



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Butterflies of
Southern California
Fred Heath

Wednesday, March 21st, 2007
at 7:30

*Looking for something to do after an
early morning of birding?
Maybe some other brightly colored
winged creatures might be
just the thing*

Join Fred Heath, author of *An Introduction to Southern California Butterflies*, in his presentation on Southern California butterflies illustrated with the beautiful photos of Herb Clarke. You will find out where, when, and how to find these beautiful insects as you learn about their habitats, food plants, life cycles, and behavior. Discover answers to questions such as, how long do they live or what is the difference between a butterfly and a moth? Also a few tips on identifying

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An Invitation to our 2nd Annual Dinner & Conservation Awards

The Program:

“California Public Lands Wild and Beautiful”

Our Speaker will be:

Allan Schoenherr

Date:

Saturday Evening
March 31, 2007

Reservations required

Location:

San Bernardino County
Museum, Redlands

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The Birds of Southern Peru

Steve Myers

Wednesday, April 18
at 7:30

Peru is home to almost 1,800 species of birds, second only to Columbia. The wide diversity of habitats in Peru, from dry coastal plains to the high Andes to the Amazon basin, is the primary reason such a rich avifauna occurs there.

Steve and fellow travelers spent almost three weeks in southern Peru in June 2006. He will present a slide show featuring birds (and other creatures) from all of these habitats, and wagers that when you see the program you will want to book your flight and ecolodge reservations right away!

*Come out and see the wonders of
Machu Picchu and
Peru's incredible avifauna.
Our Programs begin at 7:30 PM but
the doors open at 7:00 PM so plan
to come early.* ☞

FREEWAY FLYERS by Cin Greyraven

We all know that we should keep our eyes on the road while driving, but true birders can't help noticing bird activity even while speeding down the fast lane of the freeway. So, you may have noticed that despite the rushing traffic, noise, and exhaust fumes, some birds regularly make themselves at home on freeway overpasses. In the San Bernardino valley area, there are four common overpass species. What all four have in common is that their preferred natural breeding habitat is rocky cliffs.

The **Rock Dove** is familiar even to non-birders as the city pigeon. For Rock Doves, human structures seem designed to expand pigeon habitat. The open nature of overpass ledges offers excellent views of pigeons dozing, courting, and building nests.

Two different swallow species use freeway overpasses as breeding grounds. Both move fast, swooping through the air to

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Elections for SBVAS 2007-2008 Call for Nominations

This is a call for nominations to fill vacancies and to serve on our board and as officers of San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society. We currently have several vacancies on our Board of Directors and we wish to fill these openings. Nominations should be presented to the Nominating Committee.

The committee consists of the chairman, **Gene Cardiff**, and members **Melissa Culley** and **Dori Myers**. Suggestions for nominations for officers or Board Members may be submitted to the committee by any Society member.

- ◆ *The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for office and directors to succeed those whose terms of office expire. The report shall be presented at the regular meeting of the Society in both April and May and published in the May issue of The Western Meadowlark.*
- ◆ *The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall ask for further nominations from the floor at the Society's meeting in May.*
- ◆ *The election of officers and directors shall take place at the regular meeting of the members in May.* ☞

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catch insects nearby. The unique gourd-shaped mud nest of the **Cliff Swallow** makes it easy to identify. Usually found in colonies, each loosely-monogamous pair makes up to 1,000 trips carrying mud to complete a single new home. Look for the flash of a buffy rump and reddish throat, a white bar on the forehead, and a squared tail. In contrast, the slightly smaller **Northern Rough-winged Swallow** is a plain grayish brown except for its white belly. If you see a swallow dart into a hole in the underside of the freeway overpass, it is probably a Northern Rough-winged Swallow. Each pair seeks a cavity in which to build its nests of grass, moss, and twigs. Although more than one pair may share an overpass, this species is not considered colonial.

Perhaps the most spectacular of our freeway flyers is the **White-throated Swift**. Like the swallow, it catches insects on the wing. Although its body length is only slightly larger than a swallow, its long, thin, pointed wings make it seem like a much larger bird. The White-throated Swift has a sharply-marked black-and-white body that makes it stand out distinctively from any other swift species. The White-throated Swift breeds in small colonies, using its unusually sticky saliva to glue together feathers into a nest that is attached to a vertical surface of a crevice.

Disclaimer: This article is not intended to encourage birding while driving. Keep those binoculars under the seat and your attention on what other drivers are doing until you can safely exit the freeway, park safely and legally, and view these intriguing birds at zero m.p.h.. 🦋

Art in the Park 2007!

Joshua Tree National Park Art Festival

Fifteenth Annual Joshua Tree National Park Art Festival

When: April 13, 14 Park Visitor Center

74485 National Park & 15, 2006 (9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day)

Joshua Tree National Drive,

Twentynine Palms, CA92277

(760) 367-5500

Come visit the Fifteenth Annual Art Festival at the Joshua Tree National Park's visitor center in Twentynine Palms on April 13, 14, and 15, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You'll have the pleasure of seeing the work of more than twenty artists. A love and respect for the Joshua Tree National Park is the common bond between these artists and you can't escape the feelings of camaraderie that exist at this festival!! Each artist will have work for sale and enjoy sharing their very personal interpretation of the Joshua Tree National Park with you.

Painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics, and jewelry are some of the media included in this year's Art Festival.

Joshua Tree National Park Association, sponsor of the Art Festival, is a nonprofit organization that provides support and assistance to the Park's interpretive, educational and scientific programs.

Open to the public, there is no fee to attend the Art Festival.

For more information about this press release contact:

Michael Smiley: (760)366-3980 🦋

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some of the common butterflies will be presented and you should be able to distinguish between a California Thrasher and a California Tortoiseshell by the end of the talk.

About the Speaker:

An avid birder since his early teens in New York City, Fred Heath became fascinated by butterflies 30 years later in Southern California. This in turn has led to an overall interest in the natural world. He has lectured, lead field trips, and written many articles about birds and butterflies and co-authored National Audubon Society Field Guide to California. Fred holds or has held positions on the board of directors of Los Angeles Audubon Society, North American Butterfly Association (NABA) and the Los Angeles Chapter of NABA (LANABA)

Copies of his beautiful and informative book,

An Introduction to Southern California Butterflies

will be available for purchase and to be autographed. (Herb Clarke, the photographer may be there to sign books as well.) 🦋

Native Plant gardens:

For your questions on native plants
visit the

The Tree of Life Nursery

March 3, 2007:

Backyard Habitats with Native Plants

March 31, 2007:

Native Plants for Containers and Build Your Own Nature Pot and Maintenance Tips for Home Gardeners

April 14, 2007:

The Front Yard Non-Lawn: Converting the maintenance nightmare into recreation and bird-song.

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OUR CONSERVATION AWARD DINNER

"California Public Lands Wild and Beautiful"

Speaker: Allan Schoenherr

Date: Saturday at 6:30 in the Evening, March 31, 2007

Location: San Bernardino County Museum

Our guest speaker for our 2nd Annual Dinner and Conservation Awards is Dr. Allan Schoenherr, who will speak about California's wild and beautiful public lands. Dr. Allan Schoenherr literally wrote the book on California's habitats and is a dynamic speaker, gifted photographer, dedicated environmentalist and consummate outdoorsman. He promises to entertain us with his stunning pictures and fascinating program.

For the second time San Bernardino Valley Audubon will present our chapter's Conservation Award. This meritorious service award honors a group or individual that has helped protect, conserve and preserve the environment in our area. This year we honor the San Gorgonio Chapter of the Sierra Club whose mission is to enjoy and protect our natural heritage, scenic beauty, and wildlife and their natural habitats, as well as to provide means to experience the great outdoors.

Dinner: 6:30 PM Program and Awards: 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$20.00 per person

Our dinner will be held at the San Bernardino County Museum in the Fisk Auditorium in Redlands. The museum is located one block north of the I-10 at 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, CA 92374. Directions: From Interstate 10 take the California exit. Go north, proceed to Orange Tree Lane, make a right on Orange Tree Lane and follow the signs. The museum will be on your left.

Please mail your reservation forms to Dori Myers, Annual Dinner, 6011 Saddletree Lane, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. You can also deliver your form to her at our monthly general meeting or send it to SBVAS's mailing address. Dinner is \$20.00 per person. Reservations may be made until the 25th of March. Please reserve early since our meeting room has limited space for dinner. Questions call Dori at 714 779-2201.

Annual Dinner Reservation Form

Name _____

Name _____

Are you a vegetarian? Yes _____

Email address or phone number (In case we need to contact you) _____

Dinner will be a self serve buffet with meats, salads, vegetables, rolls and butter, Beverages; punch, coffee, tea or decaffeinated coffee and cake for dessert.

If you are a vegetarian please indicate on this reservation form.

Make your check payable to SBVAS or San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society.

Mail or give to:

Dori Myers: Annual Dinner
6011 Saddletree Lane
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

BOLSA CHICA, ORANGE COUNTY COAST

Saturday, March 10, 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Tom Benson

Please join us for what should be a great day of birding in the wetland areas of Orange County. Expect to see a large variety of wintering birds including ducks, shorebirds, grebes, herons, egrets, terns, cormorants, etc. We ought to find gulls and raptors and some song birds. With any luck we will see 50 or more species just in the morning. After birding Bolsa Chica (until around noon) we will go to Newport Back Bay or the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary to eat our lunch and finish the day.

To reach Bolsa Chica, take the 91 freeway south to the 55 (Newport freeway). Continue on the 55 to the 405 and go north towards Long Beach. Exit at Beach Blvd. (south) and continue to Pacific Coast Highway. Turn right and head north on PCH, past Huntington Beach. We will meet in the parking lot of the Ecological Preserve (Bolsa Chica) on the inland side of Pacific Coast Hwy at the only signal between Goldenwest and Warner.

Please bring a lunch if you intend to stay for the day. Also bring binoculars, bird book and a scope if you have one. It can get cold along the coast in winter so dress in layers.

EVERY OTHER YEAR-----2006-2007**LAKE CROWLEY / OWENS VALLEY****(for Grouse)**

Saturday and Sunday, April 14 & 15

Leader: Gene Cardiff, (909) 875-5358 -

e.cardiff@worldnet.att.net

Participants should meet on Saturday at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast at PJ's in the center of Lone Pine (approximately four hours from San Bernardino). From there we will caravan to Big Pine Creek to look for American dipper, Clark's nutcracker, northern goshawk, and blue grouse (of course). Along the way, we hope to see nesting osprey, tule elk, and black-billed magpie.

On Sunday, we plan to regroup at 5:30 a.m. at the corner of Whitmore Hot Springs Road and Highway 395, just south of the Convict Lake turnoff and about 30 miles north of Bishop. Look for the little church at this corner as a landmark. From this point, we will caravan to the sage grouse strutting grounds, in order to arrive before break of day. The grouse are active just a short time after dawn.

After viewing the sage grouse, our next stop will be Mammoth Village for warm-up and breakfast. The remainder of the day will be spent birding different areas on the way home, looking for sage thrasher, bald eagle, whistling swan, gray-crowned rosy finch, or a common loon in breeding plumage.

The sage grouse do their strutting and dancing in cleared areas of the sagebrush (called leks) at this time, regardless of weather. There is a possibility of snow, so it might be wise to consider making a reservation (well in advance) at a nearby motel in Bishop. Do plan to join us. □

MOJAVE NARROWS

Sunday, April 22, 7:30 a.m.

Leader: Steve Myers

(909) 684-7081 (days)

or (760) 949-3567 (evenings)

Our (nearly) annual trip to Mojave Narrows Regional Park will take place on April 23, 2005. We will meet at Pelican Lake at 7:30 a.m. From San Bernardino, go north on Interstate 215 toward Barstow. Continue over Cajon Pass to the Victorville area. Take the Bear Valley Road exit, and turn right (east). Go approximately 4 miles and turn left on Ridgecrest (watch for County Regional Park sign). After entering the Park (there is an entrance fee), turn right on a dirt road just past the horse stables, and follow this road to Pelican Lake.

Be prepared for an entire day of walking: bring sturdy shoes or boots (trails can be muddy), water, lunch, and snacks. There is a snack bar (with bare minimums) at the Park. Because we hike a rather long loop trail in the morning, we typically eat lunch fairly late (1:30- 2:00), so it's best to come prepared with snacks. The last few hours before sunset we will likely visit other birding spots in the Victor Valley, including Jess Ranch, Spring Valley Lake, and the pond at Victor Valley College. For more information call Steve at (909) 684-7081 (days), or (760) 949-3567 (evenings).

Migration should be in full swing and we expect to see a lot of warblers, flycatchers (including Vermilion), tanagers (including Summer) and a variety of desert and riparian species. Come for the morning or stay all day. See you there!

**BIG MORONGO**

Saturday, May 5, 7:00 a.m.

Leader: Chet McGaugh (909 781-3699)

The first week in May is about the best time for observing migrant land birds in Southern California and Big Morongo is one of the best places for it. In addition to migrant warblers, vireos and flycatchers, we expect to see the breeding specialties including vermilion flycatcher, yellow-breasted chat, summer tanager, blue grosbeak, Bullock's oriole and hooded oriole.

Join us for a morning birdwalk on the trails and roads of the preserve and surrounding areas. We will meet at the preserve parking lot at 7:00 a.m. To get there, take I-10 to Highway 62, go north ten miles to Morongo Valley, then turn right on Park Avenue to Covington Park. Turn left at Covington Park, then do a quick right-left-right into the preserve.

Weather is typically good this time of year. Bring water, snacks and lunch if you plan to make a day of it. Some of us will probably stay out all day. Who knows where the afternoon will lead us.

BOX SPRINGS MOUNTAINS

Sunday, May 6th, 8:00 AM

Leader: John Green (951) 686-2956 or e-mail:
bewickwren@earthlink.net

We will meet at the upper parking lot of Box Springs Mountain Reserve. Our main target birds here will be Black-chinned, Rufous-crowned, and "Bell's" Sage Sparrows, which should be present and singing. We'll look for them and more while going on a figure eight loop hike through the fragmented chaparral and sage scrub and past several springs. A few of the other resident and/or breeding birds to be expected on the trip include Greater Roadrunner, Black-chinned and Costa's Hummingbirds, Nuttall's Woodpeckers, Wrentit, Rock and Canyon Wrens, California Thrasher, and Bullock's and Hooded Orioles. We will, of course, also be hoping for a nice crop of migrants including flycatchers, vireos, warblers, buntings, grosbeaks, and??? Over 170 species of birds have been recorded in the Box Springs, but 40 species is a more realistic goal for this trip. We should also see some wildflowers and shrubs in bloom, and a variety of butterflies, reptiles, mammals, etc. as well. **THIS INCLUDES RATTLESNAKES**, which have been encountered on the trip in recent years. Other concerns include ticks, poison oak, and stinging nettle. None of these are abundant, and can be avoided with reasonable care.

The walk is all on official trails, but some are narrow. The full hike is about 3.5 miles, with a couple of climbs, and a maximum elevation gain of about 650 feet. Those not wanting the full walk can break back to the parking lot at the end of the first loop of the figure eight (that first loop is about 1.25 miles and 450 foot elevation gain). Expect to arrive back at the parking lot by lunchtime.

We will meet at 8 AM. From Highway 60 in Moreno Valley take the Pigeon Pass Road / Frederick Street exit. Take Pigeon Pass north and continue for about 4.2 miles. When Pigeon Pass makes a sharp turn to the right, you will continue straight on Box Springs Mountain Road for about 1.3 miles to the parking area. There is a \$2 per person park fee box. We will do a lot of walking, so wear appropriate shoes and dress comfortably in layers. Some trails may be overgrown, long pants are advised. Carry water and snacks. There are picnic tables at the parking area, so bring a lunch if you'd like to eat after the hike. See you there!

IMPORTANT: *This trip is not suitable for large groups, only a limited number of students can be accommodated. A maximum of five students can attend, but only if they call and register with me in advance. Students are expected to show interest, have a binocular, and attend the full trip. Signature for school credit will be provided at the end of the walk. I may be able to loan a binocular if arranged well in advance. There is a Beginning Bird Walk available at Fairmount Park on the same day as this trip for those desiring an easier walk, or if this trip is full.*

**Spring
Fieldtrips****CAL STATE PANCAKE
BREAKFAST BIRDWALK**

Saturday, May 12, 8:00 AM

California State University, San Bernardino
Leaders: Gene Cardiff (909 875-5358) &
Tony Metcalf (909 242-7038)

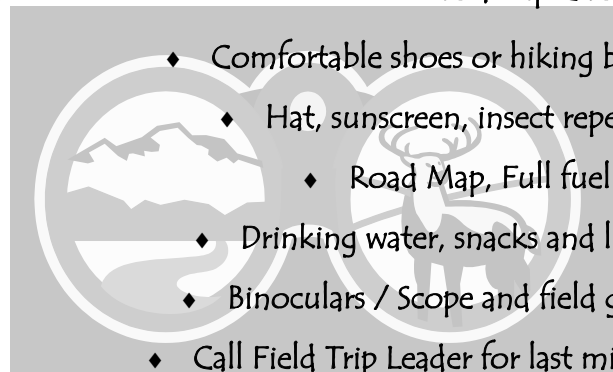
Please join us for our Spring Breakfast Birdwalk at one of our favorite spots in past years, Cal State University, San Bernardino, we are all looking forward to eating and birding on this beautiful campus. The crew will be cooking pancakes, eggs, bacon, coffee and juice beginning at 8:00 AM. We will be there to set up at 7:00 AM. You are welcome to join us then, but be prepared to be put to work! We will be serving from 8:00 to 9:30. Don't forget to bring your own table service for eating breakfast. After breakfast, Gene will be leading us on a birding trip around the campus. It is a good time to be looking for both resident and migratory birds. The campus has parkland and recovering coastal sage scrub habitat, making it a good spot for a variety of species, maybe a vermilion flycatcher! Even better after the fires...

Please join us for a wonderful morning!

To reach the campus from the Riverside area, go north on the 215 to north San Bernardino. Stay on the 215 past where Hwy 30 breaks off. From the 215, take the University Parkway exit. Turn right on University Parkway. Go about 1 mi. on University Parkway to North Park Blvd. Turn right and proceed about 1/2 mi. to the traffic light at Coyote Dr. Make a left turn on Coyote Drive into the campus. At the end of Coyote Drive turn right into parking lot G. Drive toward the right side of the parking lot and look for the Audubon signs near the tennis courts. We will be on the far side of the tennis courts. ♪

Field Trip Checklist

- ◆ Comfortable shoes or hiking boots
- ◆ Hat, sunscreen, insect repellent
- ◆ Road Map, Full fuel tank
- ◆ Drinking water, snacks and lunch
- ◆ Binoculars / Scope and field guide
- ◆ Call Field Trip Leader for last minute cancellations or changes



VERY BEGINNING BIRD WALKS

For those of you who are just beginning the wonderful pastime of bird watching, please join us for a fun, slow-paced morning of birding in one of our local wildlife habitats. Our goal will be to teach you enough basic birding techniques and identification skills so that you will feel comfortable birding on your own or joining our longer birding trips throughout the year.

We will introduce you to some of our local bird species. You may be surprised at what wonderful birds can be seen!

Binoculars and bird guides will be provided for use during the walk. However, please bring your own if you have them as supplies are limited. Wear comfortable walking shoes, hats and sunscreen and bring water.

The walk is free and no reservations are needed. Everyone is welcome and student lists will be signed.

Very Beginning Bird Walk—Hidden Valley Wildlife Area

Sunday, March 4, 2007 - 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Leaders: Jennifer and Michelle Tobin

We will meet at the wildlife area's nature center. To get to Hidden Valley from the 91 freeway, take the Arlington Ave. exit and go west just over seven miles to the entrance, which is a signed.

Very Beginning Bird Walk—Louis Robidoux Nature Center

Sunday, April 1, 2007- 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Leaders: Jennifer and Michelle Tobin

The nature center is located at 5370 Riverview Drive in Rubidoux. From Highway 60, 2.7 miles west of the junction of Interstate 215 and Highway 60, exit at Rubidoux Blvd. and go south to Mission Blvd. and turn right. Turn left onto Riverview Drive/ Limonite Avenue then left onto Riverview drive. The nature center will be on the left approximately 1.2 miles. The gate to the main entrance will be locked.

Turn left at the first driveway past the entrance to park at the grounds keeper's lot.

Please contact: Cathy Tobin (951) 684-9613 for further information. Rain or other conditions may cause last minute changes. You may call ahead to confirm location and time.

Very Beginning Bird Walk—Fairmount Park

Sunday, May 6, 2007 - 8:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. Leader: Doug Karalun

The walk is free and no reservations are needed. Everyone is welcome and student lists will be signed.

To reach Fairmount Park from downtown Riverside take Market Street north to the signal at Fairmount Park and turn left. (just before the train engine) Turn immediately to the left towards the tennis courts then right into the parking lot. Follow the lot all the way to the end and park near the bandstand.

Please contact: Doug Karalun (909) 425-5355 for further information. Rain or other conditions may cause last minute changes. You may call ahead to confirm location and time.

Visit our web site at: <http://www.sbvass.org/calendar.htm> for directions to each site. 

Adult Research Camps at Starr Ranch

Audubon California's Starr Ranch Sanctuary invites you to our overnight camps for adults. Join staff biologists for a peaceful weekend at beautiful 4000-acre Starr Ranch in southeast Orange County and experience nature hands-on as a wildlife researcher. Stay in our historic bunkhouse or tent camp. Two mini wildlife research projects will be offered:

Birds of a Rare Californian Habitat (Coastal Sage Scrub)

Our third annual adult bird research camp will focus on birds of the rare coastal sage scrub (CSS) habitat. Participants will learn how ornithologists study birds by gaining experience in point counts, spot mapping, call playback, and bird banding. The camp will kick off with an introduction to the birds of CSS at Starr Ranch and their songs. On Saturday morning, we will conduct point counts at various CSS sites on the Ranch. The afternoon will involve a field spot mapping experience that includes our very own CSS restoration sites. When the sun goes down we will survey for owls from the benches of our flat-bed truck using call playback. On Sunday morning we will return to the CSS and learn how and why we band birds during a field demonstration.

Dates & Times: 7 pm Fri., May 18/Sun., noon May 20


Cost: \$100/bunkhouse; \$90/camping (breakfasts and Sat. dinner provided)

Wildlife of Oak Woodlands

This spring, adult campers will conduct a mini-research project that will examine the wildlife of oak woodlands. Participants will use field ecology techniques to survey the diverse animals found in a woodland's interior as well as along its boundary with a grassland habitat. On Saturday morning, adult campers will learn how biologists monitor reptiles and amphibians. In the afternoon, campers will collect and classify ground-dwelling and winged invertebrates. That evening, campers will conduct a nocturnal wildlife survey during which we'll explore Bell Canyon at night from benches in the back of a flat-bed truck, making stops to call for owls and coyotes. Sunday morning the group will return to the oak woodlands to use live traps to capture, identify, and release native small mammals.

Dates and Times: 9 am Sat., June 2/noon Sun., June 3

*Cost: \$80/bunkhouse; \$75/camping (Sat. dinner and Sun. breakfast provided) **Space is limited***

Reservations: 949-858-0131 Questions: 949-858-0309 <http://www.starr-ranch.org/> 

A FIELD STUDY OF BIRDS: SPRING

BIO X406 (2 units)

Birds during the spring migration and in their breeding territories. Emphasis on identification of breeding plumages in the field and museum. Field trips include Mystic Lake, Imperial Beach, Salton Sea, Imperial Valley, Morongo Valley, High Desert and San Jacinto Mountains.

Note: Visitors not permitted.

Vertebrate course for Certificate in Field Ecology / Elective for the Specialized Study Program in Field Ornithology (may be taken twice for credit)

Instructor: Eugene A. Cardiff, B.A., Retired Curator of Natural History, San Bernardino County Museum, Redlands. Cardiff is Extension's longest-standing instructor. He has taught over 100 ornithology classes since 1968.

Date/Time: Tue. 7:30-9:30 pm,
Apr. 17. Field trips all day Sat.
Apr. 21, 28, May 5, 19, June 2.
(6 meetings) Reg #: 064-SCF-
F23 Fee: \$219 / \$199 each for
couples and family members /
\$180 each with PINE discount

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are PINE
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qualify for the
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Location: SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM,
REDLANDS

CALENDAR OF FIELD TRIPS FOR 2006-2007

www.sbvas.org for updates

VBBW—Very Beginning Bird Walks

SJWA — San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Mar 4/Sun/ VBBW at Hidden Valley - J & M Tobin

Mar 10/Sat/ Bolsa Chica Dori Myers & Tom Benson

Apr 1/Sun VBBW -Robidoux Nature Center - J & M Tobin

Apr 14 & 15 / Weekend trip /

Grouse Trip to the Owens Valley – Gene Cardiff

Apr 22/Sun/ Mojave Narrows - Steve Myers

May 5/Sat/ Big Morongo - Chet McGaugh

May 6/Sun/VBBW - Fairmount Park - Doug Karalun

May 6/Sun/ Box Springs Mountain - John Green

May 12/Sat/ Pancake Breakfast at

Cal State San Bernardino - Tony Metcalf

May 19/Sat – Baby Birds at Bear Paw – Cin Grayraven

Jun 9/Sat/ Wrightwood Field Trip – Gene Cardiff

Jun 16/Sat/ Owling in San Bernardino (evening - night)

Dave Goodward

Jul 21 & 22 / Weekend trip /

South fork of the Greenhorns – Steve Myers

Aug 26/Sun/ Insane Jaunt to the Salton Sea – John Green

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Access to the code may be had by calling—
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Bearpaw Sanctuary, 38801 Valley of the Falls Drive
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