



**Enrollment Opens February 1 on Eventbrite.**

**For Current Pricing and Dates, see Camp Flyer starting in late January on our website [wp.seaandsageaudubon.org](http://wp.seaandsageaudubon.org)**



#### About The Site

The San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary is a 300-acre freshwater wetland owned by the Irvine Ranch Water District. This wetland provides many opportunities to discover nature up-close. Campers will encounter a diversity of birds, butterflies, dragonflies, lizards, native plants and more as they hike the easy trails around the ponds and riparian areas.



#### If You Have Questions:

- For Fledgling, Marsh or Coastal Camps, contact Deborah Brin at [deborah@brin.net](mailto:deborah@brin.net)
- For Advanced Bird Camp, contact Mary Ellen Wynn at [ricewynn@gmail.com](mailto:ricewynn@gmail.com)
- For general questions, email Project Director Trude Hurd at [seaandsage@sbcglobal.net](mailto:seaandsage@sbcglobal.net)



## Nature Day Camps General Information

at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary  
in Irvine, California.



If you have a child who loves birds and nature, then come learn from Orange County's bird experts!

Sea and Sage Audubon Society has offered exciting nature camp programs for children since 1992. Enrolling in our camp will begin a life-long friendship with nature for your child!

*"My daughter loves this camp because she learns so much about local birds and the staff are so knowledgeable and kind." Camp parent, 2021.*

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#### Dates and Times

Camps are Monday through Friday in June and July. **For exact dates, see our Camp Flyer starting late January on our website under Education.** Camps fill quickly so enroll early.

#### Camp Staff and Group Sizes

Each camp is led by a team of experienced volunteer Camp Naturalists assisted by Camp Junior Naturalist teens who serve as role models. Our small group size (1:4 ratio) helps children grow and develop friendships.

#### Daily Agenda

A typical camp day includes a nature walk with nature journaling plus Mystery Bird posters, bird lesson, and/or art project. Some camps include local off-site trips (parents provide transportation).

#### Lunch and Snack

Campers provide their own lunch and snacks. Peanut/gluten-free lunch areas on request.

#### Special Offers and Scholarships

We give a discount for Audubon members. Partial scholarships are available and confidential; ask our camp coordinator.

#### Expectations

Everyone participating in camp will treat all children, naturalists, wildlife, and property with respect and kindness at all times.

## Fledgling Bird Camp

**Fledgling Camp** for ages 7-8 introduces youngsters to backyard birds. Children learn how to use binoculars and field guides, record their observations in a nature journal, and keep a bird checklist. On daily walks, they discover diversity and daily lives of birds. Activities include daily walks, creating bird arts, outdoor games, read-alouds and more.



## Marsh Bird Camp

**Marsh Bird Camp** for ages 9-10 covers all aspects of marsh bird life. Children learn about bird groups, identification, nests, migration, and adaptations. This camp includes a visit by a wildlife rehabilitator with live hawks and owls (families are invited for this presentation).



## Coastal Bird Camp

**Coastal Bird Camp** for ages 11-12 explores the variety of birds that use our coastal areas. Children will learn about shorebird behaviors, identification, and challenges of migration, nesting on the ground, and ocean pollution. Camp includes off-site trip to the coast.



## Advanced Bird Camp

**Advanced Bird Camp** for ages 13-16 explores bird families and habitats (different theme each year). More advanced lessons and research projects give experienced campers in-depth knowledge about the theme. Camp may include at least one local off-site trip.

