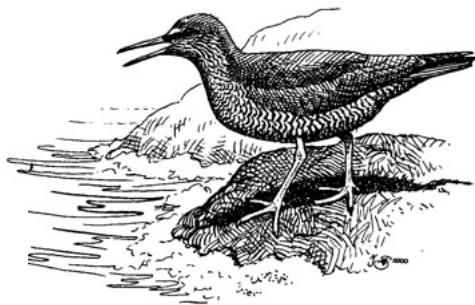


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The Voice of SEA AND SAGE AUDUBON, an Orange County Chapter of the National Audubon Society

President's Message

by - Jonathan Aguayo

I'm thrilled to share updates and upcoming events that highlight our shared commitment to preserving and celebrating our avian friends and their habitats. Our sold-out Summer BBQ event in July was a remarkable success, all thanks to your invaluable support. None of this would be possible without the commitment and hard work of our dedicated board members, volunteers, and staff. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by mosquitoes and sprinklers and assure you that we're addressing these concerns for future events.

Looking ahead, our calendar is brimming with exciting opportunities to engage and connect. In just a few short weeks, we will be hosting our much-anticipated Plein Air Quick Draw Event in September. This occasion guarantees to be a sensory delight, bringing together artists and nature enthusiasts to capture the awe-inspiring splendor of the San Joaquin Marsh. In October, our beloved Pancake Breakfast Event returns, fostering a sense of camaraderie while raising funds to support our projects. If you're looking to get involved, we're always seeking volunteers for events and warmly welcome new members to join our committees.

While the breeding bird season concludes, our bird walks continue, offering insights into changing seasons and avian behaviors. Embark on an exploration of our diverse locales guided by our trip leaders, including the scenic Anaheim Coves, the serene Upper Newport Bay, the vibrant Bolsa Chica, the tranquil San Joaquin Marsh, and the enchanting Carbon Canyon. For those seeking a maritime adventure, consider joining one of our exhilarating pelagic trips. For more information, please visit our website.

Thank you for being a member of the Sea & Sage Audubon Society. It is through your dedication that we can continue our mission to protect and celebrate our feathered companions that enrich our lives.

General Meeting - Online Presentation

Friday, September 15th - 7:00 PM

Via Zoom

“Laguna Canyon Foundation - History & Goals for Conservation”

presented by Alan Kaufmann & Jacky Cordero

Laguna Canyon Foundation (LCF) is dedicated to preserving, protecting, enhancing and promoting the 22,000-acre South Coast Wilderness, which includes Laguna Coast and Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Parks, Crystal Cove State Park, and open space in the cities of Irvine, Laguna Woods and Laguna Beach. The South Coast Wilderness is a unique area that is included in the California Floristic Province, which is designated as a global biodiversity hotspot. Restoration of this precious open space includes removing invasive species, adding native plants in degraded areas and educating the public about the beauty and ecology of our wild lands as well as the threats they face. LCF manages the vegetation adjacent to neighborhoods and businesses to reduce high fire potential, and focuses on areas with high habitat value, surveying for sensitive plants and nesting birds.

Alan Kaufmann is the Conservation Program Director at LCF and oversees habitat restoration, fuel modification, land management projects in and around the South Coast Wilderness. Jacky Cordero is the Deputy Director overseeing LCF's departments, programs, and daily operations.

Please join us for this interesting program. Zoom doors open at 6:30 PM; join us for some virtual games prior to the 7:00 PM meeting. Here is the link you will need to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88232772741>

(If this link isn't working for you, try Meeting ID: 882 3277 2741)

Need Help? Email Christine Kim at chrislakim@gmail.com.

Christine Kim, Programs Chair

Conservation News

Susan Sheakley, Conservation Chair



Meetings This Month: Join us! Conservation Com. 1st Tues Sept 5; '4th Tues' Conservation Lecture Tues Sept 26; Tackling Climate & Trash; 3rd Thurs Sept 21. (Melissa Rapp, Co-Chair); Legislation & Advocacy Sun Sept 24 (Vic Leipzig, Ch.)

"4th Tues."

Conservation Lecture

Tuesday, September 26th – 7:00 pm

Zoom Doors will open at 6:30 pm

"Political Advocacy at Sea and Sage Audubon Society"

*presented by Vic Leipzig and the
Legislation & Advocacy Subcommittee*

From its beginnings Sea and Sage has been an environmental advocacy organization working to protect our local birds and natural habitats. Two years ago, to help us address the present-day global challenges that threaten our local habitats and quality of life, the Conservation Committee formed a new subcommittee, Legislation & Advocacy (L&A).

Join us September 26th to hear about this team's journey and what they have learned so far.

Vic will present a brief but informative program on how election results have impacted Orange County's district boundaries and current state and county representation.

The team will report on L&A's activities in the 2023 legislative session, including the legislative bills the team tracked through committee and on to passage or failure. We will also hear about Sea and Sage's meetings with legislators advocating for the passage of bills to protect the environment.

Finally, you will hear about how you can help and opportunities for you to become involved. *SAS needs you!*

Advance registration is required for this meeting.

Registration will be available through our website under 'What's New' or 'Conservation'. In addition, if you have attended a prior virtual '4th Tues.', you will receive notice by email to register for this month's '4th Tues.'. **Please join us!**



Tackling Trash and Food Waste at the Summer BBQ

Here's how Sea and Sage reduced trash at the BBQ, recruited help from our wonderful BBQ guests, and through carefully selected Welcome Gifts and Drawing Prizes, introduced what Tackling Climate & Trash (TCT) has learned about eco-friendly alternatives to single-use plastics and throwaway consumerism.

The linchpin of our plan was to reduce, at its source, potential single-use items, plastic, and trash. So, the first step was to rely on *reusable* rather than *disposable* tableware, either through BYOP (place settings) or Sea and Sage provided. The drinks table did not take the free plastic throw-away glasses the iced tea vendor offered with our order. This first step was supported by the institution of the Scrape & Rinse and Wash & Dry Stations. Guests who had brought place setting items were able to scrape off the food debris and rinse and dry them for take home. SAS tableware was readied to be cleaned for storage for the next event. Through this first step, we were able to keep over 200 plates, glasses, silverware and napkins from going to the landfill.

To divert more items from the landfill, we separated from the throwaways any items that could be recycled. The recycled items included aluminum cans; food waste - either 'organic' (meat or animal) or 'green' (plant based); plastic, #1 or #2; paper; and cardboard.

We picked items with the planet in mind for Welcome Gifts and Drawing Prizes. This gave us an opportunity to share some of what TCT has learned on ways to reduce single-use items and plastic, and to step a little lighter on the planet.

We thank BBQ guests and volunteers and the support of Tree of Life Nursery, Eco Now and generous anonymous donors, for helping the chapter take on this project to make our events eco-friendlier.



Volunteer Naturalist training begins September

For over three decades, Sea and Sage Audubon has empowered elementary school children to make personal discoveries about nature. Through our Outdoor Adventures science discovery program, 4-5th graders learn how to be responsible for the environment while surrounded by the beauty of a freshwater wetland. To offer this program, we rely on about thirty volunteer naturalists. If you are looking for a rewarding place to volunteer, then consider joining our Outdoor Adventures team!

We have naturalists from a variety of backgrounds such as retired schoolteachers, engineers, and parents of our campers. Our thorough training classes will help you with the basics about assisting the programs. You don't need to be a birding expert because we are more interested in teaching children HOW to identify a bird by observing its field marks. If you haven't used a microscope since high school, no worries. Our microscopes are easy to use and we see the same 6 small invertebrates every tour so you'll learn them quickly.

Experience comes with practice, and you will have plenty of time to practice. Through the training classes, you will learn fun interpretive techniques, make new friends, become more familiar with the inner workings of a wetland, and help elementary school children enjoy nature.

We work hard during the 2½ hour program since we rotate between an hour Bird Walk around the marsh, half-hour pond study activity in The Lab, and half-hour discussion about Bird Adaptations looking at taxidermy specimens. But we also have a lot of fun. We see joy on children's faces as they use binoculars and microscopes for the first time. Their faces light up when they see a Great Blue Heron walking on the path in front of them. We hear happiness in the children's voices when they

realize they can return to the marsh with their families for free. We go home with a proud feeling that we have changed the life of a child that day.

Does this speak to your heart? Or maybe you know someone who would enjoy doing this? Don't delay; the training class begins now in September! It is on select Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM to 12:30 PM from September through December.

For a copy of the Fall Training Schedule, contact Project Director Trude Hurd by email at seaandsage@sbcglobal.net. By becoming an Outdoor Adventures naturalist, you will receive many rewards, children benefit, and Earth's future will be a better place due in part to your efforts!

Your School Bus Donation Brings Santa Ana Students to the Marsh

For many years, we have offered school bus scholarships to Santa Ana classes that are unable to attend Outdoor Adventures at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary without our support. Thanks to compassionate sponsors like you, we raise enough money to bring every class that asks for help. We will continue this bus scholarship program in 2023-24 for 45 Santa Ana classes, and we hope that you will help! If you support outdoor experiences for local deserving school children, then please consider sending a school bus donation this fall.

Bus costs vary depending on distance and length of time from the school to the marsh. All donations are helpful: \$300 for 30 students (one bus), \$150 for 15 students (half bus), \$100 for 10 students, \$50 for 5 students, \$10 for 1 student. They all add up!

Send your check to **School Bus, Sea and Sage Audubon, 5 Riparian View, Irvine, CA 92612**. If you have questions, contact Project Director Trude Hurd by email at seaandsage@sbcglobal.net

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

After a brief summer hiatus, there are quite a few late spring and summer vagrants to catch up on. While summer is generally considered the least productive period for local rarities (the birds are busy on their nesting grounds), every year a handful of out-of-towners turn up for a few days to a few months. Perhaps they decided to skip out on breeding, or perhaps they tried, failed, and then strayed from their typical migration paths south? Of course, for some species, particularly waterbirds, summer wandering is an expected behavior; indeed, many of the earliest shorebirds are typically on the move by the end of July (though they seem to have tarried to the north of us this summer, perhaps taking advantage of the reemergence of Tulare Lake in the Central Valley.

Notable Spring Vagrants

A **Long-tailed Duck** at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve May 12th-20th was unusually late. An **American Golden-plover**, also at Bolsa Chica, was the first ebird record of this eastern species logged in ebird, though there are several records of this species from the 19th century, when more suitable open coastal habitats existed. A **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** was found at Aliso Woods Canyon Wilderness Park, June 26th, well within the migratory window for this latest of breeding landbirds. While **White-winged Doves** are one of the more expected summer and fall vagrants to the county, two individuals, one in residential Mission Viejo and one in the Chrisanta Drive Riparian area were unexpected late May visitors. A **Cattle Egret** was at the Great Park Wildlife Corridor, May 22nd.

A migrant **Eastern Kingbird** was at Crystal Cove State Park, June 11th, only one **Purple Martin** passed through the county in spring, along San Diego Creek, May 25th. A lingering **Townsend's Solitaire** at Alta Laguna Park on May 13 was likely a holdover from the exceptional number that were found in the coastal lowlands last winter, as was a **White-throated Sparrow** at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, May 13th. **Yellow-headed Blackbirds** have been scarce in the county this year, though seven at the Great Park, May 3rd-8th, were notable.

Several eastern warbler vagrants turned up in the county in late spring. **Black-and-white Warblers** were at Creekside Park in Dana Point, May 13th, and Laguna Niguel Regional Park, May 30th, while at least two **American Redstarts** passed through Huntington Central Park, May 10th and May 24th. A **Cape May**

Warbler was at Eisenhower Park, May 18th-19th, while a **Northern Parula** turned up at Holy Jim Trail, May 26th. At least *eleven* **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** were an unprecedented total (for comparison, Hamilton and Willick document 11 *total* spring records from the beginning of record collection through the mid-'90s.

Notable summer records

A breeding plumaged **Red Phalarope** summered at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, June 9th-25th. **Neotropic Cormorants** have rapidly established a foothold in the county since the first record of this species in 2019; the latest stronghold for this species has been the Upper Santa Ana River, where as many as six individuals have been frequenting since early July. A **Brown Booby** visited Dana Point Harbor, June 8th-11th, while a **Magnificent Frigatebird** followed suit on July 12th. Several pelagic vagrants were found offshore in July, including a **Manx Shearwater** on the 23rd, **Long-tailed Jaegers** on the 23rd and 28th, and five **Sabine's Gulls** on the 31st. A **Crested Caracara**, seen flying over Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station and San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, June 7th, will be a first county record if accepted.

An **Eastern Kingbird** seen at Los Cerritos Wetland, July 27th, may have summered nearby. **Cassin's Vireos** have been largely extirpated as a breeding species in our local mountains for several decades, so one at Holy Jim Trail on July 1 was notable. A **Red-eyed Vireo** spent some time at Mile Square Regional Park, July 1st-5th. An adult **Chipping Sparrow** at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve was unexpected, and may have been dispersed from one of the scattered local breeding populations (the nearest is El Dorado Regional Park in Long Beach). A **Hepatic Tanager** at Blue Jay Campground, June 8th, was a first summer record for the county, and in relatively appropriate breeding habitat (they have been known to breed in small numbers as close as the San Bernardino Mountains). After not being reported in the county since 2019, at least three **Indigo Buntings**, all adult males, turned up in the county this summer: one at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, May 19th, one at Canyon Park, July 2nd, and a long-staying, well-observed individual at Blue Jay Campground, June 8th-July 8th. This remarkable invasion parallels similarly high numbers elsewhere in Southern California.

Chapter News & Announcements



For more information about Sea & Sage activities, check our CALENDAR of Chapter Activities on our webpage: <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/Chapter/ChapterCalendars.pdf>

Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in June, July and Aug: Kathy Blackmarr, Susie Burgess, Ann Chan-Verdugo, Bettina Eastman, Greg Figge, Judith Frant, Carol Freund, John Hargrove, Sue Henry, Sarah Jayne, Jay Matchett, Judy McInnis, Mary Meister, Paula Monroe, Steve Munzinger, Dagmar Muthamia, Roberta Ray, Jennifer Reed, Barbara Reber, Paul Saiki, Dev Sellin, Susan Sheakley, Tom Wang, Barb Wasbin, Pat Wells, Phil Westin and Irene Wotta.



Our volunteers greet visitors, answer the phone, sell merchandise, answer questions about birds, check out binoculars, etc. If you are interested in helping at Audubon House, Please call Dev Sellin at 714-943-3682, or Paula Monroe at 480-299-9885.

O.C. Snowy Plover and Least Tern 2023 Fall Survey and Training

Are the Western Snowy Plovers back on our beaches? Have the California Least Terns left on migration? Help us find the answers.



SURVEY, SEPT. 16 - 24:

We welcome surveyors to participate in the September survey, who have attended one of our classroom sessions and are able to conduct the

survey on an assigned section of beach once during the survey period. Beach assignments will soon be made, so please CONTACT: Cheryl Egger with your requests at ocsnplsurvey@gmail.com.

ONLINE TRAINING CLASS, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13th, 6:30-8:30 PM. We welcome new volunteers who attend the training class. You must RSVP and be registered to attend the training. CONTACT Cheryl Egger at ocsnplsurvey@gmail.com if you would like to attend the training class.

For MORE INFO and a list of beach segments, see our website at www.seaandsageaudubon.org and then go to the OC Snowy Plover Survey page.

READING GROUP – Tues, Sept. 19 – 1:00 PM
Reading Group: *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert

Birds and Windows

Up to 1 BILLION birds in the United States crash into windows every single year - especially during migration season. Any reflection can make a window look more like vegetation or sky than solid wall. Many of us have been trying to prevent birds from hitting our windows for decades, nothing has worked. There is finally a scientifically proven solution for preventing bird collisions with glass surfaces. **Feather Friendly** window tape applied in a pattern of tiny sticker dots, strategically placed 2 inches apart on the entire window. There are two Feather Friendly products available; one for home windows and sliding glass doors and other for glass walls. Feather Friendly has been tested and approved by the American Bird Conservancy, and is available for purchase in the **Nature Store at Audubon House**. Affordable and easy to apply this revolutionary new product saves bird lives!!

Watershed Cleanup

Sept 23, 9 am -11 am

Watershed Cleanup rightscape.com

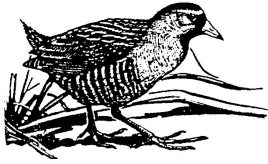
Join us for our annual Watershed Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 23, and be a part of this year's statewide tally for California Coastal Cleanup Day. Volunteers are needed to clear trash from the San Diego Creek before it reaches the ocean. Remember to wear comfortable shoes, a hat, sunscreen, and insect repellent. All participants must submit a signed waiver, including supervising parents or guardians. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIPS:

Sun 10 SJWS bird walk
Tues 12 Quail Hill Open Space Preserve bird walk
Sun 17 Carbon Canyon bird walk
Wed 20 UNB by pontoon boat ®
Thurs 21 Bolsa Chica bird walk
Sun 24 UNB bird walk

OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS:

Sat 07 Fall Pelagic Trip ®
Sun 08 SJWS bird walk
Sun 15 Anaheim Coves Park bird walk
Wed 18 UNB by pontoon boat ®
Thurs 19 Dana Point Harbor bird walk
Sun 29 UNB bird walk



Sea and Sage Audubon Society 2023
Birds of Southern California
An Introductory Birding Skills Workshop
presented by Sylvia R. 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. Although sharing computers is possible, for best results, each person should have his/her own computer in a separate room.

You will choose one of these three sections to attend:

- Tues. mornings: 9:00 a.m. – ca. noon, Oct. 3 – Dec. 12 except Nov. 21
- Wed. evenings: 7:00 – ca.10:00 p.m., Oct. 4 – Dec. 13 except Nov. 22
- Thurs. evenings: 7:00 – ca.10:00 p.m., Oct. 5 – Dec. 14 except Nov. 23

Four half-day field trips to Orange County locations will be scheduled, and you may choose Saturdays or Mondays. They are on the weekends following the 1st, 3rd, 7th, and 9th workshop sessions. 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. 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 to around noon.

To accommodate people who don't live close-by, and also meet popular demand, this workshop will be presented remotely via Zoom.

Send your reservation (see form below) for this workshop, **postmarked no earlier than Sept. 5** (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)**. If you can afford it, also please enclose a workshop donation of \$130, made out to Sea and Sage Audubon Society. **Confirmations will be mailed Sept. 23**, including further information. The donation may be paid in 2 installments, half with your reservation and the other half by Nov. 4. Installment plan possible for those who can't afford it right now.

The maximum enrollment for each section is 22. If any section does not have at least 12 people enrolled by Sept. 20, it will be canceled. Reserve early though, because some sections may fill quickly.

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 sizeable book section of the Sea and Sage Audubon House Nature Store, open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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. There 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 the document entitled "READ FIRST" for further information. If you have questions, contact Sylvia at sirgallagher@yahoo.com (preferred) or 714-962-8990. If you phone and get no answer, don't leave a message; write an email instead.

Print VERY neatly!!!

Enrollment Form – Introductory Birding Skills Workshop (FALL, 2023)

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**:

TUES. am _____ WED. pm _____ THURS. pm _____

Circle your choice of field trip dates—one date for each weekend. All are Saturdays and Mondays. (Places listed above.)

10/21 or 10/23. 11/4 or 11/6 11/18 or 11/20 12/9 or 12/11

Rank your level of birding experience. This will help us plan the field trip leadership.

TOTAL beginner _____ In between _____ Some experience, perhaps disorganized _____

SASE enclosed? _____ Workshop donation enclosed? _____

MAIL TO: Introductory Workshop, Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln, Huntington Beach CA 92646

2023 Bloom-Hays Ecological Research Grant and Zembal Wetland Research Grant:

Seven excellent student proposals were selected for funding by the Sea and Sage Student Grants Committee. The objective of the Bloom-Hays Ecological Research Grant is to advance ecological research, particularly research related to avian species and the natural communities upon which they depend, by providing funds or supplies to support research activities benefitting native species and habitats in Southern California. The objective of the Zembal Wetland Research Grant is to advance ecological research related to coastal wetland habitats of southern California, including habitats that support shorebirds and seabirds.

ZEMBAL WETLAND RESEARCH GRANT

- **David Boehmer**, California State University, Long Beach (MS), \$2500. The Habitat Use and Reproductive Activity of the Belding's Savannah Sparrow.

BLOOM-HAYS ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH GRANT

- **Tania Romero**, California State University, Los Angeles (MS), \$2,500. The Effects of Climate Variability on the Interannual Movement Strategies of a Spring Migrant Landbird in the Pacific Flyway.
- **Sierra Winter**, University of California, Riverside (PhD), \$2,000. Are Allen's Hummingbirds in Trouble?
- **Ynez Diaz**, California State University, Long Beach (MS), \$2,000. Mobbing Behaviors of Urban Birds Along a Socio Economic Gradient.
- **Jennifer Schlauch**, University of California, Irvine (PhD), \$1,500. Solitary Bee Diversity and Microbiomes in California's Coastal Wetlands.
- **Helen Payne**, University of California, Santa Barbara (PhD), \$1,000. Birds, Bees, and Baby Blue Eyes: Parallel Multitrophic Responses to Climate Change.
- **Lydia Dean**, University of California, Irvine (PhD), \$1,000. Interspecific Variation in Plant Indirect Defense by Insectivorous Birds.

Field Trip Schedule for 2023-2024

Some of our field trips require reservations. When you visit our chapter website, you will be directed to EventBrite where you can make reservations, pay for a trip, or be added to a waiting list if the trip is full. Our chapter website is seaandsageaudubon.org. Information on our birding field trips can be found under the heading of BIRDING – Field Trips; WHAT’S NEW; or FIELD TRIP CALENDARS. For additional information about the field trips, please contact fieldtrips@seaandsageaudubon.org.

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun 10 SJWS Bird Walk
Tues 12 Quail Hill Open Space Preserve Bird Walk
Sun 17 Carbon Canyon Bird Walk
Wed 20 UNB by Pontoon Boat
Thurs 21 Bolsa Chica Bird Walk
Sat 23 Irvine Reg Park Accessible Birding
Sun 24 UNB Bird Walk

OCTOBER 2023

Sat 07 Fall Pelagic Trip
Sun 08 SJWS Bird Walk
Sun 15 Anaheim Coves Park Bird Walk
Wed 18 UNB by Pontoon Boat
Thurs 19 Dana Point Harbor Bird Walk
Sun 29 UNB Bird Walk

NOVEMBER 2023

Sun 12 SJWS Bird Walk
Wed 15 UNB by Pontoon Boat
Thurs 16 Bolsa Chica Bird Walk
Sun 19 Carbon Canyon Bird Walk
Sun 26 UNB Bird Walk

DECEMBER 2023

Sun 10 SJWS Bird Walk
Tues 12 Quail Hill Open Space Preserve Bird Walk
Sun 17 Northeastern (Inland) CBC
Wed 20 UNB by Pontoon Boat
Sat 23 San Juan Capistrano CBC
Sat 30 Puente Chino-Hills CBC

JANUARY 2024

Mon 01 Coastal CBC
Sat 06 Winter Pelagic Trip
Sun 14 SJWS Bird Walk
Wed 17 UNB by Pontoon Boat
Thurs 18 Bolsa Chica Bird Walk
Sun 21 Carbon Canyon Bird Walk
Sa-Su 27-28 Salton Sea weekend trip
Sun 28 UNB Bird Walk

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun 11 SJWS Bird Walk
Sat 17 San Jacinto Wildlife Area
Sun 18 Anaheim Coves Park Bird Walk
Wed 21 UNB by Pontoon Boat
Sun 25 UNB Bird Walk

MARCH 2024

Sun 10 SJWS Bird Walk
Tues 12 Quail Hill Open Space Preserve Bird Walk
Fri 15 Caspers Wilderness Park Bird Walk
Sun 17 Carbon Canyon Bird Walk
Wed 20 UNB by Pontoon Boat
Thurs 21 Bolsa Chica Bird Walk
Sat 31 UNB Bird Walk

APRIL 2024

Sa-Su 6-7 Eastern Sierra Weekend Trip
Sun 14 SJWS Bird Walk
Wed 17 UNB by Pontoon Boat
Sun 21 Anaheim Coves Park Bird Walk
Sun 28 UNB Bird Walk

MAY 2024

Sun 04 Spring Pelagic Trip
Sun 12 SJWS Bird Walk
Wed 15 UNB by Pontoon Boat
Thurs 16 Bolsa Chica Bird Walk
Sun 19 Carbon Canyon Bird Walk
Sun 26 UNB Bird Walk

JUNE 2024

Sun 09 SJWS Bird Walk
Tues 11 Quail Hill Open Space Preserve Bird Walk
Sun 16 Anaheim Coves Park Bird Walk
Wed 19 UNB by Pontoon Boat
Sa-Su 22-23 Mammoth Lakes Trip
Sun 30 UNB Bird Walk

JULY 2024

Sun 14 SJWS Bird Walk
Thurs 18 Bolsa Chica Bird Walk
Sat 20 Summer Pelagic Trip
Sun 21 Carbon Canyon Bird Walk
Sun 28 UNB Bird Walk

AUGUST 2024

Sun 11 SJWS Bird Walk
Sun 18 Anaheim Coves Park Bird Walk
Sun 25 UNB Bird Walk
Wed 28 UNB by Pontoon Boat

Plein Air Art Event at the SJWS

Plein Air Art Event

Saturday, Sept 23rd 8am-3:30pm



Sponsored by:
San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary Board
Sea & Sage Audubon Society
& SOCALPAPA



- Paint Out open to all artists
- Watch the artists paint along the trails & win awards
- Purchase artwork & meet the artists
- Art classes
- Bird walks & More!



San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary
5 Riparian View, Irvine, California

www.socalpapa.com for more info & to register to paint out

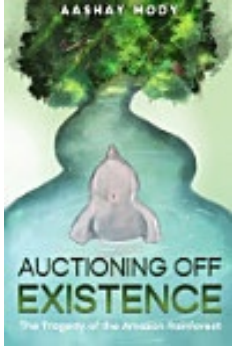
Chapter News & Announcements



Sea and Sage Audubon Society's mission is to protect birds, other wildlife, and their habitats through education, citizen science, research, and public policy advocacy

A Call to Action

"A call to action" is how Aashay Mody, a junior naturalist with Sea and Sage, describes his recently completed book, *Auctioning Off Existence: The Tragedy of the Amazon Rainforest*. The story is told, not from the perspective of humans, but from the perspective of three animals, a spider monkey, a river dolphin, and a jaguar. The struggles of the animals bring to light the environmental challenges facing the Amazon Rainforest, including deforestation and habitat loss, and fouling of the waterways from hydroelectric projects and gold mining operations.



Although the book is fiction, the plight of the Amazon Rainforest is very real. Already a portion of the Amazon Rainforest about 1/8 the size of the United States has been totally destroyed, and much of the rest of the rainforest has seen significant degradation. This is happening despite the fact that the Amazon Rainforest is crucial to global environmental health, providing both oxygen generation and nutrient cycling.

Aashay began writing his book while in 7th grade and completed it at the beginning of his 10th grade year. He said he has loved animals his whole life, and that his interest in animals was significantly nurtured while attending Sea and Sage camps as an elementary student. A short story writing assignment he did in 7th grade English class using the perspective of a panda gave him the idea and the confidence to begin to write his full length book.

While helping out this summer as a junior naturalist at Advanced Camp, Aashay was wearing a t-shirt with the message, "There is no planet B." He is doing what he can to help protect planet A. Some of his volunteer activities include beach clean-ups, habitat restoration, Least Tern monitoring, and speaking to groups about climate change as a member of the Climate Reality Leadership Corps. Asked what is the most beneficial action a person in Orange County can do for the Amazon Rainforest, Aashay said, "Adopt a vegan lifestyle." Cattle ranching, he pointed out, takes a heavy toll on the environment.

Auctioning Off Existence: The Tragedy of the Amazon Rainforest is available on Amazon. The vivid writing will land the reader in the rainforest within the first pages. (Book is available at our Nature Store as well as at Amazon.)



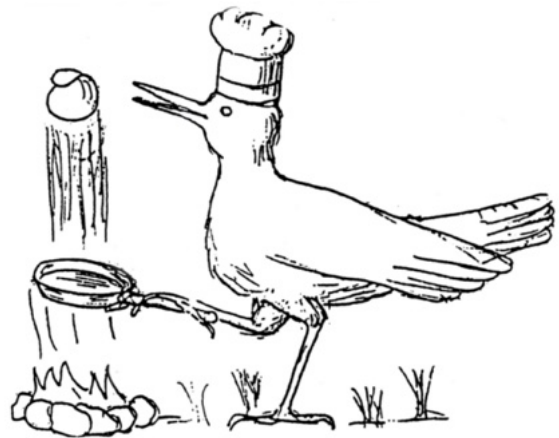
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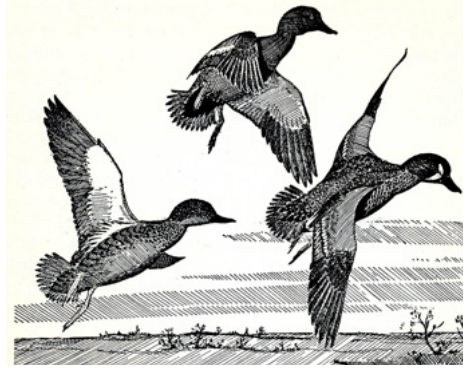
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September 2023:

05 Tues Enrollment opens for Birding Skills Workshop
 05 Tues Conservation Committee Mtg. 6:45 pm
 10 Sun Monthly bird walk at the SJWS 8:00 am
 12 Tues Board Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm
 15 Fri GENERAL MEETING via zoom 7:00 pm
 17 Sun Carbon Canyon bird walk 8:00 am
 20 Wed UNB by pontoon boat 8:15 am
 21 Thurs Bolsa Chica bird walk 8:00 am
 23 Sat Plein Air Art Event at the SJWS 8:00 am
 23 Sat Watershed Cleanup at the San Diego Creek. 9:00 am
 24 Sun Upper Newport Bay bird walk 8:00 am
 26 Tues 4th Tues Conservation Lecture via Zoom 7:00 pm

October 2023:

03 Tues Conservation Committee Mtg. 6:45 pm
 07 Sat Fall Pelagic Trip 6:30 am
 08 Sun Monthly bird walk at the SJWS 8:00 am
 10 Tues Quail Hill Open Space Preserve bird walk 8:00 am
 10 Tues Board Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm
 15 Sun Anaheim Coves Park bird walk 8:00 am
 18 Wed UNB by pontoon boat 8:15 am
 19 Thurs Dana Point Harbor bird walk 8:00 am
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