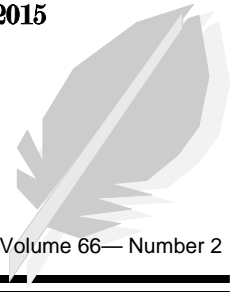


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Wednesday November 18, 2015 General Meeting

Presenter—Steve Kaye

Catch Me If You Can

How to Take Photos of Hummingbirds

Gain tips, tricks, and techniques that anyone can use. This session begins with photo fundamentals. Then it continues with how these fundamentals apply to taking photos of perched and flying hummingbirds. And, of course, it includes over 150 photos that show what's possible. You'll enjoy this session, even if you have yet to own a camera.

Steve Kaye is a professional photographer who uses his photos of birds to inspire respect for Nature. He has judged photo contests, spoken at bird festivals, and conducted classes on photography. Recently two of his photos were selected for a book about woodpeckers (to be published next year).



Our doors open at 7:00 pm and our meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Everyone is always welcome. Dori Myers, Program Chair

IMPORTANT NOTICE The Western Meadowlark is Going Digital

San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society members will receive their Meadowlark newsletter by going to our chapter's website (SBVAS.net), and downloading the newsletter to view, or to print. We expect this change to happen beginning this winter, 2016. We are making this move after much debate. Your SBVAS Board of Directors approved this method for two important reasons: First, SBVAS will significantly reduce its own carbon footprint by eliminating the thousands of pages of paper consumed for each issue. Second our chapter will save thousands of dollars per year currently spent on printing and delivery. These savings will be used directly in our critically important mission of conservation and environmental education.

Wednesday, December 16, 2015—6:30 pm Come and Celebrate the Holidays

Our traditional potluck dinner will be held at the San Bernardino County Museum at 6:30 pm. Turkey, ham and beverages will be provided. Please bring your own table service and your favorite dish to share: a salad, vegetable, casserole, side dish, or dessert. Come early to visit with friends and to do a little last minute holiday shopping at our bookstore. Our program will be provided by our members who should bring 10-15 nature pictures to show and share. We'll also be having a silent auction to share the book collections of our members. If you have a nature-related book or two you would like to donate, please bring them to the potluck. Or, perhaps you'd like to bid on the treasured bird book brought by another member. Either way, plan on an enjoyable evening.

Local Sightings: Summer/Early Fall 2015 by Tom Benson

This report covers the period of July and August, along with non-passerine sightings from September and the first week of October. Fall passerine migration will be covered in the next issue.

We'll start our coverage with San Bernardino County this time. A NEOTROPIC CORMORANT at Prado Regional Park Jul 1 provided the first record of this species in the county away from the Colorado River, although it has occurred a few times previously in the Riverside County portion of the Prado Basin. If correctly identified, a heard only YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO at Big Bear Lake Jul 6 would be the first in the county since 2012. The county had a few unusual shorebirds this fall; notable were a STILT SANDPIPER along the Parker Strip Jul 16 and at least six SANDERLINGS at Kramer Junction Sep 11-20. A female RUFF in Ontario Aug 16-29 was very likely the same individual found five miles away last April. The best find of the fall so far was a beautiful adult LONG-TAILED JAEGER on Big Bear Lake Aug 25-31 that accommodated birders with stunning views (especially if you were on a boat).

Coincidentally, the last jaeger that showed up in the San

Bernardino Mountains was a Parasitic Jaeger at Baldwin Lake exactly 20 years to the day prior (25 Aug 1995). SABINE'S GULLS started to make an appearance at the end of the period with individuals at Lake Havasu (where annual) Oct 3 and Kramer Junction Oct 4. Also at the beginning of October was a flurry of BROAD-WINGED HAWKS, with two adults at Mojave Narrows Oct 2 and two more adults at Baker/Zzyzx Oct 4-5.



Long-tailed Jaeger
Photo Credit: Johnny Bovee

Moving south to Riverside County, the north end of the Salton Sea hosted a number of good birds, as usual. The highlight here was clearly an immature MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD near North Shore Aug 6, part of a larger movement of this species into southern California (mostly along the coast) this summer.



Ruddy Ground Dove
Photo Credit: Matt Grube

A NEOTROPIC CORMORANT was present Sep 16; this species is still rather rare at the north end despite its continually increasing abundance at the south end. Other notable sightings included a BLACK TURNSTONE Sep 16, single HEERMANN'S GULLS Aug 26-28 and Oct 2, and a LEAST TERN and a GULL-BILLED TERN Jul 11. Strong coverage at Lake Elsinore resulted in a couple good finds, with the best birds being a STILT SANDPIPER Jul 31 and a BLACK SKIMMER on Jul 22 and Aug 13. A little further north at Lake Perris there was a RED KNOT Sep 25-26; this species is exceptional inland away from the Salton Sea. The place to be in Riverside County, however, was Chiriaco Summit. Highlights here were a very cooperative RUDDY GROUND-DOVE Aug 16-18, a RED-EYED VIREO Aug

20, and a BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD Sep 9. This is the third Broad-billed Hummingbird at this location in the last three years.

Finally, in Imperial County, all of the action was at the south end of the Salton Sea. Two or three WOOD STORKS were seen Jul 4-15; this species continues to decline as a post-breeding visitor to the region. A REDDISH EGRET was seen at Desert Shores Sep 23. BLACK RAILS took advantage of marshes at the IID Wetlands with birds heard there Jun 26-Jul 25. Unusual shorebirds included seven BAIRD'S SANDPIPERS Sep 6-8 and single SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPERS Jul 1, 5, and Aug 8; both of these species are rarer in Imperial than in Riverside or San Bernardino Counties. Two different LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULLS were seen between Sep 7 and Oct 2. ELEGANT TERN is quite rare in the Salton Sink, so three sightings Jul 5, Sep 13, and Oct 2 was exceptional. Individual PARASITIC JAEGERs (possibly the same bird) were seen Aug 30 and Sep 2; one was chasing a SABINE'S GULL on the latter date. And last but certainly not least, a CHIMNEY SWIFT was photographed at the north end of Garst Road; there are only one or two previous records for the Salton Sea.



Bird of the Month: Steller's Jay

A trip to any of southern California's higher mountains will likely treat the observer to views of a very stately bird, the Steller's Jay (*Cyanocitta stelleri*). Often mistakenly called "blue jays" by non-birders, Steller's Jays inhabit coniferous forests and pine-oak woodlands throughout the mountains of western North America, including Canada and Mexico, occurring as far south as Nicaragua. Like the Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*), the Steller's Jay has a prominent crest, leading to the confusion between the two species. In the eastern Rocky Mountains the two species occasionally hybridize.

Steller's Jays have mostly blackish heads and upper backs, with the remainder of the plumage dark blue. The blue of the tail is bisected by thin black bars throughout much of its length. The subspecies in the Rocky Mountains has small white markings on the forehead and around the eyes. There are eight subspecies in the U.S. and Canada, and nine more in Mexico and Central America.

The species' vocalizations are harsh and raucous, and frequent. It is also a very good mimic, imitating the calls of squirrels, Northern Flickers, Red-tailed Hawks, Northern Goshawks, White-breasted Nuthatches, dogs, cats, and even mechanical sounds like squeaky doors and telephones.

Steller's Jays are highly social except during the height of the breeding season. Pairs are monogamous and develop strong, long-term pair-bonds, and remain together throughout the year. Beginning as early as late March, nests are primarily built in conifers, but can be in deciduous trees later in the spring after the trees have leafed out. Occasionally nests are placed in or on buildings or barns. The last nest I found in the San Bernardino Mountains was on a campground restroom building. Nests can be as low as just above the ground, and as high as 100 feet up, but most are 10-15 feet high. The nests are bulky, ragged cups comprised of sticks, plant fibers, pine needles, leaves, and moss stuck together with mud. The nests can be quite large, as much as 17" in outside diameter. Eggs are bluish-green with irregular dark spots. Typically, 4-5 eggs are laid (but can be as few as two and as many as six). Incubation is by the female; she is fed by

the male while she incubates. The eggs hatch in about 16 days. Both parents feed the nestlings. The hatchlings fledge in about 16 days. Steller's Jays are normally nonmigratory, but some birds that breed at high elevations typically move to lower elevations during the winter.



Periodic interruptions (mainly young birds) occur into areas and habitats not normally occupied.

The diets of Steller's Jays is highly varied.

They eat many arthropods (insects and spiders), small rodents, amphibians, reptiles, acorns, pine seeds, fruits, and berries. They also commonly raid the nests of other birds, eating eggs and nestlings. Acorns are often pilfered from the granaries of Acorn Woodpeckers.

As most birders have discovered, the Steller's Jay often visits bird feeders, picnic areas, and campgrounds, where its loud, raucous calls announce its presence. This confiding nature makes it an easy bird to observe and appreciate.

Further reading:

Madge, Steve, and Hilary Burn. 1994. *Crows and Jays*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, N.J.

Walker, Lauren E., Erick Greene, William Davison, and Vincent R. Muehter. 2014. Steller's Jay (*Cyanocitta stelleri*), *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/bnaproxy/birds.cornell.edu/bna/species/343doi:10.2173/bna.343>.

Central Valley Birding Symposium

The Central Valley Bird Club will be hosting the 19th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium Nov. 19-22, 2015 at the Stockton Hilton Hotel in Stockton, CA. Please come and help us kick off this year's CVBS! Come meet the CVBS board & staff members! Reconnect with old friends! Meet new ones! Take advantage of the scrumptious Hors D'oeuvres buffet & No Host Bar on Thursday night.

Thursday Night's Keynote speakers are Ed Harper & Ed Pandolfino presenting a program on "A Central Valley Year of Sights & Sounds". The CVBS gets off to a supercharged start with this lively and informative presentation. Both Eds are widely known, popular and highly sought after speakers. Friday Night's keynote program is presented by Steve N.G. Howell on "Shift Happens: Rare {Vagrant} Birds in North America." Steve is an acclaimed field ornithologist & prolific Writer. He is an international bird tour leader with WINGS and a Research Associate at Point Blue Conservation Science (formerly PRBO).

Saturday Night's keynote program is presented by Kate Marianchild on "Our Magnificent Valley Oaks; Hubs of their Habitats." Kate Marianchild is a naturalist, birder, and author of the best-selling *Secrets of the Oak Woodlands: Plants, and Animals among California's Oaks*.

Workshops include: "Birding: the 12-step Program--Bird ID explained" by Steve N.G. Howell, "Shorebird ID Workshop" by Jon Dunn, "A Mini Tricolored Blackbird Symposium", moderated by Dan Airola, and a photo workshop by Bob Steele. Plus, attend informative workshops by Philip Garone, Keith Hansen, Sal Salerno and Jim Burcio.

Our field trips always turn up exciting birds. Add in the always entertaining and educational Bird ID Panel, the wonderful display of art and gifts for yourself or others at the Birder's Market and the camaraderie of hundreds of like-minded folks, and you know you'll have a good time! There's something for everyone interested in birds. Come and join us to bird, learn, and just have fun!

To look over the line-up of speakers, workshops, and fieldtrips, check out our website at: <http://www.cvsreg.org>

Registration: <http://www.regonline.com/centralvalleybirdingsymposium2015>

Come Celebrate Our 20th Annual Festival!

Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival, January 15-18, 2016
MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA – Come to where the birds are and join us for our 20th Annual Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival. Located on California's scenic Central Coast, Morro Bay is an important stop on the Pacific Flyway and one of the country's pre-eminent birding spots. The area is recognized worldwide for its diversity of both resident and wintering birds, and at last year's festival, over 200 species of birds were identified!

The Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival is sponsored by Morro Coast Audubon Society, California State Parks, the Central Coast State Parks Association, and the City of Morro Bay and gives you the chance to join local and national birding experts on a variety of field trips and workshops. Field trip group sizes are limited to maximize spotting and identification opportunities. The festival also offers workshops aimed at sharpening your birding skills, as well as evening programs with outstanding speakers.

Morro Bay Winter Festival—Continued

Our keynote speaker Saturday, January 16th, will be John Marzluff on "Subirdia" – a very informed and entertaining view of living with humans –if you're a bird.

NEW THIS YEAR

- Expanded "Nature Track" events: climate change impacts, visit an oyster farm, learn about sustainable fishing, and more.
- "Youth Track": Special admission offers for youth aged 18 and under. (see website for details)
- Travel by Trolley: Check your registration info for trolley schedule to see if you can hitch a lift between the Community Center and your field trip.

To register and for more information about the Festival; check out our website at www.morrobaybirdfestival.org. Registration starts on November 7 and our brochure will be available then. The deadline for pre-registration is January 5, 2016 but early signups are encouraged as the most popular events fill up quickly.

El Niño – Effects on Birds and Birding

By [Nate Swick](#), on July 6, 2014

Now more than ever, birders are able to practice their interest with in increased sense of how the weather influences the movements of birds. Whether this is reading Doppler and wind speed charts to predict landfall of migrating passerines, or following hurricanes and tropical storms for waifs, or tying influxes of vagrants to storm systems crossing the continent, it's quite heady to think of the information increasingly at our fingertips. But weather is still a mysterious in many ways, and no weather-related phenomenon is surrounded by more mystery than the famed El Niño – Southern Oscillation (ENSO).

Maybe it's the effect it has on Pacific seabirds. Maybe it's because it was celebrated in Mark Obmascik's *The Big Year* as the driver of dozens of Asian vagrants to Attu. What most of us know about El Niño, the abnormal and seemingly cyclical period of prolonged warm water in the eastern Pacific that spins off unusual weather events on the west coast of the Americas, is that the aberrant water temperature and the weather it creates causes birds to move around in important ways. Birders are often the recipients of such largess in the form of scattered vagrants and exciting birds. For instance, the El Niño believed to be forming in the eastern Pacific now in the summer of 2014 may have been the agent of a [potential ABA Area first](#) in southern California. And, of course, there was the aforementioned 1998 Attu invasion celebrated in myth and legend, also presumably El Niño driven, though for reasons that are less clear.

What we do know about El Niño is that the abnormally warm weather does odd things to bird populations. Not only related to vagrancy, but also potentially [making it more difficult for Neotropic migrants to find food](#) on land and for communal nesting seabirds to find high quality food along the shore. Occasionally this shortfall manifests itself in dramatic fashion, as it has this week in Peru and Chile.

[Alvaro Jaramillo](#) reports to Seabird News as follows:

Thousands of dead seabirds washing up on shore. Preliminary reports from Peru (June press release from IMARPE –

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Inst. Del Mar del Peru) include over 6000 dead or dying seabirds, mainly in the last two weeks of June. The report mentions that 80% are Peruvian Boobies, 10% Guanay Cormorant, and 4% Blue-footed Booby, and 4% Peruvian Pelicans. Reported cause of death is starvation. Ronny send me photos of dozens of corpses on Arica beaches, and also photos of dead Blue-footed Booby. The latter is of particular importance as Blue-foot is a rare species in northern Chile, not an annually observed species. This suggests that birds are not only succumbing, but they are moving south in search for food. I gather that Ronny and people in Arica have counted several thousand dead seabirds on their beaches.

This seems like a massive amount of die off, given that in theory the warm water ENSO event is merely developing at this point. If the birds are a sign, this may indeed be a big one that is coming.

The occasional ENSO event is the sort of thing populations of birds have been dealing with for millennia, but one of the side effects of climate change in the South Pacific is predicted to be an increase in the regularity of these events. This would potentially have some long-term effects on these communal nesting species, and many of those we hope to see end up in the ABA Area in the near future.

That doesn't mean we shouldn't be excited about the bounty this potentially huge phenomenon could push towards our own backyards in coming months. The unexpected is one of the most wonderful aspects of birding, and after all, the reason a bird like a Nazca Booby is turning up in the ABA Area is because boobies are powerful flyers and capable of responding to periodic food shortages with impressive feats. But do be aware of the toll the event has on those birds in its epicenter, and be conscientious of the stress many of these birds are under.

Thanks to Alvaro Jaramillo for his help in preparing this post "El Niño – Effects on Birds and Birding" by Nate Swick is reprinted with permission from the American Birding Association's ABA Blog (blog.aba.org)

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 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.

URGENT ---

San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Inc. needs a new Chapter Treasurer. The current Treasurer will be retiring from the position in spring 2016.

The Chapter Treasurer is the Chief Financial Officer of our non-profit corporation and is an elected member of the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer is responsible for knowing and managing the income, expenditures, and all financial transactions of the Chapter. The position is interesting and rewarding as you get to serve on the SBVAS board and be an active participant in decision making.

I would be happy to explain the Treasurer's duties in more detail with anyone who thinks they might be interested. You do **not** need any previous bookkeeping experience. If you can manage your own finances you can do it. Please contact me by phone or email

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CALENDAR

Board Meetings: November 3 and December 1, 2015

General Meetings: November 18 and December 16, 2015

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.

San Bernardino Valley Audubon 2015-2016 Sponsored Christmas Bird Counts

San Bernardino Valley Audubon will once again be sponsoring nine Christmas Bird Counts in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Bird counts are a long-time tradition for both SBVAS and the National Audubon Society, and the importance of so many years of rich data through citizen science has grown tremendously with the use of bird count data to create climate change maps. Everyone is welcome to participate in as many of these counts as he or she likes. Participation is free, and many counts end with good networking and social time at a local restaurant. For more details, go to our Chapter's website - www.sbvas.net.

Redlands—Mill Creek, December 19, 2015 at 7 a.m. Compiler: Gene Cardiff Email: ecardiff4084@roadrunner.com. (909)875-5358

Morongo Valley—December 20, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. Compiler: Joe Zarki (760) 366-8913 jwzarki@gmail.com

Santa Ana River Valley—Sunday, December 20, 2015 6:45 a.m. Compiler: Larry LaPre (951)276-1213 (home) email: lflapre@aol.com

Idyllwild— Sunday Dec. 20, 2015 8:00 a.m. Compiler: Bob Packard 951-742-7935 packardr90@hotmail.com

San Jacinto Lake—Tuesday, December 22, 2015 7:00 a.m. Compilers: Tony Metcalf (909) 242-7038 ametcalf@csusb.edu Tom Benson (909) 648-0899 thomasbenson@aol.com

Mojave River Valley—Sunday, December 27, 2015 7:30 a.m. Compiler: Bill Deppe (760) 953-6947 or email bdeppe@gmail.com
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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

November 1, 2015 at 8:00 am Beginning Bird Walk at San Timoteo Canyon Matt Grube (909)253-3867

Our goal will be to teach you enough basic birding techniques and identification skills so that you will feel comfortable birding on your own or joining our longer birding trips throughout the year.



Golden-crowned sparrow
Photo credit: Matt Grube

We will meet at the dirt lot along San Timoteo Canyon Road in Redlands, just south of Fern Ave at 8 am. The walk is free, and

all are invited to join. Expect to walk 2-3 miles on level dirt paths as we look for our winter resident birds. Please contact Matt Grube by email at mattgrube@gmail.com for questions.

November 15, 2015 - 7:00 am Northern San Jacinto Valley Tony Metcalf (951) 242-7038 and Dave Woodward (909) 783-2417

Ah, cooler weather. Wintering birds of prey and waterfowl, coastal sage scrub and wetlands, all close by. Please join us for our fall field trip to the northern San Jacinto Valley. We have two goals for this trip. First is to have fun. Second, is to see 100 species. We always accomplish the first goal and have come very close to the second. Maybe this is the year. The northern San Jacinto Valley is known for its high species diversity. We have ranked highest in number of bird species seen for inland areas in North America for Audubon's Christmas Bird Counts, and are usually in the top 1-2% for all counts. At the heart of the region is the public San Jacinto Wildlife Area. We will meet at the parking lot at the gates of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (map). From Riverside go south on 215 then east on Ramona, then north on Davis road three miles to parking lot. From Hemet, go west on Ramona to Davis road. From Redlands, go east on 10, then south on 215, then east on 60 or go south on Redlands Blvd, east on 60, East on Gilman springs, south on Bridge Street, west on Ramona and north on Davis road. As Davis is a dirt road, it is not recommended if there have been recent rains. The dirt roads are too dangerous for normal travel when wet. You can call or email Tony Metcalf or the San Jacinto Wildlife Area headquarters (951-654-0580) for updated road info to the Wildlife Area.

Saturday, December 6, 2015 - 8:00 am Daggett & Newberry Springs Gene Cardiff (909) 875-5358 or (951) 522-4933

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

Sunday, December 7, 2015 - 8:00-10:00 am Beginning Bird Walk at San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Visiting the wildlife area allows great opportunities to view waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors. 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

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some of our local bird species. You may be surprised at what wonderful birds can be seen! Wear comfortable walking shoes, hats and sunscreen and bring water and binoculars. The walk is free and no reservations are needed. Everyone is welcome. We will meet at the main parking lot at the wildlife headquarters. From Riverside go south on I-215 then east on Ramona Expressway. Turn north (left) on Davis Road which soon becomes dirt. The entrance to the wildlife area is approximately three miles down Davis Road on the right. Turn here and the parking area will be on your left. You can no longer enter the wildlife area from the north. Rain or other conditions may cause last minute changes.

Calendar for Field Trips 2015 to 2016

Sunday, November 1, 2015 - 8:00-10:00 am
Beginning Bird Walk at San Timoteo Canyon

Sunday, November 15, 2015 - 7:00 am
Northern San Jacinto Valley

Saturday, December 5, 2015 - 8:00 am
Daggett & Newberry Springs

Sunday, December 6, 2015 - 8:00-10:00 am
Beginning Bird Walk at San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Sunday, January 3, 2016 - 8:00-10:00 am
Beginning Bird Walk at Prado Regional Park

Saturday, January 9, 2016 - 7:00 am
Salton Sea Goose & Crane Trip

Saturday, January 16, 2016
Silverwood Lake Barge Trip

Sunday, January 25, 2016
San Jacinto Valley and Lake Perris

Saturday, January 23 or 24, 2016
Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station

Saturday, February 6, 2016 - 8:00-10:00 am
San Jacinto Valley and Lake Perris

Sunday, February 7, 2016 - 8:00-10:00 am
Beginning Bird Walk Cal State San Bernardino

Saturday, March 5, 2016 - 8:00 am
Bolsa Chica & Orange County Coast

Sunday, March 6, 2016 - 8:00-10:00 am
Beginning Bird Walk at San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Sunday, April 4, 2016 - 8:00-10:00 am.
Beginning Bird Walk at Glen Helen Regional Park

Saturday-Sunday, April 9-10, 2016
East Mojave

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Saturday - Sunday, April 16-17, 2016
Eastern Sierra Greater Sage Grouse Trip

Saturday, April 23, 2016 - 7:00 am
Shorebird Migration at the Salton Sea

Sunday, April 24, 2016 - 7:00 am
San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Saturday, April 30, 2016 - 7:00 am
Big Morongo Preserve

Sunday, May 1, 2016 - 8:00 am
Box Springs Mountain

Saturday, May 7, 2016 - 8:00 am
Whitewater Canyon

Saturday, May 14, 2016 - 9:00 am
Baby Birds at Bearpaw Ranch

Sunday, May 22, 2016
Palm Springs Aerial Tramway/San Jacinto Mountains

Saturday, June 4, 2016
San Bernardino Mountains

Saturday, June 11, 2016 - 7:30 am
Wrightwood & Blue Ridge

Saturday-Sunday, July 9—10, 2016
Greenhorn Mountains & the Southern Sierra

Saturday, August 2016—TBA
Insane Jaunt to the Salton Sea

Christmas Bird Count Dates—Continued from p. 6

San Bernardino Valley—Saturday, December 26, 2015 7:00 a.m.
Compiler: Dori Myers (714)779-2201 (home) dorimy88@gmail.com

Joshua Tree National Park—Sunday, January 1, 2015 7:00 a.m.
Compiler: Joe Zarki (760) 366-8913 jwzarki@gmail.com

Salton Sea North, Saturday, January 2, 2016 6:30 a.m. Compiler: Chet McGaugh chetmogaugh@earthlink.net (909)781-3699

Field Trip Checklist

Comfortable shoes or hiking boots, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent..

A good Road Map,

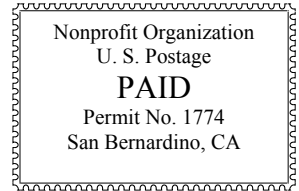
Full fuel tank, drinking water, snacks and lunch, binoculars and or a scope, field guide

Come and Enjoy. Call Field Trip Leader for last minute cancellations, questions or changes... ☺

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Everyone is always welcome!

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

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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...



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San Bernardino Valley Audubon

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

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