



WESTERN MEADOWLARK



FLORA OF THE SANTA ANA RIVER

By Oscar F. Clarke and Greg Ballmer

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

The recently published **Flora of the Santa Ana River and Environs, with References to World Botany**, by Oscar F. Clarke, Danielle Svehla, Greg Ballmer, and Arlee Montalvo will be the focus of a presentation at our first program of the our chapter's year. Oscar is the motivating spirit and well of knowledge upon which this book is based; the co-authors provided the added energy, enthusiasm, and production skills to make it happen.

The Santa Ana River is central to the regional ecology of the greater Los Angeles-Inland Empire area. Its main stem and tributaries drain about 2400 sq. miles, linking the Santa Ana, San Bernardino, San Gabriel, and San Jacinto Ranges, plus Chino Hills, with the Pacific Ocean and provide the most extensive network of riparian habit linkages in Cis-montane Southern California. Diverse habitats within the watershed support a proportionately great diversity of plant species. This

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WHALES: TOUCHING THE MYSTERY

By Doug Thompson

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Why do whales living wild and free in the ocean, seek encounters with humans? In his program based upon his new book and companion DVD, **Whales: Touching the Mystery**, Doug will share with us some of his more than thirty years experience studying gray whales and exploring the mystery of this extraordinary interspecies connection.

Doug is an accomplished author, ecologist, naturalist, conservationist, expedition leader, lecturer, educator, award winning filmmaker and photo journalist. Doug has organized and led over one hundred long-range natural history expeditions, from Mexico to New Zealand. As a marine naturalist and activist he will share with us his love for the whales, the places where they are found and the people he has met along the way. He will call us into the complex and fragile underwater world where whales dwell and we will find that whales have much to teach us about social skills, communication and

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DELISTED BALD EAGLE

August 8, 2007 one for the history books – it's the day the BALD EAGLE officially soars off the list of threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). After plummeting to nearly 400 pairs in the lower 48 states in 1963, the population has rebounded to more than 10,000 pairs today. Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne announced

the remarkable recovery of our national symbol in Washington, D.C. on June 28, 2007.

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LONG-BILLED CURLEW SURVEY

13-16 September 2007

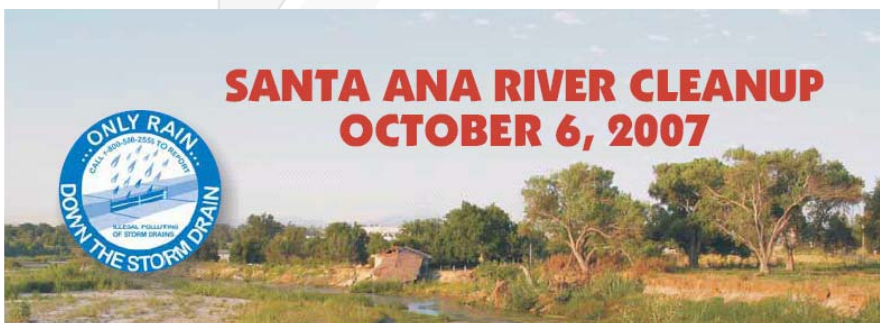
Participate in the first statewide survey for Long-billed Curlews in California's interior agricultural valleys, Fall 2007!

The Long-billed Curlew is the largest shorebird in North America. Populations have declined mainly due to loss of native grassland in its breeding range of the Great Plains. It is considered one of our most threatened shorebirds. Total population estimates vary from as low as 20,000 individuals up to 150,000. Accurate surveys are badly needed to document how many curlews we have left, and which areas

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**SANTA ANA RIVER CLEANUP
OCTOBER 6, 2007**

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WILDLIFE AND IMPROVE THE
QUALITY OF WATER
FROM LOCAL WATERWAYS TO
THE OCEAN?
DETAILS ON PAGE 3**

Service Proposes Critical Habitat For Two California Plants August 7, 2007

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing to designate approximately 3,553 acres of critical habitat for two federally endangered plants: the San Bernardino bluegrass (*Poa atropurpurea*) and California taraxacum (*Taraxacum californicum*). The areas proposed for critical habitat are located in portions of the San Bernardino, Laguna and Palomar Mountains.

Of the 3,553 total acres being proposed for critical habitat, 1,389 acres are occupied by both the San Bernardino bluegrass and California taraxacum. An additional 1,624 acres is proposed for San Bernardino bluegrass and 540 acres for California taraxacum.

Critical habitat is a term used in the Endangered Species Act to identify geographic areas that contain features essential for the conservation of a threatened or endangered species and may require special management considerations or protection.

Almost all the lands (2,712 acres) proposed as critical habitat for the San Bernardino bluegrass and the California taraxacum are federally managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Approximately 98 acres of the proposed critical habitat are state owned, and 743 acres are privately owned.

These plants are found in seasonally wet, mountain meadows ranging in elevations between 6,000 to 9,000 feet and grow in soils that retain water and drain slowly. The meadows are treeless, while the perimeters generally contain habitat dominated by sagebrush or pine forest.

San Bernardino bluegrass is a tufted perennial that produces erect, dense, spike-like flowers from early May to June and grows 8 to 10 inches high. It is found in meadows within the Big Bear region of the San Bernardino Mountains, as well as meadows in the Laguna and Palomar Mountains.

California taraxacum is a thick-rooted perennial herb in the sunflower family and only found in meadows within the Big Bear region of the San Bernardino Mountains. The plant has light green leaves 2 to 8 inches high and produces pale, yellow flowers from May to August. This proposed rule was prepared in accordance with a settlement agreement stemming from a lawsuit filed against the Ser-

New Population of Endangered Ambrosia Ready for Planting

Biologists with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are stepping up efforts to preserve the endangered San Diego Ambrosia, found worldwide only in California's San Diego and Riverside counties. Within the past 70 years, the silvery gray-green flowering plant has lost 21 or more of the 40 known places where it has grown.

Plans are underway to create a new population of San Diego Ambrosia on a section of San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge that is largely shielded from foot and vehicular traffic. Refuge biologists have given about 200 rhizomes, or underground stems, from existing plants to Recon Environmental to grow in their greenhouse. The plants are scheduled for replanting in November.

Contact: John Martin,
San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge,
619-468-9245 x227

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esb/2003/03-04/30-36.pdf>...for more information



San Diego ambrosia
USFWS photo

vice in September 2004 by the Center for Biological Diversity and the California Native Plant Society. The lawsuit challenged the Service's original finding that it was not prudent to designate critical habitat when both species were first protected under the ESA in 1998.

Comments and information on the proposed rule may be submitted in writing to the Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, CA, 92011, electronically to fw8cfwcomments@fws.gov, or by facsimile to 760-431-9624. Comments will be accepted until October 9, 2007. Written requests for a public hearing on this proposed rule will be accepted until September 21, 2007.

A copy of the proposed rule and other information about San Bernardino bluegrass and California taraxacum is available on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/Carlsbad>.

The Service is preparing a draft economic analysis of the proposed critical habitat that will be made available for public review and comment at a later date.

The designation of critical habitat does not affect land ownership or establish a refuge, wilderness, reserve, preserve, or other conservation area. It does not allow government or public access to private lands. Federal agencies that undertake, fund or permit activities that may affect critical habitat are required to consult with the Service to ensure such actions do not adversely modify or destroy designated critical habitat. FWS

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The legal protections afforded by the ESA, along with the crucial decision by the Environmental Protection Agency to ban the general use of the pesticide DDT in 1972, provided the springboard for recovery. Other efforts by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its partners included captive breeding programs, reintroductions, law enforcement measures, protection of habitat around nest sites and land purchase and preservation activities.

The Service will work with state wildlife agencies to monitor BALD EAGLE for at least five years. If it appears that eagles again need the protection of the ESA, the Service can propose to relist the species.

The BALD EAGLE will continue to be protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

For more information on bald eagles, please visit our web page at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/BaldEagle.htm>



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ways of finding balance within our blue planet.

Please come join us for what is certain to be an extraordinary evening with a wonderful speaker.

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and habitats are critical for their survival. I have agreed to participate in the survey described below by Kathy Molina of the LA County Museum, and I invite anyone else who cares about birds to join as well. You need not be an expert birder for this project.

If you want to help close to home, join me in surveying the San Jacinto Valley for curlews. I will provide maps and directions for you to cover a area requiring a half-day sometime in the window of September 13 - 16. The San Jacinto Valley is threatened by development, and any documentation of use by wildlife will help preserve this unique and important area. See you out there,...Dave Goodward (909) 783-2417 or email at davegoodward@earthlink.net

From Kathy Molina:

Last winter's survey, the first comprehensive census ever undertaken specifically for Long-billed Curlews, has helped to generate interest for conducting a statewide survey for this species this fall. I'm excited to announce that The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is partnering with PRBO Conservation Science and Audubon California to conduct the first statewide surveys of the Long-billed Curlew in the interior (including the Central and Imperial valleys) during the non-breeding season. To aid conservation efforts for this poorly known species, these surveys, conducted simultaneously over the four day period from Thursday 13 September through Sunday 16 September 2007, aim to gather vital information on this curlew's population size and its habitat preferences in the state and to identify threats to its existence in this region.

The Natural History Museum is coordinating the September survey effort in the Imperial Valley. We are looking for volunteers with basic field identification skills to help scrutinize the Imperial Valley's rich and extensive agricultural landscape to obtain the most complete tally of curlews using the valley in fall. Why not devote your much needed field skills to this vital effort and be a part of this important conservation project? We'll comb the lush cultivated fields of Bermuda, Sudan, and Klein grasses and of winter wheat and alfalfa to collect information to improve our understanding of how Long-

"Only Rain Down the Storm Drain"
*Would you like to help wildlife and
 improve the quality of water from local waterways to the ocean?*
 This cleanup is sponsored by
 The Program of the Cities & County of Riverside.

What:
 SANTA ANA RIVER CLEANUP

Where:
 Meet at the Riverside County Flood Control and
 Water Conservation District;
 1995 Market St., Riverside, CA 92501

When:
 OCTOBER 6, 2007 at 8 AM- NOON

Volunteers will receive: a free lunch and a free t-shirt.
 Please dress for work: sturdy closed toe shoes or boots, long pants, long sleeves,
 hats and work gloves.
 We will provide: Plastic gloves, water and trash bags
 Volunteer jobs may include, trash pick-up, graffiti paint out, or storm drain marking.

THANK YOU,
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Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District; Riverside
 County Waste Management; Santa Ana Watershed Association; Keep River-
 side Clean and Beautiful; Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority; Only Rain
 Down the Storm Drain Program; Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation
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To RSVP please contact:
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For more information, please contact:
 Erin Snyder at the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District
 or (951) 683-7691, extension 207.
 Snyder@rcrcd.com

billed Curlews use the habitats in one of California's most important agricultural regions. Survey sectors require approximately 1/2 day to cover and we are seeking volunteers willing to cover one or more sectors over the four day survey window. Participants will need to provide their own transportation, food and lodging, and spotting scopes are a must. We will provide detailed maps of the survey sectors, data sheets, and instructions in advance to those who have signed up to help with the survey.

Please contact Kathy Molina (kmolina@nhm.org) or Kimball Garrett (kgarrett@nhm.org) at the Natural History Museum [213-763-3368] for more information.

Feel free to share this announcement with anyone that might be interested.

We look forward to working with you all this fall!"

Kathy C. Molina, Ornithology Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007...(213) 763-3368 - voice or (213) 746-2999 - fax; kmolina@nhm.org

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book covers 1365 lowland taxa (occurring below 3000 feet elevation), of which 496 are exotic species. About 900 of the more frequently encountered and/or biologically most significant species are illustrated in some detail, together with keys to aid in their identification

This work is more than a compendium of plants known to occur along the river, its tributaries, and associated upland habitats. It is also a testament to Oscar Clarke's lifetime of accumulated botanical knowledge, including diverse information on plant origins, ecology, anthropogenic uses, and taxonomic relationships. Oscar is a self-taught botanist and naturalist in the broadest sense. One of Oscar's primary interests in producing this work is to reach a broad audience in conveying his enthusiasm for learning and love for plants and the broader natural environment.

Please join us for what promises to be a terrific program illustrated by wonderful photographs and full of fascinating information.

Fall Very Beginning Bird Walk Schedule

OCTOBER TO FEBRUARY / VERY BEGINNING BIRDWALKS 2007/08

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH: OCTOBER - MAY

October 7 - San Jacinto Wildlife Area (Jennifer and Michelle Tobin)
 November 4 - Louis Robidoux Nature Center (Doug Karalun)
 December 2 - San Jacinto Wildlife Area (Jennifer and Michelle Tobin)
 January 6 - San Jacinto Wildlife Area (Doug Karalun)
 February 3 - San Jacinto Wildlife Area (Jennifer and Michelle Tobin)
 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 / SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA

Sunday, October 7, Dec. 2, Jan. 6 and Feb. 3 - 8:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M.

Leaders: Jennifer and Michelle Tobin and/or Doug Karalun

We will meet at the main parking lot at the wildlife headquarters. From Riverside go south on Interstate 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.

VBBW / LOUIS ROBIDOUX NATURE CENTER

Sunday, November 4, 2006 - 8:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M.

Leaders: Doug Karalun

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.

AUDUBON CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY 2007, OCTOBER 7, 8 AND 9

ASILOMAR CONFERENCE GROUNDS, PACIFIC GROVE, CA

Registration Fees: \$275.00 per person before July 9. Includes two nights/three days, double occupancy; six meals; workshops. \$325.00 per person after July 9.

Visit http://ca.audubon.org/audubon_assembly.html for details or call 510.601.1866 ext 3.

The Audubon California Assembly brings together over 300 chapter leaders, birders, scientists, volunteers, grassroots activists and staff for three days on the Monterey Bay.

For over 100 years, Audubon has conserved and restored natural ecosystems. Now, we prepare to face the challenge warming temperatures presents to our beloved landscapes and species. The 2007 Assembly will examine the problems of global warming from a wildlife and ecosystem perspective and help us understand how global warming should affect our land management decisions. The Assembly will spotlight climate solutions from conserving energy with simple changes around the home, to reaching an 80 percent national reduction of greenhouse gases.

At the Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, participants will have an opportunity to attend a wonderful variety of interactive workshops on restoration, policy and education; and meet renowned speakers emphasizing the importance of effective conservation of California's birds, wildlife and habitat. World class birding, and pelagic and condor fieldtrips, and so much more, will make the Assembly an unforgettable experience. We welcome old friends and first time attendees!

Speakers: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (Invited) & Congresswoman Hilda Solis

Workshop Topics:

Conservation & Science: Seabird and Shorebird Conservation, Conservation of Important Bird Areas, Global Warming and California Bird Populations, Approaches to Bird Monitoring

Policy: Global Warming Solutions, Global Warming and Water Conservation Tools, Wind Power and Birds

Education: Interpretive Programs, eBird: Keeping birding records online, Audubon at Home: Gardening for Birds and Butterflies.

Chapter Building: Recruiting New Members, Crafting A Message that Matters: Global Warming, Organizing Great Bird Festivals, Audubon Political Limits

Workshop topics subject to change

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.

Fall Field Trip Schedule

SAN DIEGO, TIJUANA ESTUARY

SATURDAY, SEPT 15, 2005, 8:00 AM

LEADER: GENE CARDIFF (909) 875-5358 - E.CARDIFF@WORLDNET.ATT.NET

At the peak of fall migration, San Diego can offer extraordinarily interesting birding prospects. Why not join us for possible views of as many as 20 different species of shorebirds, several varieties of rare warblers, and maybe a chance sighting of a tropical kingbird, bobolink, or yellow-green vireo.

To get there, take the I-15 south to Highway 163, south to the I-8 and south again on the I-5 to Chula Vista, west on the J Street off ramp, to the boat launch. We will gather at 8.00 AM. at the boat launch ramp on Marina Way on Saturday, September .

Please join us and don't forget to bring a sack lunch and something to drink. It will probably be sunny so don't forget your hat sunglasses and sunscreen.

We should be able to see lots of shore birds and plus a great day at the beach.

Please call Gene at home if you have any questions.

As always, everyone is welcome to come and join in.

BEAR PAW BIRDWALK IN THE SAN BERNARDINO MTS.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, (7 AM FOR EARLY BIRD & 8 AM)

LEADER: GENE CARDIFF (909) 875-5358 EMAIL: E.CARDIFF@WORLDNET.ATT.NET

This is a beautiful spot and very accessible from the Riverside/San Bernardino area so we expect to see a lot of you there. Directions and more details about Bear Paw on back page. To really enjoy the day, bring binoculars, sturdy shoes, water and maybe a jacket for the mountains, depending on the weather and don't forget a lunch if you are planning to stay for awhile.

Again, all are welcome. Please call Gene at home if you have any questions

NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 7:00 AM

LEADER: TONY METCALF (909) 242-7038 EMAIL: AEMETCALF@EARTHLINK.NET

AH, COOLER WEATHER. Wintering birds of prey and waterfowl, coastal sage scrub and wetlands are all close by. Please join us for our fall field trip to the northern San Jacinto Valley. We have two goals for this trip. First is to have fun. Second, is to see 100 species. We always accomplish the first goal and have come very close to the second. Maybe this is the year -- Mystic Lake is very low due to the drought. The northern San Jacinto Valley is known for its high species diversity, but who knows this year. We have ranked highest in number of bird species seen for inland areas in North America for Audubon's Christmas Bird Counts, and are usually in the top 1-2% for all counts. At the heart of the region is the public San Jacinto Wildlife Area.

You can call or e-mail Tony Metcalf or the San Jacinto Wildlife Area headquarters

(909 654-0580) for updated road info to the Wildlife Area.

THE MORRO BAY LONG WEEKEND

*PLAN TO JOIN US

NOV 23, 24, 25 – FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

LEADER: GENE CARDIFF (909) 875-5358 EMAIL: E.CARDIFF@WORLDNET.ATT.NET

For a long weekend exploring exciting habitats for great numbers of birds we will rendezvous at 8:00 AM. on Friday, November 23 at Osos group camp at Morro Bay State Park. The Ranger at the entrance is a good source of information. On Friday morning we will bird by walking around near the campground. Those birders that arrive late can meet us for lunch in Osos group camp. The campground has been reserved starting the evening of Thanksgiving through Sunday morning. Camping costs will be approximately \$5.00 per person per night.

On Friday afternoon we will bird Morro Bay South to Montana de Oro. Saturday we will head north up the coast on Highway 1 to Cambria and North of San Simeon. There will be a short field trip Sunday morning before we depart for home. Call Gene if you are able to join us because we do have a space limit and/or if you have any additional questions.

AFTON CANYON TO NEWBERRY SPRINGS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 9:00 A.M.

LEADER: GENE CARDIFF (909) 875-5358 -

E.CARDIFF@WORLDNET.ATT.NET

Again this year, instead of a field trip to Harpers Dry Lake, which is still very dry, we will look for wintering birds in the Afton Canyon, Newberry Springs and Daggett areas. Afton is on the Mojave River with wetlands and Newberry Springs - Daggett have alfalfa fields and ponds.

We will meet at the BLM campground in Afton Canyon at 9:00 AM (after breakfast). To get there, take I-15 north through Barstow to Afton Road and turn right on the improved dirt road to the campground. Bring a lunch, water, snacks and warm clothes, because summer may be over by then. After lunch we will caravan back through Newberry and Daggett looking for hawks and other birds. For more information on weather etc. call Gene at the number above.

Note from the Editor,

A little over 8 years ago I answered a note in the Western Meadowlark to do the newsletter, Walter Lees was leaving the area and he needed a replacement. Well, now my husband and I are leaving the area and once again the Meadowlark will need a new editor. It truly has been a great experience these past years, but all good things come to an end.

Please give the experience a try and I just know that it will far exceed your expectations, the rewards are worth the effort. I have lots of links to news and a few secrets that I will learned that will make the job easier. I will help you with the first few issues and before you know it you will be on your way.

If you are interested in doing the newsletter, please contact me.

Melissa Culley, 909-874-3301 or email me at MCulley515@aol.com.

We are planning to move to the Western Sierras in the late Spring of 2008.

Thank you so much for the honor of doing the Western Meadowlark, it has been a genuine pleasure and an exceptionally rewarding experience.

CALENDAR OF FIELD TRIPS 2007-2008

September 15- Sat - San Diego - Gene Cardiff

October 7 - Sun - Beginning Bird Walk at San Jacinto Wildlife Area - J & M Tobin

October 13- Sat - Bear Paw - Gene Cardiff and friends

November 4 - Sun - Beginning Bird Walk - Robidoux Nature Center - J & M Tobin

November 18 - Sun - Northern San Jacinto Valley -Tony Metcalf & Dave Goodward

November 23,24,25 - Morro Bay State Park Reservations – Gene Cardiff

December 2 - Sun - Beginning Bird Walk at San Jacinto Wildlife Area - J & M Tobin

December 8- Sat - Dagget & Newbury Springs - Gene Cardiff

December 14 2007 ~ January 5, 2008 - Christmas Bird Counts

January 6 - Sun - Beginning Bird Walk at San Jacinto Wildlife Area - J & M Tobin

January 12 - Sat - Salton Sea Goose & Crane Trip - Chet McGaugh & John Green

February 3 - Sun - Beginning Bird Walk at San Jacinto Wildlife Area - J & M Tobin

February 9 & 10 - Weekend in Santa Barbara - Steve Myers and John Green

February 24 - Sun - San Jacinto Wildlife Area - Tom Paulek

March 2 - Sun - Beginning Bird Walk at Hidden Valley - Jennifer & Michelle Tobin

March 8 - Sat - Bolsa Chica – Dori Myers

April 6 - Sun - Beginning Bird Walk - Robidoux Nature Center - Jennifer & Michelle Tobin

April 19 –Torres-Martinez Ponds/Salton Sea - Dave Goodward

April 20 - Sun - Mojave Narrows - Steve Myers

May 3 - Sat - Big Morongo - Chet McGaugh

May 4 - Sun - Beginning Bird Walk - Fairmount Park - Doug Karalun

May 4 - Sun - Box Springs Mountain - John Green

May 10 - Sat – White Water Canyon - Steve Myers

May 17 – Sat – Baby Birds at Bear Paw – Cin Grayraven

June 7 -Sat - Wrightwood Field Trip – Gene Cardiff

July 19 & 20 – Weekend trip – South fork of the Greenhorns – Steve Myers

August 24 - Sun - Insane Jaunt to the Salton Sea – John Green

GO TO SBVAS.ORG FOR FIELD TRIP UPDATES...

A FIELD STUDY OF BIRDS:

FALL COURSE: BIO X405

An introduction to the local birds in relation to their communities. Emphasis is placed on identification in the field and museum. Field trips include local mountains and valleys, San Diego Bay, High Desert, Salton Sea and Imperial Valley.

Note: Visitors not permitted. Class meets at San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands for first meeting only. All other dates are field trips. **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:** Tues., 7:30-9:30 p.m. & Sat., 6:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sept. 18 & 22, Oct. 6 & 20 & Nov. 3 & 17 (6 meeting/s) **Location:** SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM, REDLANDS **Text:** "A Field Study of Birds of North America, 4th edition," J. W. Fitzpatrick (07922-6877-6) **Fee:** \$206 / \$185 each for couples and family members / \$165 each with PINE discount **Reg #:** 072-SCF-F23



BIRDING FANS- WE'RE BAACCKK!

THE 11TH ANNUAL CENTRAL VALLEY BIRDING SYMPOSIUM

WILL BE HELD NOV. 15-18 IN STOCKTON, CA, but at a new location. We're in the brand spanking-new Sheraton Stockton and have sole use of their Convention Center.

Our evening programs include Joe Morlan- "Digiscoping for Fun and Science: Confessions of a Reluctant Photographer", and Laura Erickson's "Owls- the Inside Story". We have many workshops such as, "Birding By Ear- Visually" by Arch McCallum, an e-Bird primer with Brian Sullivan, and one of Jon Dunn's famous birding ID tutorials. Clay Taylor is giving a digiscoping workshop and leading a post-Symposium field trip on Monday the 19th. Jon Dunn is leading a gull field trip on Monday as well.

We have programs for beginning birders and for people who want to make their gardens bird-friendly. The Birder's Market is full of artists and vendors with bird and nature related items to take your breath away (and they also take credit cards).

Test your ID skills along with the experts at the Bird ID Panel. And we've planned much, much more...

For more info, check the website at www.cvbs.org, or contact Frances Oliver at hummer52@sbcglobal.net or (209) 369-2010.

Come and we promise you a great time. See you there!
Cheri Pillsbury
Central Valley Birding Symposium

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Sat., Oct. 20, 2007 9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M ;

The Ruby Gerontology Center,
California State University, Fullerton.

For further information, please visit the SCB website:
www.socalbot.org

All meetings in the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands

Board Meetings are the 1st Wed. General meetings are the 3rd Wed.

SBVAS Membership currently at 1,743



Take the California Street exit off the 10 Freeway and go north 1 block to Orange Tree Lane—turn right. The museum will be on your left...

SBVAS Calendar

- Sept 5, 7:00 ... Board Meeting
- Sept 19, 7:30 General Meeting
- Oct 3, 7:00... Board Meeting
- Oct 17, 7:30. General Meeting
- Nov 7, 7:00 Board Meeting
- Our Programs begin at 7:30 PM

HELP SAVE OUR ORANGE GROVES

Most of our groves will have disappeared by the end of this decade. Now is the time to choose which ones to save before it is too late. IOC makes groves sustainable by connecting local growers to local consumers in its "Share of the Crop" program.



Inland Orange Conservancy

PO Box 188, Mentone, CA 92359 * 909-794-4484

We live in the land of the world's best tasting orange. The New York Times calls our area the "Napa Valley of the Navel Orange".

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1. SAVE THE GROVES!
 2. SPREAD THE WORD!: Our Inland history and heritage
 3. FEED THE HUNGRY! Commercial agriculture is incredibly wasteful. In search of "Big & Beautiful" huge volumes of delicious food are left to rot. IOC gleans this fruit and gets it to the Inland Empire needy, via its "Thanks a Ton" gleaning program
- our Fall '07 season kicks off early in September ...3 seasons available for \$65.00 a season

Fro more information call or go to the website and check it out.

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