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**General Meeting
January 16, 2019, 7:30 pm**

**Magee Marsh Ohio
and the Andes of Ecuador
Presented by Bill Hopson**

Bill Hopson, our January speaker, has always been interested in birds but he became seriously interested when he bought a camera for work with a 100mm lens and thought that he might be able to take pictures of birds with it. That didn't work out too well and he realized that he needed better equipment. Fifteen cameras and seven lens later he has developed into a 'bird photographer'.

Last May Bill visited Magee Marsh, Ohio, during the "Biggest Week", a well known birding festival, that brings thousands of people to the area each spring to experience bird migration. Birds are streaming north and stop here to refuel and rest on their way north. For a few weeks it is easy to see and photograph these lovely birds close up. Bill will share tips on planning a trip to Magee Marsh, a major birding hotspot.

In the second part of his program he will show photos from his trip to Ecuador in 2017. Most of his photos were taken high in the Andes. Please come out to enjoy Bill's birds and what promises to be an interesting program.

Our doors open at 7 PM and our meeting starts at 7:30PM. Everyone is always welcome.

Dori Myers, Programs

**General Meeting,
February 20, 2019 at 7:30 pm**

**Polar Bears and Seabirds of Svalbard
Presented by Sherry Schmidt**

Svalbard is a treeless archipelago half way between Norway and the North Pole. It is surrounded by the Arctic Ocean. This polar region features charismatic mammals such as the polar bear and the arctic fox. It is also an important nesting area for a number of species of sea birds including thick-billed murres, Atlantic puffins, and northern

fulmars. Sherry Schmidt will give a presentation based on images she took while on an 11 day expedition cruise around the islands. Sherry will talk a bit about the environmental challenges for polar bears and will also discuss the natural history of selected seabirds she photographed while on the trip.



Sherry Schmidt has been teaching in the Biology Department at Mt. San Antonio College for over 30 years. Her love of nature and travel has taken her to the world's 7 continents. Sherry considers herself a conservation photographer and hopes that her work as a teacher and photographer will stimulate an interest in nature and concern for the planet's vanishing species.

Everybody is always welcome.

Program Chair - Dori Myers



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Local Sightings: Fall 2018 by Tom Benson

This issue of local sightings covers fall migration from mid August to mid December. Due to space limitations, this report covers only the very rare or more interesting species, with marginally rare or regularly occurring rarities omitted.

It was a better than average fall for diving ducks in San Bernardino County, with two WHITE-WINGED SCOTER at Harper Dry Lake/Kramer Junction Nov 12-25, another one at Silver Lakes Nov 21, a BLACK SCOTER at Parker Dam Nov 4-Dec 8, and a LONG-TAILED DUCK at Kramer Junction Nov 20-25. Two SANDHILL CRANES, rare in migration anywhere in the county, were at Zzyzx Nov 23-28. A HUDSONIAN GODWIT put in a brief appearance at Kramer Junction Aug 17 (see photo) providing only the second record for the county. Lake Havasu hosted a PARASITIC JAEGER Sep 10-16 and a BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY Sep 13-23. A LONG-TAILED JAEGER at Big Bear Lake Aug 29-Sep 9 was an excellent bird for the mountains. A NEOTROPIC CORMORANT at Glen Helen Regional Park continuing through Oct 31 provides one of a few records for the coastal slope of the county. A WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER in Ontario Nov 4-23 was notable for being in the coastal lowlands. The highlight of the fall may have been an ALDER FLYCATCHER at Chet Huffman Park Aug 30; pending CBRC review it would be a first county record. A LEAST FLYCATCHER spent a little time on the San Bernardino County side of Crystal Springs Aug 31-Sep 1. A TROPICAL KINGBIRD was at Zzyzx Sep 5-7, providing a rare desert record of this species. Corvids staged a minor invasion into the coastal lowlands with up to seven STELLER'S JAYS in Yucaipa Aug 15-Dec 11 and up to four at Glen Helen Regional Park Oct 17-Nov 27, along with a CLARK'S NUTCRACKER at the latter location Oct 31-Nov 7. A LAPLAND LONGSPUR was at Luckie Park Nov 23-25. Single AMERICAN TREE SPARROWS were at Zzyzx Oct 20 and Knott Sky Park Nov 4; both were one-day wonders. A SAGEBRUSH SPARROW was at Montecito Memorial Park Oct 20-21, providing the first coastal slope record for the county of this normally desert-dwelling bird. An ORCHARD ORIOLE was at Harper Dry Lake Sep 11 while a BALTIMORE ORIOLE was at Chet Huffman Park Oct 10. The Baker sewage ponds played host to three RUSTY BLACKBIRDS with up to two females Oct 26-Nov 1 and a male Nov 10-14. Notable vagrant warblers included a YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER at Baker Nov 7-10, a BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER near Seven Oaks Sep 6, a CAPE MAY WARBLER at Zzyzx Oct 14 (see photo), and a PAINTED REDSTART at Chet Huffman Park Sep 14. Single DICKCISSELS were at Zzyzx Sep 5 and at the Baker sewage ponds Oct 9.



Cape May Warbler

Christopher Lindsey

Scoters also put in a good showing in Riverside County with anywhere from four to nine WHITE-WINGED SCOTERS at the north end of the Salton Sea Nov 3-Dec 10 and two to three BLACK SCOTERS in the same area Nov 28-Dec 8. A MOUNTAIN PLOVER at North Shore Sep 23 was away from expected areas of occurrence. A RUFF was at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA) Oct 7. It was a banner year for BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS in California in general, but one at the SJWA Sep 18-



Buff-Breasted Sandpiper

Tom Benson

30 (see photo) was the only one reported in the tri-county area. A RED PHALAROPE was at Desert Center Sep 16. Rare gulls in Riverside County included a LITTLE GULL at SJWA Sep 30, a SABINE'S GULL on Lake Elsinore Oct 4, a HEERMANN'S GULL at the Salton Sea SRA Nov 24, a MEW GULL in Lakeview Dec 13, and a WESTERN GULL at Lake Perris Dec 1, along with two PARASITIC JAEGERs at the north end of the Salton Sea Sep 26-Oct 3. Rounding out the non-passerines, up to four PACIFIC LOONS were at Lake Perris Nov 13-Dec 11, a REDDISH EGRET was at Palo Verde Ecological Reserve Sep 15, and a ZONE-TAILED HAWK was at Mayflower Park Oct 18. Rare on the coastal slope, a VERDIN was in Moreno Valley Sep 29. Desert Center hosted a GRASSHOPPER SPARROW Oct 13 and two different HARRIS'S SPARROWS Oct 21 and 29. Vagrant warblers included a TENNESSEE WARBLER at SJWA Sep 9 and a VIRGINIA'S WARBLER there Sep 8-9, a PROTHONOTARY WARBLER at a backyard birdbath in Temecula Sep 22-26, a BLACKPOLL WARBLER at Chiriaco Summit Sep 6, a BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER in Moreno Valley Sep 24-26, a CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER at Lake Skinner Oct 7-14, a BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER at Lake Hemet Oct 7, and a MAGNOLIA WARBLER at North Shore Oct 24-28. Two DICKCISSELS were at Desert Center Sep 23.

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BLACK SCOTERS put in a good showing in Imperial County with two at Young Reservoir Nov 3 and singles at Lack Road Nov 12 and Ramer Lake Nov 21. Rare shorebirds included an AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER near Westmorland Sep 24-25 and a RED PHALAROPE at Unit 1 SSNWR Oct 17. The most notable gulls were single MEW GULLS at Young Reservoir Nov 1 and Dec 12. PARASITIC JAEGERs also made a good showing this fall with individuals at Ramer Lake Sep 12, Lack Road Sep 25 & 30, and Poe Road Oct 5. A RED-THROATED LOON was at Brock Reservoir Dec 3. The only booby reported at the Salton Sea this fall was a BROWN BOOBY at Obsidian Butte Sep 10. Rare waders included a REDDISH EGRET at Poe Road Oct 10 and a ROSEATE SPOONBILL at the south end of the Salton Sea Sep 17-19. It was a better than average year in the county for PURPLE MARTINS with three at Ramer Lake Sep 12 and one at the south end of the Salton Sea Sep 21. Montane birds are quite rare in Imperial County so a MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE at In-Ko-Pah Oct 20 and a BROWN CREEPER at Salton Sea NWR headquarters Nov 10 were both exceptional. Single FOX SPARROWS were at Lack Road Nov 4 and FOX SPARROW Phil Swing Park Nov 25, while BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLERS were at Sunbeam rest area Aug 31 and Salton Sea NWR headquarters Oct 1-3.

Upcoming 2019 Field Trips

Saturday, January 5, 2019 - 7:00 am
Salton Sea Goose & Crane Trip
Chet McGaugh (951) 781-3699 & Gene Cardiff (909) 875-5358

Sunday, January 6, 2019 - 8:00-10:00 am
Beginning Bird Walk at Prado Regional Park (map)
Tom Benson (909) 648-0899

Saturday, January 19, 2019 - 7:30 am
Seal Beach NWR
Brad Singer (909) 838-7951 and Tom Benson thomasabenson@aol.com

January 26, 2019- 8:00 am
Malibu Lagoon to Point Mugu
Gene Cardiff (909) 875-5358 & Dori Myers (714) 336-1420

Sunday, January 27, 2019
San Jacinto Valley and Lake Perris
Chet McGaugh (951) 781-3699 & Tony Metcalf (951) 242-7038

Saturday, February 2, 2019
Silverwood Lake Barge Trip **CANCELLED**

Sunday, February 3, 2019 - 8:00-10:00 am
Beginning Bird Walk at Cal State San Bernardino

Tom Benson

Sunday, March 3, 2019 8-10 am
Beginning Bird Walk at Fairmount Park, Riverside
Dave Woodward (909) 783-2417

Saturday, March 9, 2019 - 8:00 am
Bolsa Chica & Orange County Coast
Dori Myers (714) 779-2201 (h) or (714) 336-1420 (m)

Sunday, April 7, 2019 - 8:00-10:00 am
Beginning Bird Walk at San Timoteo Canyon
Matt Grube (909) 253-3867

Saturday, April 20, 2019 - 7:00 am
Shorebird Migration at the Salton Sea
Chet McGaugh (951) 781-3699 and Tony Metcalf (951) 242-7038

Sunday, April 21, 2019- 7:00 am
San Jacinto Wildlife Area
Tony Metcalf (951) 242-7038 and Chet McGaugh (951) 781-3699

Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 7:00 am
Big Morongo Preserve
Matt Grube (909) 253-3867

Saturday, May 4, 2019 - 8:00 am
Whitewater Canyon
Steve Myers (951) 616-7578

Sunday, May 5, 2019 - 8-10 am
Beginning Bird Walk; Los Rios Rancho, Oak Glen
Pam Quittmeyer (951) 212-2211

Saturday, May 11, 2019 7am
Palisades Ranch-Helendale Field Trip
Steve Myers (951) 616-7578 and Bill Deppe

Saturday, May 12, 2019 - 9:00 am
Baby Birds at Bearpaw Ranch
Cin Greyraven (909) 794-0509

Saturday, May 18, 2019
San Jacinto Mountains
Gene Cardiff & Dori Myers (714) 779-2201

Saturday, June 1, 2019
San Bernardino Mountains
Brad Singer (909) 838-7951

Saturday, June 15, 2019 - 7:30 am
Wrightwood & Blue Ridge
Gene Cardiff (909) 875-5358

Friday-Sunday, June 28-30, 2019
Greenhorn Mountains
Steve Myers (951) 616-7578

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019 FIELD TRIPS**Saturday, January 5, 2019 - 7:00 am****Salton Sea Goose & Crane Trip****Chet McGaugh (951) 781-3699 & Gene Cardiff (909) 875-5358**

This trip at times has been called the "waterfowl trip," the "goose trip," and "a wonderful field trip." It is all of that, and more. Perhaps a glimpse at some of the species seen on previous trips will help stoke the fires of desire: American White Pelican (hundreds), American Bittern, White-faced Ibis, Roseate Spoonbill, Snow Goose (thousands), Ross's Goose (hundreds), Greater White-fronted Goose, Bald Eagle, four falcon species, Sandhill Cranes, Mountain Plover, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Burrowing Owl, Mountain Bluebird, and American Redstart. We usually tally over 100 species, and don't have to count individuals (for an opportunity to count every single bird on and around the sea, join us at the Salton Sea North Christmas Bird Count). We will meet at the Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters parking lot at 7:00 am (map). We will bird around the Imperial Valley and south end of the sea.

Sunday, January 6, 2019 - 8:00-10:00 am**Beginning Bird Walk at Prado Regional Park (map)****Tom Benson (909) 648-0899**

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 species. The walk is free, but there is an entry fee for the park; see below. No reservations are needed. Everyone is welcome. We will meet at the marina parking lot in the center of the park. If you do not have a San Bernardino County Regional Parks pass, you will have to pay the \$10 daily entry fee for the park. Please contact Tom Benson for further information. Rain or other conditions may cause last minute changes.

Saturday, January 19, 2019 - 7:30 am**Seal Beach NWR****Brad Singer (909) 936-5087 and Tom Benson**

Located next to the Pacific Ocean on the border of Orange and Los Angeles Counties, the Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge hosts a wonderful array of raptors, shorebirds, waders, herons, rails, ducks, and sparrows. Because the refuge sits on an active naval weapons base, access is by special permit only. Field trips to the refuge regularly see Pacific Golden-Plover, Ferruginous Hawk, Ridgway's Rail, Large-billed Savannah Sparrow, and the much sought after Nelson's Sparrow. Other rarities include Reddish Egret, Short-eared Owl, Lapland Longspur, and Cackling Goose. SBVAS has booked a trip during high tide, so that the sparrows and rails can be seen more easily. This is a half-day trip to the Refuge. Following our stay there, we will have lunch and then pursue wintering rarities in the nearby vicinity in the afternoon. Space is extremely limited on this trip. There is a two-week vetting process by the Navy for all visitors. For those wishing to attend, please email me at by the end of December.

January 26, 2019- 8:00 am**Malibu Lagoon to Point Mugu****Gene Cardiff (909) 875-5358 & Dori Myers (714) 336-1420**

Malibu is always a special place to visit. Meet at the entrance to the Malibu Pier at 8:00 AM, after breakfast. Try to park along the highway on the beach side up a little and across from the Jack In the Box. We will bird the pier and lagoon area in the morning and have lunch on the beach and then we will drive up the coast making several stops along the way. Be prepared for cool to cold conditions on the pier and hope that it warms during the day. We should stay to see the sunset so dress in layers, bring water and lots of snacks and a lunch. A spotting scope would be useful.

Sunday, January 27, 2019**San Jacinto Valley and Lake Perris****Chet McGaugh (951) 781-3699 & Tony Metcalf (951) 242-7038**

The San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA) and the San Jacinto Valley have lots of birds all year. SBVAS leads a Fall trip, a Spring trip, and now a Winter trip to this remarkable birding hotspot. In addition to the high number of resident species, overwintering birds and the occasional spectacular occurrence, the diversity and number of birds of prey and gulls peak after the new year. So join us on a fairly intense but unstructured day. We will certainly cover the SJWA and adjacent lands, and we may go to Lake Perris and ...well, who knows. We will meet at 7:00 AM at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area entrance.

Saturday, February 2, 2019**Silverwood Lake Barge Trip CANCELLED-BARGE IS INOPERABLE****Sunday, February 3, 2019 - 8:00-10:00 am****Beginning Bird Walk at Cal State San Bernardino (map) Tom Benson**

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! Wear comfortable walking shoes, hats and sunscreen and bring binoculars and water. The walk is free and no reservations are needed, however, all participants must sign a liability waiver. You may print one out ahead of time and bring it with you, or the trip leader will have forms available on site. Everyone is welcome. We will meet at the northeast corner of parking lot G near the Student Recreation and Fitness Center (map). If you do not have a Cal State San Bernardino parking permit you must purchase a daily parking permit (\$5) from the kiosk attendant on Coyote Drive or from the automated permit dispensers. Please contact Tom Benson for further information. Rain or other conditions may cause last minute changes.

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 SBVAS Board Meeting	3	4	5 Goose/Crane Field Trip Salton Sea
6 BBW Prado Regional Park	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 SBVAS Board Meeting - Bill Hopson	17	18	19 Seal Beach NWR Field Trip (reservation needed)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Malibu Lagoon/Pt. Mugu Field Trip
27 San Jacinto Valley/Lake Perris Field Trip	28	29	30	31		

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Lake Silverwood Barge Trip CANCELLED
3 BBW Cal State San Bernardino	4	5	6 SBVAS Board Meeting 7 p.m.	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 SBVAS General Meeting - Sherry Schmidt	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

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



Hudsonian Godwit

Tom Benson

CALENDAR

Board Meetings: First Wednesday
 of the Month, January 2, 2019, 7 pm

General Meetings: Next General
 Meeting on January 16, 2019, 7:30 pm

All General meetings are in the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, and General Membership meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month. To reach the museum, take the California St. exit off I-10, go north one block to Orange Tree Lane and turn right. The museum will be on your left. General meetings, except potlucks, start at 7:30 and doors open at 7. Potlucks begin at 6:30.

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Bearpaw Ranch

Bearpaw Ranch is a 70 acre nature sanctuary, operated by the San Bernardino Audubon Society and may be visited 7 days a week from dawn 'til dusk by members of Audubon and their guests. Bearpaw Ranch is nestled on the north slope of scenic Mill Creek Canyon at 4,500 feet elevation, surrounded by the towering peaks of the San Bernardino National Forest. To reach Bearpaw Ranch, take Highway 38 to the Forest Falls turnoff. Go several car lengths on Valley of the Falls Dr. and look for our small wooden sign on the right. Our driveway is on the right, marked 38801. The driveway is paved and unpaved road that meanders across Mill Creek wash and up the bluff to an electronically operated entry gate. Members who wish to visit the Sanctuary should call any board member in advance to get the gate code. It is not a requirement that the caretaker is at home for you to visit. If the gate does not open because of mechanical failure, you are welcome to walk in or stop for birding along the creek bed.

Bearpaw Sanctuary,
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 P.O. Box 88; Forest Falls, CA 92339

Bearpaw Sanctuary is on Facebook; message us with questions and comments. If you type "Bearpaw Sanctuary" into the SEARCH function, you'll find us. Bearpaw visitors are encouraged to report interesting wildlife sightings and share their favorite nature photos from their Bearpaw visits.

BIRD WALKS IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY AREA

Check the website and/or call to make sure the walk is happening.
Websites have maps/directions.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE!!!

● **Big Morongo Canyon Preserve ALL YEAR www.bigmorongo.org**
Free Bird Walk all Wednesdays; third Saturday of the month; 8:00AM October- March; 7:00AM April- September (No Saturday walks June- September).

● **Whitewater Preserve ALL YEAR**
http://wildlandsconservancy.org/preserve_whitewater.html
Free Bird Walk second & fourth Tuesdays of the month- 8:00AM.

● **Coachella Valley Preserve <http://coachellavalleypreserve.org/>**
Free Bird Walk weekly; generally Sundays and Mondays. October- May; at 7:30AM or 8:00AM. Check site or call for day and times.

● **Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument**
<https://www.desertmountains.org/>
Free Bird Walk first and third Mondays of the month, 7:30AM, November-April. Registration required. Call 760 862- 9984.
Check site or call for days and times.

● **Sunnylands sunnylands.org**
Free Garden Bird Walk 8:45AM Fridays, November- May. Estate Bird Tours 8:45AM Thursdays and Saturdays, November- April. Tour the Annenberg estate with binoculars in a golf cart that stops to look at birds. Online reservations and fee (\$35 last season) required for Estate Bird Tours.

● **Salton Sea State Recreation Area (northeast end of the Sea)**
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=639 Check the site or call to be sure.
Free Bird Walk Saturdays, 9:00AM, October- April. Entrance fee: \$7/person; \$5 for seniors.

● **Coachella Valley Wild Bird Center**
<http://coachellavalleywildbirdcenter.org/>
Free Bird Walk; first Saturday of the month, 8:00AM, October- May.

● **Living Desert www.livingdesert.org**
Members' monthly Bird Walk; second Thursday of month, October- May, 7:30AM.

(Revised 22 Aug 2018)

CLUBS, BOOKS, ONLINE AND OTHER BIRDING AREAS

● **Desert Cities Bird Club** has lots of information on local birding activities, a Palms-to-Pines Birding Trail map, and a newsletter. To get on their email list and/or to request a map, email Kurt Leuschner (KLeuschner@collegeofthedesert.edu)

● **San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society** (www.sbvas.net) has lots of field trips. All are free and open to non-members as well as members. A few require pre-registration.

● **San Jacinto Wildlife Area** has a car route through water impoundment ponds. This is an excellent place for waterfowl as well as raptors. It is next to a duck-hunting club, so check the website CAREFULLY to determine which days are for hunting and avoid them. About an hour west of Palm Springs. (<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/San-Jacinto-WA> and/or <http://www.northfriends.org/sjwa.html>)

● **Inland County Birds** (<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/inlandcountybirds/info>) is the listserve for Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. Yes, it is a Yahoo Group, and you do have to join, but we've never had any problems with it.

● **Indian Canyons** (<http://www.indian-canyons.com/palm.html>) in Palm Springs. Several easy, beautiful, and sometimes-birdy trails with a wonderful combination of desert habitat with year-round flowing water. Admission fees: \$9.00 per adult; \$7.00 for seniors. Open all year, but days vary- check website.

● **Borrego Springs Swainson's Hawk Watch** (<http://borregohawkwatch.blogspot.com/>) Every day, February 15 to April 15. Swainson's Hawk migration can be an unprecedented spectacle. Check the blogspot for recent information. And/or sign up for evening blog posts at rap-torhal3@gmail.com. Borrego Springs is about an hour-and-a-half from the Coachella Valley.

● **Mount San Jacinto State Park** (http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=636) Located near the top of Mt. San Jacinto, this park is accessed by the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway (<https://www.pstramway.com/>); heavy fee. There are many miles of hiking trails in the subalpine forests and fern-bordered mountain meadows.

● **Oak Glen Preserve** (http://www.wildlandsconservancy.org/preserve_oakglen.html) is about an hour-and-a-half west of the Coachella Valley. Owned and operated by the same organization that manages Whitewater Preserve

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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