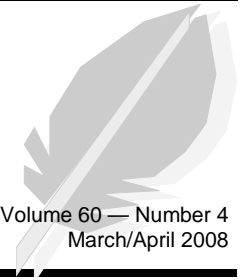




WESTERN MEADOWLARK



"A Geography of Birds"
Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 7:30
Dr. Tim Krantz

Join us for this wide-ranging talk on the geography of birds of the world by SBVAS' own Dr. Tim Krantz. From the origins of the earliest birds, when *Archaeopteryx* was gliding through tree tops over the heads of dinosaurs, to the modern distributions of birds around the world; from plate tectonics to Wallace's Line; Dr. Krantz will take us on a whirlwind tour, providing new perspectives on how the families of modern birds have evolved and adapted to their changing environments. We will explore the striking similarities of New World and Old World families, in which birds have developed convergent adaptations and appearances under similar conditions on each of the continents, from the Arctic to the Antarctic, from tropical rainforests to the driest deserts of the

*(Dr. Tim Krantz...
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Victory on the Orange County Toll Road

As you have probably heard by now, the California Coastal Commission Feb. 6 voted 8-2 to deny a key permit that would have allowed the controversial extension to the Orange County Foothill South (241) toll road. This tremendous conservation victory would not have been possible without all of you who let the commission know how you felt. This victory is yours.

Nearly 2,000 of you sent emails through Audubon California's Action Alert system in the weeks before the commission meeting, and many joined the thousands in attendance for the hearing in Del Mar. This victory was clear proof that Audubon can make a difference.

Although the Coastal Commission vote struck a serious blow against the toll road, the project is far from dead. The agency backing the toll road --

the Transportation Corridor Agencies --
wasted little time in filing an appeal with the
U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

While the odds are against this appeal, Audubon California and several other organizations will actively take this fight to Washington to make sure that this project never happens. ♣

"Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness"
Wednesday, April 16, 2008, 7:30PM

A program presented by Bob Brister from the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance "Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness" is a multi-media slide show featuring stunning images by noted wilderness photographers and narrated by Robert Redford. The show also documents citizen efforts to designate public lands in southern Utah's spectacular canyon country as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The journey through redrock splendor invigorates and motivates viewers to participate in the movement to protect these unique lands. "Wild Utah" was made possible through the generous donation of photos, music, words and narration from concerned

Utahans who wish to pass this heritage onto future generations. Along with wonderful visuals a presentation outlin-

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3rd Annual Dinner & Conservation Awards

This year on Saturday, March 22, we honor **THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY** whose dual mission is to preserve the beauty and biodiversity of the earth, and to fund programs so that children may know the wonder and joy of nature. pg 3

Secretary Kempthorne Announces Proposal to Remove the Brown

Pelican from the Endangered Species List



BATON ROUGE, La.--February 8, 2008 Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne has celebrated the brown pelican's remarkable recovery from the brink of extinction by formally proposing to remove the remaining protected populations of the bird along the Gulf and Pacific coasts, and in the Caribbean, and Central and South America from protection under the Endangered Species Act.

Kempthorne announced the proposal at the Louisiana Governor's Mansion in Baton Rouge during a joint appearance with Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal. Kempthorne also noted that the pelican's recovery is due in large measure to the federal ban on the general use of the pesticide DDT in 1972, after former U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring* and alerted the nation to the dangers of unrestricted pesticide use.

"The brown pelican is known for its fishing displays, plunging headlong from the air into the water and rising with a mouthful of fish. In the same dramatic fashion, the pelican has pulled off an amazing recovery after a steep plunge toward extinction," said

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PRINCIPLES FOR GUIDING OUR WORK IN PUBLIC POLICY

The public policy work of Audubon California:

- Is directly connected to the conservation outcomes and priorities of Audubon California inspired by the strategic plan and articulated in the annual work plan.
- Is one of several integrated tools Audubon California uses in making progress toward its outcomes.
- Will take place at the local, state and national levels as determined by specific programmatic needs and it will be legislative, administrative and regulatory in nature.
- Is inclusive and collaborative, encompassing where appropriate talent and interests Audubon programs, chapters and partner organizations. All Audubon California staff will have the opportunity to participate, either directly or as engaged members of the public.
- Will leverage the inherent advantages of Audubon: the respect we enjoy among the public and decision makers, our knowledge and credibility about birds and the local power of our grassroots organized through our chapter network.
- Will seek to build bridges between mainstream conservation and low-income communities of color and making traditional conservation work relevant to these communities and their unique needs.

AUDUBON CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION OUTCOMES:

OUTCOME 1: STABILIZE AND INCREASE POPULATIONS OF AT-RISK SPECIES OF BIRDS

- California Condor Recovery: Ban lead ammunition in California Condor habitat – through the recently signed B 821 and companion regulatory efforts of the CA Fish and Game Commission. Initiate partnership with American Ornithologists' Union to undertake a review of the California Condor Recovery Program. Help secure a conservation agreement for significant conservation on the Tejon Ranch in order to protect priority species and habitats on the Tejon Ranch and ensure regional connectivity between the southern Sierra Nevada and the Coast Range through the Tehachapi Mountains.
- Western Snowy Plover Recovery: Maintain Audubon lead on Snowy Plover conservation. Defend against the possible weakening of Snowy Plover protections if proposed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Assist with Snowy Plover conservation projects through chapter funding and reviewing materials. Develop strategy for Audubon California involvement in Snowy Plover conservation, particularly in central and southern California.
- Tricolored Blackbird Recovery: Implement the Tricolored Blackbird Conservation Agreement in partnership with public agencies, growers, and conservation partners as a collaborative approach to reverse the decline of this globally endangered species.

OUTCOME 2: PREVENT PERSISTENT DECLINES OR RANGE CONTRACTIONS IN POPULATIONS OF COMMON NATIVE BIRDS

Global Warming: Support federal regulation towards a goal of passing federal cap and trade legislation to reduce emissions 80% by 2050, passing federal and state Renewable Electricity, fuel economy and other policies, ensuring that the solutions are sustainable and minimize impacts on wildlife, mobilizing individual and community action to reduce emissions and support global warming legislation. Complete global warming analyses of habitat and bird distribution in California to help Californians better understand the impacts of climate change in their communities. Share information with chapters and coordinate with NAS on campaign priorities in California.

Reducing Windpower Impacts on Birds: Secure the adoption by the California Energy Commission of statewide guidelines on wind power to reduce impacts on birds; monitor and help ensure the use of these guidelines. Work closely with Audubon chapters to provide best available information on how to reduce impacts on birds.

Strengthening Protection for Wetlands: Ensure that the State Water Resources Control Board adopts an effective discharge and fill protection policy for nonfederal waters. Also help shape San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board policy on watershed/riparian protection and adoption statewide.

Working with Agriculture and Private Landowners to Protect Birds: Expand Audubon California's Landowner Stewardship Program which works with private landowners to conserve and restore bird and wildlife habitat on farms and ranches while preserving or enhancing the economic conditions for agriculture. Current program objectives are to enhance and restore riparian and grassland habitats, improve forage quality, improve water quality, and reduce erosion. The project currently operates in Yolo and Solano Counties and is expanding to Imperial County as a strategy to help ensure that the vast agricultural lands in the Imperial Valley continue to support huge numbers of birds, including Mountain Plover, Long-billed Curlew and others.

OUTCOME 3: IMPROVE & PROTECT THE HEALTH OF LANDSCAPES THAT SUPPORT BIRDS OF THE AMERICAS

- California Important Bird Areas: Launch initiative to protect and restore at least ten priority IBA sites in California in close coordination with Audubon chapters. Key areas include the San Francisco Bay, central valley wetlands, Southern California coastal wetlands, and the Salton Sea among others. Using our partnership with California State Parks we seek to strengthen IBA conservation opportunities. The sites serve as a focus for securing public funding authorized in the passage of Prop. 84.
- South Fork of the Kern River/Southern Sierra Nevada: Expand riparian habitat protection programs at the South Fork of the Kern River, one of the most important riparian bird conservation sites in the Western US. Our work is anchored at the Kern River Preserve, entering its 26th year with close to 10 miles of river frontage and cottonwood-willow forest protected by Audubon or our partners. The Kern River Preserve is one of the finest cottonwood-riparian forests remaining in California; a stronghold for Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Southwestern Willow Flycatcher and numerous other riparian species.

3rd Annual Dinner and Conservation Awards

“Wood Warblers of North America”

Presented by, Jon Dunn

Location: San Bernardino County Museum, Redlands

Saturday at 6:00 in the Evening, March 22, 2008

Our guest speaker for our 3rd Annual Dinner and Conservation Awards is Jon Dunn, who will speak about Wood Warblers of North America. Jon Dunn literally wrote the book on warblers along with Kimball Garrett. Their Peterson Field Guide “Warblers” is the definite guide book on these often stunning and sometimes puzzling birds. He will cover all the species of Warblers that have occurred in North America with an emphasis on those western species that breed in or near California. He promises to entertain us with his stunning pictures and fascinating program.

For the third 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 Wildlands Conservancy whose dual mission is to preserve the beauty and biodiversity of the earth, and to fund programs so that children may know the wonder and joy of nature. The Wildlands Conservancy funds more free outdoor education programs for youth than any other nonprofit organization in Southern California.

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

Tickets: \$30.00 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 \$30.00 per person. Reservations may be made until the 19th of March. Please reserve early since our meeting room has limited space and can accommodate no more than 60 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.

Tickets: \$30.00 per person

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

Mail or give to:

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

Field Trip Schedule

BOLSA CHICA, ORANGE COUNTY COAST

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 8:00 A.M.

LEADER: DORI MYERS DoriMyers1@aol.com (714) 779-2201 Cell 714 336-1420.

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 signal between Goldenwest and Warner.

For Questions call Dori: at 714 779-2201 or Cell 714 336-1420. 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.

TORRES-MARTINEZ PONDS/SALTON SEA

SATURDAY - APRIL 19 - 8:30

LEADER: DAVE GOODWARD

We will meet at 8:30 at the Arco Station on Hwy 86 near Mecca.

Come down Highway 86 from Indio, turn left to the Arco by the sign to Mecca/Hwy 111.

We can carpool from the Arco Station in case parking is limited at the ponds, which are at the end of Lincoln Ave., the first right after the Arco Station just before you get to Mecca/Hwy 111. Give me a call if you intend to come, and I will update you on parking. (909) 783-2417

Torres-Martinez Ponds are on the west side of the Whitewater Delta. They were recently created by the Torres-Martinez Tribe, and have been generally off-limits to the public. Now that the riparian vegetation is growing and the birds have discovered the ponds, the tribe has generously agreed to allow a SBVAS field trip. Expect to see many of the usual duck and grebe species, a smattering of shorebirds, hopefully a Peregrine or Merlin, and nesting Great Blue Herons. The stroll around the ponds should take about two hours. Energetic birders can then take the half mile hike out to the Whitewater delta, for hordes of gulls and pelicans as well as shorebirds molting into breeding plumage.

This is a great chance to visit what is becoming a great birding location at the north end of the Salton Sea. Bring sunscreen, hats and water.

MOJAVE NARROWS SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 2008 - 7:30 AM

STEVE MYERS (760) 843-4009

Our (nearly) annual trip to Mojave Narrows Regional Park will take place on April 20. 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 Ridgcrest (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 (951) 634-9767 (days), or (760) 843-4009 (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 3, 2008 - 7:00 AM

CHET MCGAUGH (951) 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 specialities 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?

TWO TREES CANYON AND BOX SPRINGS MOUNTAIN PARK

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 8:00 AM

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE)

LEADER: JOHN GREEN (951) 686-2956

e-mail - bewickwren@earthlink.net

We will meet at the upper parking lot of Box Springs Mountain Park. Our main target bird at this chaparral-dominated

elevation will be Black-chinned Sparrow which should be present and singing. We'll look for that and more while going on a loop hike through the chaparral, and past several springs (all on official trails, but some are narrow). This is a longer walk than we've done in past years, expect to arrive back at the parking lot by lunchtime. Depending on the weather, and the interest of the group, we may end the trip then, or make several other stops. A few of the other resident/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, "Bell's" Sage Sparrow, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, 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 are on the Box Springs checklist, but we'll hope to see 50-60 on this trip. We should also see some wildflowers and shrubs in bloom, and a variety of butterflies, reptiles, mammals, etc. as well.

IMPORTANT: *This trip is not suitable for large groups, so no school credit will be given, and no signatures will be provided. If you need school credit, please attend the beginning bird walk instead.*

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!

**WHITE WATER CANYON
CHECK WEBSITE SBVAS.ORG
SATURDAY, MAY 10, 8:00 AM -**

**LEADER: STEVE MYERS
(951) 369-8060 - FAX (951) 369-8035 - CELL (951) 634-
9767 STEPHENMYERS@EARTHLINK.NET**

**BABY BIRDS AT BEAR PAW
SATURDAY, MAY 17, 9:00 A.M.**

LEADER: CIN GRAYRAVEN 909-794-0509.

Join us for a trip into the hidden world of nesting birds at Bearpaw Nature Sanctuary in Forest Falls. Biologist Cin Greyraven will lead the group in its search for evidence of breeding behavior in the common birds of the chaparral and forest. Since 1994, Bearpaw Sanctuary has been part of the National Nest Box Trail system, offering homes to Western Bluebirds, Oak Titmice, House Wrens, Mountain Chickadees, and Ash-throated Flycatchers. Learn what types of nest boxes work best and how monitoring data by average citizens across the continent can contribute to scientific research. Learn how to monitor a nest box without disturbing the nesting effort.

Enjoy a peek inside the usually inaccessible world of cavity nesters, and learn to recognize different species by their nests, eggs, and chicks. Bring binoculars for long-distance viewing and cameras for close-up snapshots. Children are welcome. The gate code is #7282. Call for additional information.

**WRIGHTWOOD & SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS
SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 7:00 A.M.**

LEADER: GENE CARDIFF (909) 875-5358

EMAIL: - E.CARDIFF@WORLDNET.ATT.NET

The San Gabriel Mountains trip will start at the California Department of Forestry Mormon Rocks Station on Highway 138 at 7:00 a.m. Take I-15 north from San Bernardino or south from the Victor Valley and turn toward Palmdale on Highway 138. The CDF Station is located 1.5 miles up Hwy 138 on the left side of the road, opposite the large sandstone formation called the Mormon Rocks. (There are no restrooms at the CDF Station, use the restrooms at the gas stations near the off ramp.) After birding that area for 30-45 minutes, we will proceed up Lone Pine Canyon Rd into Wrightwood. We will enjoy a snack at the Twin Lakes Club and then will proceed up Highway 2 to the Arch Picnic Grounds at Big Pines and to the Table Mountain Campground amphitheater. We will have lunch at Table Mountain. After lunch, we will proceed to Valyermo where we will bird the Paradise Springs area and St. Andrew's Priory. If the cherries are ripe, we will stop to pick fresh cherries.

Bring a lunch, liquids and a good pair of shoes. We will look for mountain birds such as the white-headed woodpecker, Clark's nutcracker, red crossbill, green-tailed towhee, Townsend's solitaire, and black-chinned sparrows.

Please don't forget :

*You will need an Adventure Pass
(we will stop at the ranger station)*




Field Trip Checklist

Comfortable shoes

or hiking boots, hat, sunscreen,
insect repellent... A good road map,
full fuel tank, drinking water,
snacks and lunch, binoculars
And/or a scope, field guide

Come and Enjoy

Call Field Trip Leader for last
minute cancellations, questions or
changes... 

Very Beginning Bird Walk Schedule

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH: OCTOBER - MAY

March 2 - Hidden Valley Wildlife Area (Jennifer and Michelle Tobin)

April 6 - Louis Robidoux Nature Center (Jennifer and Michelle Tobin)

May 4 - Fairmount Park (Doug Karalun)

VBBW HIDDEN VALLEY WILDLIFE AREA

Sunday, March 2, 2006 - 8:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M.

Contact: Cathy Tobin (951) 684-9613 Leaders: Jennifer and Michelle Tobin

Binoculars and bird guides will be provided for use during the walk. However, please bring your own if you have them. 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 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.

VBBW / LOUIS ROBIDOUX NATURE CENTER

Sunday, April 6 - 8:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M.

Contact: Cathy Tobin (951) 684-9613 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) and drive half a mile and turn left again onto Riverview Drive. The nature center will be on the left approximately 1.2 miles. If the gate is locked, please park outside and walk in. Be sure to pull well off the pavement. 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.

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

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Kemphorne. "There are now more than 620,000 brown pelicans found across Florida and the Gulf and Pacific Coasts of our nation, as well as in the Caribbean and Latin America."

Louisiana, long known as the "pelican state," has been a key partner with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in efforts to recover the pelican in the Gulf Coast region. A total of 1,276 young pelicans were captured at sites in Florida and released at three sites in southeastern Louisiana during the 13 years of the project.

"The mechanism put in place to protect these birds and the dedicated people on the ground who brought them back from the brink of extinction demonstrate how ecosystem protection does make a difference," said Robert Barham, secretary of the Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries. "Over 350,000 brown pelicans have been produced in Louisiana since 1971."

"Exactly 24 years ago this week, we celebrated the recovery of brown pelicans on the Atlantic coast," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director H. Dale Hall. "The legal protections provided by the Endangered Species Act, coupled with the banning of DDT in 1972, provided the means for the Service and its partners to accelerate the pelican's recovery. State wildlife agencies, universities, private ornithological groups and individuals participated in reintroduction efforts and helped protect nest sites during the breeding season."

If the brown pelican is removed from the list of threatened and endangered species, federal agencies would not be required to consult with the Service to ensure that any action they authorize, fund, or carry out will avoid or minimize harm to the species. Other federal laws, such as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Lacey Act, would continue to protect the brown pelican, its nests and its eggs from harm should the bird be removed from Endangered Species Act protection.

Further, the Service is working with state natural resource

agencies where the brown pelican occurs to develop cooperative management agreements to ensure that the species continues to be monitored and protected should it be removed from the endangered species list. The Endangered Species Act also requires the Service to work with the state natural resource agencies to monitor the population and threats to the species for a minimum of five years after it is delisted. Should the population numbers decrease or the threats to pelicans change, brown pelicans can be relisted under the Endangered Species Act.

The brown pelican was first declared endangered in 1970 under the Endangered Species Conservation Act, a precursor to the current Endangered Species Act. The brown pelican in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and northward along the Atlantic Coast states was removed from the list of endangered species in 1985. There are now more than 620,000 brown pelicans found across Florida and the Gulf and Pacific Coasts of our nation, as well as the Caribbean and Latin America. Today's proposal would remove Endangered Species Act protection from all remaining protected populations of brown pelicans.

The proposal to remove the bird from the list of threatened and endangered species will be published in the Federal Register. The Service will seek comments on the proposal for 60 days following publication. Comments may be submitted by hand-delivery or mail to the Public Comments Processing, Attn:RIN 1018-AV28, Division of Policy and Directives Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222, Arlington, VA 22203. Comments may also be submitted electronically on the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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A Field Study of Birds: Spring Course: BIO X405.1

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: This course may be taken twice for credit toward the Specialized Study Program in Field Ornithology. Visitors not permitted.


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.

Credit: 2 units


Date/Time: Tue. 7:30-9:30 pm, Apr. 15. Field trips all day Sat. Apr. 19, 26, May 3, 17, 31. (6 meeting/s)

Location: SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM, REDLANDS

Optional text: "Field Guide to the Birds of North America, 5th Edition," (978-0-7922-5314-3)


Fee: \$219 / \$199 each for couples and family members / \$180 each with PINE discount **Reg #:** 074-SCF-F23 

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world.

Dr. Krantz is the Chair of the Environmental Studies Program and Latin American Studies Program at the University of Redlands. Growing up in Redlands, he obtained his Bachelors Degree from the University of Redlands, with an emphasis in Ethnobotany--the cultural uses of plants; his Masters Degree from Stanford University in Latin American Studies, doing research on people and parks in Central America; and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley in Geography, compiling a thorough flora of the San Bernardino Mountains. He served for six years on the San Bernardino County Planning Commission in the 1980s; is the founder of the Big Bear Valley Preserve System, protecting pebble plains and montane meadow habitats with dozens of endangered plant species; began the first wintering bald eagle censuses in Big Bear in the late 1970s; is the Director of the Salton Sea Database Program and served for seven years on the Salton Sea Science Subcommittee, established by then Secretary of Interior, Bruce Babbitt; is the Chairman of the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy; and serves on the Board of Directors for SBVAS, where he is actively involved in work to assemble a wildlife corridor connecting the San Bernardino Mountains to San Timoteo Canyon and the San Jacinto Mountains. 

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ing the current status of the Utah wilderness movement by Bob Brister, Interregional Outreach Coordinator for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance will be given. This inspirational and informational event is a must see for people wishing to become personally involved and to make a difference in this tremendous American public lands conservation effort.

Come enjoy, learn, and take action to preserve some of the most unique and awe inspiring landscapes in the world. 

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Mar 5, 7:00 Board Meeting
March 19, 7:30 .General Meeting
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