



San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society

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General Meeting
September 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Endemic Birds of Tasmania
Presented by Kurt Leuschner

Tasmania is a fascinating island located off of Melbourne, Australia with a dozen endemic bird species. All 12 endemic species are seeable on a single trip with a little luck and some planning. And there's lots of other wildlife to be seen as well: wombat, wallaby, quoll, pademelon, and Tasmanian Devil, just to name a few of the interesting marsupials. The



Tasmanian Devil
 Dori Myers

scenery is like a movie set but it's real. Many of the colorful mainland Australia birds also occur on the island. There's no place like Tasmania for a unique wildlife adventure! Western Field Ornithologists will be returning to Tasmania in January 2020

Kurt Leuschner is a Professor of Natural Resources at the College of the Desert. Among all the courses he teaches are courses in Field Ornithology and Native Plants. He is extremely well traveled and has taken groups on safaris to Africa, New Zealand, Tasmania, Cuba and the Galapagos and places closer to home. He also teaches weekend courses and workshops on bird watching, insects, GPS, and backyard habitats for UCR Extension, the Desert Institute, the Desert Studies Center and the Living Desert. This fall he will begin serving as President of Western Field Ornithologists. Kurt is a wonderfully engaging and informative speaker and his previous presentations have been extremely well received.

Our doors open at 7 PM and the meeting starts at 7:30PM. Everyone is always welcome. Come early and bring friends.

General Meeting
October 17, 2018 at 7:30 p.

Caribou, Birds, and Bears:
Canoeing the Rivers of the western north slope of Alaska

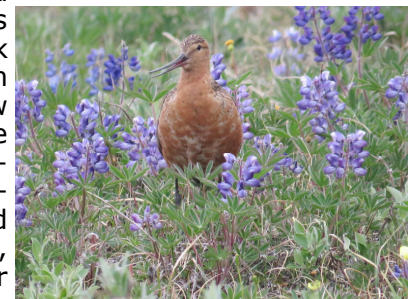
Presented by Brian Elliott



Audubon member, Brian Elliott, has spent more than 150 days hiking, canoeing, and birding north of the Arctic Circle in Alaska and Canada during the last 18 years. Brian, along with several friends, have canoed three wilderness rivers that flow into the Arctic Ocean or the Chuk-

chi Sea from Alaska's north slope above the Arctic circle. Brian and his friends spent 24 days on the Colville River in 2012, 10 days on the Kokolik River in 2014, and a combined 24 days on a Utukok-Kolik River adventure in 2015. The rivers flow through some of the most remote wilderness in North America and are renowned for breeding raptors, geese, and other birds as well as for viewing of the large western Arctic caribou herd migration. The birding was excellent on all rivers and Brian and his friends saw thousands of caribou along with much other wildlife. Each river is primarily located within or along the boundary of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, an area of national interest to Audubon, the Sierra Club, and other environmental groups who are trying to preserve it's great wilderness and wildlife.

Brian will share images and short videos from these three river trips and advocate for the region's protection at our October 17, 2018 general meeting.



Silver Gull
 Dori Myers



**CALIFORNIA AUDUBON
ASSEMBLY MEETING
November 2 - 4, 2018**

Chapter leaders, members, and friends are invited to join Audubon California November 2nd through 4th in Long Beach for the 2018 Audubon Assembly! The theme of the 2018 Assembly is Look Up. The weekend will be an opportunity to look outside our local programs and learn from each other.

This will be an exciting opportunity for you to meet with chapter leaders, members, and partners from all over the state to enjoy birding coastal wetlands and other unique areas, explore conservation opportunities and practices, share stories with leaders from various regions, and establish peer-to-peer collaborations and partnerships. This program will offer multiple interactive presentations and breakout sessions that focus on topics from advocacy, fundraising and communications to SoCal conservation and coalition building.

The last Audubon Assembly, held in Yosemite in 2016, offered chapter members a chance to connect with other conservationists from all over California. One chapter leader said: "Feeling part of something larg-



er was my first 'ah ha' moment. I was also humbled by the education, experience, accomplishments and skills of some of the chapter leaders. Many were inspiring to be around."

Please visit the Audubon California website at <http://ca.audubon.org/about/chapters/audubon-california-assembly> to register, reserve lodging, and see the agenda. If you have any questions, please email the Chapter Network Team at chapternetwork-ca@audubon.org.



Hope to see you in Long Beach this fall!

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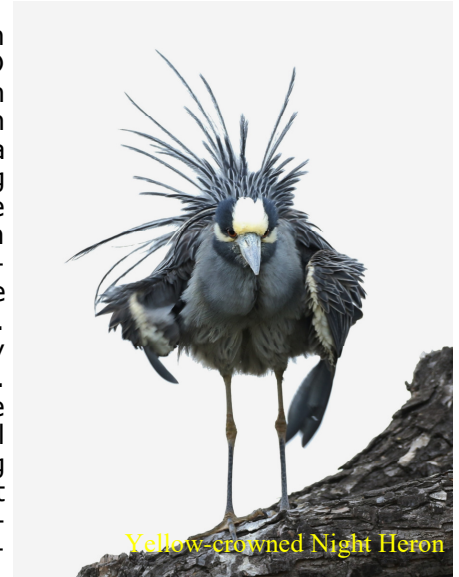
Mike Lynes policy session by JoLynn Taylor

Birding field trip by Desiree Loggins

Local Sightings: Spring and Summer 2018 by Tom Benson

This issue of local sightings covers spring migration and the summer season from mid April to mid August, and there was no shortage of good birds this spring. Due to space limitations, this report covers only the very rare or more interesting sightings from spring and summer, with marginally rare or regularly occurring rarities omitted.

Starting off in San Bernardino County, the best bird of the season was undoubtedly the first county record of YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON, and adult present at Prado Regional Park May 27-Jun 16. Vying for second best bird were a RED KNOT at Kramer Junction May 2-3, a LITTLE BLUE HERON along Parker Strip May 21, and a GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER at Zzyzx May 22. Other notable spring migrants included a GRAY CATBIRD at Barstow Community College May 2-3, a PROTHONOTARY WARBLER at Big Morongo May 23, an EASTERN KINGBIRD at Harper Dry Lake Jun 2, and a RED-EYED VIREO at Fenner Jun 4-5. A HEERMANN'S GULL, rare anywhere in the county, made a completely unexpected stop in Ludlow on May 16. An AMERICAN BITTERN, which may be more common in the county than its skulking habits suggest, was seen at Lake Havasu on Apr 9. A NEOTROPIC CORMORANT, with still only a few records for the coastal slope of the state, took up residence at Glen Helen Regional Park Apr 12 through at least Aug 12. PURPLE MARTINS, still hanging on as a breeding species in the county, were seen periodically at Glen Helen Regional Park Apr 5-Aug 5. And finally, a YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO, likely extirpated as a breeding species in the county, was found dead in Joshua Tree on Jun 20.



Tom Benson

Riverside County fared equally well this spring and summer. The best bird was a first county (and second state) record GRAY HAWK at Palo Verde Ecological Reserve (PVER) from Apr 12 through at least Jun 24. Vying for second best bird of the season were a WOOD STORK at Lake Elsinore Jul 17-19, a HEPATIC TANAGER at Lake Riverside Jun 3, and single CHIMNEYS SWIFTS at Prado Basin May 22 and Desert Center Jun 1. Other notable spring migrants included single AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVERS at the north end of the Salton Sea Apr 8 and 25, up to three BROAD-WINGED HAWKS at PVER Apr 15-17, a SANDHILL CRANE at San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA) Apr 15, an EVENING GROSBEAK at Lake Hemet Apr 13, a BLACK TURNSTONE at Salt Creek Apr 21-29, an OVENBIRD at Joshua Tree NP Apr 29, a LEAST TERN at SJWA May 26-27, an EASTERN KINGBIRD at Desert Center Jun 1, and a TENNESSEE WARBLER at Desert Hot Springs Jun 15. Summer brought a few rarities to the Whitewater River delta, including a juvenile BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY Jul 10-Aug 9 and a WHITE-WINGED SCOTER Aug 9-11.



Wood Stork
Tom Benson

As usual, Imperial County drew the short straw for rarities, though it did have a few quality birds. The best bird was a first county record KENTUCKY WARBLER in El Centro May 9, with the second best bird being a CURLEW SANDPIPER at Obsidian Butte on May 3. Other notable spring migrants included a Palm Warbler at Salton Sea NWR headquarters Apr 6, a RUFF at Poe Road May 13, a LARK BUNTING at Wister Unit May 13, an AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER at Rock Hill May 18, a PURPLE MARTIN at Obsidian Butte May 23, and ELEGANT TERN at Fig Lagoon Jun 29, and a YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO near Brawley Jul 4. Notable early fall migrants included a RUFF at Vendel Road Aug 3-8, up to 2 SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPERS at Obsidian Butte Aug 4-8, and a BLACK TURNSTONE along the sea wall Aug 6.



Gray Hawk
Tom Benson

September/October SBVAS Field Trip

Saturday, September 15, 2018 San Bernardino Mountain Field Trip Gene Cardiff (909) 875-5358 & Dori Myers (714) 779-2201

Meet at the Mill Creek Ranger Station, 34701 Mill Creek, Mentone, CA 92359 located on the Corner of Bryant and Highway 38 at 8 a.m. A few of our target species are: Clark's Nutcracker, White-headed Woodpecker, Townsend's Solitaire and Bald Eagle. Be prepared for a full day of birding. We will bird the foothills, then higher elevations and most likely finish the day at Big Bear Lake. Please have a Forest Service Pass with you and bring your lunch, snacks, water and a full tank of gas.

Friday-Monday, September 29-October 1, 2018

Baja California Field Trip Brad Singer 909-838-7951

This will be a four-day journey into the beautiful countryside of Baja California, Mx. Birding at this time of year is outstanding with a wide variety of species to be seen including the endemic Gray Thrasher. We will spend the first three days birding the coastal plains, foothills, and mountains on the western side of the peninsula, from Ensenada to Rosario. The last day will be spent birding the desert (eastern side) from San Felipe to Mexicali. Details can be had from me at bcsinger@gmail.com. or call me at the number above. Space is very limited so if interested please respond before September 1. Remember, a passport is required to enter Mexico.

Sunday, October 7, 2018 - 7 am SBVAS Pelagic Trip

Dana Point

Tom Benson, Jon Feenstra, Matt Grube, Robert McNab, Brad Singer

Join SBVAS for a 10-hour pelagic trip aboard the Ocean Institute's (Dana Point) R/V Sea Explorer in search of pelagic birds, marine mammals, and other oceanic wildlife as we explore the offshore waters inside of San Clemente and Santa Catalina Islands. We expect to see several species of shearwaters, storm-petrels, jaegers, and alcids. In addition, potential rarities include albatrosses, tropicbird, and boobies. The cost for the trip

is \$75. We will meet at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point (24200 Dana Point Harbor Drive) at 6:30 AM; the trip departs promptly at 7:00 AM and will not be held for late arrivals. To reserve a space on the trip, email Tom Benson (see below) with your name and phone number, the number of spaces you want to reserve, and the names of those in your party.

The Sea Explorer is a 65-foot research vessel with plenty of standing room, bench seating on both the upper and lower decks, and an interior salon with limited seating. Light breakfast snacks, and bottled water will be provided. There is no galley on board, so you should bring your own lunch for this 10-hour excursion.

Weather at sea is often cool relative to the mainland, and can be unpredictable. It is recommended that you dress in layers including a light rain jacket for potential sea spray (or even rain). A hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen are also essential. Bring your binoculars and cameras, but leave your spotting scopes at home. There are a number of over-the-counter preventative seasickness treatments available; consult with your doctor if you think you will need them. They are most effective when taken before you get on the boat; do not wait until you are sick. If you have any questions regarding the trip, please contact Tom Benson at: thomasabenson@aol.com.

Sunday, October 7, 2018 - 8:00-10:00 am

Beginning Bird Walk at Glen Helen Dave Woodward 909-783-2417

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 Ash Cove parking lot at the north end 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 Dave Woodward for further information. Rain or other conditions may cause last minute changes.

Field Trips, cont.

Saturday, October 13, 2018 - 7:00 am
Mojave Narrows Regional Park
Steve Myers (951) 616-7578

Mojave Narrows Regional Park in Victorville has long been considered one of the biological jewels of the Mojave Desert. The park contains extensive cottonwood-willow forest that is home to species such as Summer Tanager, Yellow-breasted Chat, Yellow Warbler, Blue Grosbeak, Bell's Vireo, and scores of other species. The park is host to 4-5 pairs of nesting Vermilion Flycatchers. This trip will focus on fall migrants, and in addition to the forest, we will bird the two fishing lakes, open fields, and the large marsh in the park. Time permitting, we may also visit nearby Spring Valley Lake and the pond at Victor Valley College. The park opens at 7:30, and we will meet at the old silos, which can be reached by going straight after you enter the park (you can't miss them). There is a per car entry fee into the park.

Sunday, October 14, 2018 - 8:00 am
Bearpaw Ranch
Gene Cardiff (909) 875-5358 and Tony Metcalf (951) 242-7038

This is a beautiful spot and very accessible from the Riverside/San Bernardino area so we expect to see a lot of you there ([map](#)). Birding in the area will be led by Gene Cardiff and Tony Metcalf. 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.

Saturday, October 20, 2018 - 8 a.m.
High Desert Field Trip
Gene Cardiff (909) 875-5358

Meet at 8 a.m., at Covington Park, on Park Ave., in Morongo Valley. We will spend the morning in the park and surrounding area and then travel stopping on the way at various parks and venues looking for migrants and resident species. We will probably end the day, at sunset, in Twenty-nine Palms. Bring a lunch, snacks, water and all birding essentials including a scope if you have one.

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.

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...🐦

**2018-2019 UPCOMING
SBVAS FIELD TRIPS**

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Dave Woodward 909-783-2417

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Saturday, October 20, 2018 - 8 a.m.
High Desert Field Trip
Gene Cardiff (909) 875-5358

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 Woodward (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 Woodward (909) 203-8862

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 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 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

Continued 2018 - 2019 field trip list

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
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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
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CALENDAR

Board Meetings: Next Board meeting, First
 Wednesday of the month, Sept 5, 2018, 7 p.m.

General Meetings: Next General Meeting
 on September 19, 2018, 7:30 pm

All General meetings are in the San Bernardino
 County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Red-
 lands. Board meetings are the first Wednesday
 of the month, and General Membership meet-
 ings 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.

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

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 SBVAS Board Meeting 7 pm	6	7	8
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16	17	18	19 SBVAS General Meeting 7:30 pm	20	21	22
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October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 SBVAS Pelagic Trip BBW Glen Helen Park	8	9	10	11	12	13 Mojave Narrows Field Trip
14 Bearpaw Ranch Field Trip	15	16	17 SBVAS General Meeting 7:30 pm	18	19	20 High Desert Field Trip
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Dates and times subject to change for unforeseen circumstances, please check the website for any changes.

THE WESTERN MEADOWLARK

c/o San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society
P. O. Box 10973
San Bernardino, CA 92423-0973

Everyone is always welcome!

All meetings in the San Bernardino County Museum 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands
Board Meetings are the 1st Wednesday
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 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 @ \$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

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