



San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society

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General Meeting
November 14, 2018
Notice the Date Change
Birding and More,
North, South, East and West
 An evening of wildlife adventures in four
 distinct areas of North America

Presented by Judith Sparhawk

Audubon member, Judith Sparhawk, has been birding close to 6 decades, and has birded in about 10 countries over the years. In recent years she has concentrated just on North America, and in this presentation will take us to all four directions of the compass, north, south, east and west.

For north, Judith will talk and show images of birds and other wildlife from her travels in Alberta, Canada. She has made multiple trips to this area has explored several birding hotspots.



For south, the birding destination will be Florida, including the Everglades and the Keys. Her Florida trip was during migration, with both resident and migrants sighted, including wood storks, roseate spoonbills and more.



For east, Judith will show bird and other wildlife images from her visits to northwest Ohio, including Magee Marsh, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge and surrounding areas. Her trips there have been during the height of spring migration, and have included sightings of her primary target bird, the American Woodcock.

For west, southeast Arizona is the destination. Judith travels to this area most years,

and she will share some of her experiences and sightings with the group, as she searches for yet one more bird.

By covering such a wide geographical range, the presentation will be a celebration of the great diversity of birds available to all of us with an adventurous spirit.

OUR HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER
 Wednesday, December 19, 2018
Earlier time! 6:30 p.m.

Come join us for our annual fun and fabulous holiday potluck dinner, December 20, 2017 6:30 PM. This year our potluck will be a bit different since our meeting room has changed and we won't have access to the museum's kitchen. So please bring a large dish to share (that will serve 10 or more) and one that doesn't need warming up in a microwave. There will be places to plug in but no place to wash up. Unfortunately, this year there will not be a turkey or a ham. Bring a main dish, salad or dessert. Please remember to bring your place setting. Beverages will be provided, i.e. decaffeinated coffee, water and soda but you can bring your own if you would like something other than the above.

Our program will be presented by some of our Audubon members. They will share with us 15-20 of their best nature photos. Everyone is welcome to participate.

There will be a silent auction to help raise funds. Please contribute something to sell. Birding items, books and nature items are preferred.

We meet at the San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands. Please follow the signs after you enter the museum to our meeting room. Please remember that our meeting starts at 6:30PM...an hour earlier than our usual meeting time. Everyone is always welcome.

San Bernardino Valley Audubon 2017-2018 Sponsored Christmas Bird Counts

Once again the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society is sponsoring nine Christmas Bird Counts in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Everyone is welcome to participate in as many of these counts as he or she likes.

For further information, please contact the compilers at the phone numbers or email addresses listed below. Reservations are not necessary, but it can't hurt to call the compiler for last minute changes in plans and also to give him or her an idea of how many participants to expect. National Audubon is no longer charging a participant fee, so the CBC is now FREE! Most counts finish the day at a local restaurant to eat supper and to compile the results. That's often half the fun!

For more information call or e-mail your count compiler (listed below). Bring a friend and enjoy the day. Count compilers who wish to change their information should contact Brad Singer (bcsinger@gmail.com) to post it on the website.

Redlands (Mill Creek)

Saturday, December 15, 2018 7:00a.m.

**Compiler: Gene Cardiff email:
(909) 875-5358**

We will meet at the Mill Creek Ranger Station, just north of the intersection of Mill Creek Rd. (State Hwy. 38) and Bryant St. at 7:00 a.m. The portion of the count circle, which you would like to help count can be arranged at that time, or a prior choice can be made. At the end of the day, around 5:00p.m., we will meet at the Casa Maya Mexican restaurant to share the day's experiences, enjoy some good food (on a no-host basis—order from the menu) and do a quick tally of the count. Casa Maya is located at 1837 Mentone Blvd. in Mentone, near the Post Office and the hardware store.

Morongo Valley

Saturday, December 15, 2018 7:30a.m.

Compiler: Joe Zarki (760) 366-8913

Let's hope that this year brings a few more rarities, but more than that, let's hope that our regular birds continue to be found in healthy numbers. Please call Joe for information, or simply arrive at the Parking Lot at Big Morongo, 11055 East Dr. at 7:30 a.m. sharp. Note that volunteer counters may be assigned to any of the eight areas within a 15 mile radius of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve. We'll compile as a group by a cozy wood stove at the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve Office while munching pizza and seasonal treats.

Please note: It will be cold in the morning, especially at our meeting place at the Preserve parking area, but several of our groups on the south side of the count circle work at low elevations where the weather is akin to Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs. High temperatures will likely range from the low 50s to the mid- to upper 70s; lows will likely be from 25° to the low 40s. People should dress in layered clothing so they can adjust to whatever temperatures they encounter. The Morongo Valley count ends at 4:30 p.m.

Idyllwild

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018 7:00 a.m.

Compiler: Bob Packard 951-742-7935

If you like high-elevation birding in the snow and cold, join us for the Idyllwild Christmas Bird Count begun in 1952! If you are assigned a territory you may begin the day in that area. Otherwise we will meet at the Lake Hemet store on Rte. 74 at 7:00 a.m. Temperatures may be quite brisk in the morning, so wear layers, and bring food and drink. Some areas may also require hiking, so please dress appropriately. Please e-mail Bob Packard for more information, or show up at Lake Hemet at 8:00 AM. Note that volunteer counters may be assigned to any of the fifteen territories within a 15 mile radius. Maps and checklists available on request. Beginners will be paired up with more experienced birders. We will tally species as a group at Idyllwild Pizza in Idyllwild (54391 Village Center Drive) at 5:00 PM.

Santa Ana River Valley

Sunday, December 16, 2018 6:45 a.m.

**Compiler: Larry LaPre (951) 217-6597
email:**

The Santa Ana River Valley CBC covers most of the cities of Riverside, Corona, and Norco. Within the count circle are some outstanding riparian areas like Prado Basin and Rubidoux Nature Center, and some duck filled lakes, like Lake Norconian and Lake Mathews. Meeting places and time for the sub-groups are listed below.

Rubidoux Nature Center:

Meet at the Nature Center parking lot at 6:45 a.m. Take Riverview (Limonite) from Mission Ave. in Rubidoux to Riverview Dr. in Rubidoux to Riverview Dr. (watch for sign), then bear left and go about a mile to the Nature Center.

Prado Basin, Lake Norconian and Hidden Valley Wildlife Area:

Meet at the gate to Hidden Valley, located at the dirt road entrance off Arlington Ave. across from the cemetery at 6:45 a.m. To enter Lake Norconian, the Navy requires the names of all participants in advance. Call Larry LaPre to get the details.

San Jacinto Lake**Tuesday, December 18, 2018 7:00 a.m.****Compilers: Tony Metcalf (951) 242-7038 Tom Benson (909) 648-0899**

We will meet at 7:00 a.m. on the corner of Bridge St. and the Ramona Expressway about three miles east of Lakeview. The San Jacinto Lake Count is in the top 1-2% of all North American Christmas Bird Counts, and regularly leads the nation in species diversity for inland CBCs. We average over 150 species. The San Bernardino Audubon Society is very fortunate in having so many talented and enthusiastic birders who regularly find the time to count birds all day on a certain brisk Tuesday in December. Call it the San Jacinto flu. This year, as in past counts, we will be working closely with the San Jacinto Wildlife Area biologist in ensuring that we have another successful count. We will try to have group leaders in the same count areas as last year. Please notify Tony Metcalf prior to count week if you are interested in a particular area. So, for science, for the birds, and mostly for the fun, grab a friend and join us for another great count. At the end of the day, we will meet for dinner to tally and compile our findings.

Mojave River Valley**Saturday, December 22, 2018 6:30 a.m.****Compiler: Bill Deppe (760) 953-6947**

The meeting place is the same as the past years: The Starbucks on the southwest corner of the intersection of Bear Valley Rd. and Hesperia Rd. This intersection is just over three miles east of I-15 (take the Bear Valley Rd. exit). We will meet at 6:30a.m. A post count compilation will take place at a restaurant to be specified at the meeting place. It can get mighty cold (and windy) on the count, so bring plenty of layers.

San Bernardino Valley**Sunday, December 23, 2018 7:00 a.m.****Compiler: Dori Myers (714)779-2201 (home) dorimyrs88@gmail.com**

Come join San Bernardino Valley Audubon's longest running count. We will meet at 7:00 a.m. at the San Bernardino County Museum. From there we will form small groups to cover the count area. Remember, the counts are for pleasure as well as science. Anyone can help and the more pairs of eyes out there in the field, the more birds we find. We will regroup around 5:30PM at the Denny's in Redlands to share stories and tally the day's findings.

Salton Sea North**Saturday, December 29, 2018 6:30 a.m.****Compiler: Chet McGaugh(951)781-3699**

We will meet at 6:30 a.m. at the big ARCO just off of the expressway near Mecca. Dress warmly. It can be cold in the early morning hours. We will

form six or seven groups and spread out over the count circle for a day of counting the multitudes of birds that spend the winter around the north end of Salton Sea.

Bird identification skills are helpful but not a prerequisite; the group leaders will handle any identification problems. Counting ability is a prerequisite. Each group leader needs people to count common birds (like Eared Grebes, Ruddy Ducks, American Coots, gulls), and someone to record the numbers, so that he/she can concentrate on finding the unusual and hard-to-find species. If you want a mellow day of birding at Salton Sea, save yourself \$6 and we'll see you in January on the field trip. If you want a rather intense day of birding, and would like to contribute to the ever-growing (since 1969) data bank, come on out. You will see lots of birds. We typically record 130-140 species. After the count we will compile our results at a local restaurant.

Joshua Tree National Park**Friday, January 4, 2019 7:00 a.m.****Compiler: Joe Zarki (760) 366-8913**

The daily use fee for the park will be waived for the Christmas count participants. Bring layers of clothing, it can be cold and windy or it can be warm and calm, we've had everything from 78 degrees to snow blowing straight at you. Also bring snacks, good walking shoes, lunch and drinks, or you can pick up lunch in Twentynine Palms if you choose Group 1. Group 2 will have to rough it, no phones, no restaurants, but just beautiful country. Some Group 1 and Group 2 routes require hiking on trails or in rough, rocky terrain. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. at a restaurant in Joshua Tree to compile the results.

Group 1:

Meet the group leader at 7:00 a.m. at the Indian Cove Ranger Station on Indian Cove Rd. This is off Hwy. 62 on the western side of Twentynine Palms at the entry of the park leading to Indian Cove Camp Ground. Birders meeting here will cover the north side of the count circle including the Indian Cove area, 49 Palms Oasis, the Oasis of Mara, and the North Park Entrance area of the park. In-town locations include Knott Sky Park, Luckie Park, the Twentynine Palms Inn, and any place birds can be found. Group 1 covers low elevation areas of the count so temperatures are fairly mild.

Group 2:

Meet the group leader at 7:00 a.m. at the West Entrance of the Park. Take Park Blvd. from the town of Joshua Tree, parking is just behind the entry station. Areas covered include hidden Valley, Lost Horse area, Barker Dam, Keys Ranch, Ryan Ranch area, Queen Valley, Jumbo Rocks, and the Geology Tour Road. Group 2 covers higher elevation habitats from 3000-5000 feet so temperatures are 5-10 degrees cooler.

November/December SBVAS Field Trips

Sunday, November 4, 2018 - 8:00-10:00 am Beginning Bird Walk at San Timoteo Canyon

Matt Grube (909) 253-3867

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 meet at the dirt lot along San Timoteo Canyon Rd just south of Fern Ave at 8 am. The walk is free, and all are invited to join. Expect to walk 2-3 miles on level dirt paths as we look for our winter resident birds. Please contact Matt Grube by email at mattgrube@gmail.com for questions.

Sunday, November 18, 2018 - 7:00 am Northern San Jacinto Valley

Tony Metcalf (951) 242-7038 and Dave Goodward (909) 783-2417

Ah, cooler weather. Wintering birds of prey and waterfowl, coastal sage scrub and wetlands, 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. The northern San Jacinto Valley is known for its high species diversity. 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. We will meet at the parking lot at the gates of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area ([map](#)). 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 east on 10, then south on 215, then east on 60 or go south on Redlands Blvd, east on 60, East on Gilman springs, south on Bridge Street, west on Ramona and north on Davis road. As Davis

is a dirt road, it is not recommended if there have been recent rains. The dirt roads are too dangerous for normal travel when wet. You can call or e-mail Tony Metcalf or the San Jacinto Wildlife Area headquarters (951-654-0580) for updated road info to the Wildlife Area.

Saturday, December 1, 2018 - 8:00 am Daggett & Newberry Springs

Gene Cardiff (909) 875-5358 or (951) 522-4933

We will look for wintering birds at Newberry Springs and Daggett areas in the alfalfa fields and ponds, with a particular interest in birds of prey. If we have the time we may head over to Silver Lakes and see what we can find there. We will meet at the Denny's on Lenwood Road in Barstow ([map](#)) at 7:00 am (before breakfast) or 8:00 am (after breakfast). To get there, take I-15 north to Barstow and turn right at the Lenwood Road offramp. Denny's will be on the right hand side. Bring a lunch, water, snacks and warm clothes, because summer may be over by then. After lunch we will caravan and do some more looking for hawks and other birds. For more information on weather etc., call Gene at the number above.

Sunday, December 2, 2018 - 8:00-10:00 am Palm Springs Demuth Park

Pam Quittmeyer (951) 212-2211 and Dave Woodward (909) 203-8862

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 parks. 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 water and binoculars. Everyone is welcome. Meet at 8 am at the parking lot near the tennis courts on E. Mesquite Blvd. near Vella Road.

November/December 2018 Upcoming Field Trips

Sunday, November 4, 2018 - 8:00-10:00 am
Beginning Bird Walk at San Timoteo Canyon
Matt Grube (909) 253-3867

Sunday, November 18, 2018 - 7:00 am
Northern San Jacinto Valley
Tony Metcalf (951) 242-7038 and Dave
Goodward (909) 783-2417

Saturday, December 1, 2018 - 8:00 am
Daggett & Newberry Springs
Gene Cardiff (909) 875-5358 or (951) 522-
4933

Sunday, December 2, 2018 - 8:00-10:00 am
Palm Springs Demuth Park
Pam Quittmeyer (951) 212-2211 and Dave
Goodward (909) 203-8862

Saturday, January 5, 2019 - 7:00 am
Salton Sea Goose & Crane Trip
Chet McGaugh (951) 781-3699 & Gene Car-
diff (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 Ben-
son thomasabenson@aol.com

January 26, 2019- 8:00 am
Malibu Lagoon to Point Mugu
Gene Cardiff (909) 875-5358 & Dori My-
ers (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 8:30 am
Silverwood Lake Barge Trip
Steve Myers 951-616-7578

Sunday, February 3, 2019 - 8:00-10:00 am
Beginning Bird Walk at Cal State San Bernar-
dino
Tom Benson

Sunday, March 3, 2019 8-10 am
Beginning Bird Walk at Fairmount Park, Riv-
erside
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

August 4, 2018 6:00 AM
Insane Jaunt to the Salton Sea
Tom Benson
thomasabenson@aol.com

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 BBW San Timoteo Canyon 8 am	5	6	7 SBVAS Board Meeting 7 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Northern San Jacinto Field Trip 7 am	19	20	21 SBVAS General Meeting 7:30 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Daggett Newberry Springs Field Trip 8 am
2	3	4	5 SBVAS Board Meeting 7 pm	6	7	8
9 BBW Demuth Park Palm Springs 8 am	10	11	12	13	14	15 Mill Creek and Morongo Valley CBC
16 Santa Ana River CBC	17	18 San Jacinto Valley CBC	19 Holiday Potluck 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22 Mojave River CBC
23 San Bernardino Valley CBC	24	25	26	27	28	29 North Salton Sea CBC
30	31					

Dates and times subject to change for unforeseen circumstances, please check the website for any changes.

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... ☘



Scarlet Tanager

Judith Sparhawk

CALENDAR

Board Meetings: No meeting in July.
 First Wednesday of the Month, November 7, 2018

General Meetings: Next General Meeting on November 21, 2018, 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,
 38801 Valley of the Falls Drive
 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.

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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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Everyone is always welcome!

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

Board Meetings
are the 1st Tuesday

General meetings
are the 3rd Wednesday



SBVAS Membership
currently at 1900

To reach the Museum, take the California Street exit off the 10 Freeway and go north 1 block to

Chapter Only Membership Application
San Bernardino Valley Audubon

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

__ SBVAS Membership @ \$20 a/year (includes subscription to *The Western Meadowlark*)

Email Address* _____

Please enclose a check payable to SBVAS

***We do not share your name, address or email address.**

Membership Application
National Audubon Society (NAS)

__ NAS Gift/New/Regular/Renewal Membership \$20 (includes 1 year of *Audubon* magazine)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make check payable to National Audubon Society

SBVAS Chapter
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Please clip and mail all memberships to: SBVAS Membership Chair
P.O. Box 10973
San Bernardino, Ca. 92423-0973