



San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society

# WESTERN MEADOWLARK

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**Wednesday, September 17, 2014, 7:30 P.M.**  
**eBird: What is it and What can it do for you?**  
**Presented by Tom Benson**

Launched in 2002, eBird is an online checklist program hosted by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. For most users, it functions as free listing software that birders can use to keep track of the various life, county, patch, and year lists. But it can provide so much more if you just know how to look for it. From Range Maps to Bar Charts to the Hot Spot Explorer, eBird's data visualization tools offer birders access to a wealth of information amassed from millions of observations by users around the world. Join us tonight as we explore eBird, from checklist submission to the review process, yard lists to year lists, Range Maps to Occurrence Maps, and more.

Tom is an avid birder who lives (and works, despite rumors to the contrary) in San Bernardino and birds extensively throughout southern California, and occasionally beyond. He is the compiler of the weekly Southeastern California Rare Bird Alert, and is the eBird reviewer for San Bernardino and Orange Counties. Our doors open at 7PM and our meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Come early to enjoy refreshments and visit with friends. Everyone is always welcome.



## Volunteer Opportunities

San Bernardino Valley Audubon is in serious need of people interested in serving on the board. Many of the current board members have served for years and will be retiring and shifting their voluntary activism efforts to new locations.

Some positions to consider:

We have an immediate need for a treasurer. Our current treasurer is doing the job in between trips and family responsibilities.

It would help relieve our Membership Chair to have someone to handle part of the responsibility, such as preparing labels for the newsletter, or billing memberships and recording responses.

Within a year the board will need a new president. It would be extremely helpful to have a planned succession to this job so the activities of the board could continue uninterrupted into the following year.

Within a year we will need a new secretary. In our dealing with legal issues and financial involvement, it is vital that we have someone to keep accurate minutes at meetings.

Within a year we will need a new editor of the Western Meadowlark. This would be the perfect time to get the internship that would provide the tools needed to continue the newsletter in its current format.

This is a plea you will hear many times all year. Please consider increasing your volunteerism right now by speaking to a board member at any of our general meetings.

**Wednesday, October 15, 7:30 P.M.**  
**Birding Costa Rica**  
**Presented by Steve Myers and Matthew Grube**

Costa Rica, a country in Central America roughly the size of West Virginia, is home to about 900 species of birds, many more birds than can be found in all of North America



north of Mexico. During March of 2014 a group, made up largely of San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society members, traveled to Costa Rica for 16 bird-filled days! Our itinerary allowed us to study the avifauna of several distinctly different areas, each with unique habitats and birds: Rancho Naturalista, a private reserve on the Caribbean slope; La Selva Biological Station, a research center on the Caribbean slope; Arenal Observatory Lodge, an ecolodge near the Arenal volcano; Savegre, an ecolodge in the highlands south of San Jose; Carara National Park in the Pacific lowlands; and the Golfito and Amistad areas, both in far southern Costa Rica.

Join Steve Myers and Matthew Grube for a slide show of many of the avian highlights of the trip, including the diminutive Snowcap hummingbird, the beautiful Resplendent Quetzal (which many birders feel is the most beautiful bird in the world), and various oropendolas, tanagers, antbirds, trogons, motmots, toucans, tinamous, jacamars, and puff-birds. Oh, and the hummingbirds are not to be missed! The timing of the trip also allowed us to find many North American birds that spend the winter in Central America. Steve and Matt will also include some images of the other interesting wildlife (monkeys, sloths, agoutis, frogs, snakes, crocodiles, etc.) seen in the fascinating tropical ecosystems of Costa Rica.

**Local Sightings**

Well, I was off birding in Costa Rica at the time the last issue was going to press, so this issue will cover sightings from spring and early summer (March to July). Some notable late winter visitors that were found during or continued into early spring included the BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA) through Apr 4, a PRAIRIE WARBLER along the Santa Ana River in Colton (fourth SBE record) Mar 6-Apr 4, a singing CURVE-BILLED THRASHER at Parker Dam Mar 2-13, BLACK-THROATED SPARROW (rare on the coastal slope) at UC Riverside Mar 4, the WHITE IBIS at Winterhaven (seventh state record) through Mar 17, up to three WHITE-WINGED SCOTER and a RED-THROATED LOON at Lake Havasu through Apr 4 and 16 (respectively), and a TROPICAL KINGBIRD at Prado Regional Park through Mar 29.

The Salton Sink was the place to be in early spring, playing host to a good number of rare shorebirds and water birds this year. The highlight was an impressive push of SURFBIRDS through the area in April, with three at Lack and Lindsey Apr 26-29, three at Salt Creek Apr 26-30, and at least six at 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue Apr 11-May 4. NEOTROPIC CORMORANTS are now expected at the south end of the Salton Sea and Imperial Valley with high counts reaching 20. LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULLS are also becoming regular at the Salton Sea with a high count of six at Salt Creek on Mar 23. A long-staying RUFF was near the end of Garst Road Mar 28-May 4, and a LONG-TAILED DUCK was in the same area Apr 27-Jun 13. Down at Fig Lagoon a RED-THROATED LOON was present Apr 11 and nine ELEGANT TERNS were seen Apr 18.

Early summer brought some more good birds back to the Salton Sink. Fig Lagoon hosted a breeding plumage PACIFIC LOON Jun 24, and an ELEGANT TERN was there the following day

Jun 25. A BLACK TURNSTONE was at Obsidian Butte Jun 24-25. Up to ten WOOD STORKS were at Ramer Lake Jun 24-Jul 10. This species has declined precipitously in numbers as a post-breeding visitor to the Salton Sea, formerly occurring in the dozens to hundreds for much of the summer. This year's small numbers and brief occurrence are typical of the last decade.

Away from the Salton Sea BRANT made a good showing with individuals at Helendale Apr 19, SJWA Apr 20-May 12, Big Bear Lake May 14-20, and Kramer Junction May 24. It was also a good spring for LEAST TERNS, with single birds at Lake Havasu May 11 and Twentynine Palms May 17, and two at

Prado Regional Park Jun 23. A GLOSSY IBIS at Primm Valley Golf Club May 24 was the third county record for SBE.

Also notable were a SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER at SJWA Apr 20-21, two SANDERLINGS and a SABINE'S GULL at Kramer Junction May 10, two BLACK SKIMMERS in the Prado Basin Jun 18 and Jul 9, and another BLACK SKIMMER at Prado Regional Park on Jul 19.

**Prairie Warbler**



Late spring brings passerine vagrants, with birders combing desert migrant traps for these hidden gems among the expected western migrants. This spring did not have a great quantity of vagrants, but it did produce a few quality ones, the best of which was a GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH at

Primm Valley Golf Club Jun 7 (first SBE record). Chiriaco Summit hosted a BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD May 22-23 and an AMERICAN REDSTART Jun 4, while nearby Lake Tamarisk enjoyed an OVENBIRD May 7, a ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK May 10-14, two BALTIMORE ORIOLES May 22-23, and a SCISSOR-TAILED FLY-CATCHER Jul 10. Other passerine highlights through the spring included a PURPLE MARTIN at Fig Lagoon Apr 27, a BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER at Lake Skinner May 4, single ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAKS in Niland May 21 and 25, and an EASTERN KINGBIRD at Mojave Narrows Jun 2-3.

Rounding out this article with some odds and ends, ZONE-TAILED HAWKS were found nesting in Mid Hills in June, while single birds were seen over the Prado Basin Apr 12 and Pipes Canyon May 20. Unseasonal SANDHILL CRANES were at SJWA Jun 3 (exceptional on the coastal slope) and flying over Mecca Jul 25. A RED-BREASTED MERGANSER summering at the newly established Mill Creek Wetlands was first seen Jun 14, and a YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO was seen and heard briefly at Whitewater Canyon Preserve Jul 8-9.

**Audubon to Announce Climate Change Study**

On September 9, 2014, Audubon will be launching a scientific report on climate change in the media that includes climate models of range changes of N. American species of birds. The report uses data from Christmas Bird Counts and Breeding Bird Surveys.

The media launch will be followed by a National and California climate initiative campaign. It is important for all our members to understand this issue and be ready to take action in our community.

Even if you can't bring yourself to say "climate change" it is vital that you review Audubon's research and be ready to discuss this with others. Audubon sees climate change as a bird issue, not a political issue. A preview of the science

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**Surfbird**



**Brant**



## Bird of the Month: California Thrasher

By Steve Myers

California has only two endemic bird species: the Island Scrub-Jay and the Yellow-billed Cuckoo. A few others, however, come pretty close to that distinction, occurring only in the state and in Baja California. One of these is the California Thrasher (*Toxostoma redivivum*).

This large, impressive looking bird is primarily a denizen of the coastal chaparral, but also occurs in riparian and oak woodlands, and even in suburban areas that have an abundance of dense plantings.

The California Thrasher is one of the “coastal and foothills” species that follows the Mojave River out onto the desert, occurring as far out as Helendale. California Thrashers are resident and sedentary, only very rarely wandering outside their normal range.

There are four records (but none breeding) just over California’s border into Oregon, but it is not recorded in any other state.

Their range in California includes virtually all of the coastal slope from Humboldt County south to Baja California, and the western edges of southern California’s deserts as far east as Joshua Tree National Park, the Santa Rosa Mountains, the Anza Borrego area, and extreme southwestern Imperial County (In-Ko-Pah). This species is one of the large thrasher species (they are the largest North American thrasher) with long, decurved bills, which are used to forage in leaf litter and soil. Insects and other arthropods are eaten, along with fruits and berries, which are plucked off of shrubs and trees and



make up much of their diet during winter. They feed heavily on the fruits of Poison Oak, and are one of the most important dispersers of its seeds.

The California Thrasher is one of the earliest nesting species along the California coast each year. Normally eggs are laid in February or March, but occasionally clutches are laid as early as November. Nests, which are usually well-hidden in dense shrubs, are large (up to 12”) platforms of coarse twigs, lined with roots and bark strips. Both sexes build the nest. Usually 3 to 4, pale blue, spotted eggs are laid per clutch, but up to six can be laid. Incubation is about 14 days, and the young fledge in 12 to 17 days. California Thrashers spend much of their time on the ground, and can often be seen running with its tail

held high. They are very vocal birds during the nesting season, and sing melodiously in repeated phrases. Singing perches are typically among the higher places available, such as the tops of large shrubs within the chaparral. They are also accomplished mimics, and have been known to mimic a wide range of species that share its habitat, including Western Scrub-Jay, Bewick’s Wren, Nuttall’s Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Nuthatches, California Quail, Spotted Towhee, Wren-tit, Lesser Goldfinch, House Finch, and Black-headed Grosbeak. They have also been known to mimic things other than birds, such as frogs and a postman’s whistle.

Want to learn more about California Thrashers? Check out “Birds of North

America Online”:

Cody, Martin L. 1998. California Thrasher (*Toxostoma redivivum*), *The Birds of North America Online* (A. Poole, Ed.). Ithaca: Cornell Lab of Ornithology; Retrieved from the Birds of North America Online: <http://bna.birds.cornell.edu/bna/species/323doi:10.2173/bna.323>

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report can be streamed at:

<https://audubon.webex.com/audubon/ldr.phpRCID=dc28075464a8a91f4b5b0ed1ab4236a4>

It can also be downloaded for later viewing at:

<https://audubon.webex.com/audubon/lsr.phpRCID=f7e703d89410f8870b6cd7326eb93d1e>

**A Field Study of Birds: Fall Course Number: BIOL X405**

Through field trips to local mountains and valleys, San Diego Bay, the High Desert, Salton Sea and Imperial Valley, you will learn how to identify birds in the field and gain an understanding of their behavior and habitats.

**132–CPF–F23** Starting Sep 16th, 2014 at San Bernardino County Museum

Instructor:	<u>Eugene Cardiff</u>
Schedule:	Tue. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Sept. 16; Field trips all day Sat. Sept. 20; Oct. 4 & 18; Nov. 1 & 15. (6 meetings)
Preregistration:	Requested by September 16th
Location:	San Bernardino County Museum, REDLANDS <a href="#">Map</a>
Textbook:	"Field Guide to the Birds of North America," Jon L. Dunn & Jonathan K. Alderfer ISBN: 0792253140 <a href="#">Buy Online</a>
Credit:	2 units
Notes:	Visitors not permitted. Enrollment is Limited. Class meets at San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands for first meeting only. All other dates are field trips. Trip times may vary.
Fees:	\$255
	(Optional) each for couples and family members. For this discount, enroll by phone: 800-442-4990. -\$20
	(Optional) PINE organization member discount -\$40
	<b>\$255.00 Total Fees</b>
	/ \$235 each for couples and family members / \$215 each with PINE discount (Refund deadline: September 18.)

To enroll in the class, contact UCR Extension by email at [register@ucx.ucr.edu](mailto:register@ucx.ucr.edu), or by phone at: (800) 442-4990

*To a man, ornithologists are tall, slender, and bearded so that they can stand motionless for hours, imitating kindly trees, as they watch for birds.*

*Gore Vidal*



**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.

**Feathers and Plumages  
Cornell Lab of Ornithology**

If clothes make the man, then feathers make the bird. Feathers come in an array of colors, including just about every hue imaginable. All of a bird's feathers are referred to as its plumage.

A bird's plumage can change over time for several reasons, including: passing through one or more molts until adult plumage is reached, molting into and out of breeding plumage, wear and tear, bleaching by the sun, and staining by food sources and the environment.

Feathers play a wide variety of roles in the lives of birds, and are critical to their specific life styles.

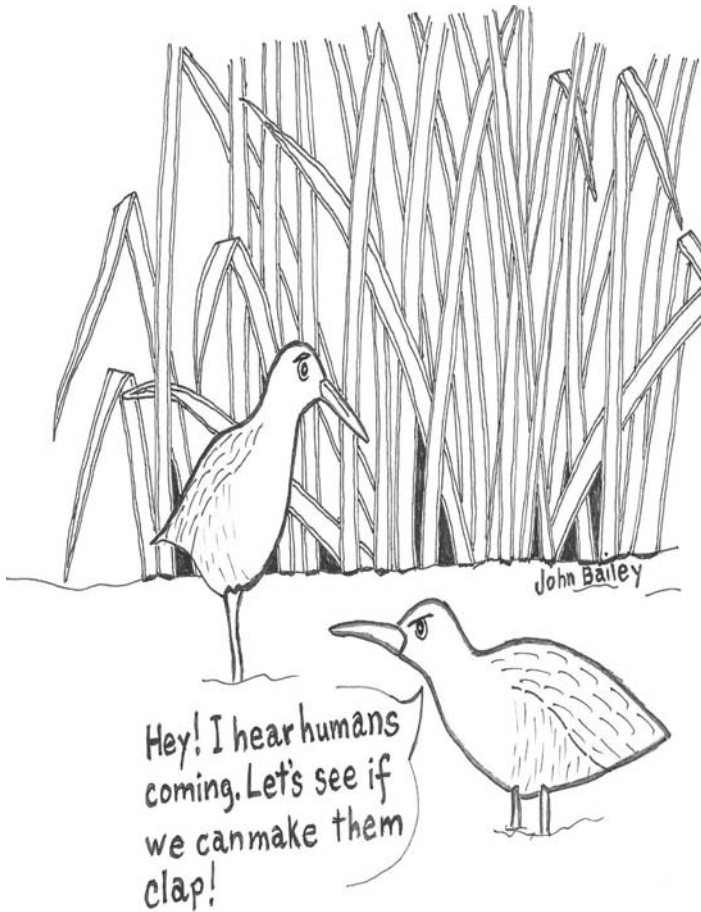
**Mating:** In some species the colors and markings of the male can have a direct impact on how attractive he is to a female, and his mating success. In a few isolated cases the roles may reverse, with the male duck looking for clues to a female's value as a mate by evaluating the coloration of her feathers.

**Territorial Dominance:** Some research indicates that birds in good health are able to produce feathers with brighter colors. In establishing a nesting territory, male birds which are strongly colored may be sending a signal that they are especially fit.

**Regulation of body temperature:** Feathers serve to keep birds warm and dry. Penguin feathers are especially well adapted for this purpose. The feathers are small and densely packed. The downy base of each feather traps an insulating layer of air against the penguin's skin. The feather tips over lap each other to form a waterproof outer shield.

**Camouflage:** The colors of a bird's feathers are often used to provide camouflage from potential predators. Many species (including Killdeer, Northern Mockingbird, Eastern Kingbird, many species of shorebirds, and most gull species) exhibit a color pattern known as countershading—a dark back over light underparts. When viewed from above (perhaps by a hungry falcon) the dark back appears lighter in the sunlight, while the lighter lower half of the bird is darker as the result of being in its own shadow. The effect is one of a single color, making the bird hard to see at a distance..

**Flight:** Feathers, of course, play a crucial role in flight. Feathers help create the airfoil shape to the wing that provides lift. They also support the overall shape of the wing and its flight characteristics. Hummingbirds are especially adept at controlling their feathers, and thus the shape of the wing, as



*The love of wilderness is more than a hunger for what is always beyond reach; it is also an expression of loyalty to the earth...the only home we shall ever know, the only paradise we ever need—if only we had the eyes to see.*  
Edward Abbey

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CALENDAR

**Board Meetings:** September 3 and October 1, 2012  
**General Meetings:** September 17 and October 15, 2012  
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.

**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 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 923396  
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.



**Saturday, September 13, 2014 - 8:00 am**  
**San Diego, Tijuana Estuary**

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

At the peak of fall migration, San Diego can offer extraordinarily interesting birding prospects. Why not join us for possible views of as many as 20 different species of shorebirds, several varieties of rare warblers, and maybe a chance sighting of a Black-throated Magpie Jay and six species of tern. To get there, take I-15 south to Highway 163, south to I-8 and south again on I-5 to Chula Vista, west on the J Street off ramp, to the boat launch. We will gather at 8:00 am at the boat launch ramp on Marina Way ([map](#)). Please join us and don't forget to bring a sack lunch and something to drink. It will probably be sunny so don't forget your hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. We should be able to see lots of shorebirds and plus a great day at the beach.

**Saturday, September 27, 2014 - 7:00 am**  
**East Mojave Migrant Traps**

**Steve Myers (951) 634-9767**

This trip will visit Zzyzx, Baker, Horse Thief Springs, Beck Spring, Crystal Spring, China Ranch, and perhaps the Ivanpah Valley, Nipton, and Kelso. Meet at 7:00 am at the Desert Studies Center at Zzyzx ([map](#)). Follow the I-15 freeway north and east from Cajon Pass to the Zzyzx Road exit. Turn right, and follow the road to its end at the Desert Studies Center. From the intersection of I-215 and I-15 at Devore, it is 114 miles to Zzyzx Road, so allow about 2 hours from there (depending on how fast you drive). Be sure to bring plenty of food and water on this trip. This weekend should be at the peak of fall migration, and there is potential for all sorts of interesting migrants.

**Sunday, October 5, 2014**  
**Riverside County Desert Oases**

**John Green (951) 686-2956**

We'll be birding some oases in the Riverside County desert looking for migrants, residents, and rarities. Hope springs eternal for some nice fall weather, but be prepared for heat! Locations visited may include Cottonwood Spring in Joshua Tree National Park, Cactus City, Corn Spring, Desert Center/Lake Tamarisk, Chiriaco Summit, and Thousand Palms Oasis. We will meet at the Love's Truck Stop in Coachella. This is on Dillon Road just north of Interstate 10. From the San Bernardino Valley take Interstate 10 east. Dillon Road is the last Coachella Valley exit. I'll try to be somewhere obvious with a scope set up or something like that.

We expect to depart at 6:30 am, so plan to arrive a few minutes early to top off the gas tank and make any last minute purchases. You can get about anything you need here! Gas, drink, and food stops will be few and far between, if any, so make sure you have enough for the whole trip. We'll continue birding either until all participants quit, or we have run out of places to go.

Note that some of the places that we visit may have day use fees, so be prepared for that as well. If you have an FRS Radio, bring it along for easier communication between vehicles. See

you in the desert! Questions? **Best way to reach me is by e-mail, NOT PHONE: [bewickwren@earthlink.net](mailto:bewickwren@earthlink.net)**

**Sunday, October 5, 2014 - 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.

**Saturday, October 11, 2014 - 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.



One of the possibly dozen Hooded Orioles who arrived right on time at the end of March and spent the summer in Kirk Stitt's yard.

## Calendar for Field Trips 2014 to 2015



Saturday, September 13, 2014 - 8:00 am  
San Diego, Tijuana Estuary



Saturday, September 27, 2014 - 7:00 am  
East Mojave Migrant Traps



Sunday, October 5, 2014  
Riverside County Desert Oases



Sunday, October 5, 2014 - 8:00-10:00 am  
Beginning Bird Walk at Glen Helen



Saturday, October 11, 2014 - 8:00 am  
Bearpaw Ranch

Sunday, November 2, 2014 - 8:00-10:00 am  
Beginning Bird Walk at San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Sunday, November 16, 2014 - 7:00 am  
Northern San Jacinto Valley

Saturday, December 6, 2014 - 8:00 am  
Daggett & Newberry Springs

Sunday, December 7, 2013 - 8:00-10:00 am  
Beginning Bird Walk at San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Sunday, January 4, 2015 - 8:00-10:00 am  
Beginning Bird Walk at Mill Creek Wetlands

Saturday, January 10, 2014 - 7:00 am  
Salton Sea Goose & Crane Trip

Saturday, January 17, 2015  
Silverwood Lake Barge Trip

Sunday, January 25, 2015  
San Jacinto Valley and Lake Perris

Saturday, January 31, 2015  
Seal Beach NWR

Sunday, February 1, 2015 - 8:00-10:00 am  
Beginning Bird Walk at Cal State San Bernardino

Sunday, March 1, 2015 - 8:00-10:00 am  
Beginning Bird Walk at Prado Regional Park

Saturday, March to be announced, 2015 - 8:00 am  
Bolsa Chica & Orange County Coast

Saturday-Sunday, April 11-12, 2015  
East Mojave

Saturday, April 25, 2015 - 7:00 am  
Shorebird Migration at the Salton Sea

Sunday, April 26, 2015 - 7:00 am  
San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Saturday, May 2, 2015 - 7:00 am  
Big Morongo Preserve

Sunday, May 3, 2015 - 8:00 am  
Box Springs Mountain

Saturday, May 9, 2015 - 8:00 am  
Whitewater Canyon

Saturday, May 16, 2015 - 9:00 am  
Baby Birds at Bearpaw Ranch

Sunday, May 17, 2014  
Palm Springs Aerial Tramway/San Jacinto Mountains

Saturday, June 6, 2015  
San Bernardino Mountains

Saturday, June 13, 2014 - 7:30 am  
Wrightwood & Blue Ridge

Saturday, June 27, 2015  
Insane Jaunt to the Salton Sea- PART I

Saturday-Sunday, July 11-12, 2014  
Greenhorn Mountains & the Southern Sierra

Saturday, August 29, 2015  
Insane Jaunt to the Salton Sea- PART II

**Field Trip Checklist**

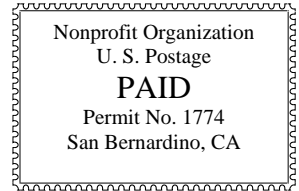
Comfortable shoes or hiking boots, hat,  
sunscreen, insect repellent..  
A good Road Map,  
Full fuel tank, drinking water, snacks and lunch, bin-  
oculars and or a scope, field guide  
Come and Enjoy. Call Field Trip Leader  
for last minute cancellations,  
questions or changes... 🐦

*When nature made the blue jay she must have done it as an  
object-lesson, to show how greatly good looks will always be  
discounted by ill-manners.*

*Howard E. Parkhurst, The Birds' Calendar, 1894*



**THE WESTERN MEADOWLARK**  
c/o San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society  
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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 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 @ \$24 a/year (includes subscription to *The Western Meadowlark*)

\_\_\_I wish to receive the *Western Meadowlark* **only** electronically

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check payable to SBVAS



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National Audubon Society (NAS)

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