



San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society

# WESTERN MEADOWLARK

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## **"Eagles of the World"**

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Presented by Bill Clark

World renowned raptor expert, Bill Clark, will be our speaker this month. After defining an eagle, Bill will discuss and show many of the world's 67 species of eagles. He will describe the four major kinds of eagles and share some of his many experiences in the field with various eagles, including the capture of Golden Eagles by hand, Indian style. Bald Eagles are featured in a sequence of behavioral photographs showing eagles being eagles.

Bill Clark is a photographer, author, and lecturer and has over 30 years experience working with birds of prey, including 5 years as Director of NWF's Raptor Information Center. He has published numerous articles on raptor subjects; has traveled extensively world-wide studying, observing, and photographing raptors; and regularly leads raptor and birding tours and workshops, both home and abroad, with his company, Raptours.

He regularly teaches evening and weekend courses on raptor field identification and biology, including a recent one for the World Birding Center, and frequently presents lectures on raptor subjects. For over 30 years, Bill has coordinated the Cape May Raptor Banding Project in New Jersey.

Bill has written a raptor field guide for Europe, and is writing another for Africa. He is a coauthor of the *Photographic Guide to North American Raptors* and the completely revised Peterson series guide, *Hawks*. He has just begun a raptor field guide for Mexico and Central America. Bill has a personal goal to see and take photographs of all of the world's diurnal raptors.. Come enjoy his wonderful program.

## **"Birding Ecuador"**

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Presented by Roy Poucher

Roy Poucher will transport you on a birding odyssey from the high Andes of Ecuador (20,000'+) down to the steamy lowlands and jungles of the Amazon. These extremes in elevation, being at the equator (for year-round maximum sunlight), make Ecuador a special destination offering the adventurer-unsurpassed bio-diversity. Paddle Amazon streams with Roy in a dugout canoe searching for birds with native guides. Walk the steep Andean slopes of Yanacocha and encounter a mind-boggling variety of hummingbirds. Enjoy the birds of Ecuador, in a fireworks display of different colors and shapes. These are just a few of the special treats that Roy has in store for you on this journey.

Roy has been a Sea and Sage Audubon trip leader and field trip assistant for 14 years. He has led repeated multi-day trips to the Eastern Sierra, Santa Barbara, Yosemite, Arizona and Texas. In 2003 he led spring warbler trips to the Upper Texas Coast and to the Great Lakes. In 2005 he did the same for shorebirds leading trips to Texas and the East Coast. His bird tour company, Bird Odysseys, has recently taken groups to Costa Rica, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands.

*Please come enjoy our wonderful programs.  
Our doors will open at 7 PM , browse our  
bookstore and gift shop hosted by Nancy Manning.  
Our meeting starts at 7:30 PM and as always,  
Everyone is welcome. Dori*



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## ANNUAL DINNER AND CONSERVATION AWARDS

Program: "Our Southern California Raptors"

Speaker: Pete Bloom

Date: Saturday night, March 25, 2006

Location: San Bernardino County Museum

Our guest speaker for our first ever Annual Dinner and Conservation Awards will be Pete Bloom. Pete is an internationally known expert on raptors. His knowledge and thirty-six years of experience studying hawks and owls is extensive. A graduate of Cal State University at Long Beach with a Masters in Ornithology, he is currently working on his Ph.D. at the University of Idaho. He still spends much of his time in Southern California studying our birds. His articles are published frequently in the journal of the Raptor Research Foundation. Pete is an excellent speaker and will discuss how our Southern California Raptors are managing, their status and conservation.

Our Annual Dinner will also include the presentation of our chapters' first Conservation Award given for exceptional service to our organization. Given either to a group or individual it is hoped that this meritorious service award will in a small way recognize, honor and thank those that have given so much.

For several years we have been thinking about having a special dinner to honor conservation and award service to our chapter. We also hoped to raise a little money to carry on our conservation efforts. We plan to start small and we hope that this Annual Dinner will become a tradition.

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Awards and Program: 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$20.00 per person

Our Annual Dinner will be held at the San Bernardino County Museum in the Fisk Auditorium. Mail your payment with the reservation form 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 our mailing address. Reservations may be made until the 20th of March. Please reserve early.

### ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a vegetarian? yes \_\_\_

E-mail address or phone (In case we need to contact you) \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner will be a self serve buffet with meats, salads, rolls & butter, beverages (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 to:

Dori Myers  
Annual Dinner  
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Yorba Linda, CA 92886



## Dispersal Dynamics of the Juvenile Western Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*)

Isolation of populations is increasingly a problem in management and conservation of avian species as our landscape becomes more fragmented by development. It cannot be assumed that a bird can easily navigate unfavorable territory between suitable sites for foraging or breeding. This is especially true of birds that interact strongly with the landscape. The western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*) is a ground-dwelling owl, which spends a great deal of time foraging on or near the ground. The juvenile dispersal dynamics of this bird is not well known, and yet it is rapidly becoming the focus of many western conservation plans as the population numbers continue to decline. I am a graduate student at the University of California, Riverside, and I am studying juvenile dispersal of burrowing owls using mark and recapture techniques, in a study area that is larger than any other study to date.

I am looking for volunteers to help me in this important study. Surveys for owls, in particular marked owls, will be conducted starting in April (weather permitting). The survey areas consist of 5 square acres and are spread throughout western Riverside County (with a few in the Coachella Valley and a few in part of San Bernardino County). A GPS is very useful though not absolutely required, and I will train you to use it if you would like. Knowledge of Riverside helpful, but not required. Most surveys will be roadside surveys, but some will require walking. Experience with owls helpful, but not required. I will train you. Training starts in March. Time and days are quite flexible, but it would be helpful if you could commit to one morning a week (with some flexibility here) during the early part of the breeding season (March through July).

If you are interested you can call me (562-706-7510) or email me ([ginny.short@email.ucr.edu](mailto:ginny.short@email.ucr.edu)).

I look forward to working with you.

*Ginny*

*I am looking for volunteers to help me*

## Count for the Birds in America's Great Backyard:

Feb 17-20, 2006

- No Fee or registration required
- All ages and skill levels welcome
- Track results in real time online
- Count in your backyard, balcony, schoolyard, park, wild-life refuge
- Be a part of the network
- Join with thousand of others to find out how many birds are being seen in your area and across the continent this winter. By participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count, you help document where birds are, and track changes in their numbers compared to previous years, helping scientists paint a picture of the state of birds this winter.
- For more information, or to get started, go to <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/>

### Top 10 most commonly reported species in GBBC 2005:

- |                       |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Northern Cardinal  | 6. Blue Jay                |
| 2. Mourning Dove      | 7. House Finch             |
| 3. Dark-eyed Junco    | 8. Tufted Titmouse         |
| 4. American Goldfinch | 9. American Crow           |
| 5. Downy Woodpecker   | 10. Black-capped Chickadee |

### Highlight of the Christmas Bird Counts 05/06

**The Salton Sea North CBC** was held on Monday, January 2. Twenty-one observers found 137 species, a lower than average number but decent considering the exciting weather. High winds in the afternoon ended the hope of finding land-birds. Highlights included Bald Eagles (2), Peregrine Falcons (3+), Turkey Vulture (an astounding 153), Blue-winged Teal, Red-breasted Merganser, Thayer's Gull (second winter), Black Skimmer, Nuttall's Woodpecker (certainly the same female as last year), Vermilion Flycatcher, American Crows (5), Black-throated Gray Warblers (2), American Redstarts (2), Tricolored Blackbirds (5 males), Scott's Oriole, Bullock's Oriole, and the expected new-bird-for-the-count Eurasian Collared-Doves (50+). Frustrating misses included Aechmophorus grebes, Red-head, Crissal Thrasher, and Brewer's Sparrow.

Thanks to all who came out! Chet

**The San Jacinto Lake CBC** was held Tuesday, December 20. We had great weather and good turnout. Highlights of the count included two new species for the count: a Hutton's Vireo in San Timoteo Canyon, and a probable Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus* sp.) at Lake Perris near the bathrooms adjacent to the water slides. Other birds of note included a Rough-legged Hawk on private property in the Badlands; Bald Eagle, Prairie Falcon, Peregrine Falcon, Eurasian Wigeon, 14 Aleutian Cackling Geese, and multiple Snow and Greater White-fronted Geese on Mystic Lake; Eastern Phoebe, Common Goldeneye, Burrowing Owl, Merlin, and Ferruginous Hawk on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area; 2 Common Loons at Lake Perris; and another Eurasian Wigeon at Skiland (private property). We tallied 141 species with one party not yet reporting. Thanks to all those who participated. Good birding, Tom Benson

## THE WESTERN MEADOWLARK

will now become a bi-monthly publication...

Due to the increase in printing and mailing costs over the past few years the SBVAS board decided that it would be a prudent idea to eliminate 4 issues a year and condense the mailing to 6 times a year as opposed to 10 times a year. The savings will be substantial. Eventually, we would like to offer an electronic version and eliminate the paper copy for those of you who would prefer it. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at 909-874-3301.

Thank you, Melissa Culley, Editor

### Very Beginning Bird Walks

**First Sunday of each month: October to May 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.**

Leaders: Jennifer and Michelle Tobin and Doug Karalun

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 some 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 walks. However, please bring your own if you have them, as supplies are limited. Wear comfortable walking shoes, hats and sunscreen and bring water.

February 5 - San Jacinto Wildlife Area

March 5 - Hidden Valley Wildlife Area

April 2 - Louis Robidoux Nature Center

May 7 - Fairmount Park (leader: Doug Karalun)

### San Jacinto Wildlife Area

**Sunday - Feb. 5 8:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M.**

**Leaders: Jennifer and Michelle Tobin**

Visiting the wildlife area in winter allows great opportunities to view waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors.

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. We will meet at the main parking lot at the wildlife headquarters.

From Riverside go south on 215 then east on Ramona Expressway. Turn north (left) on Davis Road which soon becomes dirt. The entrance to the wildlife area is approximately 3 miles down Davis Road on the right. Turn here and the parking area will be on your left. You can no longer enter the wildlife area from the north.

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.*

### MOJAVE NARROWS

**Sunday, April 23, 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, 2006. 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!*

**SANTA BARBARA AREA FIELD TRIP****Saturday - Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>****Leaders: John Green: phone (951) 686-2956, e-mail bewickwren@earthlink.net and  
Steve Myers: phone (760)843-4009, e-mail stephenmyers@earthlink.net**

It's been several years since SBVAS offered a field trip to Santa Barbara. This is a nice time of year to visit when the full contingent of wintering regulars and rarities should be present and accounted for. Our coastal target birds will include a lot of gulls, including Glaucous-winged, Thayer's, and Mew; Royal Terns, lots of shorebirds including Snowy Plover, Black Oystercatcher, Whimbrel, both Turnstones, and Wandering Tattler; Wood Ducks, Surf Scoter, Pacific, Common, and Red-throated Loons; Brandt's and Pelagic Cormorants, and much more. We'll expect plenty of landbirds along the way too.

The Santa Barbara area always has some fine rarities as well. We can't be sure what will be on hand, but last year at this time, rarities in the area included Zone-tailed Hawk, Ross's and Greater White-fronted Geese, Peregrine Falcon, Eurasian Wigeon, Little Blue Heron, Red-necked Grebe, Orchard Oriole, Red-naped Sapsucker, and Magnolia, Black-and-White, and Worm-eating Warblers. We'll plan on getting 100 or more species during the weekend.

Arrive each day with a full tank of gas, lunch, your binocular, and anything else you'll need for a full day of birding. The leaders will have scopes, but more scopes are always welcome! We may be using FRS radios, so bring yours if you have them. Some of the places we visit may charge parking or entry fees, so be prepared for that as well.

We will meet at 8:00AM at the Andree Clark Bird Refuge. Exit Highway 101 in Santa Barbara at Hot Springs Road. Cross under the freeway on Cabrillo Blvd. and immediately turn right (west) on Los Patos Way. The parking lot is to the left at the edge of the lake. We'll bird there then head out and bird until everyone has had enough, or until it is dark, whichever comes first. Then we'll do it again on Sunday. Our route will be determined by our target birds are, and where other birds of interest are being seen. **IF YOU ARE COMING ON SUNDAY ONLY**, call John's cell phone: (951) 751-0733 on Saturday evening to find out where and when we will start on the 12<sup>th</sup>. You will need to arrange your own accommodations for Friday and/or Saturday nights. There are plenty of motels in Santa Barbara and the surrounding communities, and a few campgrounds, but reservations are always a good idea. If you'd like to prepare for your visit, online resources including bird checklists, seasonal distribution, and links to other resources and more are on the Santa Barbara County Birding Pages at <http://mysite.verizon.net/res0d1yq/>

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST &  
BIRD WALK SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA****Sunday, Feb 19, 8:00 a.m.****Contact: Leader: Tom Paulek Questions: 909-928-3698**

We will meet at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and Gene Cardiff will be flipping pancakes. In addition to pancakes, this day will be about waterfowl-ducks, geese, ibis, and birds of prey that make the beautiful San Jacinto Valley their winter home. The breakfast will begin outside of the SJWA headquarters at 8:00 a.m. We will be there as early as 7 a.m. and you are welcome to join us then, but be prepared to be put to work! In addition to binoculars and birding equipment, try to remember to bring your own table service for breakfast. Plan on staying all day or just for part of the morning.

**As the north from Theodore is now closed, from Riverside go south on 215 then east on Ramona then north on Davis road three miles to parking lot. From Hemet, go west on Ramona to Davis road. from Redlands, go south on Redlands blvd. east on 60, east on Gilman Springs, south on Bridge street, west on Ramona and north on Davis road. call 909-928-3698 if you have any questions**

**This route is not recommended if there have been recent rains. The dirt roads are too dangerous for normal travel.**

Everyone is always welcome and this is an especially good day for new birders and families.

The weather could be cool, so dress accordingly.

**BOLSA CHICA -****Saturday, March 11, 2006, 8:00am****Leader: Tom Benson****Email: thomasabenson@aol.com 909-648-0899 or 909-537-3309**

Join us at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve in Orange County for a fantastic day of birding. There should be plenty of shorebirds like red knots, black-bellied and semipalmated plovers, western and least sandpipers, and dunlin. Some of them might even be in breeding plumage! There will be plenty of herons and egrets to see, and hopefully the reddish egrets that have been spending the winter will still be hanging around. We will be birding at Bolsa Chica until about lunchtime, after which we will head off into other parts of Orange County, possibly Upper Newport Bay, San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, or elsewhere to chase rarities.

Due to construction of a new boardwalk, we will not be meeting at the usual location. Instead we will be meeting at the parking lot at the corner of Warner and Pacific Coast Highway. From the Inland Empire, take the 91 Fwy west to the 55 Fwy south; then take the 22 Fwy west; exit at Bolsa Chica and turn left (south), continue to Warner and turn right (west); the parking lot for Bolsa Chica will be on your left-hand side immediately before you reach Pacific Coast Highway. Try to arrive early because the parking lot can fill up fast. Bring a lunch and something to drink... Layer your clothing, cold in the AM and warmer in PM.



## LOOK BACK: 2005 IN REVIEW

*It was a tough year but we enjoyed some successes and here are a few examples. Many, many thanks to everyone who responded to alerts, Advisories, and other appeals to get active on some or all of these issues.*

### **You made it happen!**

#### **ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

No retrospective on 2005 would be complete without again celebrating our resounding victory to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. It was "never say die" grassroots determination that saved the Refuge from drilling.

#### **NEO-TROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION**

This highly successful bird conservation grant program was funded for 2006 at \$4 million — less than the authorized level of \$5 million, but a small increase over the previous year. Audubon will continue to press for full funding under the current authorization and lead efforts to reauthorize the Neo-Tropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act at a higher funding level of \$15 million.

**WILDLIFE REFUGES:** With the President and Congressional allies pushing to reduce the deficit by half in four years, 2005 was a very tight year for conservation funding. We helped secure an additional \$16 million for FY06 (Oct 2005-Sept 2006) for the Refuge System for a total of \$393.4 million for on-the-ground activities to help birds and wildlife and improve visitor experiences. A huge backlog of nearly \$2 billion still exists for invasive species control and other maintenance work on refuges

#### **"EXTINCTION BILL" PENDING IN THE SENATE**

In September, the House passed a bill sponsored by Congressman Richard Pombo (R-CA) that would significantly weaken the Endangered Species Act, one of America's strongest and most successful laws for protecting biodiversity and saving our most vulnerable birds and wildlife.

Senator Crapo (R-ID) has introduced a similar bill. So far no committee action has been scheduled but we expect congressional action on this and possibly other ESA bills in the coming weeks.

Of course the Endangered Species Act is a top Audubon priority and we will need a lot of chapter and grassroots support to stop attempts to weaken the existing law in the coming months.

#### **GRANDFATHER OF ALL ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS UNDER ATTACK :**

On December 21, the House Resources Committee National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Task Force issued its recommendations for changes to the National Environmental Policy Act. The National Environmental Policy Act is the most important environmental law that most Americans have never heard of. Major federal projects must be reviewed for the environmental and public health impacts. If the damage will be significant, an environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared that discloses to the public those impacts and evaluates alternative designs to minimize damage. The public has an opportunity to have a say on how a project proceeds through comments on the EIS.

## SBVAS Volunteer Opportunities

*We could use your help in so many ways and so often we forget to ask. So here are some ways you can help make a difference and get involved.*

**Monthly Meetings**--You can help us set up before and clean up after our monthly meetings. While you help and pitch in you will get to know us better. We always need you to bring goodies to share at our monthly meeting—cookies, sweets, etc. You don't have to bake—store bought is just fine. Contact Deb Bennett or Dori and let them know what you are bringing so we can plan on how much to buy. (phone #'s on pg. 7) You might want to help Nancy Manning set up the book tables for the monthly meeting and help pack them up afterward. This takes just a little time but is so helpful.

**Annual Dinner** --We are planning our Annual Dinner March 25 and need help with it. Please plan to come and please buy a ticket.

**Bird House**--We are looking for a creative person to design and build a special little bird house. This little house will be used at every one of our meetings.

**Pancake Breakfasts**--We always need help at our pancake breakfasts. Volunteer to cook, clean up or help with the bird walks.

**Western Meadowlark**--We could use help labeling the Western Meadowlark and getting it in the mail. We have a small crew doing this now but we could use backup. Also do you have ideas for articles for our newsletter or do you want to write an article?

**Donations**--Money is always appreciated, of course. You can donate items for raffles, drawings and door prizes We could use a good birding scope. Please keep us in mind if you plan to replace or update your current model – we could use your used one. Someone out there might just have an extra scope gathering dust that could be used to share great views of shorebirds, ducks, hawks or sparrows.

**Environmental and Conservation Issues**--Volunteer to attend hearings, meetings and follow a conservation issue. Contact political representatives expressly for Audubon.

**Board of Directors**--Consider getting involved. We need you and you can make a great difference.

*Contact Dori at 714 779-2201 or dorimyers1@aol.com ... for more information on any of the opportunities listed above. I know you will find them rewarding. Thanks, Dori* ✍

Pombo's Task Force held several hearings across the country, which it described as "public" hearings yet witnesses were by invitation only. Not surprisingly, witnesses were primarily industry representatives who criticized NEPA's EIS process.

Also it comes as no surprise that the Task Force suggests changes to NEPA that will weaken the law and reduce public participation in federal decision-making.

**The Task Force is accepting comments on its recommendations through February 6.** ✍

## A Field Study of Birds: Spring Biology 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.

Instructor: Gene Cardiff, B.A., Retired Curator of Natural History, San Bernardino County Museum, Redlands

Dates/Times: Tue. 7:30-9:30 pm, Apr. 18/Field trips all day Saturday Apr. 22, 29, May 6, 20, June 3.

Location: Redlands: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Land.

Fee: \$206 / \$185 each for couples and family members / \$165 each with PINE discount (6 meetings)

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to leave a report on the RBA phone machine. ✍

## Calendar of Field Trips 05-06

Feb. 5 - Sun. - Beginning Bird Walk at SJWA -  
Jennifer & Michelle Tobin

Feb. 11 & 12 - Weekend Trip Santa Barbara -  
Steve Myers and John Green

Feb. 19 - Sun. - Pancake Breakfast at SJWA -  
Tom Paulek

Mar. 5 - Sun. - Beginning Bird Walk  
Hidden Valley  
Jennifer & Michelle Tobin

Mar. 11 - Sat. - Bolsa Chica - Tom Benson

Apr. 2 - Sun. - Beginning Bird Walk -  
Robidoux Nature Center -  
Jennifer & Michelle Tobin

Apr. 23 - Sun. - Mojave Narrows - Steve Myers

May 6 - Sat. - Big Morongo - Chet McGaugh

May 7 - Sun. - Beginning Bird Walk -  
Fairmount Park - Doug Karalun

May 7 - Sun. - Box Springs Mountain - John Green

May 13 - Sat. - Pancake Breakfast at Cal State  
San Bernardino - Tony Metcalf

June 10 - Sat. - Wrightwood Field Trip -  
Gene Cardiff

June 17 - Sat. - Owling in San Bernardino  
(evening - night) - Dave Goodward

July 15 - Sat. - Palm Springs Tram Trip - Tim Krantz

July 22 & 23 - Weekend Trip to South Fork Kern  
River & the Greenhorn Mts. - Steve Myers

Aug. 27 - Sun. - Insane Jaunt to the Salton Sea -  
John Green

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**SBVAS Calendar DEC. & JAN 05/06**

Feb 1 ..... 7:00 ..... BOARD MEETING

Feb 15 ..... 7:30 ..... GENERAL MEETING

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