

Greetings, Science Educator!

Sea and Sage Audubon Society is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to conservation, education and research of native birds and their habitat. Thanks to initial funding from the Beckman Foundation and continued financial support from Sea and Sage Audubon membership, we are pleased to loan Nature Discovery Kits to Orange County educators free-of-charge. These kits are designed to supplement science presentations and allow access to materials not often available to educators. We hope that you and your students gain a greater appreciation of Orange County's wildlife.



## 1. How to Schedule the Kit

We require one month's notice for scheduling (no short notice requests, please).

Contact our Education Staff:

- Diana Terreros, Education Assistant  
[educationassistant@seaandsageaudubon.org](mailto:educationassistant@seaandsageaudubon.org)
- Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education  
[seaandsage@sbcglobal.net](mailto:seaandsage@sbcglobal.net)

## 2. How to Pick Up the Kit

The Kit must be picked up and returned on the assigned dates. See map for directions.

- To Schedule Pick-up and Return, call one of the Nature Kit Coordinators to make arrangements for a day and time.
- Bring this contract for reference plus a **\$50 deposit check** (payable to *Sea and Sage Audubon*) on specified date to the Audubon Office (blue house). Kits are in the gray shed on the porch facing the access road. Leave deposit in shed (envelope taped inside door).
- By picking up the Kit, you are agreeing to (1) **accept financial responsibility for the Kit** in case of damage or loss and (2) **return the Kit on-time with all contents present and undamaged.**
- Verify that all contents are present (use Kit Contents sheet in the Kit), and notify us within 48 hours if there is anything missing so that you will not be charged.



## 3. How to Return the Kit

- By due date, return entire Nature Kit and its contents to our Office (blue house).
- Fill out and turn in a short Evaluation Form.
- **What is the late fee?** We charge \$5 per day to ensure prompt return so kits are available for the next scheduled educator.

## General Information About the Kits

### What topics are available?

- Bats
- Owls
- Songbird Nests
- Butterflies & Moths
- Reptiles & Amphibians

### What is in a Nature Kit?

- Teacher Resource Notebook
- Reference books for teachers
- Research project for students
- Mounted specimens
- DVD's, videos, audio-cassettes
- Posters
- Read-aloud books and puppets

**What grade levels can use the Nature Kits?** Kits are appropriate for upper elementary students, but may be adapted for younger and older students.

### How long can I borrow a Nature Kit?

Kits may be borrowed up to two weeks.

**Is there a loan fee?** No, this loan is FREE although we appreciate donations! We do require a **\$50 deposit check** (payable to *Sea and Sage Audubon*) when you pick up your kit. This deposit is returned to you or voided/torn up (your choice) when all items are returned on-time and undamaged. You may be charged for loss or damage beyond normal wear.

## Confirmation Contract

Thank you for reserving a Nature Discovery Kit with us! We are confirming your reservation for the following topic and dates.

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature Kit topic:

- \_\_\_\_ Bats-large kit
- \_\_\_\_ Bats-small kit
- \_\_\_\_ Owls-large kit
- \_\_\_\_ Owls-small kit
- \_\_\_\_ Songbird Nests
- \_\_\_\_ Butterflies & Moths
- \_\_\_\_ Reptiles & Amphibians
- \_\_\_\_ Wonderful Life of Trees

This Kit consists of the following:

- # \_\_\_\_ plastic containers
- # \_\_\_\_ poster carrying case
- # \_\_\_\_ taxidermy specimen case

To schedule pick-up and return, contact one of our Education staff.

**Write down your assigned dates and time:**

**Pick-up:** \_\_\_\_\_

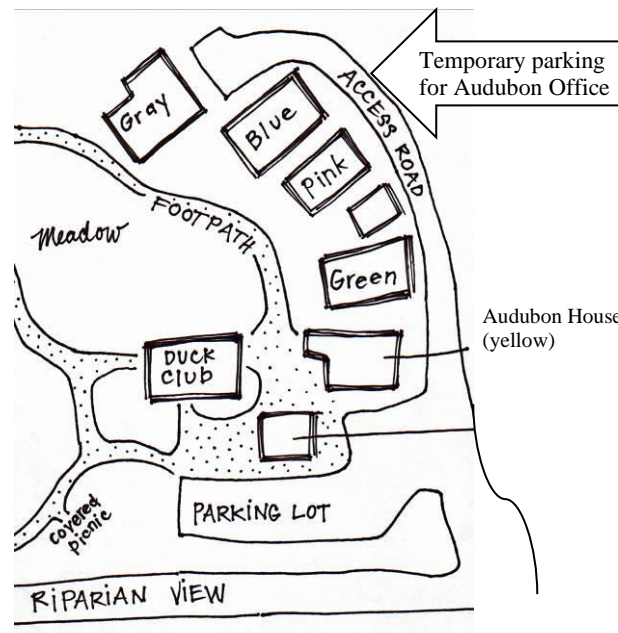
**Return (Due):** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Directions to Sea and Sage Office (blue house) in Irvine

From 405 freeway, exit Jamboree & go SOUTH.  
Turn LEFT on Michelson.  
Turn RIGHT on Harvard, fifth signal.  
Turn RIGHT on University, first signal.  
Turn RIGHT on Campus, first signal.  
Cross over creek and make IMMEDIATE RIGHT onto paved ENTRANCE road (Green sign)  
Continue on road and turn LEFT into parking area for Audubon House. Continue past Audubon House (yellow house) on right to Sea and Sage Office (blue house). You may park temporarily in the small parking lot while loading/unloading kits. Kits are in the gray shed.



*Please note: Entrance is right turn only on Campus near University (NOT off Michelson)*

Sea and Sage Audubon Society  
5 Riparian View, Irvine, CA 92612



## Nature Discovery Kits for Loan



Bring this contract with you  
to pick-up your kit.

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