimmerman was a true conservationist, grass roots organizer, birdwatcher, and chapter leader who contributed much to the development of Sea and Sage Audubon Society. Fern provided a constant source of optimism about our

ability to effect change in our environment and helped us find our voice in advocacy. Fern received the SAS Conservation Award in 1973. She continued as a conservation activist for 23 more years. After her death in 1996, Sea and Sage named its conservation award in her honor.



Virginia (Ginny) Chester

Ginny Chester, a highly respected and longtime, strong supporter and skilled leader of Sea and Sage Audubon, passed away this year in early January. Ginny once said she became involved in Sea and Sage because she wanted to be in a group that would go on bird or nature walks - her kind of thing!

She said she was quite taken with Sea and Sage, as an organization that she could get a lot out of. In addition to bird walks, Ginny took advantage of the chapter's Birding Skills Workshops. She was active on the Education and Conservation Committees. She wrote public comment letters and spoke at hearings.

Ginny was chair of the Sanctuaries Committee and was very much involved in mapping and documenting all the oak trees in Irvine Park. She was chapter president from 1987 to 1989 and again from 1992 to 1994. Ginny helped steer the chapter in establishing the Marsh Education Program in the '90's. She was proud of what the chapter achieved and happily sent her grandchildren to Summer Camp!

Sea and Sage gained a lot from Ginny's participation and the talents and skills she willingly shared with us. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know Ginny will treasure our memories and long remember her.

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

As is often the case, the list of January rarities reflected a continuation and extension of records from the previous two months of the year. Three months has been more than enough time to note some broader patterns, most notably the continuing irruption of Mountain Bluebirds and Townsend's Solitaires, historically high numbers of White-throated Sparrows, and the stunning absence of wintering Gray Flycatchers. Several new rarities were discovered this month as well; any first noted between Irvine and Huntington Beach on January 2nd was likely discovered as part of the Coastal Orange County Christmas Bird Count. The other major rarity generator was the January 22nd pelagic trip off Dana Point.

The **Mexican Duck** continued to winter at Carr Park through the end of the month. Two **Pacific Golden-Plovers** were found at Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station on January 20th. The January 22nd Sea and Sage Audubon pelagic trip off Dana Point produced many unusual pelagic species, including a **Red-billed Tropicbird** (one of very few winter records anywhere in Southern California), **Buller's Shearwater**, **Nazca Booby**, two **Brown Boobies** and a **Black-legged Kittiwake**.

The continuing **Bald Eagle** along the north-coastal slope continued to frequent several sites, including Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, Carr Park, Fairview Park, Huntington Central Park, San Diego Creek and Upper Newport Bay through the end of the month. The infamous **Snowy Owl**, patron of suburban Cypress rooftops since late December, was last seen on January 16th; its current whereabouts are unknown. Any new information on its whereabouts would be welcomed by many in the birding community. Multiple **Lewis's Woodpeckers** continued to visit several locations in the interior foothills: in addition to the well-observed and photographed individual at Carbon Canyon Regional Park, a second bird was found along the Bobcat Loop Trail in Chino Hills State Park on January 7th. **Hammond's Flycatchers** were at the Fullerton Arboretum January 12th and Rossmoor Park in Los Alamitos from January 15th through the end of the month, this marks a notable number of overwintering Hammond's for the county. The only empids found this month were a pair of **Pacific-slope Flycatchers**, a continuing bird at the Chrisanta Drive Riparian area (seen through January 20th) and a presumably continuing bird near Laguna Lake Park on January 30th. The **Brown-crested Flycatcher** at Chrisanta Drive continued through the end of the month, as did a **Tropical Kingbird** at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary/UCI Marsh Area. Other tropical kingbirds were at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve through January 21st and at Arbor Park in Los Alamitos from January 25th-27th.

Plumbeous Vireos have been few and far between this winter, and the only January records were at Westminster Memorial Park on January 2nd and North Lake on the 3rd. The overwintering **Verdin** continued at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve through the end of the month, as did the **Brown Creeper** at Huntington Central Park.

Mountain Bluebirds and **Townsend's Solitaires** continued to be reported from various coastal and foothill locations. New bluebird sightings were at Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station in Seal Beach January 20th-26th and at Limestone Canyon Wilderness Park January 21st, while known birds continued at Fairview Park through the 29th and at Upper Newport Bay through the 16th. New solitaires were seen at Huntington Central Park on the 27th and Upper Newport Bay on the 29th, while the continuing individual at Irvine Regional Park continued through the end of the month. Also continuing at Irvine Regional Park was the returning **Varied Thrush**.

The only **Grasshopper Sparrow** found in January was a new individual at Limestone Canyon Wilderness Park on the 21st. The **Clay-colored Sparrow** at Clark Regional Park continued through at least the 29th, while new **White-throated Sparrows** were found at Pacific View Memorial Park January 2nd, Carbon Canyon Regional Park from the 7th through the 13th, and at Irvine Regional Park from the 6th through the 30th. Both continuing Vesper Sparrow flocks (at Irvine Regional Park and Irvine Regional Park) continued through the end of the month, while the **Swamp Sparrow** at Huntington Central Park was last observed on the 28th. Rounding out the sparrows, **Green-tailed Towhees** were at Talbert Nature Preserve from January 2nd-21st, while **Vesper Sparrows**, were at Irvine Regional Park through the end of the month.

Overwintering **Orchard Orioles** were found at San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary January 22nd-29th, and near Mile Square Regional Park January 27th. The **Ovenbird** found at Huntington Central Park in December continued through January 30th, while the **Black-and-White Warbler** at the same park was last seen on the 29th. Another bird present at Aurora Park through the end of the month is likely a returning bird, though a third bird at Yorba Regional Park January 25th was a new find. An **American Redstart** was at Huntington Central Park from January 4th-11th, while a **Tennessee Warbler** found at Centennial Regional Park January 19th continued through the 29th. The continuing **Northern Parula** and **Black-throated Green Warbler** continued at Estancia Park through January 21st and 24th, respectively, while **Hermit Warblers** were at Twila Reid Park in Anaheim January 2nd and Sycamore Creek Trail on the 17th. **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** were found at Mason Regional Park and Huntington Central Park, both times on January 2nd.



NATURE DAY CAMPS 2023

at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine

On-line Registration on Eventbrite opens April 1.

See <https://wp.seaandsageaudubon.org/home-sas/education/#NatureCamp>

Enroll your child in our week-long camps to discover the joys of nature and bird-watching with Orange County's birding experts! Each camp includes daily walks, keeping a nature journal, nature art, and important bird topics taught by Audubon Naturalists. Confidential scholarships available upon request.



Fledgling Camp for ages 7-8 from June 12-16

Camp meets 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Campers will learn all about the wonderful life of birds.

Fee is \$140 regular / \$125 Audubon members (use promo code MEMBER).



Marsh Camp for ages 9-10 from June 19-23.

Camp meets 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Campers will learn about more bird types, bird anatomy, bird life cycles, pond life, and more.

Fee is \$140 regular / \$125 Audubon members (use promo code MEMBER).



Coastal Camp for ages 10-12 from July 11-15.

Camp meets 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Campers will focus on shorebirds of freshwater and saltwater marshes and enjoy one off-site trip to Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (parents provide transportation).

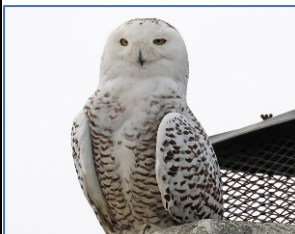
Fee is \$170 regular / \$150 Audubon members (promo code MEMBER).



Advanced Bird Camp I - Hawks for ages 13-15 from July 18-22.

Camp meets 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM. Campers will focus on diversity of hawks and may enjoy one off-site trip (parents provide transportation).

Fee is \$190 regular / \$170 Audubon members (promo code MEMBER).



Advanced Bird Camp II - Owls for ages 13-15 from July 25-29.

Camp meets 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM. Campers will learn about owls including the Snowy Owl and may enjoy one off-site trip (parents provide transportation).

Fee is \$190 regular / \$170 Audubon members (promo code MEMBER).

- For Fledgling, Marsh or Coastal Camp, contact Deborah Brin at deborah@brin.net
- For Advanced Bird Camp I and II, contact Mary Ellen Wynn at ricewynn@gmail.com
- General camp questions, contact Project Director Trude Hurd at seaandsage@sbcglobal.net

Northeastern (Inland) CBC Report - 12/18/22

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.

SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total
Canada Goose	297	Sora	6	Cassin's Kingbird	113	Bl-throat. Gray Warbler	1
Egyptian Goose	32	American Coot	772	Loggerhead Shrike	2	Townsend's Warbler	26
Wood Duck	49	Black-necked Stilt	4	Hutton's Vireo	12	Grasshopper Sparrow	1
Mandarin Duck	8	Killdeer	10	Western Scrub-Jay	224	Chipping Sparrow	56
Gadwall	66	Spotted Sandpiper	17	American Crow	1465	Lark Sparrow	30
American Wigeon	274	Greater Yellowlegs	2	Common Raven	360	Fox Sparrow	9
Mallard	608	Least Sandpiper	21	Horned Lark	54	Dark-eyed Junco	239
Mallard (Domestic type)	18	Long-billed Dowitcher	13	Tree Swallow	65	White-crowned Sparrow	1998
Cinnamon Teal	14	Wilson's Snipe	6	Barn Swallow	1	Golden-crowned Sparrow	75
Northern Shoveler	184	Ring-billed Gull	95	Mountain Chickadee	31	Sagebrush/Bell's Sparrow	1
Northern Pintail	5	Western Gull	2	Oak Titmouse	119	Vesper Sparrow	4
Green-winged Teal	53	California Gull	63	Bushtit	794	Savannah Sparrow	151
Canvasback	12	Caspian Tern	1	White-breasted Nuthatch	46	Song Sparrow	244
Ring-necked Duck	260	Band-tailed Pigeon	163	Rock Wren	3	Lincoln's Sparrow	33
Lesser Scaup	11	Eurasian Collared-Dove	6	Canyon Wren	2	California Towhee	287
Bufflehead	31	Common Ground-Dove	8	House Wren	49	Rufous-crown. Towhee	17
Hooded Merganser	2	Mourning Dove	567	Marsh Wren	4	Spotted Towhee	156
Ruddy Duck	296	Greater Roadrunner	6	Bewick's Wren	60	Summer Tanager	4
California Quail	156	Barn Owl	8	Cactus Wren	9	Western Tanager	2
Indian Peafowl	44	Western Screech-Owl	11	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	76	Red-winged Blackbird	31
Pied-billed Grebe	14	Great Horned Owl	18	California Gnatcatcher	21	Western Meadowlark	412
Eared Grebe	12	White-throated Swift	116	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	251	Brewer's Blackbird	12
Western Grebe	62	Anna's Hummingbird	563	Wrentit	87	Great-tailed Grackle	14
Clark's Grebe	32	Costa's Hummingbird	2	Japanese White-eye	164	Brown-headed Cowbird	90
Western/Clark's Grebe	70	Allen's Hummingbird	396	Western Bluebird	267	Bullock's Oriole	2
Double-crested Cormorant	391	Belted Kingfisher	4	Mountain Bluebird	11	House Finch	1568
American White Pelican	156	Lewis's Woodpecker	5	Townsend's Solitaire	1	Purple Finch	2
Great Blue Heron	7	Acorn Woodpecker	434	Hermit Thrush	94	Pine Siskin	2
Great Egret	26	Red-naped Sapsucker	1	American Robin	886	Lesser Goldfinch	708
Snowy Egret	38	Red-breasted Sapsucker	7	California Thrasher	59	American Goldfinch	55
Black-crowned Night-Heron	23	Nuttall's Woodpecker	138	Northern Mockingbird	82	House Sparrow	26
White-faced Ibis	25	Downy Woodpecker	2	European Starling	343	Scaly-breasted Munia	135
Turkey Vulture	186	Northern Flicker	123	American Pipit	234	Pin-tailed Whydah	8
Osprey	13	American Kestrel	21	Cedar Waxwing	475		
White-tailed Kite	7	Merlin	9	Phainopepla	20		
Golden Eagle	1	Peregrine Falcon	7	Tennessee Warbler	1		
Northern Harrier	16	Red-crowned Parrot	73	Orange-crowned Warbler	103		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	Lilac-crowned Parrot	2	Nashville Warbler	1		
Bald Eagle	2	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	1	Common Yellowthroat	123		
Red-shouldered Hawk	44	Black Phoebe	337	Yellow Warbler	2		
Red-tailed Hawk	126	Say's Phoebe	91	Yellow-rump. Warbler A	3058		
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March 2023:

4-5 Sa/Su Intro Raptor ID Workshop ®..... 9:00 am
 07 Tues Conservation Committee Mtg. via Zoom..... 6:45 pm
 11-12 Sa/Su Intermed/Adv ID Raptor Workshop ® 9:00 am
 12 Sun SJWS Bird Walk 8:00 am
 14 Tues Board Mtg. via Zoom..... 7:00 pm
 15 Wed UNB Pontoon Boat Trip \$ ® FULL
 16 Thurs Bolsa Chica bird walk..... 8:00 am
 17 Fri ANNUAL DINNER ® 6:00 pm
 19 Sun Carbon Canyon bird walk..... 8:00 am
 21 Tues *Sea & Sage Reading Group* 1:00 pm
 26 Sun Upper Newport Bay Bird Walk 8:00 am
 28 Tues 4th Tues Conservation Lecture..... 7:00 pm

April 2023:

01 Sat Registration for Summer Nature Camp opens.....
 04 Tues Conservation Committee Mtg. via Zoom..... 6:45 pm
 8-9 Sa/Su Eastern Sierra Weekend Trip \$ ® FULL
 09 Sun SJWS Bird Walk 8:00 am
 11 Tues Board Mtg. via Zoom..... 7:00 pm
 16 Sun Anaheim Coves Park Bird Walk 8:00 am
 18 Tues *Sea & Sage Reading Group* 1:00 pm
 19 Wed UNB Pontoon Boat Trip 8:15 am
 21 Fri GENERAL MEETING via Zoom..... 7:00 pm
 23 Sun Big Morongo Preserve & Vicinity \$ ® 7:00 am
 25 Tues 4th Tues Conservation Lecture..... 7:00 pm
 30 Sun Upper Newport Bay Bird Walk 8:00 am