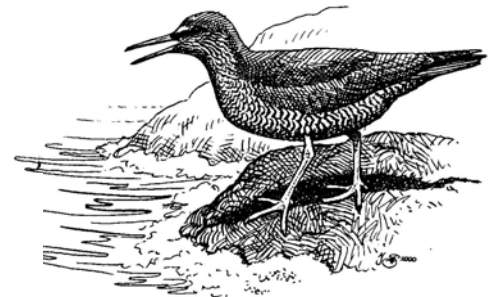


# Wandering Tattler

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## Celebrating the Journey: World Migratory Bird Day

*Jonathan Aguayo, President*

May 11<sup>th</sup> is World Migratory Bird Day. This day is celebrated to raise global awareness about migratory birds and the importance of international cooperation for their conservation. Did you know that approximately 40% of bird species embark on migratory journeys? Orange County lies along the Pacific Flyway, which is a major migratory route for birds traveling between wintering grounds in Central and South America and breeding grounds in North America.

Migration presents significant physical challenges. Birds rely on fat reserves for fuel and sometimes doubling their body weight before departure. The theme of this year's World Migratory Bird Day emphasizes the vital role of insects in supporting migratory birds. Insects provide essential energy for birds during their travels and impact migration timing and success.

Consider the endangered least Bell's vireo, which primarily eats insects such as beetles, caterpillars, flies, ants, and spiders. The loss and disruption of insect populations along the Pacific Flyway pose a serious threat to the least Bell's vireo and other birds. This highlights the importance of preserving natural habitats for both insects and birds. We can make simple adjustments to our lives and help the insect population by leaving leaf litter for habitat, limiting the use of pesticides, and planting local native plants. We can further help the migratory birds by reducing unnecessary lights, preventing bird window collisions with decals or films, and keeping cats indoors.

Join us in protecting these avian travelers and their habitats. I invite you to participate in the ongoing Orange County Spring Count this April and May. This is an opportunity for citizen scientists like us to contribute to bird migration data collection. By sharing your eBird checklist with the Sea and Sage Audubon eBird account (username: sea\_sage\_aud), you'll be aiding efforts to monitor and conserve migrating species.

Explore more about migratory birds through our bird walks, trips, and educational meetings. Virtually attend our General Meetings and 4th Tuesday Lectures to deepen your understanding of bird migration. Recordings on migration topics are available upon request, ensuring you never miss out on valuable information. Together, we can make a difference in preserving the beauty and diversity of our natural world for generations to come.

General Meeting - Online Presentation  
Friday, May 17 - 7:00 PM  
*Via Zoom*

## "Keep Looking Up: The Powerful Healing of Birding"

*presented by Tammah Watts*

Tammah Watts is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), Certified Kripalu Mindful Outdoor Guide, birder, and advocate for the equitable accessibility of nature, health, and mental health for all. She serves on the Audubon CA Advisory Board of Directors as the Southern California Audubon Chapter Council Representative, the Advisory Board for DISES + Cornell Lab of Ornithology - Project FeederWatch, and her local chapter, San Diego Audubon Board.

**KEEP LOOKING UP: *Your Guide to the Powerful Healing of Birdwatching*** is a narrative memoir and guidebook with contemplative exercises that chronicles her journey towards healing by meaningfully connecting with birds. Join Tammah Watts as she weaves together personal story and avian life to reveal the marvelous phenomenon shared among us. Learn about and explore

- the many benefits of spending time in nature, and in particular with birds, for one's physical and mental health, and overall well-being
- how spending time with birds in a mindful way can deepen one's appreciation for our feathered friends as well as enhance our connection to the natural world, and to ourselves
- ways to develop heightened awareness and acceptance for birding in various settings and capacities from at home to far distant lands and,
- how one's story about life and birds can foster a sense of community that honors what we have in common as well as celebrates our differences.

Please join us for this fun-filled program. Meeting room opens at 6:30 PM; join us to socialize prior to the 7:00 PM meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88481549143>

Meeting ID: 884 8154 9143. Need help? Email Christine Kim at [chrisalakim@gmail.com](mailto:chrisalakim@gmail.com)

# Conservation News

*Susan Sheakley, Conservation Chair*

**Meetings in May**, please join us! **Cons. Comm.** TU 5/7 6:45pm (S. Sheakley); **4<sup>th</sup> TU** 5/28 7pm  
**Tackling Climate & Trash** TH 5/16 M. Rapp; **Legislation & Advocacy** SU 5/26 4:30 pm V. Leipzig



**“4<sup>th</sup> Tues.”**

## Conservation Lecture

**Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm**

**Zoom** Doors will open at 6:30 pm

**“Sharks, Pelicans, and Ladybugs?  
River Otters, the Little Predators  
Who Could”**



Megan Isadore,  
Co-founder and Executive Director, River Otter Ecology  
Project, Deputy Continental Director,  
IUCN Otter Specialist Group

Join Megan Isadore for an entertaining and educational program to learn about river otters' remarkable lives and adaptability. River Otter Ecology Project has been studying the resurgence of otters in the Bay Area and beyond since 2012. Learn about their life history, prey species, behavior, and why we care so much about where they live and how they're doing. Do they really prey on pelicans and sharks? How fierce are these meso-predators? Join us to learn the answers to these questions and more.

**Advance registration** is required for this meeting and will be available through our website by May 1<sup>st</sup> under “Conservation” and “What’s New”.

## Western Snowy Plover/ California Least Tern Beachwide Survey

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to Cheryl Egger** on her retirement. Cheryl has served ably as the Volunteer and Survey Coordinator since 2014. Thank you, Cheryl, for your guidance and all you have contributed to this project.

**Brittany Poloni**, the new Volunteer and Survey Coordinator. Thank you, Brittany, for taking on this role and best wishes for success. We look forward to working with you.

**The May OC Beachwide Survey** will be May 18 – 26.

Sign up for your beach if you have had the training.



Bruce Aird

Training will be offered via Zoom on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. If you are interested in taking the training, sign up with Volunteer Coordinator Brittany Poloni at [ocsnplsurvey@gmail.com](mailto:ocsnplsurvey@gmail.com).

Our surveyors enjoy searching for these special shorebirds on our local beaches. Western Snowy Plovers are a Federally Threatened species, which makes these surveys extremely important to gather data for their recovery plan.

More information can be found on our website at [www.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org) on the Conservation — Conservation Bird Surveys pages. Thank you for your continued support!

# 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](mailto:OrangeCountyBirding+subscribe@groups.io)

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*Most, though not all of our wintering vagrants, have already departed by March. And while the month brings some of our earlier spring migrants, including swallows, orioles, and kingbirds, it's still too early for the major migrant push that brings most of our spring vagrants; those will have to wait for April or May. For those of us who are phenologically minded, March is a great time to witness the start of breeding season for our resident species, and the array of courtship, antagonistic, and nesting behaviors that go along with it.*

A continuing **Long-tailed Duck** at Newport Pier was refound March 16<sup>th</sup>, while **Black** and **White-winged Scoters** were last seen at Seal Beach Pier on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup>, respectively. An additional White-winged Scoter was seen March 1<sup>st</sup> at Huntington Beach State Beach. The **American Oystercatcher** in the Laguna Beach/Dana Point area was last seen March 21<sup>st</sup>, while at least three **Pacific Golden-Plovers** were at Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station March 31<sup>st</sup> (the only location in the county where they reliably winter).

A **Zone-tailed Hawk** continued in the vicinity of the Orange County Great Park through March 4<sup>th</sup>, while a **Prairie Falcon** was last seen March 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers** continued at Harvard Community Park through March 13<sup>th</sup> and Eisenhower Park through March 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Hammond's Flycatchers** continued in Laguna Hills through March 14<sup>th</sup> and Eisenhower Park through the 16<sup>th</sup>; a third individual (possibly an early migrant) was found along the Barrano Walk Trail March 29<sup>th</sup>. Barrano Walk Trail also hosted a **Gray Flycatcher** March 6-25<sup>th</sup>, while a long-staying individual continued at Riverdale Park through at least the 26<sup>th</sup>. At least seven **Plumbeous Vireos** were reported across the county in March, well above the typical average.

A **White-throated Sparrow** at Mason Regional Park continued through at least March 17<sup>th</sup>, while continuing **Vesper Sparrows** were last seen at the Great Park on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and at Quail Hill Preserve March 29<sup>th</sup>. A **Green-tailed Towhee** was found at Fairview Park March 18<sup>th</sup>. A **Baltimore Oriole** found at Mile Square Regional Park March 1<sup>st</sup> continued through the 23<sup>rd</sup> while a second bird was at Emery Park March 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>.

A total of five continuing **Black-and-white Warblers** seen across the county in March was exceptional. A **Tennessee Warbler** continued in Laguna Niguel through the end of the month, as did a **Chestnut-sided Warbler** at Irvine's North Lake. Huntington Central Park hosted an **American Redstart** and a **Northern Parula** through March 12<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, respectively.



*Photo by Don Hoechlin*



# 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.

## Audubon House Volunteers



We would like to thank the following people for helping to staff Audubon House in April and May: Greg Figge, Judi Frant, Bridget Gardner, Jade Goodman, John Hargrove, Mary Harward, Sue Henry, Judy McInnis, Mary Meister,

Paula Monroe, Dagmar Muthamia, Steve Munzinger, Barbara Reber, Jennifer Reed, Paul Saiki, Dev Sellin, Art Strauss, Isabel Toteda, Barb Wasbin, Pat Wells, Phil Westin, and Irene Wotta.

**We welcome new volunteers!** Our volunteers greet visitors to the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, answer the phone, sell merchandise, answer questions about the sanctuary and birds, etc. You do not need to be a bird expert - just someone who likes people and nature! Training is provided, and scheduling is flexible; you choose either a morning or afternoon shift on whatever days work for you. If you are interested, please call Dev Sellin at 714-943-3682 or Paula Monroe at 480-299- 9885. Thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you.

## Slate of Nominees for Office

**President:** Jonathan Aguayo  
**Vice President:** Christine Kim  
**Secretary:** Melissa Rapp  
**Treasurer:** Chris Byrd  
**2027 Director:** Barbara Wasbin  
**2027 Director:** Irene Wotta

## Sea & Sage Reading Group

Please join us for one of our upcoming monthly Sea and Sage Reading Group sessions where we'll be discussing this book on Tuesday, May 16, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm: *Feathers— the Evolution of a Natural Miracle* by Thor Hanson. Click [here](#) for more information and the Zoom link.

## Enroll your child in Summer Camp

Looking for a unique bird-watching experience for your children? Some openings remain for our Nature Day Camps but they are filling fast. Go to Eventbrite today and sign up for a life-changing opportunity for your child! Get the Eventbrite links to our 5 camps [on our website](#).

## Volunteer as a Naturalist

Thinking you might like to be a naturalist with Outdoor Adventures to share nature with children but not sure? We invite you to visit one of the programs in May before school ends to see for yourself what the program is about and whether you like it. If you do, you can join our new naturalist training class which begins in mid-September. Email Project Director Trude Hurd for more information: [seaandsage@sbcglobal.net](mailto:seaandsage@sbcglobal.net).

## Volunteer for summer Bat Walks

We are looking for a few more people to assist the public attending our Bat Walk programs. Volunteers walk with guests along the trails and share interesting bat facts. Best of all, they get to watch the sunset and see live bats flying all around us. Requirement is to attend 2 training nights and commit to help with at least 2 public walks in August and September (all Saturday nights for 1.5 hours). If interested, email Bat Walk Coordinator Jean Savage: [batwalkvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:batwalkvolunteers@gmail.com).

## Birds and Windows

Up to 1 BILLION birds in the United States fly into windows every year - especially during migration season. Many of us have been trying to prevent birds from hitting our windows for decades, but nothing has worked. Any reflection can make a window look more like vegetation or sky than solid wall. There is now 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 another 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**. It's affordable and easy to apply. This revolutionary new product saves bird lives!!



## Summer Bats 2024

San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, Irvine, CA

Experience the marsh at dusk and after dark when bats arrive in small numbers to feed on flying insects. Participants take an outdoor evening walk along the ponds in search of two species of bats. We will use our eyes and bat sonar detectors to find the bats which frequently fly over our heads! We will also learn about their interesting lives.

**ON-LINE REGISTRATION OPENS June 1st.**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-bat-walks-2024-registration-849117271617>

Choose from one of these dates:

Saturday August 3 (7:45 PM-9:15 PM)  
Saturday August 10 (7:45 PM-9:15 PM)  
Saturday August 17 (7:30 PM-9:00 PM)  
Saturday August 24 (7:30 PM-9:00 PM)  
Saturday August 31 (7:15 PM- 8:45 PM)  
Saturday September 7 (7:00 PM-8:30 PM)  
Saturday September 14 (7:00 PM – 8:30 PM)

- This is a pre-paid event with on-line registration for adults and children ages 10 years and older.
- Program fee is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 10-12 (there is an additional on-line registration fee.) Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Due to the presence of disease-carrying insects, there is a strict clothing requirement of long sleeves and long pants. For your safety, failure to comply with the clothing requirement means you cannot participate in this event.

For answers to your questions, email: [summerbatwalks@gmail.com](mailto:summerbatwalks@gmail.com)



Bat art by Donna Robb

# Chino Puente-Hills CBC Report - 12/30/23

The Chino Puente-Hills CBC covered a wide range of areas of parks and open spaces including Orange 35 different areas, Anaheim, Chino Hills, Yorba Linda, Brea, San Bernardino, Diamond Bar, an outlying area in Los Angeles, and Rowland Heights. The Total Species for this count was 156 and the number of participants was 98.

The count was coordinated and compiled by Samuel Bressler.

SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total
Canada Goose	248	Lesser Yellowlegs	3	Peregrine Falcon	2	American Pipit	130
Wood Duck	41	Greater Yellowlegs	76	Red-crowned Parrot	25	House Finch	1259
Blue-winged Teal	3	Least Sandpiper	199	Lilac-crowned Parrot	1	Pine Siskin	4
Cinnamon Teal	25	Western Sandpiper	40	Mitred Parakeet	46	Lesser Goldfinch	791
Northern Shoveler	29	Ring-billed Gull	122	Hammond's Flycatcher	2	American Goldfinch	48
Gadwall	328	Western Gull	7	Black Phoebe	248	Chipping Sparrow	116
Eurasian Wigeon	1	Herring Gull	1	Say's Phoebe	45	Clay-colored Sparrow	1
American Wigeon	677	California Gull	141	Cassin's Kingbird	99	Lark Sparrow	20
Mallard	934	Caspian Tern	1	Hutton's Vireo	22	Fox Sparrow	6
Northern Pintail	2	Dou-crested Cormorant	259	Plumbeous Vireo	1	Dark-eyed Junco	139
Green-winged Teal	26	Neotropic Cormorant	2	California Scrub-Jay	136	White-crowned Sparrow	1440
Canvasback	3	American White Pelican	152	American Crow	771	Golden-crowned Sparrow	13
Redhead	1	Bl-crowned Night Heron	6	Common Raven	365	Savannah Sparrow	43
Ring-necked Duck	76	Snowy Egret	29	Mountain Chickadee	2	Song Sparrow	383
Lesser Scaup	93	Green Heron	2	Oak Titmouse	10	Lincoln's Sparrow	39
Bufflehead	60	Great Egret	20	Tree Swallow	3	California Towhee	478
Ruddy Duck	242	Great Blue Heron	17	Barn Swallow	2	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	8
California Quail	121	Turkey Vulture	46	Bushtit	856	Spotted Towhee	98
Pied-billed Grebe	22	Osprey	8	Wrentit	80	Western Meadowlark	10
Eared Grebe	5	White-tailed Kite	2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	144	Red-winged Blackbird	58
Western Grebe	42	Northern Harrier	3	White-breast. Nuthatch	3	Brown-headed Cowbird	1
Clark's Grebe	5	Sharp-shinned Hawk	11	Red-breast. Nuthatch	38	Brewer's Blackbird	15
Rock Pigeon	122	Cooper's Hawk	37	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	63	Great-tailed Grackle	28
Band-tailed Pigeon	54	Bald Eagle	1	California Gnatcatcher	36	Black-and-white Warbler	1
Eurasian Collared-Dove	27	Red-shouldered Hawk	31	Rock Wren	1	Orange-crowned Warbler	60
Mourning Dove	885	Red-tailed Hawk	69	House Wren	51	Common Yellowthroat	70
White-throated Swift	64	Ferruginous Hawk	1	Bewick's Wren	135	Yellow-rumped Warbler	2058
Anna's Hummingbird	275	Barn Owl	1	Cactus Wren	11	Townsend's Warbler	20
Allen's Hummingbird	317	Great Horned Owl	4	European Starling	368	Black-headed Grosbeak	3
Sora	1	Belted Kingfisher	5	California Thrasher	110		
Common Gallinule	1	Red-naped Sapsucker	1	Northern Mockingbird	135	EXOTIC:	
American Coot	79	Red-breast. Sapsucker	2	Western Bluebird	212	Egyptian Goose	54
Black-necked Stilt	55	Acorn Woodpecker	67	Hermit Thrush	18	Swinhoe's White-eye	163
American Avocet	6	Downy Woodpecker	8	American Robin	34	Pin-tailed Whydah	92
Killdeer	41	Nuttall's Woodpecker	114	Cedar Waxwing	291	Muscovy Duck	2
Long-billed Dowitcher	6	Northern Flicker	78	Phainopepla	2		
Wilson's Snipe	14	American Kestrel	23	Scaly-breasted Munia	52		
Spotted Sandpiper	10	Merlin	4	House Sparrow	100		

# Coastal CBC Report - 1/1/24

This count was coordinated and compiled by Bettina Eastman

=SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total
Snow Goose	16	Long-billed Dowitcher	149	Cooper's Hawk	33	Lesser Goldfinch	362
Gr. White-fronted Goose	1	Wilson's Snipe	20	Bald Eagle	2	American Goldfinch	36
Brant	280	Red Phalarope	27	Red-shouldered Hawk	36	Chipping Sparrow	20
Canada Goose	1377	Spotted Sandpiper	22	Red-tailed Hawk	89	Clay-colored Sparrow	1
Blue-winged Teal	107	Wandering Tattler	1	Barn Owl	1	Lark Sparrow	26
Cinnamon Teal	111	Lesser Yellowlegs	3	Great Horned Owl	2	Fox Sparrow	1
Northern Shoveler	1481	Willet	877	Belted Kingfisher	30	Vesper Sparrow	1
Gadwall	213	Greater Yellowlegs	52	Red-naped Sapsucker	1	Dark-eyed Junco (Ore)	106
Eurasian Wigeon	1	Ruddy Turnstone	8	Acorn Woodpecker	4	White-crowned Sparrow	752
American Wigeon	2514	Red Knot	18	Downy Woodpecker	15	Golden-crowned Sparrow	6
Mallard	1029	Sanderling	414	Nuttall's Woodpecker	98	White-throated Sparrow	1
Northern Pintail	350	Dunlin	224	Northern Flicker	73	Savannah Sparrow	170
Green-winged Teal	406	Least Sandpiper	520	American Kestrel	41	Song Sparrow	656
Canvasback	1	Western Sandpiper	1942	Merlin	3	Lincoln Sparrow	13
Redhead	81	Parasitic Jaeger	1	Peregrine Falcon	5	California Towhee	144
Ring-necked Duck	5	Rhinoceros Auklet	2	Gray Flycatcher	1	Spotted Towhee	115
Lesser Scaup	645	Cassin's Auklet	27	Black Phoebe	498	Western Meadowlark	149
Surf Scoter	2353	Bonaparte's Gull	92	Say's Phoebe	99	Bullock's Oriole	3
Bufflehead	582	Heermann's Gull	116	Vermillion Flycatcher	22	Red-winged Blackbird	330
Common Goldeneye	11	Ring-billed Gull	1042	Cassin's Kingbird	173	Brown-headed Cowbird	185
Hooded Merganser	12	Western Gull	951	Tropical Kingbird	2	Brewer's Blackbird	194
Red-breast Merganser	58	Herring Gull	2	Western Kingbird	1	Great-tailed Grackle	79
Ruddy Duck	1114	California Gull	561	Hutton's Vireo	25	Black-and-white Warbler	1
California Quail	4	Glaucous-winged Gull	5	Cassin's Vireo	1	Orange-crowned Warbler	161
Pied-billed Grebe	67	Iceland Gull	1	California Scrub-Jay	9	Common Yellowthroat	348
Horned Grebe	18	Caspian Tern	29	American Crow	5046	American Redstart	1
Eared Grebe	111	Forster's Tern	76	Common Raven	24	Yellow Warbler	5
Western Grebe	1491	Royal Tern	42	Horned Lark	81	Yellow-rumped Warbler	2164
Clark's Grebe	14	Red-throated Loon	33	Tree Swallow	5	Black-throat Gray Warbler	1
Rock Pigeon	790	Pacific Loon	19	No. Rough-wing Swallow	3	Townsend's Warbler	33
Band-tailed Pigeon	28	Common Loon	28	Barn Swallow	28	Wilson's Warbler	5
Eurasian Collared-Dove	120	Sooty Shearwater	1	Bushtit	688	Summer Tanager	2
Mourning Dove	412	Black-vent Shearwater	86	Wrentit	55	Western Tanager	1
Greater Roadrunner	1	Brandt's Cormorant	54	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	139		
White-throated Swift	11	Pelagic Cormorant	5	White-breasted Nuthatch	1	EXOTICS:	
Anna's Hummingbird	397	Double-crest Cormorant	620	Red-breasted Nuthatch	44	Egyptian Goose	61
Allen's Hummingbird	679	American White Pelican	105	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	94	Mandarin Duck	3
Ridgway's Rail	2	Brown Pelican	194	California Gnatcatcher	15	Mallard Domestic Duck	19
Virginia Rail	7	Least Bittern	1	House Wren	67	Mitered Parakeet	38
Sora	14	Yellow-crown Night-Heron	13	Marsh Wren	8	White-fronted Parrot	1
Common Gallinule	8	Black-crown Night-Heron	111	Bewick's Wren	52	Red-crowned Parrot	123
American Coot	2085	Reddish Egret	6	Cactus Wren	17	Lilac-crowned Parrot	18
Black-necked Stilt	157	Snowy Egret	188	European Starling	774	Red-lored Parrot	18
American Avocet	167	Green Heron	13	California Thrasher	19	Turquoise-fronted Parrot	4
Short-billed Dowitcher	82	Sharp-Shinned Hawk	6	House Finch	2021	Yellow-headed Parrot	3
Black-bellied Plover	1108	Great Egret	80	Northern Mockingbird	89	Rose-ringed Parakeet	1
Killdeer	146	Great Blue Heron	79	Western Bluebird	235	Swinhoe's White-eye	704
Semipalmated Plover	579	White-faced Ibis	705	Hermit Thrush	25	Northern Red Bishop	4
Snowy Plover	89	Turkey Vulture	113	American Robin	9	Scaly-breasted Munia	58
Whimbrel	37	Osprey	43	Cedar Waxwing	144	Pin-tailed Whydah	27
Long-billed Curlew	36	White-tailed Kite	13	House Sparrow	387		
Marbled Godwit	517	Northern Harrier	8	American Pipit	349		



# Chapter Financial Report - 2023

BALANCE SHEET	Operations (Excluding Education Project)	Marsh Education Project	Combined
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash & Equivalents	353,884	159,852	513,736
Investments	1,020,836		1,020,836
Transfers	770		770
Other Current Assets	32,305		32,305
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>1,407,795</b>	<b>159,852</b>	<b>1,567,647</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Furniture & Equipment, etc.	2,595		2,595
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,410,391</b>	<b>159,852</b>	<b>1,570,243</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Restricted Funds and Payables	24,134	79,996	104,131
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>24,134</b>	<b>79,996</b>	<b>104,131</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Endowment Fund	694,827		694,827
General Fund	616,889		616,889
Conservation Fund	74,540		74,540
San Joaquin Marsh Fund		79,855	79,855
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>1,386,256</b>	<b>79,855</b>	<b>1,466,112</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>1,410,391</b>	<b>159,852</b>	<b>1,570,243</b>
<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE STATEMENT</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Chapter Transfer to Marsh Education Project		30,000	*see note
Dues Split	12,745		12,745
Direct Mail Appeal	129,997	100	130,097
Other Donations	26,650	96,014	122,663
Grants	5,200	50,000	55,200
Birding Skills Workshops	24,445		24,445
Merchandise Sales - Bookstore	50,824		50,824
Other Income	37,682	11,932	49,615
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>287,542</b>	<b>182,046</b>	<b>445,588</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Chapter Transfer to Marsh Education Project	30,000		*see note
Education Program Expenses		198,757	198,757
Newsletter Publication	22,681		22,681
Committee Expenses	52,260		52,260
Cost of Sales - Bookstore	50,265		50,265
Other Chapter Expenses	83,831		83,831
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>233,037</b>	<b>198,757</b>	<b>407,794</b>
<b>NET ORDINARY INCOME</b>	<b>54,506</b>	<b>-16,711</b>	<b>37,795</b>
<b>INTEREST AND INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>127,592</b>	<b>9.07</b>	<b>127,601</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>182,098</b>	<b>-16,702</b>	<b>165,396</b>

\*Note: Internal transfer of \$30,000 not shown in combined totals.

2023 was a successful year in which our society's operating income exceeded our operating expenses, and our investments largely recovered from losses in the depressed 2022 financial market.



# 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 on or after January 31, 2024.*

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We have two birding field trips coming up this month at Audubon California Starr Ranch Sanctuary. These trips require reservations since the sanctuary is not open to the public except by appointment or special events. Both bird walks are free of charge but advance reservations through Eventbrite are necessary since the trips have size limits; *walk-ons will not be permitted*. Because of the small group size, please sign up for only one field trip. We hope to have more trips there next year. The trips will be led by seasonal ornithologist, Zach Vickers.

**Wed, May 15 (9am – 12 noon) BIRD WALK ON THE LOOP TRAIL.** This trip will offer good views of beautiful scenery, surrounding foothills, grasslands, trees and coastal sage scrub. It should be a good birding area; be sure to bring your binoculars! Wear sturdy shoes with good traction for one steep uphill and one downhill stretch. Trip size limited to 10 people.

**Sat, May 18 (9am – 12 noon) BIRD WALK IN BELL CANYON.** This will be riparian habitat, again with no views of the development of Coto de Caza on the hills above it. There should be good birding and possibly some water critters to watch for since Bell Creek will still have plenty of water in it. Be sure to bring your binoculars! Wear sturdy shoes with good traction. Trip size limited to 15 people.

DIRECTIONS to Starr Ranch and to the meeting location will be provided by Eventbrite after you make your reservation. You will find the trip information on our webpage under WHAT'S NEW — <https://seaandsageudubon.org/home—sas/whats-new/#header>

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### Our entrance is from Campus Dr., not Michelson

From the San Diego Fwy (405): Exit on Jamboree, south toward Newport Beach. At the 1st signal, Michelson, turn left. Continue on Michelson (past the old entrance to the SJWS) to the 5th signal which is Harvard and turn right. Drive to University & turn right. Drive to Campus Drive & turn right. Stay in the far right lane and immediately turn right onto Riparian View which will enter the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. The entrance road is marked by a green sign. If you miss the turn and reach Carlson, turn right and go around the block again to Harvard. The sanctuary is open every day from dawn until dusk.

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## SCHEDULE of CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

(p) – OC Parks card or pay park fee at entrance

(R) – Space limited; reservations necessary – see webpage

### May 2024:

Orange County Spring Count (all month) .....		
04 Sat	Spring Pelagic Trip ® .....	6:30 am
07 Tues	Conservation Meeting via Zoom .....	6:45 pm
12 Sun	Monthly bird walk at the SJWS ® .....	8:00 am
14 Tues	Board Meeting via Zoom .....	7:00 pm
15 Wed	UNB by pontoon boat ® .....	8:15 am
15 Wed	Starr Ranch Nature Walk on Loop Trail ® .....	9:00 am
16 Thurs	Bolsa Chica bird walk .....	8:00 am
17 Fri	GENERAL MEETING via Zoom .....	7:00 pm
18 Sat	Starr Ranch Nature Walk in Bell Canyon ® .....	9:00 am
19 Sun	Carbon Canyon bird walk .....	8:00 am
26 Sun	Upper Newport Bay Bird Walk .....	8:00 am
28 Tues	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues. Conservation Lecture via Zoom .....	7:00 pm

### June 2024

04 Tues	Conservation Meeting via Zoom .....	6:45 pm
09 Sun	Monthly bird walk at the SJWS ® .....	8:00 am
16 Sun	Anaheim Coves Bird Walk .....	8:00 am
21 Fri	GENERAL MEETING via Zoom .....	7:00 pm
22 Sat-Sun	Mammoth Lakes Weekend (\$) .....	7:00 am
25 Tues	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues. Conservation Lecture via Zoom .....	7:00 pm
30 Sun	Upper Newport Bay Bird Walk .....	8:00 am