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To bring the excitement of birds to our community through birding, education  
and the conservation of bird habitats.

May-June 2004

## May Program

### Why Birders Should Care About Subspecies

**Kimball Garrett**  
May 19, 2004

Geographical variation within species has long fascinated both birders and evolutionary biologists. This talk takes the view that birders should view subspecies as more than just “potential splits”. We’ll explore how migratory patterns can differ among subspecies of a single species and discuss the identification of subspecies in the field (and the appropriate cautions of carrying subspecies identification too far). The talk will emphasize examples relevant to the Los Angeles County region.

Kimball Garrett has been the Ornithology Collections Manager at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County since 1982. He is the past president of the Western Field Ornithologists and a long-time member of the California Bird Records Committee. He has authored many works on bird identification and distribution, including (with Jon Dunn) *Birds of Southern California: Status and Distribution* and the *Peterson Field Guide to Warblers of North America*.

## June Meeting



**Come Celebrate  
100 Years of Birding  
with the  
Pasadena Audubon Society**

**Saturday, June 19, 2004  
6:00 pm  
Eaton Canyon Nature  
Center**

**Dinner Catered by  
Matt Denny's  
Live Entertainment  
Silent Auction**

**See Page 3 for Details**

## September Program

### The Jon and Mickey Show:

**Raptors  
September 15, 2004  
Jon Fisher and Mickey Long**

Birds of prey are one of the most fascinating groups of birds and we are indeed fortunate that Southern California is rich in raptors. In fact Los Angeles County boasts 22 species, including rarities. Differences between adults and juveniles, various geographic races, male and female and mixing of residents and migrants make many birds of prey an extra challenge.

Jon and Mickey will bring some order and clarity to the task of identifying this diverse group of winged hunters. See if you know all the differences between Cooper's and Sharp-shinned Hawks, the best time of year to find a Golden Eagle over the San Gabriel foothills, or join in a chorus of Red-tailed vs. Red-shouldered Hawk calls.

General Meetings held at:

**Eaton Canyon Nature Center  
1750 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena  
7:00 pm Social  
7:30 pm Program**

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## President's Perch

One hundred years is a long time. During the past century we have entered the realm of air travel, broken the sound barrier (many times over), conquered the moon, developed vaccines and treatments for many diseases, entered the digital age, etc., etc., etc. The last 100 years also saw the birth and growth of the oldest Audubon chapter in California, Pasadena Audubon Society. Our April program covered our society's history. The Centennial Dinner may help you discover why PAS is important to you and to our community.

Finally, this issue of the Wrentit is the first official communication of Pasadena Audubon Society in its second century! Besides being a collectors item, it marks the point that you should consider becoming more involved in PAS and helping our community recognize the importance of birding, bird education and habitat conservation.

See ya'll at the party,

## Conservation

### Supreme Court Victory for Everglades & Clean Water Protections

On March 23, in a case involving pollution in the Everglades, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that pollutants cannot be pumped into U.S. waters without a Clean Water Act discharge permit, regardless of whether the pump originates the pollutants or merely conveys pollutants that originate elsewhere. This is a victory for clean water protections – not only for the Everglades – but nationwide!

The specific case, South Florida Management District v. Miccosukee Tribe, addressed whether the protections of the Clean Water Act apply to the Management District's practice of pumping stormwater uphill from a collection canal in a developed area into a natural wetland area in the Everglades. While the Supreme Court's decision protects the Everglades, the ruling's impact goes far beyond South Florida. Exempting conveyance of pollutants from permitting would have opened the door to serious degradation of our wetlands, lakes and streams by allowing pollutants to be pumped or piped into bodies of water anywhere in the U.S., threatening healthy drinking water as well as restoration projects everywhere – especially the Everglades.

### Environment:

#### Human Population Growth

Human population growth is one of the most pressing environmental problems facing the U.S. and the world. Population expansion over the last 50 years has exacerbated many environmental problems, including air and water pollution, loss of birds, other wildlife and their habitat, fisheries depletion, and climate change. These are global problems that transcend national boundaries. The U.S. Congress – believe it or not – can help. Each and every year, the U.S. Congress funds international family planning programs which educate families, train health workers, and supply commodities. International family planning improves the ability of people to manage their lives and their natural resources more sustainably, which in turn helps protect birds, other wildlife and our environment.

Last year, Congress failed to increase funding for international family planning programs – the first time in years. We need your help to alter this course for 2004. Contact President Bush and urge him to include the highest funding levels possible in his FY05 budget.

### Pro-Drillers Fail Again

On March 25, the U.S. House of Representatives passed its budget resolution for FY05 that did not include any mention – direct or indirect – of revenues gleaned from oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge! This is another big victory due in large part to your efforts – so many thanks for your continual communication with your lawmakers on this issue! While we celebrate the second victory of this year for the Arctic Refuge, it's unlikely to be our last fight on the issue for 2004. First, the federal budget process is not yet completed, and the pro-drillers may still try to use this process to push their plan to drill in the refuge.

Congressional insiders are reporting that pro-drillers have not given up on re-attaching Arctic drilling provisions to an energy bill – a political hot-button issue that may be back in front of Congress soon. And you can bet that this summer, they will exploit every rise in the price of gas and every rise in the cost to cool our homes to call for drilling in the Arctic Refuge – regardless of the fact that drilling will have no impact on these events.

Drilling in the Arctic Refuge will not help balance our nation's federal budget, solve our nation's energy problems, or reduce our dependence on foreign oil. In fact, government scientists have reported that there is only a six-month supply of oil in the Arctic Refuge – and it would take a full ten years before any of that oil would begin to flow. Raising the fuel efficiency of light vehicles by about one mile per gallon could save the same amount of oil that might be under the Arctic Refuge!

### Protecting Migratory Songbirds

The Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund is a great program that works to keep those beautiful songbirds visiting your backyard every year. It's focus is conserving critical habitat for songbirds – including some of the most endangered bird species in North America such as the Kirtland's Warbler, Bicknell's Thrush, Black-capped Vireo, and a species of great concern, the Cerulean Warbler.

National Wildlife Refuge needs your help to ensure the U.S. Congress doesn't follow the Administration's lead and cut funding for America's National Wildlife Refuges – the closest thing we have to bird heaven in the U.S.!

### Coasts & Estuaries

Help ensure S.861 – legislation to protect important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical or aesthetic values and are threatened by development and other threats – is not ignored by our lawmakers this year!

Remember, the bill has already passed a Senate Committee – now awaiting a vote by the full Senate. Help encourage them to do so!

*(The above are Audubon Advisory Updates)*

### Western Field Ornithologists 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

in conjunction with

### Western Bird Banding Association and Oregon Field Ornithologists

Hosted by  
Klamath Basin Bird Observatory

**September 9 – 12, 2004  
Ashland, Oregon**

For Details Contact  
Rob Hewitt, LBJ Enterprises,  
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(707) 442-0339  
CPANNELLWATERS@YAHOO.COM  
(562) 869-6718

### Cobb Estate Project

Work on the Cobb Estate Interpretive Sign Project is progressing. We are in the process of designing the signs for the Nature Trail at the Cobb Estate, and are also raising money to pay for this project. So far, one generous donor has pledged \$1000.00. If anyone else would like to contribute to this project, please contact Laura Garrett at PURPLECOW@JPS.NET.

*Laura Garrett*

### PAS on the WEB

Website

[HTTP://WWW.PASADENAUDUBON.ORG](http://www.pasadenaudubon.org)

ListServe

[HTTP://GROUPS.YAHOO.COM/GROUP/  
PASADENAUDUBON/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pasadenaudubon/)

## Ana Garcia, KNBC News to Emcee PAS 100<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Pasadena Audubon Society is proud to welcome Ana Garcia, investigative reporter for Channel 4 News and long-time birder, as Master of Ceremonies for our Centennial Dinner.

Ana is a veteran investigative reporter for the "Channel 4 News." She has also worked in local government as Communication Director for a Los Angeles City Attorney, co-anchored the "Mid Day Report" for NBC, and worked as a reporter emphasizing investigative and political stories. Ana has also written, directed and anchored a documentary entitled, "So Why Is This So Important?" which takes a close look at local news in Los Angeles and exposes important areas that don't receive much coverage. The documentary premiered at the Los Angeles International Shorts Festival in October 2001.

Garcia began her news career as a desk assistant for WABC-TV in New York and spent almost eleven years



working for Capital Cities/ABC. She covered political and social issues for New Jersey Public Television before moving on to WPVI in Philadelphia as an Action News Reporter, then to KGO and finally, KABC as a weekend anchor and reporter.

While working for WPVI-TV in New Jersey, Cape May was part of Ana's beat. As she puts it, "My workspace, really my beat, was surrounded by wetlands. So I bought a bird book, stuck it in my briefcase and pulled it out while we were traveling to stories. How excited I was when I first discovered a Glossy Ibis by a puddle on the causeway off Margate, N.J. That was the beginning. A few years later I moved to San Francisco, fell in love, and we both discovered we were interested in birds in a very casual way. So we took a birding class at the museum of sciences. One night a week we watched slides, and on Saturday morning we went on field trips. We bought used binoculars at a pawn shop (didn't want to make a big investment if we weren't going to keep it up) and that was how we became serious. I've traveled to Texas during spring migration, Costa Rica, and South Africa, and I've been birding with Pete Dunne in Cape May! My list doesn't have a tally, but I do keep one."

*Ron Cyger*

## Meeting with Jane Goodall

On Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2004, I got to meet Jane Goodall on her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was with Hahamongna and other Roots & Shoots at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens.

Jane came to our display table and asked us what we did. I told her that we clean the Hahamongna and Eaton Canyon, and that we have an annual Lemonade-Bake Sale to help save the California Gnatcatchers, the Whooping Cranes, and the California Condors. She was very excited that our group did so many interesting and helpful things. I also gave Jane a free bookmark that had six ways to help birds on it and a drawing of a Western Scrub-Jay (*by me of course*). Jane was wonderful because she listened and asked questions, which shows that she cares about what we're doing. She was very enthusiastic about our group, and that inspired me to keep working hard to protect the environment.

*John Garrett*

## Jerry Secundy Resigns

Jerry Secundy, who came out of retirement to revitalize Audubon-California has resigned from his post in order to spend more time with his family. We thank Jerry for pointing Audubon-California in a new direction and hope he'll remain active within Pasadena Audubon.

*Watch for your Invitation*

## Pasadena Audubon Society Centennial Dinner

**Saturday, June 19, 2004  
6:00 pm**

**Eaton Canyon Nature Center**

**Our Celebrity Host: Ana Garcia from KNBC**

**Barbeque Dinner**

*Catered by Matt Denney's  
(vegetarian items available)*

**Silent Auction**

**Live music**

**BIRDATHON results**

*Seating is limited. Reservations are required and must be received on or before*

**Thursday, June 10**

**Adults: \$30/person**

**Children under 12: \$15/person**

*Please make checks payable to:*

**Pasadena Audubon Society**

**1750 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107**

## Recent Sightings Condors, Condors!!

March 2004

Condors in the San Gabriel Mountains. Right here in our backyard, in the San Gabriel Mountains above the San Fernando Valley, a group of California Condors have been hanging around for the past month. These gigantic birds are among those captive bred and released into the wild to prevent their extinction. Up to seven have been present, often perched on a large microwave tower. If you haven't gotten a chance to see them, they are truly amazing – and big – and not very far away.

To get there from the LA Basin exit the 210 Freeway at Osbourne and go north into Little Tujunga Canyon. Continue on the winding road until Bear Divide and make a left on 3N17. After a few miles the tower can be seen on a hilltop – anywhere between here and the end of the road after County Fire Camp 9 is a good spot to look.

To get to Bear Divide from the north, exit the 14 Freeway at Sand Canyon and head southeast into the mountains. About 100 yards after a sign for Santa Clara Divide Road, make a right onto 3N17. Reports of the condors have been from all times of the day. Good birding.

*Jon Feenstra*

## Field Trip Reports

### Piute Ponds/Antelope Valley

March 13, 2004

We started our trip in Palmdale at 7:00 am and birded the Piute Ponds, Apollo Park, and a few other spots thereabouts.

Highlights included three LeConte's Thrashers on Ave O in Palmdale. We also had a new arrival Western Kingbird at this location.

The Piute Ponds held the typical huge number of waterfowl with all the regulars: Shovellers, Ruddy Ducks, Green-winged and Cinnamon Teal, Bufflehead, Lesser



Scaup, American Wigeon, and Redhead. A single Snow Goose was on the southern "Duck Unlimited Ponds". A few Tree and Cliff Swallows were winging overhead.

Apollo Park had a Slate-colored Junco; the usual crowd of bread-eating birds was accompanied by a first-spring Herring Gull. Species total for the day was 71.

*Jon Feenstra*

### Hahamongna

April 3, 2004

This was the last walk at Hahamongna for the season. The walks will resume on September 4.

We had over 40 species including Nashville and Black-throated Gray Warblers and the pond had a dozen Ring-necked Ducks and four American Wigeon. But, the highlight was five Wood Ducks flying over!

*Ron Cyger*

### Election of Officers

Elections for PAS are upon us. At the May 19, 2004 General Meeting we will hold elections for officers for 2004–2005. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following nominations:

President: Ron Cyger  
Vice President: Norm Arnheim  
Secretary: Jean O'Hagan  
Treasurer: Will Fulmer

Nominations from the floor will be accepted. If you wish to make a nomination before the meeting, or are interested in helping on a committee, please contact Bev McKenzie (626) 355-9842 or [LBMAC2@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto:LBMAC2@EARTHLINK.NET).

Pasadena Audubon Society runs on the willingness of its members to act in volunteer capacities. Without that support, our chapter would not exist.

*Ron Cyger*

## Fundraiser

Join us for a fun hawk watch fundraiser. An early evening hawk watch, Mexican taste treats, a no-host bar and a showing of the documentary film Pale Male – sounds like fun right?

Join us on Saturday, May 22nd for an evening of friends and entertainment at the Audubon Center at Debs Park, benefiting the Pasadena Audubon Society and Audubon – California.

Doors will open at 5:30 pm. The evening will begin with a Hawk Watch (and watch for other birds too!) at 6:00 p.m. followed by taquitos, tacos and a no-host bar at 7:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. we'll have a showing of Pale Male.

Pale Male is the story of a Red-tailed Hawk that courts, breeds and hunts in downtown New York. He has taken up residence in Central Park and has a host of devoted hawk-

watchers observing his every move, which includes mating, nesting, hunting and raising young.

Narrated by Joanne Woodward, Pale Male is an opportunity for you to witness a great predatory bird adapt and survive in New York. And what better way to watch it than outdoors on a late spring evening? This film is an hour long and appropriate for all family members.

The cost for the hawk-watch, food and movie is \$20 and benefits the Audubon Center at Debs Park and the Pasadena Audubon Society.

The Audubon Center at Debs Park is located at 4700 North Griffin Ave., Los Angeles. Exit Ave 52 off the 110 Pasadena Freeway and go East. For more information or advance ticket purchases call 323-221-2255, ext. 16.

## Field Trips

### Galileo Hills & California City

**Saturday, May 8, 2004**  
**8:00 am – 4-ish**

These two spots are well-known migrant magnets. Western warblers and flycatchers should headline. We will study Empidonax flycatchers in depth, and may have opportunity to see herps and dragonflies.

Take Hwy. 14 about 4 miles past Mojave, then turn right on California City Blvd. Drive through town about a mile past the shops, turn left on Randsburg-Mojave Rd. just past the Golf Course, and veer right on 20 Mule Team Rd. Turn left at the Galileo Hills sign before the hill, take your first paved right, your first right again, into the Silver Saddle Country Club, followed by two paved lefts into the lot. Park by the pond. About 2 hrs driving time from LA. Bring lunch, sun block. Sign up with Nick by e-mail or phone message.

Nick Freeman (818) 247-6172 'til 11:00 pm  
 MNFREEMAN@EARTHLINK.NET

(Nick will also be leading a trip for LAAS on Sunday, May 9 to Butterbredt Springs & Galileo Hills. Phone LAAS to sign up (323) 876-0202.)

### Eaton Canyon Monthly Walk

**May 16, 2004**  
**8:00 am – noon**

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 (818) 352-4954  
 HPENFOLD@BIGFOOT.COM

### Debs Park

**Saturday, May 22, 2004**  
**7:30 am – 11:30 am**

This is a new walk at an old place; it will begin and end at the new Audubon Center at Debs Park. Take the Pasadena Freeway (110) South and exit at Avenue 52. Make a left on Avenue 52 which curves to the right and becomes Griffin. Park on Griffin at the driveway leading to the Audubon Center. There is a soccer field across the street and we will gather on Griffin.

We should see much of the avifauna associated with Oak and Scrub habitat and this is always a good place for raptors. After the walk you will have time to browse

through the first Audubon Center in California.

Ron Cyger RON@CYGER.ORG (preferred)  
 (626) 449-3625 (before 9:00 pm)

### Eaton Canyon Monthly Walks

**Sundays, June 16/July 18/August 15, 2004**  
**7:00 am – noon (New Summer Time)**

See May 16, 2004 for details.

### Mt. Pinos and Environs

**June 26, 2004**

**8:00 a.m. to early afternoon**

Mt. Pinos is one of the best places in Southern California to enjoy a wide variety of montane birds. Several species of warblers, thrushes, raptors, woodpeckers, flycatchers and finches are usually abundant and easy to find. Williamson's Sapsucker, Calliope Hummingbirds, and Hermit Warblers are target species.

Take the Golden State Freeway (#5) north to the Frasier Park turnoff and continue west for about 5 miles to the small city park on your left. We will meet at the park at 8:00 am. Bring lunch and water.

Ron Cyger (626) 449-3625 (before 9:00 p.m.) or RON@CYGER.ORG

Larry Johnson (626) 796-8246 (before 9:00 p.m.)

### Buckhorn Campground

**Saturday, July 10, 2004**  
**8:00 am – 12:00 noon.**

Buckhorn Campground is a cool and inviting place in summer, filled with beautiful stands of tall conifers and excellent mountain riparian habitat along the stream. There is always a good mix of montane species.

To reach Buckhorn, drive north on the Angeles Crest Highway about 34 miles from La Cañada, ½ mile past the Mt. Waterman ski area. Go through the campground to the hiker's parking area just beyond. *Adventure Pass required*. Do not park in the campground. For those interested in camping, sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Owling can be good (Flammulated and Spotted Owls have bred here).

Ed Stonick (626) 796-0595 or  
 STONICKS@EARTHLINK.NET.

### Southeast Arizona

**Saturday-Sunday, July 31-August 1, 2004**  
**Starting from Nogales, AZ**

We'll leave Nogales at 5:45 a.m. Saturday, and head right for California Gulch. Target: the Five-Striped Sparrow. The rest of the weekend we'll look for other local specialties. The trip is limited to 10 people. Our Arizona guide has a high-clearance vehicle, but we'll need to provide a second one. If we have to rent one, the cost will be shared among the whole group.

E-mail or phone me if you have any questions or are ready to sign up.

Judy Bass JUDYBASS@EARTHLINK.NET OR  
 (626) 798-7442

### Piute Ponds

**August 7, 2004**  
**8:00 am - 4ish**

Shorebirds! The southern migration of arctic breeding shorebirds is well underway and many of these species can be found at the Piute Ponds and other Antelope Valley hot spots. The birds heading south at this time are mostly adults in worn breeding plumage. Unusual species such as Baird's Sandpiper will be a target (and nearly guaranteed) bird.

**Note:** The Piute Ponds are located on Edwards Air Force Base which has restricted entry. Please notify me via e-mail if you would like to attend. The meeting place and time will be arranged.

Jon Feenstra

### Los Angeles River

**August 21, 2004**  
**7:00 am – noon**

More shorebirds! In addition to the lovely scenery, the Los Angeles River is a great spot to study shorebirds. A nice mix of adult birds in worn plumage and juveniles in fresh plumage will be present. We will meet at the Willow St. crossing.

From the 710 Fwy., exit Willow St in Long Beach. Drive east over the LA river. Make the first left on Golden Ave. Make the next left on 26<sup>th</sup> Way and drive west until you come to the bank of the river. Park anywhere along the street and walk up the bike path onto the river bank.

Jon Feenstra

### Hahamongna Monthly Walk

**Saturday, September 4, 2004**  
**8:00 am – noon**

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

Ron Cyger RON@CYGER.ORG (preferred)  
 (626) 449-3625 (before 9:00 pm)

### Huntington Central Park & Bolsa Chica

**September 11, 2004**  
**7:30 am – noon**

This trip offers a chance to see a wide variety of land and water birds, from migrant warblers and flycatchers, to exotics (no, not that kind) and residents such as mannikins, herons, egrets, terns, plovers and sandpipers. Mid-September is a great time to be in the field and we'll split our time between Central Park and Bolsa Chica.

Take the 405 Freeway south to Goldenwest and exit here, heading south. At Slater, make a left and then a quick right into the parking area on the north side of Central Park. We'll meet there.

Ron Cyger – RON@CYGER.ORG (preferred)  
 or (626) 449-3625 (before 9:00 pm)

Calendar
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*Submit material for the next Wrentit by August 2nd*

**May 2004**

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Leader *
8	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip	Galileo Hills & California City	Nick Freeman
13	Th	7:30 pm	Board Meeting	Pasadena Presbyterian Church 585 E. Colorado (at Madison)	
16	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
18	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Group	Cobb Estate	Sid Heyman Madeline West
19	Wed	7:00 pm	General Meeting	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Program: Subspecies
22	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip	Debs Park	Ron Cyger

**June 2004**

10	Th	7:30 pm	Board Meeting	Pasadena Presbyterian Church 585 E. Colorado (at Madison)	
15	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Group	Descanso Gardens	Sid Heyman Madeline West
19	Sat	6:00 pm	<b>Centennial Dinner/ Silent Auction</b>	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	
20	Sun	7:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
26	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip	Mt. Pinos & Environs	Ron Cyger

**July 2004**

10	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip	Buckhorn	Ed Stonick
18	Sun	7:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
31-1	S/S	5:45 am	Field Trip	South East Arizona	Judy Bass (coordinator) (626) 798-7442 (before 9:00 pm) JUDYBASS@EARTHLINK.NET

**August 2004**

31-1	S/S		Field Trip	(See July 31)	
7	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip	Piute Ponds/Antelope Valley	Jon Feenstra
15	Sun	7:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
21	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip	Los Angeles River	Jon Feenstra

**September 2004**

4	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip	Hahamongna Watershed Park	Ron Cyger
9	Th	7:30 pm	Board Meeting	Pasadena Presbyterian Church 585 E. Colorado (at Madison)	
11	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip	Hunting Beach/Bolsa Chica	Ron Cyger
15	Wed	7:00 pm	General Meeting	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Program: Raptors
19	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
23	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip	Ventura	Jon Feenstra

**\*Trip Leader Information**

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Nick Freeman	(818) 247-6172	MNFREEMAN@EARTHLINK.NET
Sid Heyman	(626) 571-5991	
Hill Penfold	(626) 352-4954	HPENFOLD@BIGFOOT.COM
Ed Stonick	(626) 796-0595	STONICKS@EARTHLINK.NET
Madeline West	(626) 574-0429	MADEBILL@EARTHLINK.NET

**Centennial Notes:**

**Rediscovering Our History**

[Note: I found this article in the Pasadena Star-News and it seemed relevant to our present time.]

**“Plans Lectures on Bird Life in Schools – Audubon Society Seeks to Counteract Effect of Great War – Hikes Affeld (sic) also to be encouraged – Aims to Teach the Young Tenderness and Love for all things**

*“Fearing the awful influence that may follow the great war with the reckless indifference to the sacredness of human life, the Audubon Society of Pasadena is planning to start a movement in the public schools and among the Boy Scouts to counteract the effect. Small boys are now playing at war and imitating the soldiers in their “boom, boom,” representing in play battles and skirmishes as they have heard of them. Their idea is to “kill” in mimic their opponents at play.*

*This is having a bad effect, according to E.C. Bull, President of the Pasadena society, and he has asked the Board of Education and Superintendent J.F. West for permission to have lectures in the schools on bird life and the duty of children to preserve not only the birds, but the life of all...”*

Pasadena Star-News  
September 20, 1919.

**Third Annual Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua**

Lee Vining, CA  
June 18-20, 2004

Three days of workshops, field trips, auditorium presentations, music, and great birding. Registration opened April 15, 2004, classes fill fast.

For information/registration:  
(760) 647-6596

BIRDING@MONOLAKE.ORG

**Donations**

As of 3/31/04, PAS has received a total of \$2,255 in donations to help us continue our 2003-2004 programs.

Thanks to our friends who sent in checks in February and March:

- Will & Lois Fulmer
- Robert Mead
- Audrey Parmiter
- Diane Tan
- Madeline West

Remember it is never too late to send in your donation.

**Magpie Bird Study Group** 

The group meets the third Tuesday of each month. We bird 9:00 am to about 11:30 am, eat sack lunches and have a short business meeting. All PAS members welcome.

**Tuesday, May 18, 2004**  
**Cobb Estate**  
Drive to the top of Lake Ave. The estate is on the right before it turns on Loma Alta. Meet at the gate.

**Tuesday, June 15, 2004**  
**Descanso Gardens**  
Meet in parking lot.

Sid Heyman (626) 571-5991  
Madeline West (626) 574-0429

**New Members**

PAS is pleased to welcome the following new members. We hope you will get involved in our many activities.

**Alhambra:** Patricia Fu, Vera Gouailhardou, Chris Hansen, Daniel Hutchinson, Dolores Armendariz, Victor Watanabe, Charlotte Wherry; **Altadena:** Jean Aichele, Dolores Lane, Ian White; **Arcadia:** Ann Durgerian, Lorraine Grandstaff, William McCall, Susan Welch; **Azusa:** Janos Meran; **Culver City:** Walter Lamb; **Duarte:** Vera Lommatsch, Paula Miner; **La Cañada:** Mark Hunter, Dwayne Fritsche, Anne Hills, Elaine Hurd, Laleh Lourie, Robin Prendergast; **Los Angeles:** Brendan Crill; **Monterey Park:** Heng Lee; **Montrose:** Kent Werges; **Oak Park:** Diane Tan; **Pasadena:** Bob & Ann, Rachel Bachmuth, Janet Cowell, Doris Hilton, Richard Hood, Joyce Kressen, Dwain Lind, Melissa Mukai, Doug & Cara O’Connor, Ralph Perry, Lily Shen, Steven Woodruff, Jennifer Yure; **Rosemead:** Peggy Neiman; **San Marino:** Erik Buickians; **Sierra Madre:** John Harabedian, Ofelia Papendick, Patty Van Zant.

**Become A Chapter Member of Pasadena Audubon Society**

Recent policy changes by the National Audubon Society have severely reduced and will soon eliminate the share of NAS membership dues returned to local chapters. The chapters have been encouraged to offer Chapter Only memberships.

Please fill out the application below. A PAS membership of \$35 or more, entitles you to a Pasadena Audubon Society tee shirt and pin. You can pick them up at any of our general meetings!

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Ron Cyger

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## Kid's Corner

### Some Beginner's Rules for Bird

#### Photography (Continued from last issue)

I have only been taking photographs for about six months, and I have only had my own camera for the last five months. As a beginning photographer, I don't know much about taking pictures, but I do know a few things. So far I've learned eleven rules to follow, most of which I learned the hard way.

8. Unless you are interested in taking pictures of fences, KEEP HIDDEN. I have many pictures that don't have any birds in them, only fences, lawns, branches and birdfeeders, etc. As I was in plain view of the birds, they flew off the moment I clicked.
9. DON'T TRIP AND FALL WITH THE LENS CAP OFF THE CAMERA, if you don't want to spend half an hour cleaning the lens so that it's 100% dirt free. I learned this rule in Yosemite near Tenaya Creek. I took off my lens cap expecting to get a good picture of one of the many Steller's Jays, but then I tripped over a root. Of



course my lens was dirty, and I couldn't take any pictures until it was clean.

10. IT'S BORING TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE SAME SPECIES OF BIRD OVER AND OVER AGAIN. Once, while I was looking at my most recent photos, my dad commented on them. He said I had too many pictures of Mourning Doves and Anna's Hummingbirds. He was right. Now I have lots of Band-tailed Pigeon and Costa's Hummingbird pictures too.

11. If you don't want all your photographs to be ruined, DON'T

EXPOSE THE FILM TO LIGHT, as I once did when I was looking for a place to attach a cable to my camera. It was pure luck that only a few pictures were ruined. I can't guarantee that all of your pictures will turn out if you follow these rules. However, I can guarantee that with the right equipment you can have a lot of fun taking pictures of birds and learning your own rules for beginners.



This is one of my better bird photographs!

John Garrett

#### Personal Ad

**Wanted: m/f b** (birder) any age, who loves birding, bird education and/or the environment for meaningful relationship on the PAS board. contact Ron at RON@CYGER.ORG or before 9 p.m. (626) 449-3625. no picture req'd.

## Board Member Changes

We are sorry to report that Winnie Ragsdale and Tracey Alsobrook have resigned from active participation on the Board. We thank them both for their many years of dedication to PAS.

We are happy, however, to welcome Pryia Kumar and Michael Graesser to the Board as Co-Publicity Chairpersons and Dan Lewis and Brian Tomikawa to the Board as Members at Large.

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