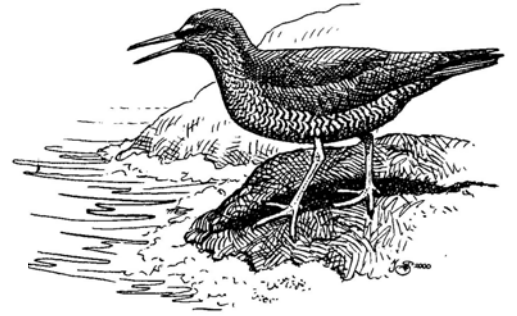


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The Voice of SEA AND SAGE AUDUBON, an Orange County Chapter of the National Audubon Society

*Come to our Annual
Dinner on Friday
evening, March 21st*

- * Socialize with friends and new acquaintances
- * Bid for some nifty items at our Silent Auction
- * Check out some of Carl Safina's books which will be for sale at the dinner
- * 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 Carl Safina's program

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



Annual Dinner Program
March 21 – Friday evening – 6 pm

**“Alfie and Me: What Birds
Know, What Humans Believe”**

presented by Carl Safina



Join conservationist, author, and ecologist, Carl Safina, founder of the Safina Center, as he presents his program. After rescuing, raising, and releasing an orphaned Screech Owl, Carl expected their friendship to end there. However, shortly after her release, Alfie the owl chose to maintain her close connection with Carl and his wife Patricia and returned to their yard to begin living in the nest box above Carl's studio. He is the author of ten books including the classic *Song for the Blue Ocean* and *Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel*.

See page 3 for information on how to register for this special event.

Conservation News

Susan Sheakley, Conservation Chair.



Join us! Conservation Committee 6:45 TU Mar 4 (S Sheakley); Tackling Climate & Trash 7:00 TH Mar 20 (S Warrior); Legislation & Advocacy 4:30 SU Mar 23 (V Leipzig); Coastal TBA (S Thomas); Note: No '4th Tues.' Lecture this month.

Western Snowy Plover & California

Least Tern OC Quarterly Survey Dates:

Survey: 3/8 - 3/16. **Training** by Zoom: 3/5, 6:30-8:30.



This is the beginning of the Snowy Plover breeding season and it's important to see how many Snowy Plovers are using our beaches and where the plovers are located. To

sign up for the March 5th Zoom training session, or if you have completed the training and want to choose your beach segment, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Brittany Poloni, ocsnplsurvey@gmail.com.

For info and beach segment maps, go to <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org>

Select CONSERVATION; then – Conservation Bird Surveys — Western Snowy Plover & CA Least Tern Surveys — Survey Forms — Beach Assignments

2025 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 or wildlife in Orange County. This year at the Annual Dinner on Friday, March 21, it will be our honor to present the following:

Fern Zimmerman Conservation Award

♦ **Lena Hayashi:** for your dedication to protecting open spaces and birds in Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa and Newport Beach. You helped grow and preserve the Magnolia and Newland Marshes and the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center. You were instrumental in the establishment of the Orange Coast River Park and the Save Banning Ranch movement. You organized and led many bird surveys and Christmas Counts and encouraged Countless others to appreciate and protect open spaces. Thank you for using your many talents and skills to protect the environment and natural resources.

Letter of Commendation

♦ Mike Evans & Jeff Bohn, Tree of Life Nursery:

for the wonderful impact you have made in bringing native plants to the home garden, creating a genre of sustainable and habitat-friendly landscaping, and educating Southern Californians on the importance of native plants. Thank you for your vision to "provide inspiration, information, and all the goods necessary, especially high-quality native plants, so people can experience nature's healing salve in their California gardens." So many of us - including birds and other wildlife - have benefited because of it.



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.

Remembering Conservation Champions

The Conservation Committee wishes to express its appreciation for the contributions of two members who recently passed away. They will be missed.

Ralph Sugg, Director, past Environmental Lawyer & Game Warden, for his assistance to the Conservation Committee and support of the Marsh Education Project.

Chris Obaditch, Past President and Liaison to San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, for his strong support of environmental protections and conservation, and his guidance to the chapter and Conservation Committee.

Sea & Sage Annual Dinner

Friday, March 21 at Mile Square Park Banquet Center

Our Guest Speaker - Dr. Carl Safina

Program - "Alfie and Me: What Owls Know, What Humans Believe"

Join conservationist, author, and ecologist, Carl Safina, founder of the Safina Center, as he presents his program. After rescuing, raising, and releasing an orphaned Screech Owl, author Carl Safina expected their friendship to end there. However, shortly after her release, Alfie the owl chose to maintain her close connection with Carl and his wife Patricia and returned to their yard to begin living in the nest box above Carl's studio. Having forged a close bond of trust, Alfie had lived in Carl and Patricia's world and was now bringing them into hers.

Among his many achievements, Carl is an inaugural holder of the Endowed Chair for Nature and Humanity at Stony Brook University, a Pew Fellow in Marine conservation, and a recipient of Chicago's Brookfield Zoo's Rabb Medal. He was named among the "100 Notable Conservationists of the 20th Century" by *Audubon magazine*.

The evening's program 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: \$65 for all reservations

Entrees: Slow Roasted Prime Rib, Macadamia nut crusted Mahi Mahi, and Portobello Steak with Bell Pepper Coulis. (All dinners will include a salad, fresh vegetables, freshly baked rolls, coffee, iced tea, decaf, and carrot cake for dessert.)

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. Reservations will open on January 15th.

Go to the Sea and Sage Website at seaandsageaudubon.org and see "What's New" or follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sea-and-sage-annual-dinner-2025-tickets-1147796804139>

Seating will be assigned in the order in which the reservations are received. If you wish to sit with friends, be sure they make their reservations on the same day you do. All 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 THURS, MARCH 13th.** For reservation questions, call Nancy Kenyon (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 as well.

Chapter News & Announcements



For more information about Sea & Sage activities, visit our chapter webpage at seaandsageaudubon.org

Audubon House Volunteers

We would like to thank the following people for helping



to staff Audubon House in February and March: Kathy Blackmarr, Leslie El-Sayad, Greg Figge, Bridget Gardner, Elisa Guzman, Ann Harmer, John Hargrove, Sue Henry, Sarah Jayne, Mary Meister, Paula Monroe, Kelly Morgan,

Steve Munzinger, Dagmar Muthamia, Barbara Reber, Jennifer Reed, Paul Saiki, Susan Sheakley, Art Strauss, Dev Sellin, 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 Paula Monroe, 480-299-9885, or Dev Sellin, 714-943-3682.

Reading Group — Tues, March 18 – 1 pm

Reading Group: *Ten Birds That Changed the World* by Stephen Moss. Check our chapter webpage and look at the Reading Group calendar for the Zoom link for the meeting.

Avian Influenza update

Humans remain at low risk for avian influenza (bird flu) but the virus is spreading among poultry and wild birds. You can develop good hygiene for your backyard bird feeders and baths now. Cleaning your feeders regularly helps prevent the spread of illnesses such as salmonella, fungal and eye infections, and avian pox plus bird flu. For BIRD FEEDER cleaning, take apart the feeder if possible and scrub every 1-2 weeks with hot water and mild dishwashing liquid, soak in bleach solution (1 part bleach to 10 parts water) for 10 minutes, and then thoroughly rinse and allow to dry. Rake up the old seed and hulls below the feeder and dispose of the seeds. BIRD BATHS should be rinsed, scrubbed with vinegar solution (1 part vinegar to 10 parts water), and rinsed again. Change the water every other day. ALWAYS WEAR DISPOSABLE GLOVES.

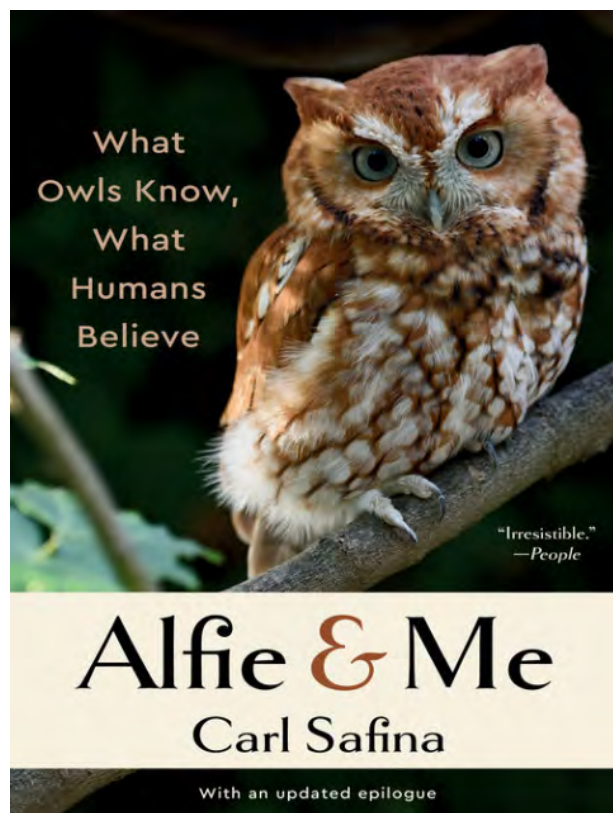
-- Mary Harward

Our Annual Dinner Speaker

Carl Safina founded the Living Oceans Program at the National Audubon Society and was named one of the "100 Notable Conservationists of the 20th Century" by Audubon. His work examines how human actions are changing the natural world and the implications of these changes for all living beings. Safina's approach combines scientific knowledge, emotional connections, and a moral call to action.

He is an award-winning author of ten books, including the classic "Song for the Blue Ocean" and the New York Times Bestseller "Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel." His book, "Eye of the Albatross: Visions of Hope and Survival," chronicles the life and long-distance travels of an albatross. His most recent book is "Alfie & Me: What Owls Know, What Humans Believe."

All ten of Safina's books are available in the Nature Store. Whether you already own one of his books or purchase one at the Nature Store, there will be a book signing at the Sea & Sage Annual Dinner on March 21st.



Sea and Sage Audubon's Silent Auction Needs You!

Again this year, we will have the Silent Auction at the Annual Dinner. The Silent Auction is lots of fun and it helps us raise funds for such things as scholarships, conservation efforts and education. In order to hold a successful auction, we rely on donations; donations from our members as well as from organizations and businesses. **We're looking for fun and exciting donations.**



So how can you help?

Please consider **donating items or services** such as gift baskets, lessons, airline tickets, tickets to events, or a nicely gift-wrapped box of chocolates.

Also, please consider **contacting any organizations or businesses with** whom you work or are familiar and **asking them for a donation.**

Frequently asked questions:

1. What about all that stuff in my garage?

We're sorry to say that that's just not the kind of things we're looking for, unless of course, dear old Aunt Mable happened to leave you an autographed copy of a first edition of a rare book. Then by all means bring it on down.

2. What kinds of things have people donated in the past?

We're glad you asked. Here are some items from past auctions:

Nikon binoculars
Seashell wreath
Gift baskets
Whale watching trip for two
Piano lessons
Original artwork
Tickets to plays, amusement parks and so on
Autographed books
Bluebird nestbox



3. When do we need your donations?

The sooner the better. Actually, it would be great if we had everything all lined up no later than **March 1st**.

4. If I have a donation item or more questions, who do I contact?

Please contact **Cheryl Thomas**, Development Chair, at cthomas1313@cox.net or 949-294-2275



Thank you in advance for your efforts on behalf of the Sea and Sage Annual Dinner and Silent Auction Team!

NATURE DAY CAMPS 2025

at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine

On-line Registration on Eventbrite opens February 1.

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. A different camp shirt for each camp is included. Confidential scholarships available upon request.



Fledgling Camp for ages 7-8 from June 16-20

Camp meets 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Campers will learn all about the wonderful life of common birds at the marsh and gain experience in beginning bird-watching techniques.

Fee is \$250 regular / \$225 Audubon members (use promo code MEMBER).

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fledgling-camp-tickets-1119357240639>



Marsh Camp for ages 9-10 from June 23-27.

Camp meets 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Campers will learn about more bird types, bird anatomy, bird life cycles, pond life, and more.

Fee is \$275 regular / \$250 Audubon members (use promo code MEMBER).

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marsh-camp-tickets-1119352506479>



Coastal Camp for ages 11-12 from July 7-11.

Camp meets 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Campers will focus on identification and biology of shorebirds of freshwater and saltwater marshes plus enjoy at least one off-site trip (parents provide transportation).

Fee is \$275 regular / \$250 Audubon members (use promo code MEMBER).

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/coastal-camp-tickets-1119331603959>



Advanced Bird Camp - Sparrows for ages 13-16 from July 14-18.

Camp meets 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Campers will focus on the diversity of sparrows and their role in the ecosystem plus enjoy at least one off-site trip (parents provide transportation).

Fee is \$300 regular / \$270 Audubon members (promo code MEMBER).

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/advanced-bird-camp-sparrows-tickets-1119324522779>

Questions?

- Contact Camp Coordinator Deborah Brin at SeaAndSageCamp@gmail.com
- Contact Project Director Trude Hurd at SeaAndSageEducation@gmail.com

Visit our website at <https://seaandsageaudubon.org>

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

Orange County birders did an excellent job finding rarities in December, as relatively few new ones turned up in January. Well done all! The most interesting phenomenon in January was an incursion of Sage Thrashers into the county. Birders are encouraged to keep an eye out for this species in sparse scrub or grassland.

The continuing **Long-tailed Duck** at Seabridge Park was last seen on January 8th. A **Pacific Golden-Plover** was at Upper Newport Bay on January 11th, while an **American Oystercatcher** continued along the south county coast through at least the 28th. The **Red-necked Grebe** at Huntington Beach Pier continued through the end of the month. **Neotropic Cormorants** were seen at numerous locations throughout the county, with a high count of 8 at the Miller Retarding Basin, January 1st.

At least two **Zone-tailed Hawks** appear to be wintering in the county with one in the Lake Forest area last seen January 24th, and one in the Irvine area last seen January 22nd. A **Prairie Falcon** was seen flying over Irvine Lake January 25th. **Little Blue Herons** continued at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve and the lower Santa Ana River through January 7th and January 26th, respectively.

A **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** continued at Hiltcher Park through January 10th, while an additional individual was found at Mile Square Regional Park January 31st. The **Olive-sided Flycatcher** along the Panorama Nature Trail in Fullerton was last seen on January 3rd. Continuing empids included a **Hammond's Flycatcher** through at least January 23rd, **Gray Flycatchers** at Irvine Lake and Riverdale Park last seen on January 25th and 28th, respectively, and a **Dusky Flycatcher** at Veeh Ranch Park, last seen January 25th. The **Eastern Phoebe** at the West Anaheim YMCA continued through the end of the month, while **Tropical Kingbirds** were last seen January 7th at John Baca Park and January 31st at Huntington Central Park. **Plumbeous Vireos** were found at Hiltcher Park January 10th and at Oso Creek Trail January 28th, while a **Cassin's Vireo** was at Riverdale Park from January 5th-21st. A **Brown Creeper** continued at Huntington Central Park through the end of the month.

Sage Thrashers were found in remarkable numbers in January, with at least 10 reported throughout the county. This is part of a regional invasion throughout southern California, of unknown cause. The **Gray Catbird** at Doheny State Beach continued through January 29th, while a **Varied Thrush** continued through the 16th. A **Townsend's Solitaire** was at Knollcrest Park on January 28th-31st.

White-throated Sparrows were at O'Neill Regional Park on January 7th, residential Tustin on January 5th, Green Park in Huntington Beach on January 11th, and Westminster Memorial Park on January 18th-31st. **Vesper Sparrows** were found in several locations in eastern Orange County throughout the month, while a more coastal individual continued at Quail Hill Preserve through the end of the month. A **Swamp Sparrow** continued at Arevalos Park through January 4th, while a second bird was found at San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary January 17th-29th. At least 3 **Green-tailed Towhees** continued at Overlook Park through January 29th, while another individual was seen at Talbert Nature Preserve on January 7th.

The continuing **Orchard Oriole** in Fountain Valley was last seen on January 25th. A **Baltimore Oriole** at Emery Park was also last seen on the 25th, while one at Pepperwood Park continued through the 26th. The **Tricolored Blackbird** at Carr Park was last seen on January 18th.

January's standout rarity was undoubtedly a **Grace's Warbler** at Knollcrest Park on January 16th. The bird continued through at least the 26th; this appears to be the fourth Orange County record. Other rare warblers included a continuing **Black-throated Green Warbler** at Gabrielino Park through January 20th, **Bay-breasted Warbler** at Seabridge park through the 28th, and **Chestnut-sided Warbler** at North Lake through the 18th. An **American Redstart** at Huntington Central Park continued through the end of the month, and **Black-and-White Warblers** were found in at least three locations. A **Black-headed Grosbeak** was at Vista Bonita Park on January 2nd-4th.

San Juan Capistrano CBC Report - 12/21/24

The San Juan Capistrano CBC covers the southern section of Orange County and is divided into the following areas: Laguna Niguel Regional Park & vicinity; San Clemente; Caspers Wilderness Park; Pelagic Areas along the coast, or a Sea Watch from land; Saddleback College & vicinity; Upper San Juan Creek & vicinity; Aliso-Woods Canyon; Dana Point: Doheny State Beach, Dana Point Harbor, Dana Point Headlands, Salt Creek Beach, local parks, golf course; Thomas F. Riley Wilderness Park, Sienna Botanica Trail, Arroyo Trabuco Wilderness, Jeronimo Open Space Park, Esencia Sports Park & Orchard Loop Trail. The count was organized and compiled by Darrell Wilson.

The Total Species for this count was 133. The number of participants 67.

SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total
Canada Goose	61	Western Gull	191	Say's Phoebe	45	Lark Sparrow	23
Cinnamon Teal	15	California Gull	194	Vermilion Flycatcher	1	Fox Sparrow	3
Northern Shoveler	9	Royal Tern	50	Cassin's Kingbird	45	Dark-eyed Junco	55
Gadwall	9	Pied-billed Grebe	20	Hutton's Vireo	7	White-crowned Sparrow	724
American Wigeon	14	Eared Grebe	2	Loggerhead Shrike	1	Golden-crowned Sparrow	7
Mallard	172	Western Grebe	1	California Scrub-Jay	76	Savannah Sparrow	11
Northern Pintail	1	Brandt's Cormorant	167	American Crow	3955	Song Sparrow	242
3955	7	Pelagic Cormorant	2	Common Raven	56	Lincoln's Sparrow	12
Bufflehead	6	Double-crest. Cormorant	65	Mountain Chickadee	5	California Towhee	170
Hooded Merganser	16	White-faced Ibis	9	Oak Titmouse	55	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	1
Red-breasted Merganser	5	Black-crown. Night Heron	2	Bushtit	538	Green-tailed Towhee	1
Ruddy Duck	118	Snowy Egret	21	Wrentit	86	Spotted Towhee	67
California Quail	159	Green Heron	1	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	204	Western Meadowlark	91
Rock Pigeon	146	Great Egret	11	White-breasted Nuthatch	9	Red-winged Blackbird	17
Eurasian-collared Dove	19	Great Blue Heron	9	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	19	Brown-headed Cowbird	5
Mourning Dove	152	Brown Pelican	726	California Gnatcatcher	5	Great-tailed Grackle	24
Greater Roadrunner	1	Turkey Vulture	121	Rock Wren	1	Black-and-white Warbler	1
Anna's Hummingbird	149	Osprey	6	No. House Wren	33	Orange-crowned Warbler	147
Allen's Hummingbird	266	White-tailed Kite	1	Bewick's Wren	34	Common Yellowthroat	135
Sora	1	Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	Cactus Wren	7	Yellow-rumped Warbler	1196
Common Gallinule	4	Cooper's Hawk	15	European Starling	132	Black-throated Gray Warbler	1
American Coot	301	Northern Harrier	5	Gray Catbird	1	Townsend's Warbler	14
Black-bellied Plover	29	Red-shouldered Hawk	32	California Thrasher	19	Wilson's Warbler	1
Killdeer	39	Red-tailed Hawk	40	No. Mockingbird	33	Western Tanager	1
Snowy Plover	73	Great Horned Owl	3	Western Bluebird	90		
Whimbrel	14	Belted Kingfisher	4	Hermit Thrush	20	EXOTIC Species	
Marbled Godwit	6	Acorn Woodpecker	144	American Robin	2	Egyptian Goose	13
Wilson's Snipe	4	Downy Woodpecker	5	Cedar Waxwing	57	Swinhoe's White-eye	219
Spotted Sandpiper	14	Nuttall's Woodpecker	86	Phainopepla	13	Pin-tailed Whydah	14
Willet	22	Northern Flicker	4	Scaly-breasted Munia	77		
Greater Yellowlegs	2	American Kestrel	14	House Sparrow	15		
Sanderling	135	Merlin	1	American Pipit	173		
Least Sandpiper	39	Peregrine Falcon	3	House Finch	607		
Heermann's Gull	55	Western Flycatcher	1	Lesser Goldfinch	310		
Ring-billed Gull	42	Black Phoebe	177	American Goldfinch	6		

Chino-Puente Hills CBC Report – 12/28/24

The Chino Puente-Hills CBC covers inland areas of Los Angeles County, Orange County, San Bernardino County, and was divided into the following sections: Chino Hills State Park, Carbon Canyon Wilderness Park, Craig Regional Park, Yorba Regional Park, Santiago Oaks Regional Park, West Coyote Hills, Gilman, Tri-City Yorba Linda Lakebed Parks and Weir Canyon Nature Reserve,

The Total Species for this count was 148. The number of participants was 90.

The count was coordinated and compiled by Samuel Bressler.

SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total
Gr. White-front. Goose	8	California Gull	127	Mitred Parakeet	22	Phainopepla	18
Canada Goose	1235	Pied-billed Grebe	29	Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	Scaly-breasted Munia	107
Wood Duck	27	Eared Grebe	9	Hammond's Flycatcher	1	House Sparrow	233
Cinnamon Teal	21	Western Grebe	69	Gray Flycatcher	1	American Pipit	190
Northern Shoveler	282	Clark's Grebe	4	Western Flycatcher	1	House Finch	2480
Gadwall	441	Double-crested Cormorant	259	Black Phoebe	424	Lesser Goldfinch	1058
American Wigeon	383	Neotropic Cormorant	1	Say's Phoebe	101	American Goldfinch	125
Mallard	1138	White-faced Ibis	2	Vermilion Flycatcher	3	Chipping Sparrow	145
Northern Pintail	7	Black-crowned Night Heron	8	Cassin's Kingbird	160	Lark Sparrow	43
Green-winged Teal	148	Snowy Egret	23	Hutton's Vireo	20	Fox Sparrow	11
Canvasback	14	Green Heron	1	Loggerhead Shrike	1	Dark-eyed Junco	225
Ring-necked Duck	174	Great Egret	33	California Scrub-Jay	230	White-crowned Sparrow	1424
Lesser Scaup	22	Great Blue Heron	25	American Crow	1237	Golden-crowned Sparrow	31
Bufflehead	113	American White Pelican	252	Common Raven	405	Savannah Sparrow	15
Common Goldeneye	1	Turkey Vulture	130	Mountain Chickadee	4	Song Sparrow	511
Ruddy Duck	199	Osprey	7	Oak Titmouse	44	Lincoln's Sparrow	28
California Quail	155	White-tailed Kite	1	Tree Swallow	37	California Towhee	620
Rock Pigeon	269	Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	N. Rough-winged Swallow	5	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	14
Band-tailed Pigeon	92	Cooper's Hawk	45	Barn Swallow	26	Spotted Towhee	144
Eurasian- collared Dove	42	Northern Harrier	3	Bushtit	1551	Western Meadowlark	127
Mourning Dove	636	Bald Eagle	2	Wrentit	157	Bullock's Oriole	5
White-throated Swift	195	Red-shouldered Hawk	58	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	348	Red-winged Blackbird	172
Anna's Hummingbird	366	Red-tailed Hawk	135	Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	Brown-headed Cowbird	15
Allen's Hummingbird	388	Ferruginous Hawk	2	White-breasted Nuthatcher	8	Brewer's Blackbird	81
Common Gallinule	2	American Barn Owl	1	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	81	Great-tailed Grackle	34
American Coot	1331	Western Screech-Owl	1	California Gnatcatcher	27	Orange-crowned Warbler	95
Black-necked Stilt	65	Great Horned Owl	15	Rock Wren	5	Common Yellowthroat	117
American Avocet	26	Belted Kingfisher	9	N. House Wren	43	Yellow Warbler	3
Killdeer	223	Red-naped Sapsucker	1	Bewick's Wren	114	Yellow-rumped Warbler	3513
Long-billed Dowitcher	123	Acorn Woodpecker	172	Cactus Wren	13	Black-throated Gray Warbler	3
Spotted Sandpiper	22	Downy Woodpecker	10	European Starling	497	Townsend's Warbler	36
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	Nuttall's Woodpecker	160	California Thrasher	111	Western Tanager	3
Greater Yellowlegs	66	Northern Flicker	40	Northern Mockingbird	178	Black-headed Grosbeak	1
Least Sandpiper	141	American Kestrel	48	Western Bluebird	422	EXOTICS	
Ring-billed Gull	216	Merlin	12	Hermit Thrush	63	Egyptian Goose	79
Western Gull	8	Peregrine Falcon	8	American Robin	11	Swinhoe's White-eye	413
American Herring Gull	5	Red-crowned Amazon	87	Cedar Waxwings	524	Pin-tailed Whydah	46
						Muscovy Duck	2

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, 2025.

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Directions to the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (5 Riparian View, Irvine) 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 large 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.

Audubon House

AH is usually open daily from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The restrooms, trails, and parking lots are open daily from dawn until dusk. Call 949-261-7963 for information.

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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
(\$)- Pay in advance for trip – see webpage writeup on trip

March 2025:

04	Tues	Conservation Com. Mtg via Zoom.....	6:45 pm
05	Wed	Irvine Regional Park Bird Walk.....	7:30 am
09	Sun	Monthly Bird Walk at the SJWS ®.....	8:00 am
11	Tues	Board Meeting	7:00 pm
16	Sun	Carbon Canyon Reg. Park Bird Walk ...	8:00 am
19	Wed	UNB by pontoon boat ®	8:15 am
20	Thurs	Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Bird Walk....	8:00 am
21	Fri	ANNUAL DINNER ®.....	6:00 pm
29	Sat	Caspers Wilderness Park Bird Walk.....	8:00 am
30	Sun	Upper Newport Bay Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am

April 2025:

01	Tues	Conservation Com. Mtg via Zoom.....	6:45 pm
5-6	S/S	Eastern Sierra weekend birding trip ®..	7:00 am
08	Tues	Quail Hill Open Space Preserve Bird Walk ®...	7:00 am
08	Tues	Board Meeting	7:00 pm
13	Sun	Monthly Bird Walk at the SJWS ®.....	8:00 am
16	Wed	UNB by pontoon boat ®	8:15 am
18	Fri	GENERAL MEETING	7:00 pm
20	Sun	Anaheim Coves Bird Walk	8:00 am
22	Tues	'4 th Tues' Conservation Lecture via Zoom...7:00 pm	
27	Sun	Earthday at the SJWS	10 am-2 pm
27	Sun	Upper Newport Bay Monthly Bird Walk.....	8:00 am

May 3 – Sun...Spring Pelagic Trip ® 6:30 am