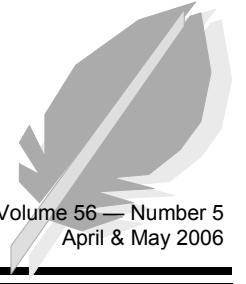




WESTERN MEADOWLARK



FORAGING ECOLOGY OF SWIFTS: IT'S ALL UP IN THE AIR

By Dr. Charlie Collins

Wednesday 7:30 PM, April 19, 2006

For many southern Californians their introduction to swifts (Apodidae) is hearing a rattling scream from overhead and then looking up to see a streaking black and white bird high above; a White-throated Swift! Other less commonly seen species include the summer resident Black Swift and the migrant Vaux's Swift. Their mastery of the aerial environment is unmatched. Their graceful flight is a joy to see. As a study subject they can be frustrating to say the least. Most of their daily activities are spent on the wing including feeding and even mating. This makes it difficult to make the observations to really understand their breeding biology and ecology.

The April program will try to dispel some of the mysteries of these wonderful birds and explore the basis of co-existence when there are several species inhabiting the same environment, with an emphasis on their aerial prey and its acquisition all of which is gathered on the wing and at high speed.

Our speaker will be Dr. Charles Collins, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Biological Sciences at California State University, Long Beach. Dr. Collins perhaps known to some of you for his work on the California Least Tern and the other terns and skimmers breeding at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve. Tonight he will tell us about his long-

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THE SALTON SEA ECOSYSTEM IT'S WORTH SAVING!

By Kathie Satterfield

Wednesday, 7:30 PM, May 17, 2006

- ▶ **400+ Bird Species**
- ▶ **100+ Breeding Species**
- ▶ **124,000 Shorebirds (44+ species)**
- ▶ **30,000 Cattle Egret in a single nesting colony**
- ▶ **25,000+ Snow & Ross' Geese**
- ▶ **45% of all Yuma Clapper Rails in the World**

Plans are underway to reduce the size of the Salton Sea by approximately half. This reduction has many ramifications, not only for the birds using the Sea itself, but also for those using the numerous other habitats that make up the Salton Sea ecosystem. These habitats include agricultural lands - both flooded and dry fields, canals, drains, riparian areas and fresh water marshes. How this reduction is accomplished and how much water is transferred out of Imperial Valley will significantly affect literally millions of birds and hundreds of bird species.

Between corporate controller jobs Kathie Satterfield was looking for something to do. She became a docent at Torrey Pines State Reserve, and began her environmental education. Astonished at the things she didn't know about her own back yard she felt a tremendous need to get on a soapbox and educate others about California's wonderful

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Please come and join us, everyone is always welcome.

CAL STATE SAN BERNARDINO PANCAKE BREAKFAST BIRDWALK, Saturday, May 13, 8:00 AM

Leaders: Gene Cardiff (909 875-5358) & Tony Metcalf (909 242-7038)

Please join us for our Spring Breakfast Birdwalk at one of our favorite spots in past years, Cal State University, San Bernardino, we are all looking forward to eating and birding on this beautiful campus. The crew will be cooking pancakes, eggs, bacon, coffee and juice beginning at 8:00 AM. We will be there to set up at 7:00 AM. You are welcome to join us then, but be prepared to be put to work! We will be serving from 8:00 to 9:30. Don't forget to bring your own table service for eating breakfast. After breakfast, Gene will be leading us on a birding trip around the campus. It is a good time to be looking for both resident and migratory birds. The campus has parkland and recovering coastal sage scrub habitat, making it a good spot for a variety of species, maybe a vermilion flycatcher! *Please join us for a wonderful morning!*

To reach the campus from the Riverside area, go north on the 215 to north San Bernardino. Stay on the 215 past where Hwy 30 breaks off. From the 215, take the University Parkway exit. Turn right on University Parkway. Go about 1 mi. on University Parkway to North Park Blvd. Turn right and proceed about 1/2 mi. to the traffic light at Coyote Dr. Make a left turn on Coyote Drive into the campus. At the end of Coyote Drive turn right into parking lot G. Drive toward the right side of the parking lot and look for the Audubon signs near the tennis courts. We will be on the far side of the tennis courts.



Symposium on Avian Influenza Organized by Yolo Audubon Society April 15, 2006

The H5N1 strain of avian influenza is the potential source of a pandemic that could be extremely lethal to humans. It has been widely reported that this strain is hosted by wild birds, especially waterfowl. However, the potential role of wildlife in a future pandemic is poorly understood by the public, elected officials, and even interested individuals. To protect birds and other wildlife, it is important to understand the potential for wild birds to transmit the disease to humans, to contribute to evolution of a virus that could transmit the disease between humans, and to pose a threat to human health. In other countries, culling waterfowl populations and draining wetlands have been proposed as means to reduce human health risk. The public has expressed concerns that bird feeders could be a source of infection for their families. Are these ideas and concerns founded?

Yolo Audubon Society has organized a symposium that will present the best and latest information about avian influenza, and you are invited to attend. The event will be held at the Davis Senior Center on Saturday, April 15th. Co-sponsors of the event include Audubon California, California Waterfowl Association, Environmental Stewardship and Planning, Padre Associates, Abbey Road Press, City of Davis, and UC Davis.

The opening speaker will be UC Davis Provost and Executive Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw, a virologist who specializes in influenza research. The symposium program includes presentations and panel discussions by leaders in this field from UC Davis and elsewhere in the Capitol region. These panels will address avian influenza in bird populations (wild and domestic) and avian influenza and public health. Following each panel, there will be plenty of opportunities for questions from the audience.

For more information please contact:

<http://www.yoloaudubon.org>

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Has H5N1 Been Found in North America?

The H5N1 avian influenza virus has not been found in wild birds in North America. There is a remote chance that infected wild birds from Asia could bring the virus with them during fall migration to North America. The US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Geological Survey (USGS), Alaska Department of Fish & Game, and public health agencies are working together to test thousands of waterfowl and shorebirds for the virus in Alaska, and field sampling is being integrated with surveillance programs throughout the United States and Canada.

What You Can Do

1) While the possibility of contracting the H5N1 virus from wild birds is very unlikely, people who have close personal contact with wild birds should take measures to protect themselves by practicing animal handling and sanitary practices recommended by the USGS National Wildlife Health Center Wildlife Health Bulletin #05-03.

2) People who feed birds are not at high risk of contracting avian influenza from birds in their yards or at their feeders. However, since birds can transmit other diseases to humans (e.g. salmonellosis), people who feed birds should routinely clean their feeders and bird baths as recommended by Audubon and the USGS National Wildlife Health Center. People who come into contact with wild bird excreta should thoroughly clean up with soap and water.

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Annual Conservation Dinner Honors Center for Biological Diversity

By the time this reaches you we will have had our first ever Annual Conservation Dinner on the 25th of March at the San Bernardino County Museum. Over 35 conservation minded souls enjoyed a buffet dinner, short speeches and a program by Pete Bloom on the Status and Conservation of Southern California Hawks.

We honored the Center for Biological Diversity a nonprofit, public interest environmental organization dedicated to the protection of native species and their habitats through science, policy and environmental law. This Audubon chapter has been assisted by and has joined with the 'Center' in many issues and causes that directly effect Riverside and San Bernardino counties and all of Southern California. An attractive wall plaque was presented by Dori Myers to representatives from the 'Center.'

We hope to make our Annual Conservation Dinner an annual ongoing fund raising event to be held the last Saturday of March every year.

Audubon is celebrating its centennial year of protecting birds and other wildlife and the habitat that supports them. Our national network of community-based nature centers and chapters, scientific and educational programs, and advocacy on behalf of areas sustaining important bird populations, engage millions of people of all ages and backgrounds in positive conservation experiences.

ELECTIONS ARE HERE AGAIN & YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

The way it works is Dori, as President, chooses the nominating committee consisting of at least three people. This year she chose: Gene Cardiff as the nominating committee chair, Deb Bennett, and Wendy McIntyre. They are all Board members but she could have picked others not on the Board. They cannot be SBVAS Officers.

Any member of San Bernardino Valley Audubon may nominate a candidate. Suggestions for nominations of Officers or Board members may be submitted by contacting the nominating committee. The committee then nominates a slate of candidates to fill offices and board positions whose terms are expiring or are vacant. The office of President is expiring this June and there are 3 vacancies on the Board. Nominations from the floor are also called for at our March, April and May general meetings. Voting takes place at our May general meeting and those elected are installed at our annual meeting/potluck dinner in June.

So here is your chance to participate in your Audubon. Come forward and nominate someone to fill SBVAS's three Board vacancies and the Presidency.

Contact information for the above committee members;

Gene Cardiff	<i>e.cardiff@worldnet.att.net</i>	(909) 875-5358
Deb Bennett	<i>aemetcalf@earthlink.net</i>	(951) 242-7038
Wendy McIntyre	<i>mcintyre@redlands.edu</i>	(909) 307-5808

Very Beginning Bird Walks

First Sunday of each month: October to May 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Leaders: Jennifer & Michelle Tobin and Doug Karalun

For those of you who are just beginning the wonderful pastime of bird watching, please join us for a fun, slow-paced morning of birding in some of our local wildlife habitats. Our goal will be to teach you enough basic birding techniques and identification skills so that you will feel comfortable birding on your own or joining our longer birding trips throughout the year. We will introduce you to some of our local bird species. You may be surprised at what wonderful birds can be seen! Binoculars and bird guides will be provided for use during the walks. However, please bring your own if you have them, as supplies are limited. Wear comfortable walking shoes, hats and sunscreen and bring water.

April 2 - Louis Robidoux Nature Center

May 7 - Fairmount Park (leader: Doug Karalun)

Very Beginning Bird Walk at Louis Robidoux Nature Center

Sunday, April 2, 2005 - 8:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M.

Leaders: Jennifer and Michelle Tobin

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Binoculars and bird guides will be provided for use during the walk. However, please bring your own if you have them as supplies are limited. Wear comfortable walking shoes, hats and sunscreen and bring water. The walk is free and no reservations are needed. Everyone is welcome and student lists will be signed.

The nature center is located at 5370 Riverview Drive in Rubidoux. From Highway 60, 2.7 miles west of the junction of Interstate 215 and Highway 60, exit at Rubidoux Blvd. and go south to Mission Blvd. and turn right. Turn left onto Riverview Drive/ Limonite Avenue then left onto Riverview drive. The nature center will be on the left approximately 1.2 miles. The gate to the main entrance will be locked. Turn left at the first driveway past the entrance to park at the grounds keeper's lot.

Please contact: **Cathy Tobin (951) 684-9613** for further information. Rain or other conditions may cause last minute changes. You may call ahead to confirm location and time.

Visit our web site at: <http://www.sbvas.org/calendar.htm> for directions to each site.

Very Beginning Bird Walk at Fairmount Park

Sunday, May 7, 2005 - 8:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M.

Leader: Doug Karalun

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Binoculars and bird guides will be provided for use during the walk. However, please bring your own if you have them as supplies are limited. Wear comfortable walking shoes, hats and sunscreen and bring water. The walk is free and no reservations are needed. Everyone is welcome and student lists will be signed.

To reach Fairmount Park from downtown Riverside take Market Street north to the signal at Fairmount Park and turn left. (just before the train engine) Turn immediately to the left towards the tennis courts then right into the parking lot. Follow the lot all the way to the end and park near the bandstand.

Please contact: **Doug Karalun (909) 425-5355** for further information. Rain or other conditions may cause last minute changes. You may call ahead to confirm location and time.

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Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden

In celebration of the 2006 spring debut of the Container Garden exhibit, the Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden, is offering a workshop on container gardening basics. Learn how to design container gardens using appropriate native plants with eye-catching foliage, flowers, and fruits alive with the colors and textures of California. Participants will compare different types of containers and learn how to prepare containers for planting. The instructor will demonstrate how to combine a plant palette appropriate for sun-baked terraces, shady patios or cozy apartment balconies and discuss how containers can be arranged to enhance walls, fences, walkways, steps and porches. RSABG Horticulture Staff, Saturday, April 8, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm \$40 (\$48 nonmember), Limit: 15 participants

MOJAVE NARROWS

Sunday, April 23, 7:30 a.m.

Leader: Steve Myers

(909) 684-7081 (days) or (760) 949-3567 (evenings)

Our (nearly) annual trip to Mojave Narrows Regional Park will take place on April 23, 2006. We will meet at Pelican Lake at 7:30 a.m. From San Bernardino, go north on Interstate 215 toward Barstow. Continue over Cajon Pass to the Victorville area. Take the Bear Valley Road exit, and turn right (east). Go approximately 4 miles and turn left on Ridgecrest (watch for County Regional Park sign). After entering the Park (there is an entrance fee), turn right on a dirt road just past the horse stables, and follow this road to Pelican Lake.

Be prepared for an entire day of walking: bring sturdy shoes or boots (trails can be muddy), water, lunch, and snacks. There is a snack bar (with bare minimums) at the Park. Because we hike a rather long loop trail in the morning, we typically eat lunch fairly late (1:30- 2:00), so it's best to come prepared with snacks. The last few hours before sunset we will likely visit other birding spots in the Victor Valley, including Jess Ranch, Spring Valley Lake, and the pond at Victor Valley College. For more information call Steve at (909) 684-7081 (days), or (760) 949-3567 (evenings).

Migration should be in full swing and we expect to see a lot of warblers, flycatchers (including Vermilion), tanagers (including Summer) and a variety of desert and riparian species.

Come for the morning or stay all day. See you there!

BIG MORONGO BIRDWALK

Saturday, May 6, 7:00 a.m.

Leader: Chet McGaugh (909 781-3699)

The first week in May is about the best time for observing migrant land birds in Southern California and Big Morongo is one of the best places for it. In addition to migrant warblers, vireos and flycatchers, we expect to see the breeding species including vermilion flycatcher, yellow-breasted chat, summer tanager, blue grosbeak, Bullock's oriole and hooded oriole.

Join us for a morning bird walk on the trails and roads of the preserve and surrounding areas. We will meet at the preserve parking lot at 7:00 a.m. To get there, take I-10 to Highway 62, go north ten miles to Morongo Valley, then turn right on Park Avenue to Covington Park. Turn left at Covington Park, then do a quick right-left-right into the preserve. Weather is typically good this time of year. Bring water, snacks and lunch if you plan to make a day of it. Some of us will probably stay out all day. Who knows where the afternoon will lead us

TWO TREES CANYON AND BOX SPRINGS MOUNTAIN PARK

Sunday, May 7, 8:00 AM (Please note the change in date)

Leader: John Green (951) 686-2956 or e-mail bewickwren@earthlink.net

We will meet at the upper parking lot of Box Springs Mountain Park. Our main target bird at this chaparral-dominated elevation will be Black-chinned Sparrow which should be present and singing. We'll look for that and more while going on a loop hike through the chaparral, and past several springs (all on official trails, but some are narrow). This is a longer walk than we've done in past years, expect to arrive back at the parking lot by lunchtime. Depending on the weather, and the interest of the group, we may end the trip then, or make several other stops. A few of the other resident/breeding birds to be expected on the trip include Greater Roadrunner, Black-chinned and Costa's Hummingbirds, Nuttall's Woodpeckers, Wrentit, Rock and Canyon Wrens, California Thrasher, "Bell's" Sage Sparrow, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, and Bullock's and Hooded Orioles. We will, of course, also be hoping for a nice crop of migrants including flycatchers, vireos, warblers, buntings, grosbeaks, and ...? Over 170 species of birds are on the Box Springs checklist, but we'll hope to see 50-60 on this trip. We should also see some wildflowers and shrubs in bloom, and a variety of butterflies, reptiles, mammals, etc. as well.

IMPORTANT: This trip is not suitable for large groups, so no school credit will be given, and no signatures will be provided. If you need school credit, please attend the beginning bird walk instead.

We will meet at 8 AM. From Highway 60 in Moreno Valley take the Pigeon Pass Road/Frederick Street exit. Take Pigeon Pass north and continue for about 4.2 miles. When Pigeon Pass makes a sharp turn to the right, you will continue straight on Box Springs Mountain Road for about 1.3 miles to the parking area. There is a \$2 per person park fee box. We will do a lot of walking, so wear appropriate shoes and dress comfortably in layers. Some trails may be overgrown, long pants are advised. Carry water and snacks. There are picnic tables at the parking area, so bring a lunch if you'd like to eat after the hike. See you there!

CAL STATE PANCAKE BREAKFAST BIRDWALK,
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO

Saturday, May 13, 8:00 AM

Leaders: Gene Cardiff (909 875-5358) & Tony Metcalf (909 242-7038)

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SBVAS Volunteer Opportunities

We could use your help in so many ways and so often we forget to ask. So here are some ways you can help make a difference and get involved.

Monthly Meetings--You can help us set up before and clean up after our monthly meetings. While you help and pitch in you will get to know us better. We always need you to bring goodies to share at our monthly meeting—cookies, sweets, etc. You don't have to bake—store bought is just fine. Contact Deb Bennett or Dori and let them know what you are bringing so we can plan on how much to buy. (phone #'s on pg. 7) You might want to help Nancy Manning set up the book tables for the monthly meeting and help pack them up afterward. This takes just a little time but is so helpful.

Annual Dinner --We are planning our Annual Dinner March 25 and need help with it. Please plan to come and please buy a ticket.

Bird House--We are looking for a creative person to design and build a special little bird house. This little house will be used at every one of our meetings.

Pancake Breakfasts--We always need help at our pancake breakfasts. Volunteer to cook, clean up or help with the bird walks.

Western Meadowlark--We could use help labeling the Western Meadowlark and getting it in the mail. We have a small crew doing this now but we could use backup. Also do you have ideas for articles for our newsletter or do you want to write an article?

Donations--Money is always appreciated, of course. You can donate items for raffles, drawings and door prizes We could use a good birding scope. Please keep us in mind if you plan to replace or update your current model – we could use your used one. Someone out there might just have an extra scope gathering dust that could be used to share great views of shorebirds, ducks, hawks or sparrows.

Environmental and Conservation Issues--Volunteer to attend hearings, meetings and follow a conservation issue. Contact political representatives expressly for Audubon.

Board of Directors--Consider getting involved. We need you and you can make a great difference.

Contact Dori at 714 779-2201 or dorimyrs1@aol.com ... for more information on any of the opportunities listed above.

I know you will find them rewarding. Thanks, Dori ✍

U.C. Riverside Botanic Gardens

The Botanic Gardens cover nearly 40 acres and feature more than 3500 plant species from around the world. Enjoy beautiful vistas and numerous scenic trails, including gentle pathways graded for wheelchair access. A wide array of blooming plants can be seen the year around. To get to the Gardens, exit Martin Luther King Blvd. from the 60 Freeway in Riverside, turn right then right again at Canyon Crest Ave., then follow the signs to the Botanic Gardens. Parking and admission are free. An attendant will direct you to free overflow parking. For free freeway map and color brochure, call (951) 784-6962, write to Botanic Gardens, Univ. of Calif., Riverside, CA 92521 or e-mail the Gardens at ucrbg@ucr.edu.

Event: "U.C. Riverside Botanic Gardens Spring Plant Sale"

It's spring and it's time for the 33rd annual U.C. Riverside Botanic Gardens Spring Plant Sale. The sale will take place Saturday, April 1, 2006 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. and will continue Sunday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You won't want to miss it!

Birding:

Scientists and students from the University and the community not only study the plants, but also the wildlife within the Gardens' boundaries. Nearly 200 different kinds of birds have been observed. Some of the more conspicuous species are the Anna's and Costa's hummingbirds, California towhee, mockingbird, raven, red-tailed hawk, roadrunner and scrub jay. A listing of the birds observed at the Botanic Gardens, *Birds of the UCR Botanic Gardens, Third Edition*, was revised by Jean Weiss in 2000, and is available at the entrance Gatehouse.

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California has the richest flora of any state in the continental United States. Susanna Bixby Bryant, a visionary member of one of California's pioneering families, recognized the need to conserve this incredible plant diversity. In 1927, she founded Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden on her ranch in Orange County. Relocated to Claremont in 1951, RSABG is the largest botanical garden dedicated exclusively to our state's native plants

From I-10: exit Indian Hill Boulevard north (approximately 1.5 miles) to Foothill Boulevard. Turn right on Foothill Boulevard. Turn left on College Avenue and proceed north to the RSABG parking lot. 1500 North College Avenue Claremont, CA 91711- (909) 625-8767 ; (909) 626-7670

WRIGHTWOOD & SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS

Saturday, June 10, 7:00 a.m.

Leader: Gene Cardiff (909) 875-5358

The San Gabriel Mountains trip will start at the California Department of Forestry Mormon Rocks Station on Highway 138 at 7:00 a.m. Take I-15 north from San Bernardino or south from the Victor Valley and turn toward Palmdale on Highway 138. The CDF Station is located 1.5 miles up Hwy 138 on the left side of the road, opposite the large sandstone formation called the Mormon Rocks. (There are no restrooms at the CDF Station, use the restrooms at the gas stations near the off ramp.) After birding that area for 30-45 minutes, we will proceed up Lone Pine Canyon Rd into Wrightwood. We will enjoy a snack at the Twin Lakes Club and then will proceed up Highway 2 to the Arch Picnic Grounds at Big Pines and to the Table Mountain Campground amphitheater. We will have lunch at Table Mountain. After lunch, we will proceed to Valyermo where we will bird the Paradise Springs area and St. Andrew's Priory. If the cherries are ripe, we will stop to pick fresh cherries.

Bring a lunch, liquids and a good pair of shoes. We will look for mountain birds such as the white-headed woodpecker, Clark's nutcracker, red crossbill, green-tailed towhee, Townsend's solitaire, and black-chinned sparrows.

Please don't forget : You will need an Adventure Pass (we will stop at the ranger station

Calendar of Field Trips 05-06

- Apr. 2 - Sun. - Beginning Bird Walk
Robidoux Nature Center -
Jennifer & Michelle Tobin
- Apr. 23 - Sun. - Mojave Narrows - Steve Myers
- May 6 - Sat. - Big Morongo - Chet McGaugh
- May 7 - Sun. - Beginning Bird Walk -
Fairmount Park - Doug Karalun
- May 7 - Sun. - Box Springs Mountain - John Green
- May 13 - Sat. - Pancake Breakfast at Cal State
San Bernardino - Tony Metcalf
- June 10 - Sat. - Wrightwood Field Trip -
Gene Cardiff
- June 17 - Sat. - Owling in San Bernardino
(evening - night) - Dave Woodward
- July 15 - Sat. - Palm Springs Tram Trip -
Tim Krantz
- July 22 & 23 - Weekend Trip to South Fork Kern
River & the Greenhorn Mts. - Steve Myers
- Aug. 27 - Sun. - Insane Jaunt to the Salton Sea -
John Green ✍

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standing interest in the biology and ecology of swifts which has taken him from Trinidad and Venezuela to England and South Africa to get a world-wide perspective on this most interesting group of birds.

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habitats. All this led to her opening a Wild Birds Unlimited franchise store, which she operated for five years and in 1998 she closed it and retired. Kathie joined the San Diego Audubon board after she retired and served as membership chair, then newsletter editor and in 2001 she became chapter president. During this time she became interested in Salton Sea issues. Her home in Julian burned down in the October 2003 fire and she decided to move while everything she owned still fit in her car. She has happily resettled in Flagstaff Arizona.

In Kathie's mind Audubon and the Salton Sea are closely tied together. She always worried about the Sea and after 6 years of waiting for someone to organize an Audubon campaign to save the sea she finally realized that if she didn't step forward, it might not get done.

Please join Kathie Satterfield to learn more about what is at stake at the Salton Sea and how you can participate in Audubon's campaign to save and restore California's "Crown Jewel of Avian Biodiversity".

Bearpaw Ranch is SBVAS's 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 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 ahead for the security code.



Access to the code may be had by calling—

Bearpaw at (909) 794-0509.

Bearpaw Sanctuary, 38801 Valley of the Falls Drive
P.O. Box 88; Forest Falls, CA 92339

San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands
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...

All meetings in the
San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands
**Board Meetings are the 1st
Wed.**



SBVAS Calendar

APRIL..... 7:00..... BOARD MEETING
APRIL..... 7:30..... GENERAL MEETING
MAY 7:00..... BOARD MEETING
MAY..... 7:30 General Meeting

If you have questions please call or go on line to check current detail. www.sbvass.org Thanks

Faster More Colorful Western Meadowlark

Members can now receive the Western Meadowlark newsletter by e-mail instead of a hardcopy by the US Postal Service (snail mail). You would be helping save a tree, would be getting the newsletter much earlier than before, could be enjoying a colorful layout and save the chapter the expense of printing and mailing. You can save the file to your computer and print any or all of it if you want.

Please email Membership Chair Crispin Rendon at
crisrendon@earthlink.net

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