

## Community Outreach Programs

### Nature Discovery Kits for Loan.

Our 6 nature kits can be borrowed free for 2 weeks by classroom teachers, home school parents, county rangers, librarians, and other local educators who want to supplement their nature presentations. Kit topics are:

- Owls
- Bats
- Butterflies & Moths
- Reptiles & Amphibians
- Songbird Nests
- Wonderful Life of Dead Trees

Each kit includes prepared specimens, research projects, puppets, read-aloud books, DVD's, and posters so educators can select what is most appropriate for their audience. **Enrollment is year-round.** To schedule your kit or for questions, contact coordinator: [NatureKit@seaandsage.org](mailto:NatureKit@seaandsage.org)



## Teen Program



### Teenage Junior Naturalists.

Established in 2001, this free monthly program enables teens to enjoy bird-watching field trips to local habitats such as wetlands, coastal sage scrub, oak woodlands, and pelagic environment. Teens also participate in stewardship projects such as helping at Coastal Cleanup and counting birds during Christmas Bird Count and Spring Bird Count. This program provides enriched nature experiences, fosters leadership skills, and enables social contact with other teens who have similar interest in the outdoors and birds. Activities are from August through July. **Enrollment is in August.** Contact coordinator: [JuniorNaturalists@seaandsage.org](mailto:JuniorNaturalists@seaandsage.org)



*"The Junior Naturalist program provides teens with an opportunity to gain valuable experience, grow as birders, and to really get to know one another." writes a participating teen.*



### **Marsh Education Project** at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine, California.



As part of our mission to protect birds and their habitat, Sea and Sage Audubon provides high-quality environmental education programs at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, a 300-acre freshwater wetland owned by the Irvine Ranch Water District.

We accomplish this outreach with one full-time Project Director of Education, one part-time Education Assistant, 70 adult volunteer naturalists, 10 youth volunteers, a 33-year partnership with Irvine Ranch Water District, and generous funding from an Anonymous Foundation, Sea and Sage membership, and other benefactors. Come learn about nature with our experienced and friendly naturalists!

To schedule one of our exciting interpretive programs or to volunteer, contact:  
Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education  
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## Outdoor Science for School Children

**Outdoor Adventures.** Established in 1992, this 2½ hour outdoor field program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings is a highly interactive study of the wetland ecosystem. Designed for 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade classes, students learn about adaptations, food webs, habitat, and more. Students prepare for their trip with a classroom research project, mounted bird specimen borrowed from Sea & Sage, and a presentation about how urban runoff and our actions affect wildlife. Students then come to the wetland where they use binoculars and microscopes to explore bird adaptations and pond life. We enroll up to 50 Santa Ana classes as part of our scholarship program. **Enrollment in August for entire school year.** Contact [EducationDirector@seaandsage.org](mailto:EducationDirector@seaandsage.org).



*“Thank you for this valuable resource that supports our instruction and provides an opportunity for our students to have a hands-on experience learning about science that they may otherwise not experience.” Santa Ana teacher.*

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## Nature Day Camps



**Nature Day Camp.** Since 1993, each week-long day camp has helped children increase their wildlife-watching skills as they take daily walks, keep a nature journal, create art, and do research projects while taught by enthusiastic naturalists. Confidential scholarships are available. **Enrollment opens February 1 on Eventbrite** Contact camp coordinator: [Camp@seaandsage.org](mailto:Camp@seaandsage.org)

- **Fledgling Camp** for ages 7-8 (since 2009) introduces youngsters to backyard birds through walks, crafts, games and songs.
- **Marsh Bird Camp** for ages 9-10 (since 1993) covers all aspects of marsh bird life. Includes wildlife rehabilitator visit with live hawks & owls plus birdathon contest.
- **Coastal Camp** for ages 11-12 (since 2010) introduces local shorebirds and other coastal birds. Includes off-site trip to Bolsa Chica wetlands or Crystal Cove.

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## Walks at the Marsh

**Summer Bat Walks.** Begun in 1999, this very popular program allows the public to experience the wetland after dark when it is normally closed to the public. Bat Walk naturalists lead small groups in search of bats that come in small numbers to the marsh to feed on flying insects. **Enrollment opens June 1 on Eventbrite** and fills quickly for events in August and September. Contact coordinator: [BatWalks@seaandsage.org](mailto:BatWalks@seaandsage.org)



**In Development.** Sea and Sage Audubon’s Education Team continues to investigate new programs to introduce people to wildlife at the marsh, at their homes, and within their community. Check our website for updates.

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