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Cedar Waxwing

Who is that masked bird? Masked, crested, and beautiful, the Cedar Waxwing is a favorite species known all across our continent except for Alaska and upper Canada. Midsize, with a relatively short tail edged in lemon yellow, cedars are stout in appearance and social in demeanor. Primarily brown and grey, their bellies are pale yellow and you can occasionally get a glimpse of red on the tips of their wings. They have black chins and juveniles have distinguishing streaked bellies.

Cedars are both frugivores and invertivores, meaning that they eat small fruit as well as invertebrates. Many a birder has witnessed a flock of cedars descending upon a tree, bush or vine ripe with fruit, only to be astonished as to how quickly they can strip it bare. Especially interesting is the cedar encounter with fermented fruit, which can result in a drunken bird that has to take a time out before his quick digestive tract does its thing and renders him sober again!

Cedars “follow the fruit” and their migratory patterns reflect this, meaning that they are one of the last species in North America to nest because they rely on ripening summer fruit as the cue to breed. They are especially fond of junipers, but also partake of ornamentals like crabapples, olives, and pepper trees.

Cedars enjoy many habitats—forests, parks, gardens, orchards, fields, rivers, suburbs—but they can often be found high up in evergreen trees where they might first be located via their calls, which are high-pitched and buzzy in nature. When seen from a distance they may be mistaken for starlings because they are similar in size and, like starlings, can form big, disorderly flocks that roam across the skies.

A typical cedar waxwing nest contains 3-6 bluish-grey eggs that are incubated for about two weeks. When the eggs hatch, both the male and female birds tend their babies for 14-18 days, at which point the young depart and are unlikely to return to the nest area again. Thus cedars are not territorial and live out their lives as nomads.

Although the cedar waxwing will not draw attention to itself with a beautiful song, you cannot help but admire its sleek appearance, note its voracious appetite and welcome its arrival in your backyard every year.



Photo by Derek Sieburth
Way better in color! - check out
www.pasadenaudubon.org

Lynne Osborne

President's Perch

Fall is my absolute favorite time of the year...the air is crisp and some of the trees drop their leaves, making it easier to see the birds. Migration adds to the excitement – getting a look at the rare visitor is always a thrill. You can get the Rare Bird Alert and other bird info by joining groups.yahoo.com/pasadenaudubon

We had a great Volunteer dinner with many of you showing up to get involved in PAS. One project kicking off this year is the Peck Park Conservation Project. This hands-on effort will bolster our presence in the community to preserve habitat and water resources for the birds. Stay tuned for details.

Enjoy the flyer in this issue that contains the winners of our Photo Contest. Special thanks to Barbara Goldeen who organized the entire contest. Lastly, mark your calendars for the Christmas Bird Count –December 20th; anyone can join the fun to help counting the species in our circle as we participate in this International event.

Happy Birding,

Deni Sinnott

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November Program

What You See When You Go to Sea

Wednesday, November 19, 2014
7:30 pm—9:00 pm

David Pereksta

Southern California offshore waters are one of the last birding frontiers in the state. An exciting mix of local breeders, arctic nesting migrants, and austral migrants that are rarely if ever seen from land can be found at sea if you know when, where, and how to look for them. David Pereksta knows, and will share his knowledge and show us what experiences southern California pelagic birding trips offer with a selection of the thousands of bird and mammal photos he has taken. David has spent over 100 days at sea off southern California. He will describe the species that occur off our coast, where local pelagic trips go and how they operate, and how to best schedule a trip to see the birds (and marine mammals) you are looking for.

December Events

Christmas Bird Count Prep

Wednesday, December 17, 2014
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Jon Fisher

This is crucial citizen science and also a lot of fun. See the detailed announcement in the color insert. Newbies welcome!

Christmas Bird Count Dinner

Saturday, December 20, 2014
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Chrystal Watson

At the end of count day, participants gather to share drinks and catered dinner and to learn what has turned up this year. Good food, good companions. RSVP by Dec. 15 with check for \$20/person to Pasadena Audubon at the address on the back cover. Write "CBC" on the check memo field.

January Program

Ecuador, High to Low

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
7:30 pm—9:00 pm

Jon Feenstra

Ecuador is a country approximately the size of Arizona and hosts more than 1600 bird species (not to mention an uncountable number of plants and insects). This remarkable diversity is due to a sweeping geography that includes Pacific coast, the snow-capped Andes, and steamy lowland jungle including a part of the vast and mysterious Amazon rainforest. New species are continually being discovered and parts of the country still remain remote and inaccessible. That said, it is also possibly the most accessible country in South America and well visited by researchers and tourists. In this presentation, Jon will give a virtual tour of many of the various regions of mainland Ecuador with comments on the habitat, stories from the field, and, of course, photos of birds.

General meetings are held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center (address on back cover). Refreshments and socializing begin at 7:00 pm and programs are presented from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Occasionally programs for kids begin at 7:00 pm; check the announcements.

Conservation

Hahamongna EIR: Big and Bad

Hahamongna Sediment Removal Final EIR Is Released

And the news is not good. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works plans to remove over 2.4 million cubic yards of sediment over a five year period from Hahamongna Watershed Park. The relatively good news is that according to their Final EIR, they plan to use low-emission trucks which will greatly reduce the air quality impacts of the initial proposal. The very, very bad news is that the project creates a maintenance area of 52 acres. That means 52 acres of willow and mule fat forest will be permanently denuded—the 52 acres closest to Devil's Gate Dam. The County is patting themselves on their back with great self-satisfaction because this alternative is not as draconian as the extreme plan that would destroy 120 acres.

Pardon my cynicism, but in their original plan, they only planned to denude 50 acres.

For us, this means the loss of key bird habitat. We need to fight back.

We will not win this battle with science. That has been tried and did not work. So we need to fight it politically. Please send Supervisor Antonovich an email or a letter letting him

know that this preferred alternative (Alternative 3, Configuration D, Option 2) is not acceptable. Tell him that you do not want another Arcadia Woodlands debacle in Pasadena. Tell him that this plan threatens the habitat where we have recently sighted the federally-endangered 'Least' Bell's Vireo. Tell him that we can have flood control, safety, and habitat. It doesn't have to be one or the other. Tell him that the County should adopt the proposal developed by the City of Pasadena because it preserves most of this rare and valuable open space resource while providing safety and flood control.

Send a copy of your email or letter to the editor of your local newspaper and to your Pasadena City Councilperson, Mayor Bogaard, or your local city councilperson.

You can contact Supervisor Antonovich at fifthdistrict@lacbos.org or 869 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The Final EIR can be viewed in its entirety at <http://www.LASedimentManagement.com/DevilsGate>.

This is the Big One, folks. The birds need us.

Laura Garrett

Bluebirds, Pipes, and Death**Conservation****Cottonwood Canyon**

A recent study by scientists at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico identified a potentially huge source of bird mortality: pipes used as boundary markers for remote mining claims, as outhouse vents, or as posts to support gates on ranches. Typically these pipes are driven into the ground and the top opening is not capped. Pipes of 3 to 4 inches in diameter attract cavity-nesting birds, who cannot escape once they enter the pipe. In the study, 25% of the pipes examined in one region contained dead birds. In two other scenarios, the rates were 14% and 11%. Federal officials have documented through surveys of installed pipes that a single PVC pipe in Nevada killed 26 birds and a single pipe in Oregon killed 32 birds. Both metal pipes and PVC pipes present the same danger.

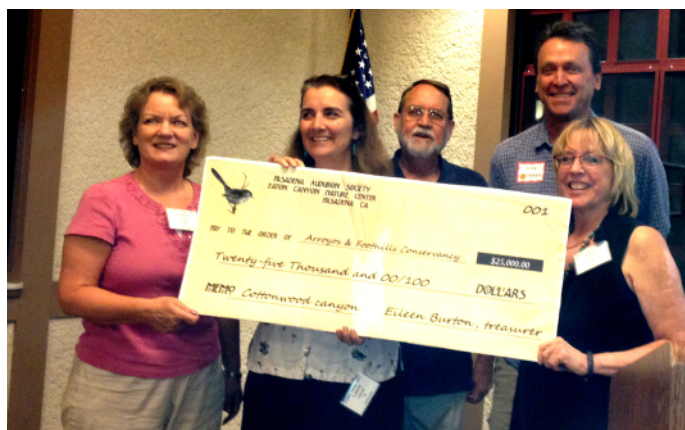
As reported by ABC, Western Bluebirds accounted for 61 percent of the identifiable affected bird species. Other species identified included: Ash-throated Flycatcher, Acorn Woodpecker, Spotted Towhee, House Finch, White-breasted Nuthatch, and Western Scrub-Jay.

This study, and previous anecdotal reports, have spurred action by the Bureau of Land Management to cap or remove open pipes on government land, but there is still much to do in this area.

Nevada, the state with the largest number of mining claims (1.1 million) passed a law in 2009 revoking any mining claim still marked with open pipes. In 2013 they passed a subsequent law permitting any person encountering such pipes to pull them out and discard them on the ground. Let's hope for continued action to remedy this tragedy.

Mark Hunter

At the PAS general meeting in October, John Howell of Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy (second from right) accepts PAS' donation of \$25,000 toward purchase of the Cottonwood Canyon parcel. Recent sightings and studies have emphasized the significance of this small but important wildlife corridor northwest of the Rose Bowl. With John are PAS board members Eileen Burton, Laura Garrett, Mickey Long, and Deni Sinnott.



A recent Los Angeles Times article spotlighted this parcel. See www.latimes.com/local/la-me-cottonwood-canyon-20141007-story.html.

Note that *any donations you make this year will be matched dollar for dollar* by Gordon Crawford of La Canada. Please help save this land. Go to www.arroyosfoothills.org for more information.

Even more field trips...**Salton Sea**

Sat-Sun, Jan 31-Feb 1, 2015

All weekend

The Salton Sea is a great way to get your year-list cookin'!

This is one of the premier birding spots on the continent, but it is in major transition right now.

We will bird all day Saturday and half a day on Sunday, heading home after lunch. We usually find over 100 species for the weekend and over the years we have seen a lot of bird species including (by family): 27 geese & ducks, 13 hawks, 15 waders, 8 gulls, 6 terns, 11 flycatchers, 10 warblers and 16 sparrows.

This trip is only for Pasadena Audubon members and is limited to 12, with preference given to those who can do the whole weekend. (What? Not a member yet!? No problem, you can sign-up on our website or download an application and send it in today!)

To reserve a spot on the trip and get accommodations information and meeting location/times, please email me.

Ron Cyger

Did You Know?

Two local gardens offer good birding with a variety of habitats, and membership in one will give you admission to the other. They are Descanso Gardens in La Cañada Flintridge and the Los Angeles Arboretum in Arcadia.

In fact, these gardens belong to the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions program, and your membership in either Descanso or the Arboretum entitles you to free admission at about 200 gardens, arboreta and conservatories throughout the U.S., including several in our area and elsewhere in California. A list is available at www.ahs.org.

Both gardens are open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily, except Christmas Day. Members may enter at 8:00 am. Non-members may enter the gardens free of charge on the third Tuesday of the month. Currently, Julia Ray is leading a walk open to all at 8:00 am on the second Saturday of the month. Descanso offers a bird walk for Descanso members only at 8:00 am on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Complete membership information for Descanso and the Arboretum is available on their websites or by phone:
www.descansogardens.org 818-949-4200
www.arboretum.org 626-821-3222

Lois Fulmer

North Slope San Gabriels**Field Trips****Saturday, November 15, 2014****7:30 am — early afternoon**

We will explore areas on the northern slope of the San Gabriel Mountains, such as Grassy Hollow Visitor's Center, Jackson Lake, and locations in Valyermo. We will search for high-altitude species as well as wintering raptors. Ferruginous Hawk, Prairie Falcon, and Golden Eagle are possible, as are Red-breasted and Red-naped Sapsuckers. Unusual species (e.g. Lewis's Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Swamp Sparrow) have been found in some years. Time permitting, we may look for Mountain Plovers or longspurs in the nearby Antelope Valley.

It may be cold, especially at higher elevations, so bring warm clothes. Also, bring lunch. We will meet at Pearblossom Park, which is at the corner of 121st st. East and East Avenue V14 in Pearblossom, just south of Hwy 138 (Pearblossom Highway). Note that this is a different meeting place than for previous years' trips.

*Mark & Janet Scheel***Big Santa Anita Canyon****Saturday, November 22, 2014****6:30 am — noon**

Join us for a fall hike into Big Santa Anita Canyon as we search for American dipper, Pacific wren, canyon wren, rufous-crowned sparrow, and other lower montane species. Pacific wrens have been present here for at least the last four winters and are probably regular fall/winter visitors.

We're planning to hike past Sturtevant Falls as far as the Cascade Picnic Area for a total of about six miles. Parking at Chantry Flat is often crowded on weekends so please carpool.

Bring sturdy shoes, plenty of water, some food, sunscreen, a hat, warm clothing, and an Adventure Pass for your car. Heavy rain cancels but drizzle does not.

*Lance Benner***Newport Back Bay by Kayak****Sunday, November 30, 2014****9:00 am — noon**

This is a beautiful, relaxing outing on the water cleverly disguised as a birding trip. We see dozens of species and often get dramatically closer looks than land-bound birders do. Wintering ducks, shorebirds, terns, and many other species are well represented. This trip is timed to take advantage of mild currents during a moderately low tide, when shorebirds take to the mud flats in large numbers.

Both single and double kayaks are available for rent at our launch point, Newport Beach Aquatic Center. I will also have a couple of loaner kayaks available. Trip size is limited, so please contact me for reservations and more info.

*Mark Hunter***Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge****Saturday, December 6, 2014****7:30 am — noon**

Be part of the lucky 20 PAS members to enter Seal Beach tidal salt marsh habitat. What?! You're not a member? It's easy. See the application on page 7 or go to www.pasadenaaudubon.org.

We'll look for several interesting species including Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Ferruginous Hawk, Light-footed Ridgway's Rail, Red Knot and others. Sign-up is required. To reserve your space contact me at gillilandsusan@gmail.com before December 3 and provide the following information: Full name (first, middle initial, last), address (street, city, state, zipcode) and home phone number.

Only US citizens are allowed (per Navy rules). Bring government issued photo ID. Cameras are allowed but ONLY for bird photography.

If you sign up and cannot attend, please let me know

Field trips continue on page 6!**Eaton Canyon Monthly Walk****Sunday, November 16, 2014****Sunday, December 21, 2014****Sunday, January 18, 2015****8:00 am — 11:00 am**

Pasadena Audubon and Eaton Canyon Nature Center are cosponsoring monthly walks at Eaton Canyon. The walks are led by Hill Penfold, who has been leading them at ECNC for many years. Hill is wonderful with birders of all levels and Eaton Canyon is one of the best locations to learn the birds of the Pasadena area.

The walks are held on the third Sunday of each month. Meet at the flagpole: bring water, binoculars, hats, but no dogs.

*Hill Penfold***Hahamongna Monthly Walk****Saturday, November 1, 2014****(December and January replaced by Legg Lake walk)****7:30 am — 11:30 am**

This monthly bird walk is for birders of all ages and experience. A good variety of birds should be in residence. Bring binoculars, birding guide, water and wear walking shoes. No dogs.

Exit the north 210 at Berkshire and make a right, then a left at Oak Grove. The Hahamongna Watershed Park entrance is on the right at the next stop light. Take the first left after entering Hahamongna, and park by the ballfield.

*Leaders vary; see calendar***Huntington Library Monthly Walk****Sunday, November 23, 2014****Sunday, December 28, 2014****Sunday, January 25, 2015****8:00 am — 11:00 am**

A special benefit for Pasadena Audubon Society members is the chance to bird the Huntington Library grounds. Attendance is by reservation only and limited to 15 participants. Members may bring one non-member guest, space permitting. We thank our member and Huntington curator, Dan Lewis, for making these trips possible.

For reservations contact me (see bottom of calendar page) by email (preferred), or by phone. Trip leaders vary.

Mark Hunter

 = Wrentit Club!

Calendar

Submit material for the next Wrentit by January 1

 = Wrentit Club
Count Circle!

November 2014

1	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		Hahamongna	t.b.d.
5	Wed	7:15 pm	Board Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Deni Sinnott
8	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip		County Arboretum	Julia Ray
9	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Chilao Visitor Center	Hill Penfold
9	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Youth: Santa Fe Dam	Mickey & Jan Long
15	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		North Slope San Gabriels	Mark & Janet Scheel
16	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
18	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Study Group		Santa Fe Dam	Julia Ray & Sid Heyman
19	Wed	7:30 pm	General Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	When You Go To Sea
22	Sat	6:30 am	Field Trip		Big Santa Anita Canyon	Lance Benner
23	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip*		Huntington Library	Darren Dowell
30	Sun	9:00 am	Field Trip		Newport Back Bay Kayaks	Mark Hunter

December 2014

3	Wed	7:15 pm	Board Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Deni Sinnott
6	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		Legg Lake	Ed Stonick
6	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip*		Seal Beach NWR	Susan & Frank Gilliland
9	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Study Group		County Arboretum	Julia Ray & Sid Heyman
13	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		San Jacinto Wildlife Refuge	Mark & Janet Scheel
13	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip		County Arboretum	Julia Ray
14	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Youth: Legg Lake	Luke Tiller
14	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Chilao Visitor Center	Hill Penfold
17	Wed	7:30 pm	CBC pre-meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	See color insert
20	Sat	All day	Christmas Bird Count		San Gabriel Valley	Jon Fisher
20	Sat	6:00 pm	CBC Dinner		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	See page 2
21	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
28	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip*		Huntington Library	Mark Hunter

January 2015

3	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		Legg Lake	Ed Stonick
7	Wed	7:15 pm	Board Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Deni Sinnott
10	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		Urban Core	Jon Feenstra
10	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip		County Arboretum	Julia Ray
11	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Chilao Visitor Center	Hill Penfold
17	Sat	10:00 am	Field Trip		Redondo Beach Pelagic	Lance Benner
18	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
20	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Study Group		Peck Road Park	Julia Ray & Sid Heyman
21	Wed	7:30 pm	General Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Ecuador
25	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip*		Huntington Library	Mark Hunter
31	Sat-Sun	All weekend	Field Trip*		Salton Sea	Ron Cyger

* Trip Leader Information

* - reservations required, PAS members only

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Field Trips, continued

ASAP. If you've attended in the last last year or two your name will be placed on the waiting list.

From the 405 Freeway, take the Seal Beach Boulevard exit and head south. Continue for approximately 2 miles to the entrance of the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station (800 Seal Beach Boulevard). Spotting scopes and FRS radios are useful. Restrooms will not be available until about 8:30 AM on the base, so plan ahead.

Susan & Frank Gilliland

Legg Lake & San Gabriel River

Saturday, December 6, 2013

Saturday, January 3, 2014

7:30 am — 11:30 am

These trips will cover some consistently good lake and park birding areas. Legg Lake has lots of water and scattered trees and has produced good waterfowl numbers and varieties as well as an impressive list of migrants and wintering birds. Time permitting we'll include the Pico Rivera spreading grounds or some other river locations, based on what's around. An excellent trip for beginning and young birders.

Meet in the Santa Anita Ave. parking lot, closest to the 60 freeway. Take the Santa Anita exit and turn south from the off-ramp (going south). The lake and parking lot will be on your right.

Ed Stonick

San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Saturday December 13, 2014

7:30 am — midafternoon

The San Jacinto Wildlife Area is a major location for wintering raptors and waterfowl. Both Bald and Golden Eagle are possible, as are Ferruginous Hawk, Peregrine and Prairie Falcons, and several species of roosting owl. Mountain Bluebird, Sage Thrasher, and Vesper Sparrow are often seen as well. The area has also seen its share of rarities such as Eastern Phoebe, Gyrfalcon, Rough-legged Hawk, Red-necked Grebe, and Little Gull (the latter two at nearby Lake Perris).

From the 215 freeway, take the Ramona Expressway east to Davis Road, turn left (north), and meet at the parking lot at 7:30am. Bring lunch. Please note that accessing the wildlife area along Davis Road from the north is not possible.

Mark and Janet Scheel

L.A. County Arboretum

Second Saturday of every month

8:00 am — 10:00 am

This easy walk is for birders of all ages and experience levels. Meet on the steps leading to the entrance of the Arboretum. Even non-Arboretum members get in for free!

Julia Ray

Urban Core

Saturday, January 10, 2015

7:30 am — 11:00 am

Far from the natural beauty of the local mountains, the space and solitude of the desert, and the tranquility of the scenic coastline, right in the middle of the crushing hardscape of Los Angeles lies one of the city's few urban parks, the only park within walking distance for thousands of Angelenos. While birding is hardly what most people associate with MacArthur Park, it is quite possibly the best place in the County to observe gulls. Thayer's Gull is a regular winter visitor, and various and mysterious hybrids are also often present. Further, as the only park around it attracts a surprising diversity of waterfowl and passerines. The morning of birding will begin here then continue at Echo Park Lake, another urban refuge a few miles away, and maybe some scoping of Silverlake Reservoir, if we've still got time.

Meet at the Levitt Pavilion in the northwest corner of MacArthur Park at 7:30 am. Metered parking there costs \$2 for two hours.

Jon Feenstra

Pelagic Trip

Saturday, January 17, 2014

10:00 am — 1:00 pm

Join us for a whale watch and pelagic birding trip with Voyager Excursions out of Redondo Beach on Saturday, January 17 at 10 am. This is a public whale watch and, although the main objective will be gray whales, pelagic birder and cetacean expert Bernardo Alps will be the naturalist on board so we will also be able to stop and see birds.

Several experienced pelagic birders are coming and can also help identify what we see. We have a chance to see Rhinoceros Auklet, Common Murre, Cassin's Auklet, Scripps' Murrelet, Black-vented Shearwater, Pomarine and Parasitic Jaeger, Northern Fulmar, three loon species, three cormorant species, various gulls, rocky shorebirds, and more.

Regular price is \$25 but our group has negotiated a price of \$10. Contact Lance Benner at lbenner@charter.net to reserve your spot and special rate. This trip may fill up, so reserve early.

Chilao Visitor Center

Second Sunday of every month

8:00 am — 10:00 am

The Chilao Visitor Center walks continue each month, weather and roads permitting. (If things look rainy, snowy or brush fire-y, check first.)

Chilao, 26.5 miles north of I-210 on Angeles Crest (State Hwy 2), is a good place to see woodpeckers and we often see four or more species on a walk. Mountain Quail are somewhat elusive but still seen or heard about half the time. You can also expect Purple Finches, Steller's Jays, Dark-eyed Juncos and several species of nuthatches and others totaling about 30 species during the 2-hour walk.

Hill Penfold

Birds 'n Beers

**Wednesday, December 10, 2014
5:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

One in a continuing series! David Bell, Catherine Hamilton, and Luke Tiller invite birders, and anyone who can tolerate birders, to a very casual session of food and drink. Occasionally we even talk about birds!

The venue will once again be the Lucky Baldwin's, 1770 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91106 near Colorado Blvd and Allen Ave. This is the one near the City College, not in Old Town.

Even more field trips...

Frank G. Bonelli Park

**Saturday, February 7, 2015
7:30 am – noon**



Come join us for a morning of birding in Bonelli Regional Park. The habitat is primarily coastal sage scrub, with some chaparral, mixed woodland, riparian, park land, and a big reservoir, Puddingstone that supports wintering waterfowl and, OK, maybe some Gulls too. We'll be on the lookout for Bonelli specialty species such as California Gnatcatcher, Cactus Wren, Bald Eagle, Greater Roadrunner, and Mountain Bluebird, as well as over-wintering vagrants. A spotting scope will be helpful. Bring lunch.

Carpooling is encouraged as there is a \$10 per vehicle admission fee. We will assemble at the East Shore Parking Lot near Bathroom 11. From Pasadena, take the 210 East to the 57 South. Exit at Via Verde and turn east on Via Verde. Enter the park on Via Verde and follow the road to East Shore Drive. Turn left and follow East Shore Drive approximately one-half mile and find a large parking lot adjacent to the lake. Look for birders! A detailed map can be found at: <http://www.bonellipark.org/wwwroot/pictures/Park%20map%20updated%20June%2008.pdf>

Frank & Susan Gilliland

Announcements

Vote for 1, Vote for P

Conservationists, vote on November 4! Proposition 1 makes statewide improvements in water infrastructure: reliability, safety, and sustainability. The "water storage" component is typically thought to mean dams, but it also includes groundwater storage of the kind used in the Pasadena area.

Proposition P replaces the expiring Proposition A, the venerable property tax assessment that has funded so many parks, and 33,000 acres of open space, since it was passed in 1992. Keep the love alive.

DONATIONS TO PAS

These PAS members and friends have recently made donations to our chapter: Edwina Berg, Diane Dennis, Shirley McCullogh, Susan McCurdy, Lois Tandy, Dave Weeshoff. Thank you all!

Become a Chapter-only Member of PAS

Local chapters of the National Audubon Society, such as Pasadena Audubon, receive only a small share of NAS membership dues. In order to finance our programs and services, including publication of *The Wrentit*, PAS offers Chapter-only memberships.

When it's time to renew your National Audubon membership, we invite you to instead become a Chapter-only Member of the Pasadena Audubon Society, or make a donation to our Chapter to support our programs. Chapter-only dues are \$20 per year, per family, or \$15 for seniors and students, all of which remains with our local chapter to fund our programs. We thank you all for your support!

Chapter-only Membership Application

Name Phone
 Address
 City State ZIP
 Email

If this is a gift, please also provide donor's information below:

Name Phone
 Address
 City State ZIP

Yearly dues:

- \$20 (individual or family) \$15 (senior or student)
- \$35 (T-shirt or Birding Guide, plus a PAS pin)
- \$_____ (donation)

Make checks payable to, and mail to:

Pasadena Audubon, 1750 N Altadena Dr, Pasadena, CA 91107

Magpie Bird Study Group

The group meets the third Tuesday of most months. We bird 9:00 am to about 11:30 am, have a sack lunch, and have a short business meeting. All PAS members welcome!



Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Sante Fe Dam

At the entrance to the park off Arrow Highway, tell the attendant that you are meeting a group at the nature center, to avoid paying a fee. After entering the park, turn right and follow the road, curving back left to the nature center. We will meet in the nature center parking lot.

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

L.A. County Arboretum
 Second Tuesday. Meet outside the entrance.

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Peck Road Water Conservation Park
 Meet in parking lot.

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Young Birders, Santa Fe Dam

Sunday, November 9, 2014

8:00 am — 9:30 am

Join Mickey and Jan Long, both experienced birders, for a fun morning bird walk at Santa Fe Dam. Mickey knows just about *everything* about the natural world, so you're in for a treat. All levels of birding and nature knowledge are welcome. The walk is open to aspiring young birders/naturalists and their parents. (All young birders must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or adult caregiver.) Bring your binoculars (some loaners available) and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Be prompt. The park entrance is at 15501 E. Arrow Hwy., Irwindale. After you enter at the kiosk (\$10 charge per car) continue down the hill and turn left at the stop sign. Continue down the main park road past the "Office" sign and watch on your right for the first parking lot, where we will meet. We'll bird the park trees and south side of the lake.

Mickey & Jan Long

Young Birders, Legg Lake

Sunday, December 14, 2014

8:00 am — 9:30 am

Join Luke Tiller, an expert birder, for a fun morning bird walk at Legg Lakes (Whittier Narrows Regional Park). All levels of birding and nature knowledge are welcome. The walk is open to aspiring young birders and their parents. (All young birders must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or adult caregiver.) Bring your binoculars (some loaners available) and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Meet at the free parking lot on Rosemead Blvd just south of the 60 freeway.

Luke Tiller

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