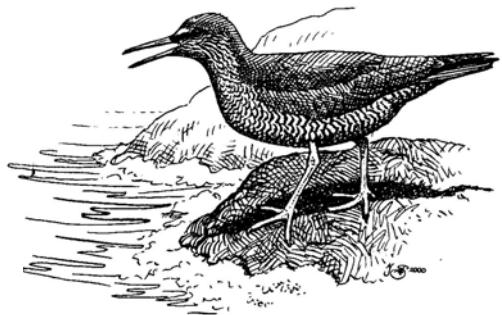


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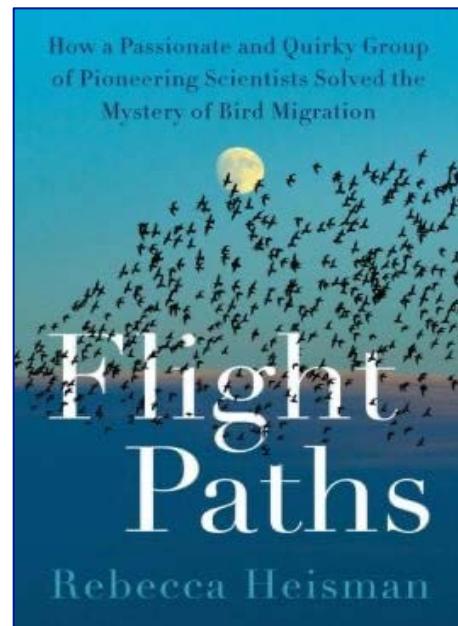
*Come to our Annual
Dinner on Friday
evening, March 20th*

- ＊ Socialize with friends and new acquaintances
- ＊ Check out Rebecca Heisman's book which will be for sale at the dinner
- ＊ Rub elbows with the recipients of this year's Conservation Award and Letter of Commendation
- ＊ Have fun browsing through our chapter displays
- ＊ Eat a delicious dinner.
- ＊ Enjoy Rebecca Heisman'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 20 - Friday evening - 6 pm
“Wild Stories from the History
of Bird Migration”
presented by Rebecca Heisman



Join us for this special evening to hear our guest speaker Rebecca Heisman's program. She will chronicle the history of migratory bird research and share the amazing advances in bird banding, tracking birds, and genetic research.

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

Conservation News

Susan Sheakley, Conservation Chair

March Meetings: Join us! Cons Com TU Mar 3 6:45; Tackling Climate & Trash TU Mar 17 4:00; Bird Collisions W Mar 18 7:00; Leg & Advocacy SU Mar 29 4:30; '4th Tues' Program Mar 24 7:00. **Contact us** at conservation@seaandsage.org



2026 FERN ZIMMERMAN CONSERVATION AWARD and LETTER 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.

As the **50th Anniversary of the California Coastal Act** approaches, it is fitting and an honor for Sea and Sage Audubon to recognize two excellent coastal champions of California's coastal resources and its wildlife. This year at the Sea and Sage Annual Dinner on Friday, March 20, it is our pleasure to present the following:

Fern Zimmerman Conservation Award

◆ **Mel Nutter** a retired attorney from Long Beach, for his lifetime commitment to the protection of California's coastal resources. His work has been essentially volunteer, first as one of the chairs with the original Coastal Commission, shortly after passage of the California Coastal Act in the 1970's, and more recently with the Amigos de Bolsa Chica, from successful pro bono representation of the Amigos in the 1990's to serving as their President for the last three years.

Letter of Commendation

◆ **Dr. Rebecca Duerr** for devoting her remarkable surgical skills and her extraordinary commitment to the rehabilitation and conservation of birds, especially the California Brown Pelican; her work to advance our understanding of the many factors contributing to the California Brown Pelican's decline; and her strong voice for their welfare and survival.

◆ 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.



Western Snowy Plover & CA Least Tern Survey Dates - March 14 - 22

This important survey, which comes at the beginning of the Snowy Plover breeding season, will help us learn where and how many Snowy Plovers are using our beaches. For more info, Contact Brittany Poloni at OCSNPL@gmail.org or go to <http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org>



Sea & Sage Annual Dinner

Friday, March 20 at Mile Square Park Banquet Center

Our Guest Speaker - Rebecca Heisman

Program - "Wild Stories from the History of Bird Migration Research"

Have you ever wondered about "how we know what we know about bird migration?"

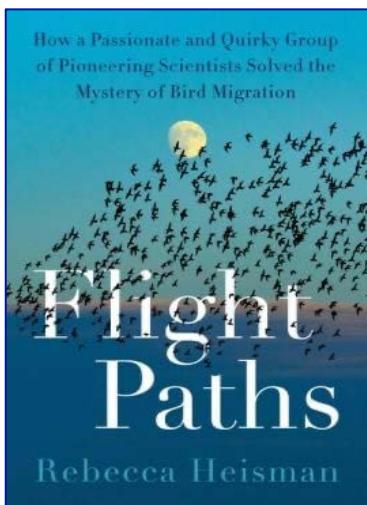
Join us at the Sea & Sage Annual Dinner to learn more from our special guest speaker, Rebecca Heisman. Heisman is an award-winning science writer who focuses on ornithology. Her first book *Flight Paths: How a Passionate and Quirky Group of Pioneering Scientists Solved the Mystery of Bird Migration* was published in 2023. Rebecca has worked with organizations including the Audubon Society, American Bird Conservancy, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and American Ornithological Society. She has also contributed to multiple publications including *Audubon* and *Hakai* magazines.



Rebecca will chronicle the history of migratory bird research and share the amazing advances in bird banding, tracking birds, and genetic research.

The evening's program will also include the presentation of our chapter's Fern Zimmerman Conservation Award and Letters of Commendation. Of note, there will be **NO SILENT AUCTION** this year.

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 pm – Social Hour, Book Sale & Signing

Dinner: 6:40 pm

Program: 7:40 pm

Location: Mile Square Park Banquet Center

Tickets: \$65

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

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. Reservations will open on January 15th: Here is the link to make your reservations: [Annual-Dinner-tickets](#)

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 Thursday, MARCH 12th**. For reservation questions, contact Nancy Kenyon (949-892-9212; info@seaandsage.org). 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: Debbie Ball, Kathy Blackmarr, Julie Byers, Rowan Corpus, Greg Figge, Leslie El Sayad, Ann Harmer, Sue Henry, Dawn Hubbard, Sarah Jayne, Mary Meister, Kelly Morgan, Steve Munzinger, Dagmar

Muthamia, Barbara Reber, Jen Reed, Paul Saiki, Dev Sellin, Susan Sheakley, Hsini Shyu, Art Strauss, Barb Wasbin, Pat Wells, Phil Weston, 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 Barb Wasbin at 949-433-3889.

Nature magazines are needed!

More birding magazines are needed at Audubon House. Please deliver them to the AH volunteer inside Audubon House. Thanks!

Nature Store News

March marks the beginning of bird migration, one of the most fascinating phenomena in the natural world. The Nature Store is highlighting two timely and engaging books for migration season. Just in time for our Annual Dinner, we have ***Flight Paths: How a Passionate and Quirky Group of Pioneering Scientists Solved the Mystery of Bird Migration*** by our featured speaker, **Rebecca Heisman**. It's a wonderful way to explore the fascinating history of bird migration.

Also available in the Nature Store is ***A World on the Wing: The Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds*** by **Scott Weidensaul**, widely regarded as one of the definitive books on bird migration. This beautifully written volume offers a sweeping, global perspective on the extraordinary journeys birds make each year. Both titles are available now, migrate over to the Nature Store and pick up your copy before it flies off the shelf.

Reading Group

Tues, March 17 – 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Better Living Through Birding: Notes from a Black Man in the Natural World

Email Info@seaandsage.org for info on the next book

Enroll your child in our Nature Day Camps

We still have openings for our three summer camp programs for children ages 7-12, but they are filling fast. Children have fun as they take daily walks, create nature art, and make new friends who like birds and nature as much as they do. Don't be left out. Search for Fledgling Camp, Marsh Camp, or Coastal Camp (depending on the age of your child.) Questions? Email Trude Hurd

EducationDirector@seaandsage.org

Seal Beach FT Rescheduled

Our Accessible Birding FT at the Seal Beach NWR has been rescheduled from March 28 to Sat, March 21st. Check-in time is 8:30 am.

This field trip is a special opportunity to visit the Seal Beach NWR on a private tour. This is a wetlands area which serves as a stopover for birds migrating along the Pacific Flyway. Visitors must be US citizens and have their Driver's License or Passport with them. Group size is limited; confirmation must be completed by March 6. The reserve will allow those who need to always have their cars to drive into the reserve. All others will take a shuttle bus into the reserve from the parking lot. There will be approximately 1 mile of walking during the 3-hour tour. A shuttle is also available for those who need to limit their walking. Besides viewing the birds, we will also learn about the native turtles, see a film about the refuge and hear about projects within the refuge itself.

You will need to bring a lunch for a picnic lunch following the tour. Priority registration will be given to accessible birders, and a wait list will be kept in the order of registration. If you have already registered, please send me a new email srockwell@writeme.com indicating that you will attend on March 21st. I will return a new confirmation email with directions to our meeting location.

-- Sharon Rockwell

Orange County Rarities

by Braxton Landsman



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

The new year often brings newfound experiences, traditions, and ideas to many. But for birders, it couldn't be more different. January is characterized by known wintering rarities and the quest to find previously undetected ones. Spring is still a couple months away, the same amount of time before birders experience a true shift in their local sightings. Until then, we keep forward, enjoying the new year and winter season while it lasts!

An **American Oystercatcher** continued along the Southern coastline this month. **Laughing Gulls** were seen at Newport Pier and Bolsa Chica early in the month. A **Stilt Sandpiper** continued on the backside of Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve on January 28. **Neotropic Cormorants** continue to become more prevalent, with upwards of 10 birds in the county this month. At least 2 **Little Blue Herons** continued at Bolsa Chica, as did a **Tricolored Heron** and **Western Cattle-Egret**. A **Zone-tailed Hawk** continued in Rancho Santa Margarita, while another was seen at Irvine Lake.

Three **Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers** were throughout the county this month, two birds being newly discovered. An **Eastern Phoebe** continued at Harriet Weider Regional Park, while a **Tropical Kingbird** continued at Bolsa Chica all month. Additional flycatchers included two **Hammond's Flycatchers**, with one in Fullerton and one at Huntington Central Park, as well as 3 **Western Flycatchers** spending the winter. Continuing a good winter for **Plumbeous Vireos**, 6 individuals were throughout the county this month. Additionally, rarer in winter, two **Cassin's Vireos** were seen this month, in Cypress and Irvine respectively.

The only **Green-tailed Towhee** this month was on the Borrego Trail in Lake Forest from the 12th-15th. A **Clay-colored Sparrow** continued in residential Buena Park on January 6. Three **White-throated Sparrows** were present, two of them being in the UCI area of Irvine. At least 5 **Vesper Sparrows** were found this month, and a great total of 5 **Grasshopper Sparrows** were at Quail Hill preserve in Irvine.

Two adult male **Baltimore Orioles** continued this month, with one at Pepperwood Park in Irvine and another at Harper Park in Huntington Beach. Two **Black-and-White Warblers** were present this month, as well as a great total of 6 **American Redstarts**. **Northern Parulas** were at Huntington Central Park and Manzanita Park in Cypress. A **Pine Warbler** continued from November at Good Shepherd Catholic Cemetery in Huntington Beach this month.

Additional wintering warblers included a **Hermit Warbler** at San Mateo Park in Irvine on January 17, and the wintering male **MacGillivray's Warbler** at Edison Park in Seal Beach early in the year. The standout bird of the month was a very rare **Grace's Warbler** wintering at Memory Garden Memorial Park in Brea. A solid total of 5 **Tennessee Warblers** were scattered across OC this month, while two **Chestnut-sided Warblers** were in the county's northwestern region. A **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** was at Riverdale Park in Anaheim on January 4, while the much rarer in winter **Black-headed Grosbeak** was in residential Laguna Beach late in the month.

Marsh Education Project's Annual Report 2025

"Many of my students don't get to be outside in nature in their daily lives. My students left that day excited about nature, excited about birds, energized to protect them, excited to use binoculars and microscopes again, excited to hear about more outdoor spaces they could visit." Adams Elementary School teacher, Santa Ana.

Imagine this...Excited chatter of school children using microscopes for the first time to see small aquatic animals. Young campers watching Tree Swallows enter and exit the wooden nest boxes. Teenagers eagerly comparing notes during an outing to the Salton Sea. Caring adults learning how to protect birds in their backyard. Because of your support in 2025, Sea and Sage Audubon's education naturalists accomplished these experiences and much more for over 8,600 guests in the community (read below). Perhaps you will join us in 2026? Email Trude Hurd, Project Director of Education: EducationDirector@seaandsage.org.



WE TAUGHT SCIENCE WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN AND THEIR TEACHERS

- Outdoor Adventures: 1,300 students in 46 Santa Ana classes + 2 other classes (Title 1).
- Naturalists: 33 experienced volunteers and 7 in training.
- *Quote: "Science field trips like this provide meaningful, real-world learning experiences that cannot be replicated in the classroom. They deepen student understanding, increase curiosity, and inspire students to care about their environment by seeing firsthand how their actions affect local ecosystems." Taft teacher.*



WE SHARED NATURE WITH ALL AGES

- Bat Walks – 10 summer night walks with 164 people and 2 community outreach tables & talks about bats with 112 people.
- Junior Naturalists – 24 teens built friendships on monthly trips and Christmas Bird Counts.
- Nature Discovery Kits – 15 loans reached 200.
- Taxidermy Specimens – 37 loans and displays in Audubon House and at community events reached 6,444 people.
- Children's Library at Audubon House (NEW).



EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEES PARTNERED TO BE A NATURE-RESOURCE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

- Two-table display about backyard birds at Amy Tan's lecture at UCI's Barkley Theater.
- Five-table display about hazards to birds and how we can help them during SJWS Earth Day.
- Two-table display about hummingbirds during 5 summer weekends at Roger's Gardens.
- Two-table display about owls, bats, and corvids at Sherman Garden's Creatures Features.

Marsh Education Project's Annual Report 2025

AUDUBON NATURALISTS. These volunteers donated **nearly 4,800 hours** and are vital to our programs.

- **Adults (60) and Trainees (7):** Darrel Airhart, Phyllis Anderson, Ann Barbour, Mindy Bergen, Michael Binder, Claire Bischoff, Kathy Blackmarr, Dejoie Blumberg, Dawn Bonker, Deborah Brin, Teresa Cullen, Linda Daily, Christine Dickey, Bettina Eastman, Bobby Figarotta, Deb Gala, Amanda Gaskin, Sandra Geiler, Ellie Gonzales, Kate Grabenstein, Roberta Hall, Mary Harward, Sue Henry, Chris Holland, Judi Houlihan, Star Howard, Teri Jones-White, Jasmine Kay, Julia Kim, Susan Kramer, Babs Levitan, Doug Lithgow, Elsa Lizarzaburu, Lori Mayeda, Christine McCormick, Michele Meyer, Alison Mizera, Paula Monroe, Mary Naasz, Maia Nguyen, Laura Osteen, Paige Press, Carmen Prieto, Brenda Sabin, Jean Savage, Dev Sellen, Ellyn Siskind, Sandy Smith, Debbie Spurr, Stephanie Tanton, Astrid Taen, Emma Trammell, Dan Trinidad, Pat Vranicar, Barbara Wasbin, Larry Wasbin, Amy Wisneskie, Ray Wong, Irene Wotta, and Mary Ellen Wynn plus Outdoor Adventures trainees Leslie Slevin, Kristeen Stolo, Hsini Shyu, Miriam Perry, Sergio Tellez, Jessica Vazquez and Jasmine Kay.
- **Youth (8):** Nina Arnold, Kira Blick, Jude Flores, Javier Greenway, Annabel Meng, Maria Neemuchwala, Solana Wang, and Jake Xia.

FINANCIAL AND IN-KIND SUPPORT.

- **Partnership:** We greatly appreciate our extraordinary partnership with the Irvine Ranch Water District for the past 33 years at the beautiful San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. Your staff are so helpful!
- **Grants:** Very special thanks to a long-time Anonymous Foundation for their very generous \$50,000 grant for Outdoor Adventures. We also thank new donor Stanley W. Ekstrom Foundation for their kind \$10,000 grant for bus transportation for Outdoor Adventures 2025-26.
- **General Education Fund:** \$54,718 raised from 26 donors: Anonymous, Mark Adamson & Nancy Tschiderer, Kelsi Black, AnnMarie Breuer, Carol Getz, Tom Getz, Gordon Generation Foundation, Sharon Hansen, Lena Hayashi, Barbara Hosmer, Melissa Jacobson, Betty Kanne, Patricia Knight, Tracey Maquire, Shelly & Gordon Mandel, Maya & Gary Matkin, Karen McKinley, Rita Phillips, Kirk Radmore, Ann Sakai, Kurt Speidel, Christine Swan, Sudha Warrier, Mary Weaver, Linda & Tod White Charitable Fund, and Wickramasinghe Family Fund in memory of Sophie Wickramasinghe.
- **Outdoor Adventures School Bus Fund:** \$14,790 raised from 23 donors: Anonymous, Anaheim United Methodist Church's Circle of Hope, Sonia Appell, Mary Converse, Mary & Thomas Cupp in memory of Amy Newsum, Judith Frantz, Kate Grabenstein, Holly Joslin, Paul Klahr, Patricia Knight, Ce & Chuck Leavell, Babs Levitan, Michele Meyer, Nancy Moore, Kurt Noble & Kate Haug in memory of Carolyn Noble, Helen Porter, Barbara Reber, Debra Sorensen, Stephanie Tanton, Edith & Tom Van Huss, Joel & Gloria Weintraub, Philip Westin, and Emma Willsey.
- **Outdoor Adventures Literacy:** \$800 raised from 5 donors: Lauren Andrews, Li Larson, Cynthia Nelson, Carol Paquette, and Mary Weaver.
- **Junior Naturalists:** \$3,873 raised from 3 donors: Anonymous, Brenda Sabin, and Stephanie Tanton.
- **Camp Scholarships:** \$1,353 raised from 7 donors: Anonymous, Kathy Blackmarr, Deborah Brin, Annie Jelnick, Mary Joseph, Ying Law, and Bev Spring.
- **Taxidermy Donations:** \$17,000 raised from 3 donors: Thomas Harward, Shelly & Gordon Mandel, and Carol Smith.
- **In Memory of Ralph Sugg for Taxidermy of Great Horned Owl:** \$3,560 raised from 28 donors: Brent Bowling, Edward Boyes, Roxann Brunner, Eva Burdett, Curry Trust, Edress Davis, Peggy & Steve Grindrod, Sandra Hibbert, Renee Hollandsworth, Jerry Johnson, Mary Joseph, Jami Josifek, Carmen Jurado, Kent & Karen Lang, Diann Lutche, Kathleen Malley, Teresa McClaskey, Don & Cheryl Ogden, Britta Palanjian, Joseph Proctor, Sylvia Ré, Eric & Kimberly Roeland, Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence Seidman, Justin & Alison Smith, Sandy Smith, Anne & Ned Strong, Dennis & Marcella Valentine, and Mary Anne & Claude Weatherwax.



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 and Education Donors whose donations were received prior to January 31, 2026.

Pamela Adams	Barbara Gershman	Bill McKee	Astrid Taen
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	James McConnell	Bruce Stuart	

Earth Day

SAVE THE DATE!

Sea & Sage Earth Day Celebration

April 26, 2026
10 am to 2 pm
The Learning Center
San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary

Enjoy a catered brunch and explore display tables highlighting community science efforts to protect migratory birds.

**Peter Bloom, PhD
Raptor biologist, will speak on raptor research**

See raptors up close with a visit from Birds of Prey and join our junior naturalists to learn about Merlin

Space is limited. Sign-up required .



San Juan Capistrano CBC Report - 12/21/25

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 131. The number of participants 65.

SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total	SPECIES	Total
Canada Goose	155	Pied-billed Grebe	14	Cassin's Kingbird	84	Savannah Sparrow	4
Cinnamon Teal	17	Eared Grebe	2	Hutton's Vireo	13	Song Sparrow	235
Northern Shoveler	16	Western Grebe	23	California Scrub-Jay	100	Lincoln's Sparrow	8
Gadwall	4	Red-throated Loon	1	American Crow	4316	California Towhee	158
American Wigeon	41	Common Loon	9	Common Raven	49	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	2
Mallard	220	Brandt's Cormorant	190	Mountain Chickadee	7	Spotted Towhee	72
Green-winged Teal	1	Pelagic Cormorant	2	Oak Titmouse	73	Western Meadowlark	10
Hooded Merganser	10	Double-crested Cormorant	83	Horned Lark	1	Brown-headed Cowbird	24
Ruddy Duck	97	White-faced Ibis	22	Bushtit	333	Great-tailed Grackle	12
California Quail	3	Yellow-crown. Night-Heron	4	Wrentit	109	Orange-crowned Warbler	168
Rock Pigeon	124	Black-crown. Night Heron	7	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	183	Common Yellowthroat	125
Eurasian Collared-Dove	11	Snowy Egret	44	White-breasted Nuthatch	15	Yellow-rumped Warbler	1046
Mourning Dove	182	Green Heron	1	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	15	Black-throated Gray Warbler	1
Greater Roadrunner	1	Great Egret	17	California Gnatcatcher	3	Townsend's Warbler	14
White-throated Swift	52	Great Blue Heron	17	Northern House Wren	26	Wilson's Warbler	2
Anna's Hummingbird	185	Brown Pelican	165	Marsh Wren	1	Summer Tanager	1
Costa's Hummingbird	1	Turkey Vulture	93	Bewick's Wren	69	Western Tanager	1
Allen's Hummingbird	237	Osprey	6	Cactus Wren	8		
Common Gallinule	4	Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	European Starling	178	EXOTIC SPECIES	
American Coot	150	Cooper's Hawk	17	California Thrasher	42	Egyptian Goose	9
Black Oystercatcher	2	Northern Harrier	2	Northern Mockingbird	29	Swinhoe's White-eye	358
Black-bellied Plover	24	Red-shouldered Hawk	46	Western Bluebird	131	Pintailed Whydah	6
Killdeer	16	Zone-tailed Hawk	1	Hermit Thrush	42		
Snowy Plover	59	Red-tailed Hawk	73	American Robin	56	HYBRIDS	
Hudsonian Whimbrel	20	American Barn Owl	1	Cedar Waxwing	511	Red-naped x Red Breasted Sapsucker	
Marbled Godwit	1	Great Horned Owl	2	Phainopepla	3		
Wilson's Snipe	5	Belted Kingfisher	6	Scaly-breasted Munia	144	ADDITIONAL TAXA	
Spotted Sandpiper	5	Red-breasted Sapsucker	1	House Sparrow	16	Duck sp.	12
Willet	11	Acorn Woodpecker	92	American Pipit	51	Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird	19
Sanderling	50	Downy Woodpecker	4	House Finch	716	Hummingbird sp.	5
Least Sandpiper	32	Nuttall's Woodpecker	86	Lesser Goldfinch	196	gull sp.	56
Heermann's Gull	43	Northern Flicker	27	American Goldfinch	11	cormorant sp.	70
Ring-billed Gull	104	American Kestrel	13	Chipping Sparrow	1	crow/raven sp.	1
Western Gull	158	Merlin	4	Lark Sparrow	12		
California Gull	280	Peregrine Falcon	4	Dark-eyed Junco	62		
Caspian Tern	4	Black Phoebe	198	White-crowned Sparrow	721		
Royal Tern	42	Say's Phoebe	27	Golden-crowned Sparrow	9		

Directions and Membership

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.



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Please remember to include "Sea and Sage Audubon Society" by name (tax ID#23-7003681) in your will or trust.

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 take the 1st right turn 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

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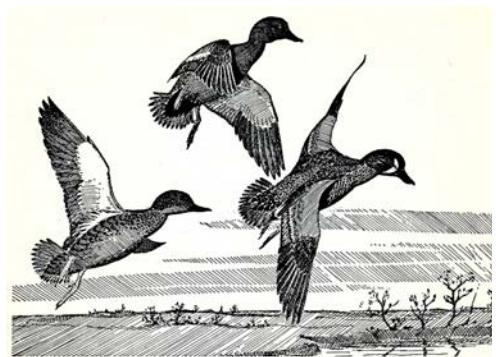
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March 2026:

02 Mon Enrollment opens for More CA Land Birds ® (\$)
03 Tues Conservation Com Mtg..... 6:45 pm
08 Sun SJWS bird walk..... 8:00 am
10 Tues Board Meeting via Zoom..... 7:00 pm
12 Thurs Deadline for Annual Dinner reservations ®
15 Sun Carbon Canyon bird walk..... 8:00 am
18 Wed UNB by pontoon boat ® (\$). 8:15 am
19 Thurs Bolsa Chica bird walk 8:00 am
20 Fri ANNUAL DINNER ® (\$). 6:00 pm
21 Sat Seal Beach accessible birding FT 8:30 am
23 - 26 Learning More CA Land Birds workshop starts
28 Sat Caspers Wilderness Park bird walk (P) 8:00 am
29 Sun Upper Newport Bay bird walk 8:00 am

April 2026:

4-5 Sa-Su Eastern Sierra weekend trip ® 7:00 am
07 Tues Conservation Com Mtg..... 6:45 pm
12 Sun SJWS bird walk..... 8:00 am
14 Tues Quail Hill open space..... 7:00 am
14 Tues Board Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm
15 Wed UNB by pontoon boat ® (\$). 8:15 am
17 Fri GENERAL MEETING via Zoom 7:00 pm
19 Sun Anaheim Coves Park 8:00 am
22 Wed Irvine Regional Park (P) 7:30 am
25 Sat James Dilley Preserve 8:00 am
26 Sun Earth Day ® 10:00 am
26 Sun Upper Newport Bay bird walk 8:00 am
28 Tues '4th Tues' Conservation Lecture via Zoom.. 7:00 pm