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Birding California
A program by Guy Commeau
Wednesday, January 15, 2014

California Birds and A L Heerman
Presented by Joel Weintraub
7:30 PM February 19, 2014

We all have a little paradise around where we live and if you look for it you find it. If we want to share our knowledge and help other countries around the world we also have to learn, protect, save and love our own Flora and Fauna that we have around us. Here in California we are fortunate to have a wide variety of habitats supporting an amazing diversity of wildlife. No matter where you live you have hundreds of neighbors that you don't even know. You will depart the evening with an appreciation of the broad diversity of Flora and Fauna California has to offer. Just look at your own jungle, it is here to be discovered.

Guy is a long-time birder and photographer who has presented numerous programs over the years. His previous topics have ranged from New Zealand, Nepal, Alaska, Peru, Kenya, Cuba, Fiji, and France. Born in Paris, France he came to California in 1963. He spent much of 1969 touring Europe and Africa and upon his return joined the Los Angeles Audubon Society. In the early 1980's Guy and his wife, Louise, became docents at the Los Angeles Zoo and they still are active there today. In 1990 he became President and Louise became Secretary of the Redbud Audubon Society. In 1991, with the help of the Los Angeles Zoo, Guy published "Mammals and Countries of the World" a checklist, which organized the mammals of the world much as the famous Clements checklist did for the birds.

Come enjoy Guy's wonderful photography and program. Come early to enjoy refreshments and visit with friends. Our doors open at 7PM and our meetings start at 7:30 PM. Everyone is always welcome,

Time for Chapter Membership Renewal

We are changing how we bill and collect chapter memberships (please see chapter membership article on page 3). It is now time for everyone to renew their chapter membership. Please read the article to see how you can prorate a membership renewed in mid-2013, then send your check (\$24 for a full year) payable to SBVAS and addressed to P.O. Box 10973, San Bernardino, Ca. 92423-0973. Be sure to indicate whether you are willing to receive the newsletter online and, if so, include your email address.

Joel Weintraub was born and raised in MANHATTAN. He is a graduate of the City College of New York, as well as graduating from the University of California, Riverside with a PhD in Zoology. He is an emeritus Biology Professor at California State University, Fullerton and has won awards for his science teaching. Joel has been birding since he was about 8 years old, and has participated in the birding life of Orange County for a number of decades. He ran the OC Rare Bird Alert hotline for several years, and is currently the co-moderator of the Yahoo Group, Orange County Birding. He has trained the docents at the Headlands Preserves in Dana Point. Joel became interested in genealogy about 15 years ago, and volunteered for 9 years at the National Archives and Records Administration in southern California.. He developed an expertise in producing locational tools for census research, that were used by millions of researchers when the 1940 census became public last year. He has talked to many groups, both local and national on Census research. This talk will combine both of these interests. We will learn about the impact that Adolphus Lewis Heermann had on the natural history information of California (with exhibits that will be passed around), and at the same time will solve some of the mysteries behind A. L's life.



Heermann's Finch at Dana Point, Species Named in 1858. Come to the talk to find out it's history

Local Sightings

Tom Benson

This fall season was thought to be below average in terms of the number of vagrants detected, but it still produced a few gems nonetheless. Heading the list was a well-photographed COMMON SWIFT on private property east of Desert Center (Oct 30), the first definitive record of this species for the lower 48. Also impressive was an apparent MARSH SANDPIPER at the north end of the Salton Sea (Oct 26), a first record for California if accepted by the CBRC. And rounding out the top three was a probable TUNDRA BEAN-GOOSE at the Salton Sea NWR Oct 19, the same location where California's first and only other bean-goose (Taiga/Tundra; it was never conclusively identified) wintered two years ago. Other first county records this fall included Imperial's first GREAT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER at the Salton Sea NWR headquarters Sep 29 and Riverside's first WINTER WREN behind a gas station in Blythe Nov 6-7.

The period of September to November marks the tail end of shorebird migration and the arrival of wintering waterfowl, but most birders anticipate it as the peak period for finding vagrant passerines. As noted above, this season lacked the expected quantity of vagrants but made up for it with several quality birds. Zzyzx Desert Studies Center produced the most interesting finds, with the best being a BOHEMIAN WAXWING Nov 27-28 (first record since 1998), a RUFOUS-BACKED ROBIN Nov 13 (fourth county record), and a WOOD THRUSH Nov 3-17 (third county record). Other notable birds from Zzyzx included PAINTED BUNTING



Bohemian Waxwing



Rufous-Backed Robin

and CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER (Sep 29), GRAY CAT-BIRD (Oct 30-Nov 20), BROWN THRASHER (Oct 13), and TENNESSEE WARBLER (Nov 16-21). Primm Valley Golf Club also paid out with a RUDDY GROUND-DOVE Oct 29-31 (technically not a passerine, I know) and the county's second WOOD THRUSH Oct 30-31. In Morongo Valley a WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER (Oct 19) was a nice find away from its normal montane habitat, while a HARRIS'S SPARROW was coming to residential feeders Nov 7-17. Elsewhere in the deserts there was a PAINTED BUNTING in Nipton Sep 8,

Wood Thrush



CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER at Cactus City Sep 24, a LAPLAND LONGSPUR at Harper Dry Lake and an AMERICAN REDSTART at Palm Island Drive (NESS) Oct 16, a SWAMP SPARROW on the Parker Strip Nov 3, a PLUMBEOUS VIREO in Niland Nov 7, and a HARRIS'S SPARROW at Chet Huffman Park Nov 29. A GRAY CAT-BIRD in the middle of I-40 (Oct 7) near Ludlow was at an unexpected location while one at Crystal Spring (Oct 16) was more typical. And last but not least, a BOBOLINK at Chet Huffman Park Nov 20-21 provided one of if not the latest record ever for California.



Bobolink

A few vagrants showed up on the coastal slope as well, with the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and Prado Regional Park claiming most of the glory. The former hosted a BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER (Sep 27-Oct 8) and a BLACKPOLL WARBLER (Oct 5-6); both are relatively rare in Riverside County. At the latter the TROPICAL KINGBIRD returned for its fourth winter Oct 20+, while a perhaps-returning SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER was seen there Nov 13. Prado also had a ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK Oct 26 and a LARK BUNTING Nov 18-24. Elsewhere in Riverside County, a PAINTED BUNTING was at Fairmount Park Sep 25-29, a YELLOW-THROATED VIREO was in Murrieta Oct 29-30, and a VERDIN returned to the UC Riverside Botanical Gardens for its fourth consecutive winter Sep 15+. In San Bernardino County, a VIRGINIA'S WARBLER at Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park in Ontario Oct 7-9 might be the best bird ever seen at that location.

In the non-passerine department, two (probably three) WESTERN GULLS at Lake Havasu Oct 13 provided one of very few records for the county. A HORNED GREBE at Prado Regional Park Oct 15 was an excellent find for that location. Two SURF SCOTERS were in Daggett Oct 21, two were at the Palo Verde Diversion Dam Nov 7, and one was at the south end of the Salton Sea Dec 3. Also at the south end of the sea were a LONG-TAILED DUCK and two RED PHALAROPES (both Dec 3), and a PARASITIC JAEGER (Oct 26). Newberry Springs hosted four MOUNTAIN PLOVERS (Nov 2) and two SANDHILL CRANES (Nov 20-Dec 1). A RED-THROATED LOON was on Lake Havasu Nov 8. Finally, most of the BLUE-FOOTED BOOBIES seem to have departed from the region or died, however, four remained at Lake Skinner into December along with three BROWN PELICANS.

Bobolink photo by Sandy Remley at Chet Huffman Park. All other photos by Tom Benson from Zzyzx Desert Studies Center.

Come forth into the light of things, let nature be your teacher.

William Wordsworth

Bird of the Month: Gadwall

By Steve Myers

One of the most handsome of North American ducks is, in my opinion, the Gadwall (*Anas strepera*). From a distance, male Gadwalls may seem like a rather boring, gray and brown duck, but up close they show beautiful, intricate patterns throughout much of their plumage. They can be identified by their black upper and lower tail coverts, mostly gray body, scaly pattern on the breast, mostly brownish head, elongated cinnamon-buff scapulars, and silvery tertials. The black tail coverts can be seen at great distances. They have a white speculum, which is very evident in flight. Females are very similar to female Mallards, and are best distinguished by smaller, more delicate bills, more steeply sloped foreheads, and (when on the water) a small white wing patch (often but not always seen). Gadwalls are dabbling ducks, feeding primarily on aquatic plants, but occasionally grazing on land.

In southern California, they are fairly common (locally) in winter. They nest uncommonly throughout much of the region. In and near the Mohave Desert, they have been known to nest at Harper Dry Lake, near Lancaster, in the Owens Valley, and at Big Bear and Baldwin Lakes. Their overall range includes North America, Eurasia, and northern Africa. Most North American nesting is in the prairie states and provinces. Population estimates from the mid 1970s through the late 1990s have ranged from 1.2 to 2.2 million individuals.

The Mississippi flyway hosts the bulk of migrating Gadwalls, and the largest wintering populations in the U.S. are in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, eastern Texas, and Louisiana.

Nests are found in upland sites, usually near water, but can be up to several hundred yards from water. Gadwalls nest in taller and denser vegetation than most other duck species. Nests are typically in rushes, nettles, tall grasses, and even alfalfa. Clutch size is from five to 13 eggs, with an average of ten. Incubation is by the female, and takes from 24 to 27 days.

The next time you have the opportunity, take a really close look at a male Gadwall. I am sure you will be impressed by its subtle beauty.



Photo© 2006 Stephen J. Myers

Chapter Membership Renewal Information

We are changing our chapter membership billing procedures to simplify the process and get everyone on the same billing cycle. For the last several years we have not sent bills for chapter members, expecting members to pay on the honor system. This has not been effective, primarily because people expect a bill for their membership. As a result we have collected only a nominal amount of chapter dues.

The annual chapter membership dues are now \$24. Everyone will be converted to calendar year membership for this renewal. This is a billing notification for calendar 2014 chapter dues. If you paid a chapter membership in 2013 that extended into 2014, you may adjust your payment in 2014 to pay the unpaid 2014 months at \$2 per month. For example, if you paid your chapter membership in September 2013 through August 2014, you would pay \$8 (four months unpaid in 2014) for your 2014 chapter dues.

Why do we have chapter dues? It's necessary to run our chapter activities, including the *Western Meadowlark* newsletter, quality speakers for monthly programs, and advocacy for conservation issues. If you pay dues to National Audubon, they provide the chapter with about \$2 per member for the entire year, which is woefully inadequate to run our chapter. While we encourage you to be a member of National Audubon, it is not mandatory.

We are taking steps to reduce costs, such as eliminating one issue of the newsletter, changing the paper and binding of the printed copy to save bulk rate postage, and keeping our administrative expenses to a bare minimum. We continue to ask members if they are willing to receive the Meadowlark online, rather than a printed copy. If you are willing to receive the newsletter online rather than in printed form, please indicate that on your chapter membership renewal.

Christmas Bird Count

Salton Sea North : January 4, 2014. 6:30a.m.

Compiler: Chet McGaugh (909)781-3699 (home) or (951)369-8060 (work) chetmcgaugh@earthlink.net

We will meet at 6:30a.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.

UCR Extension: A Field Study of Birds: Winter

Course: Bio X405.1 Section 103-SCF-F23

An introduction to the wintering birds of Southern California with special emphasis on identification and natural history of waterfowl, gulls and birds of prey. Many of the prime wintering areas are visited on the field trips.

Note: This course may be taken twice for credit toward the Specialized Study Program in Field Ornithology. Visitors are not permitted. Enrollment is limited. Vertebrate course for Certificate in Field Ecology Elective for Specialized Study Program in Field Ornithology.

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

Dates/Times: Tues., 7:30-9:30 p.m., Jan. 7. Field trips all day Sat. Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 8 and 22. (6 meetings)

Location: SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM in Redlands, 2024 Orange Tree Lane

Text: — Field Guide to the Birds of North America, || 5th edition, Jon L. Dunn and Jonathan K. Alderfer ISBN 0792253140

Fee: \$255/\$235 each for couples and family members/ \$215 each with PINE discount

How to enroll: Online at www.extension.ucr.edu, Phone: (951) 827-4105; (760) 834-0997, Toll free (800) 442-4990. In person: 1200 University Avenue, Riverside, Ca.

Note: to receive a discount for couples and family members, registration must be done by phone. Please check the website to confirm meeting dates.

Bird Banding Workshops at Starr Ranch Spring 2014 Beginning & Advanced Banding Workshops March 8-9 and March 15-16

Audubon California's 4000-acre Starr Ranch Sanctuary in southeast Orange County invites you to our spring bird banding workshops for adults. Starr Ranch Bird Observatory runs two long-term bird monitoring programs, one in winter and one during breeding season in spring and summer. We operate mist nets throughout the winter in order to examine the over-winter survivorship of migrant and resident bird populations on the ranch. The MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) breeding season bird banding station is part of an international network of over 500 stations examining breeding bird populations. Because of the specialized nature of these workshops, we are asking that only serious students and potential Starr Ranch bird banding volunteers attend. The workshops will be taught by ornithologist Megan Garfinkel, a North American Banding Council (NABC) certified bird bander who has run three banding stations.

Beginning Bird Banding Workshop – This workshop is for those with little or no bird banding experience. Participants will learn mist-net set-up and operation and practice extracting songbirds from nets. They will learn how to hold, band, and take measurements on birds in the hand. Afternoon discussions will focus on bird identification, banding safety and ethics.

Dates and Times: March 8-9, 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM daily
Cost: \$160 or \$165 if camping (BYO lunch, morning coffee & bagels provided)

Advanced Bird Banding Workshop – This workshop is for more experienced banders who want to take their skills to the next level. Participants will focus mainly on advanced ageing and sexing of birds in the hand by plumage. Afternoon discussions will focus on detailed analysis and understanding of the molt cycle and bird plumage characteristics, as well as advanced use of the Pyle guide.

Dates and Times: March 15-16, 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM daily
Cost: \$160 or \$165 if camping (BYO lunch, morning coffee & bagels provided)

Reservations and Questions: Megan Garfinkel,
mbgarfinkel@gmail.com; 949-858-0309



Feed Your Yard Birds and Help SBVAS

Wild birdseed will be sold at all general meetings of SBVAS as a regular fundraiser for the organization. The seed is a good blend for the area and will be available in 25 pound bags for \$20.

To get your seed and help SBVAS maintain a regular monthly fundraiser, please pay at the sales table and get a receipt. Then see Kirk Stitt in the parking lot to load your seed.

If possible, you should preorder seed by phoning Kirk at (909) 886-5513. Leave a message about the type of seed you want (thistle, black-oil sunflower, or general purpose mix) and your seed will be ready for pickup at the next general meeting.



Misguided Policy Jeopardizes Bald and Golden Eagles

Audubon strongly opposes the recent short-sighted decision by the Department of Interior to allow 30-year permits for killing bald and golden eagles at

wind installations there are no scientifically defensible conservation measures in place to reduce eagle kills, and the Department of the Interior has few resources to monitor projects, so the 30-year rule locks the agency on to a road of compounded mistakes and needless eagle deaths.

Audubon strongly supports properly-sited wind energy as a solution to what is no doubt the greatest threat to birds and people—climate change. We need to deploy renewable energy sources aggressively and use conventional sources more efficiently if we are to meet that challenge. To that end, Audubon has a long history of involvement in wind-wildlife interaction issues, including efforts to develop state guidelines for wind development in California, Washington, Pennsylvania, and New York; working cooperatively to improve the siting, design, and management of wind facilities across the country; and extensive chapter involvement that has led the way in communities across the country as they consider local or state-wide energy projects.

As the voice of birds, Audubon continues to advocate that birds and conservation have to be central to energy siting. Wind development and eagle conservation can co-exist. Such a compromise was struck earlier this year when Audubon worked with the wind industry to develop a workable permitting process that included eagle conservation as a fundamental tenet.

Unfortunately, the Department of Interior walked away from this deal and instead moved forward with a 30-year rule that weakens protections for our national bird. We will continue to challenge the Interior Department on their commitment to monitor and enforce current bird protection laws including the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Please consider sending a letter to Secretary Sally Jewell to reverse this disastrous policy and challenge the Department's eagle-killing rule.

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 turn-off. Go only a few car lengths on Valley of the Falls Dr. and look for our small wooden sign on the right. We have a new paved road, the entry is easy for almost all normal passenger cars. There is 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 now on Facebook.

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.



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CALENDAR

Board Meetings: January 8 and February 5, 2014

General Meetings: January 15 and February 19, 2014

All 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. Meetings, except potlucks, start at 7:30 and doors open at 7. Potlucks begin at 6:30.





Sunday, January 5, 2014 - 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 11, 2014 - 7:00 am
Salton Sea Goose & Crane Trip
Chet McGaugh (951) 781-3699 & John Green (951) 686-2956

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, 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 Wister Unit of the Imperial Wildlife Area at 7:00 am [\(map\)](#). Exit Highway 111 at Davis Road and look for us in the parking lot there. We will bird around the south end of the sea; also the surrounding agricultural lands looking for raptors, Mountain Plovers, and the always entertaining Sandhill Cranes.



Sunday, January 26, 2014
San Jacinto Valley and Lake Perris
Chet McGaugh (951) 781-3699 & Tony Metcalf (951) 242-7038

More information to come.



Saturday, February 1, 2014
Seal Beach NWR
Brad Singer (909) 838-7951 and Tom Benson (909) 648-0899

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. Last year, a small contingent from San Bernardino Valley Audubon visited for the first time and was rewarded with Short-eared Owl, Ferruginous Hawk, Snow Goose, Ross's Goose, Clapper Rail, and the much sought after Nelson's Sparrow. Other rare possibilities include Lapland Longspur, Pacific Golden Plover, 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. Attendees will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Those not making it will be put on a waiting list. There is a two-week vetting process by the Navy for all visitors. Look for an announcement on Inland County Birds in the middle of November for application times. Questions, email me at bsinger@gmail.com.



Sunday, February 2, 2014 - 8:00-10:00 am
Beginning Bird Walk at Cal State San Bernardino
[\(map\)](#) Tom Benson (909) 648-0899

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. 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.

Rain or other conditions may cause last minute changes. You may call ahead to confirm location and time.

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...👉

Calendar for Field Trips 2013 to 2014

-  **January 5, 2014- 8:00-10:00 am, Beginning Bird Walk**, location and leader TBA
-  **January 11, 2014 - 7:00 am, Salton Sea Goose & Crane Trip** [Chet McGaugh](#) (951) 781-3699 & [John Green](#) (951) 686-2956
-  **January 26, 2014, San Jacinto Valley and Lake Peris**
[Chet McGaugh](#) (951) 781-3699 & [Tony Metcalf](#) (951) 242-7038
-  **February 1, 2014, Seal Beach NWR, Brad Singer**
-  **February 2, 2014 8:00-10:00am, Beginning Bird Walk**, Cal State, Tom Benson (909) 648-0899
- March 2, 2014 - 8:00-10:00 am, Beginning Bird Walk at [San Jacinto Wildlife Area \(map\)](#)**, Brad Singer (909) 838-7951
- March 15, 2014 - 8:00 am, Bolsa Chica & Orange County Coast** [Dori Myers](#) (714) 779-2201 (h) or (714) 336-1420 (m)
- April 6, 2014 - 8:00-10:00 am, Beginning Bird Walk**, Glen Helen Regional Park, Tom Benson (909) 648-0899
- April 5-6, 2014, East Mojave** [John Green](#) (951) 686-2956
- April 12-13, 2014, Sage Grouse**, Brad Singer (909) 838-7951
- April 19, 2014, Shorebird Migration at the Salton Sea** [Chet McGaugh](#) (951) 781-3699 **April 20, 2014, San Jacinto Wildlife Area** [Tony Metcalf](#) (951) 242-7038
- May 3, 2013 - 7:00 am, [Big Morongo](#)** [Chet McGaugh](#) (951) 781-3699
- May 4, 2014 - 8:00-10:00 am, Beginning Bird Walk location and, leader TBA**
- May 4, 2014 - 8:00 am, [Box Springs Mountain](#)** [John Green](#) (951) 686-2956
- May 10, 2014 - 8:00 am, [Whitewater Canyon](#)** [Steve Myers](#) (951) 634-9767
- May 17, 2014 - 9:00 am, Baby Birds at [Bearpaw Ranch](#)** [Cin Greyraven](#) (909) 794-0509
- May 18, 2014, Dos Palmas-NESS**, John Green (951) 686-2956
- June 7, 2014 - 7:30 am, Wrightwood & Blue Ridge** [Gene Cardiff](#) (909) 875-5358
- June 15, 2014, San Bernardino Mountains** [Brad Singer](#) (909) 838-7951
- July 12-13, 2014, Greenhorn Mountains & the Southern Sierra** [Steve Myers](#) (951) 634-9767

July or August, 2014 - 6:00 am, Insane Jaunt to the Salton Sea [Tom Benson](#) (909) 648-0899

!!!Special Notice Regarding Field Trips!!!

High School students and other underage minors will not be allowed on field trips without a parent or a teacher/advisor with a parent permission slip accompanying them.

Come bird with us! BirdFest OLYMPIC PENINSULA

April 4-6, 2014

- › San Juan Island Cruise
- › Guided Birding Trips
- › Bird Drawing Class
- › Auction and Raffle
- › Totem Tour
- › Photography Workshop
- › Gala Banquet with featured speaker: Noah Strycker



Visit the rain shadow of the *Olympic Peninsula* to discover the birds of the coastal Pacific Northwest—Marbled Murrelets, Rhinoceros Auklets, Harlequin Ducks, dippers, Black Oystercatchers, Long-tailed Ducks, and more. Guided field trips, a boat cruise in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, silent auction, and a gala banquet. Our featured speaker is Noah Strycker: “Bird World: the fascinating parallels between bird and human behavior”. The festival with the most spectacular setting!

Immediately following BirdFest, join us for a three-day, two-night birding cruise of the San Juan Islands, April 6-8, 2014.

Website address: www.olympicbirdfest.org

E-mail address: opas.birdfest.info@gmail.com

Contact name: Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, 360-681-4076

May your trails be crooked, winding, lonesome, dangerous, leading to the most amazing view. May your mountains rise into and above the clouds.

Edward Abbey

January/February 2014

Western Meadowlark

THE WESTERN MEADOWLARK
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San Bernardino, CA 92423-0973

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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 Wed.
General meetings are the 3rd Wed.
SBVAS Membership currently at
2,393

To reach the Museum, take the Cali-
fornia Street exit off the 10 Freeway
and go north 1 block to Orange Tree
Lane—turn right. The museum will
be on your left...



Chapter Only Membership Application
San Bernardino Valley Audubon

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

___ SBVAS Membership @ \$24 a/year (includes subscription
to *The Western Meadowlark*)

___ I wish to receive the *Western Meadowlark* **only** elec-
tronically

Email Address _____

Please enclose a check payable to SBVAS



Membership Application
National Audubon Society (NAS)

___ NAS New Member/ Gift Membership \$20 (renewal will be
\$35, includes 1 year of *Audubon* magazine, 1 year Chapter membership, 1
year subscription to *Western Meadowlark* if in SBVAS area)

___ NAS Regular/Renewal Membership \$35 (includes 1 year of
Audubon magazine)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make check payable to National Audubon Society

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Please clip and mail all memberships to: SBVAS Membership Chair
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