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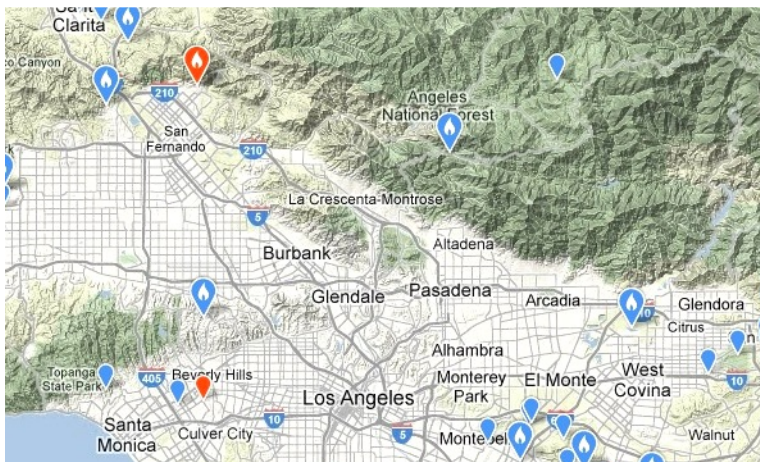
The June *Wrentit* featured the Flamulated Owl, and September's bird is probably just as difficult to find in our local area. The **Greater Roadrunner** was far more common in the Los Angeles Basin before urban development erased the wide-open habitat, and reptile population, that it needs.

Raul Roa chanced upon this great photo while on a recent assignment in Tujunga. Interestingly, there have been no eBird reports of that species there, or anywhere near Pasadena, in the last ten years (see map) although other Southern California areas have numerous reports. The closest reports came from sightings at Santa Fe Dam by PAS members in spring 2011.

The Roadrunner is a great bird to observe — a cuckoo of extreme size, eating primarily reptiles, but also small birds and rodents. The *Sibley Guide to Bird Life* reports a top running speed of 18 miles per hour. And I can attest that its call is intriguing, like a dove gone somehow wrong.

Even the Whittier Hills produce more Roadrunner reports than do our local hills. Maybe we're not looking hard enough?

Mark Hunter



Looks even better in color! Check out
www.pasadenaaudubon.org

President's Perch

This summer Lois & I went on two (birding) trips.

First to our favorite Eastern Sierra area — Bishop to Silver Lake. It was hot, so we first drove on Hwy 168 to the Bristlecone Forest (elevation 10,000 ft.), The Juniper Titmouse is “always” at the campground but we missed it this year. We did see several Chukars and Pinyon Jays at a spring on the way up. The next days we visited Crowley Lake (Bald Eagle), Red’s Meadow, out of Mammoth (another Bald Eagle), Grant Lake (two Pacific Loons) and Mono Lake (thousands of Wilson’s Phalaropes), just to name a few.

Our second trip was a guided bird trip to Southeast Arizona. This is the only U..S. area where you can find some species of migratory birds from Mexico. We listed 182 bird

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September Program

Birds You Thought You Couldn't Identify

Wednesday, September 19, 2012
7:30 pm—9:00 pm

Jon Fisher and Mickey Long

While many birds can be identified with certitude at a glance, there are a daunting number of similar looking species that may tempt birders to simply throw up their hands and move on. This is a fact of birding that may seem to be a downside to some beginners, but in fact it's the opposite. It's part of what makes birding a never-ending challenge.

Often, breaking birds down into look-alike "species pairs" makes the task easier. We'll begin with a quiz showing some of these species pairs and then take a close look at the often subtle details that separate them. We will also review identifiable subspecies of our local birds.

You may well find that the birds you thought you couldn't identify aren't as difficult as they appear.

October Program

Six Legs Good

Wednesday, October 17, 2012
7:30 pm—9:00 pm

Robb Hamilton

When you think of flying creatures what comes to mind? I would guess that birds are right up there near the top. Though often overlooked due to their smaller size and lack of vocalization, don't count out our insect friends. They're tremendous flyers, and come in colors that make many a bird pale in comparison.

Robb takes us on a pictorial tour of our local insect world. As a extra bonus he will provide tips on how to take fantastic pictures of birds and insects using a relatively inexpensive Lumix F40 camera.

Robb is President of Hamilton Biological, Inc. which has been providing biological consulting services in southern California since 1988. He is also a recognized authority on the status, distribution, and identification of birds in California.

November Program

To Be Announced

November 21, 2012
7:00 pm—9:00 pm

At press time we hadn't confirmed the speaker at the November meeting, but that information will be published when the November issue of the *Wrentit* is delivered. Meanwhile, enjoy Beatrix Schwarz' photo of crazy PAS members at the Lancaster Sewage Ponds on an August afternoon (see page 7).



General meetings are held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center (address on back cover). Socializing begins at 7:00 pm and programs are presented from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Hahamongna — Saved by the Bell's?

The City of Pasadena is planning to build a soccer field and parking lot in Hahamongna Watershed Park and to "restore" many acres of habitat. The field and parking lot will be located east of the current field and parking lot, right in the middle of willow and mule fat habitat. Their plan includes burying up to 27 acres of habitat under 12-25 feet of sediment to create a pad for the field and lot. This will require about 300,000 cubic yards of sediment to be moved from near the dam to the area east of the parking lot. The City is presuming that Los Angeles County Public Works will happily provide the sediment from its own plan to remove over 3 million cubic yards of sediment from behind Devil's Gate Dam. The County is not as sure about this, because moving the sediment from one part of the basin to another will not increase capacity of the dam. But that's another battle.

The City is required to conduct an EIR (Environmental Impact Report) to determine the impacts of their plan. The first step was the Initial Study, released July 10, which had few details. Once the Initial Study was prepared, that was the time for us to ask questions about this plan. The City held two public scoping meetings to take questions, and they accepted written comments and questions as well. Our comments and questions were due by August 23, 2012.



This is a photo taken by Dave Bell on the afternoon of his discovery of Least Bell's Vireo in Hahamongna. Dave spotted the two birds in the morning, tried for 10 minutes to photograph them without success, then had to leave for a family event. He reports that the next few hours were "maddening," but at about 3:00 he was able to return, join the birders, and get some photos — critical documentation for making Audubon's case to cancel the sport field project in Hahamongna.

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Trip Reports & Sightings

Millard Canyon Intensive Study

The Arroyo and Foothills Conservancy is seeking to purchase a sensitive property in Millard Canyon to protect it from development. To assess and promote the importance of this property, members of Pasadena Audubon did organized surveys of bird life on the property throughout the spring of 2012. Here are some interesting facts from their survey report, which was coordinated by Mickey Long.

Sixteen Pasadena Audubon members assisted with these surveys: Judy Bass, Lance Benner, Ron Cyger, Brendan Crill, Darren Dowell, Kathi Ellsworth, John Garrett, Laura Garrett, Frank Gilliland, Susan Gilliland, Mickey Long, Elaine MacPherson, E.J. Remson, Mark Scheel, Janet Scheel, and Norm Vargas

A total of 12 weekly surveys were completed between April 6 and June 24, 2012. Surveys were done in two to three hours, in the morning, and all birds visible from the trail through the property were counted. In addition, Lance Benner did some evening observations from a spot just north of the property, finding Great Horned Owl, Western Screech-Owl, and a Common Poorwill. The surveys were timed to capture the spring migration and breeding season for most local bird species. Many additional bird species are expected to use the property and canyon during fall and winter.

Number of species on each survey ranged between 30 and 38 (average 35) with a total of 76 species seen, cumulatively, in the 12 surveys. Number of individuals ranged between 132 and 219 (average 162).

Number of species confirmed to breed on the property was 18, with another 23 potential breeding species, based on their presence on the property well into their breeding seasons.

One of the more memorable surveys occurred the morning of April 6, when 25 Black-throated Gray Warblers were counted. That's a heap o' migration!

The Arroyo and Foothills Conservancy is still campaigning to raise funds to buy this important property, featuring rich habitat and a year-round stream. Pasadena Audubon has twice given them financial support. To learn more about this campaign and to donate, visit www.arroyofoothills.org/millard.



President's Perch, continued

species, (12 new birds), 16 mammals and a couple of new butterflies – the 2-tailed Swallowtail and the American Snout. I'll just list a few of my favorite birds: Red-faced Warbler and Zone-tailed Hawk at Carr Canyon and the Chiricahua National Forest, Elf Owl and Elegant Trogon at Fort Huachuca, Whiskered Screech Owl at Cave Creek, Lucifer, Broad-Billed, Violet-Crowned and Magnificent Hummingbirds, Varied Bunting, and Thick-billed Kingbird at Patagonia, Bendire's Thrasher at Rodeo, New Mexico, Five-Striped Sparrow at California Gulch. The tiniest bird was the Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet at Patagonia, where we had the closest view I've had of a Swainson's Hawk (see photo). We met Mark and Janet Scheel at the hummingbird feeders so you should see some great hummingbird shots that Mark took.



Southeast Arizona is a prime birding area, and I recommend a visit to the Desert Museum, east of Tucson. Be prepared for temperatures above 100

degrees in August.

Good birding!

Will

Kathy Moyd shot this roosting Common Nighthawk while attending a Road Scholar program at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge in south-central Oregon. Nighthawks abound there, as do breeding waterfowl.



Ballona Freshwater Marsh**Field Trips****Saturday, September 8, 2012****7:30 am — noon**

The Ballona Freshwater Marsh was officially protected in 2003. Since then, the marsh has blossomed with wildlife! We will cover the public and more sensitive areas of the marsh. Along the way we'll see returning ducks and other wintering species and, who knows, maybe some surprises, too! If time permits, we'll head over to the creek, also.

The Ballona FWM is at the corner of Lincoln and Jefferson in Playa Vista. From Pasadena, get to the 90 west (towards Marina del Rey) from the 405. Get off at Culver Boulevard and turn LEFT. Drive past Lincoln, and when you get to Jefferson Boulevard, take a sharp LEFT. As you head back to Lincoln, the marsh will be on your right. Park along Jefferson at the first curbside area that is allowed on your right. Warning - No toilet facilities!

*Ron Cyger***Santa Barbara County****Saturday, September 29, 2012****7:30 am — all day**

Beautiful Santa Barbara County offers beaches, mountains, and coastal lowlands, and has a list of over 470 species of birds. Fall is a good time for migrant passerines; in most years a few eastern warblers show up, especially at coastal sites. There are also resident birds (such as Chestnut-backed Chickadee and Yellow-billed Magpie) that are not found in the L.A. area and just make it into Santa Barbara County. Some places we may visit are Refugio Beach, Guadalupe Dunes, Santa Barbara Harbor, and Oceano Campground (just over the border into San Luis Obispo County). Reports of local rarities may change our route. Bring water and a lunch, and FRS radios if you have them.

Meet at Stowe House in Lake Los Carneros County Park; From US 101 in Goleta, take the Los Carneros Road exit and drive north 0.4 miles to the park entrance on the right next to the fire station. Parking is free in the lot behind the fire station.

*Mark and Janet Scheel***Parrots and Parakeets****Saturday, October 6, 2012****5:00 pm — dark**

The San Gabriel Valley is the center of diversity for naturalized parrots and parakeets in Southern California. The default parrots are Red-crowned and Lilac-crowned, with Red-ored often seen and others (White-fronted, Blue-fronted, and Yellow-headed) less likely. Sometimes Mitred and Red-masked Parakeets join the roosting parrots, but you should also study Blue-crowned and Rose-ringed Parakeets as well.

We will meet at Temple Park in Temple City, where we will take advantage of the restrooms there, and then convoy in search of pre-roost flocks before gathering at one of the roosts at dusk. Temple Park is on the north side of Las Tunas Dr. between Kaufman and Golden West Aves., eleven blocks east of Rosemead Blvd

*Larry Allen***Elysian Park Bird Scramble****Saturday, October 27, 2012****7:30 am — noon**

When someone yells "oriole" and you don't know whether to look for a bird or a baseball player, where are you? Why, Elysian Park, of course!

We will search out residents, migrants, and vagrants (the feathered kind, that is) on this four and a half hour walk. Besides finding many of the expected woodpeckers and perching birds, some fall visitors may have arrived, including possibly a Redstart or two (Painted or American)! We will bird in Solano Canyon and other locations as time permits.

Take the Pasadena (110) Freeway south, exit on Academy Way and go straight about 0.3 mile to the traffic light (Park Dr/ Solano Canyon). Turn right and go about 0.3 mile to the parking area on your left.

*Sue Horton & Ron Cyger***Field trips continue on page 6!****Eaton Canyon Monthly Walk****Sunday, September 16, 2012****Sunday, October 21, 2012****Sunday, November 18, 2012****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, September 1, 2012****Saturday, October 6, 2012****7:30 am — 11:30 am***(no walk in November - Legg Lake instead)*

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 Hahagmongna, and park by the ballfield.

*Leaders vary, see calendar***Huntington Library Monthly Walk****Sunday, September 23, 2012****Sunday, October 28, 2012****Sunday, November 25, 2012****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.

Contact Elaine by email (preferred), putting "Huntington" in the subject line to avoid inadvertent deletion, or by phone.

Elaine MacPherson

Calendar

Submit material for the next Wrentit by October 1



= Wrentit Club!

September 2012

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Leader
1	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip	Hahamongna	Ron Cyger
5	Wed	7:30 pm	Board Meeting	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Will Fulmer
8	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip	Ballona Freshwater Marsh	Ron Cyger
16	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
18	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Study Group	Legg Lake	Madeline West & Sid Heyman
19	Wed	7:00 pm	General Meeting	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Thought You Couldn't ID
23	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip <i>(PAS members only)</i>	Huntington Library & Gardens	Elaine MacPherson
29	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip	Santa Barbara County	Mark & Janet Scheel

October 2012

3	Wed	7:30 pm	Board Meeting	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Will Fulmer
6	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip	Hahamongna	Darren Dowell, Sue Horton
6	Sat	5:00 pm	Field Trip	San Gabriel Valley Parrots	Larry Allen
16	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Study Group	Bonelli Park	Madeline West & Sid Heyman
17	Wed	7:00 pm	General Meeting	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Six Legs Good
21	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
27	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip	Elysian Park	Sue Horton, Ron Cyger
28	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip <i>(PAS members only)</i>	Huntington Library & Gardens	Elaine MacPherson

November 2012

3	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip	Legg Lake	Ed Stonick
7	Wed	7:30 pm	Board Meeting	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Will Fulmer
10	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip	North Slope	Mark & Janet Scheel
17	Sat	7:00 am	Field Trip	Big Santa Anita Canyon	Lance Benner
18	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
20	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Study Group	Santa Fe Dam	Madeline West & Sid Heyman
21	Wed	7:00 pm	General Meeting	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	*****
25	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip <i>(PAS members only)</i>	Huntington Library & Gardens	Elaine MacPherson

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Saved by the Bell's, continued

Next, the City will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report. This should respond to our questions and concerns and will be more detailed and specific. We will have another public comment period and some more public meetings. The dates of these events will be determined by the date when the City releases the Draft EIR.

You'll be happy to know that at the two scoping meetings on July 12 and 14, not one person spoke in favor of this plan and most spoke vehemently against it. Some common concerns included negative impacts on habitat and wildlife, the effects of the County's sediment removal on this plan, the claim that this plan will not affect traffic, the claim that increased use of pesticides will not affect the environment, water quality, or wildlife, and that the increased noise will not affect the environment or wildlife. Clearly, the word "effect" can have multiple meanings, and it is doubtful that the City looks at impacts on wildlife, including the fifty species of birds that nest there.

Ironically, the day after the second scoping meeting, July 15, Dave Bell (love the name!) found two "Least" Bell's Vireos right where the field and parking lot are proposed to be built. This is a federally listed Endangered Species. The birds appeared to be an adult and juvenile; the juvenile was making begging calls. Could they have nested there? Dave contacted a bunch of Audubon folks, and Darren Dowell, John Garrett and I re-found the birds that afternoon. Joined by Dave, we were able to get excellent photos and recordings. Aided by Lance Benner, John Garrett, Dave Bell and others, Darren Dowell has been faithfully visiting Hahamongna for the last month, and documented the birds' presence through the middle of August. Could these birds be the nail in the coffin of this incredibly stupid idea to put a soccer field in one of the last bits of open space in Pasadena?

Once we had documentation, I sent it to Chris Medak at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. In a conversation with me she said that when the City applies for the many permits it will need to complete this project, our documentation of the birds' presence will be in the Fish & Wildlife report, and will make it much less likely that the plan can go forward. So it's not a slam-dunk, but these little birds might have saved the day at Hahamongna.

It isn't over yet. We need to keep working to save Hahamongna. But those 'Least' Bell's Vireos gave us some excellent ammunition.

To see the Initial Study and the Draft EIR when it's ready, please visit <http://www.hahamongna.com/mbmu>.

To join the battle to save Hahamongna, on Facebook, join the group "Save Hahamongna!" Or you can go to www.savehahamongna.org to get updates and information. To get a virtual tour of the area that will be buried, visit YouTube and search for "Take a Tour of the Site of Pasadena's New Athletic Field."

Questions? purplecow@jps.net or 626-564-1890.

Laura Garrett

Field Trips, continued

Legg Lake & San Gabriel River

Saturday, November 3, 2012



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

North Slope, San Gabriels

Saturday, November 10, 2012



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 in the eastern lot of the Park & Ride on Ave S. in Palmdale, just east of the 14 freeway.

Mark and Janet Scheel

Big Santa Anita Canyon

Saturday, November 17, 2012



7:00 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 Wren was present here in November of 2010 and 2011, hinting that it may be a regular fall/winter visitor.

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 Flats is often tight on weekends, so please carpool.

Bring sturdy shoes, plenty of water, sunscreen, some food, warm clothing, and an Adventure Pass for your car.

Heavy rain cancels but drizzle does not. Expect to see some lovely fall colors and gorgeous scenery.

Lance Benner

Piute Ponds Trip Report

August 4, 2012

Piute Ponds, on Edwards Air Force Base, is a desert oasis that is arguably the best birding location in the county. Despite the official closure of Piute Ponds due to construction, Wanda Deal of Edwards Air Force Base graciously agreed to escort us onto the base and birded Piute Ponds with us. Thanks, Wanda!

We found a variety of migrating shorebirds including two Solitary Sandpipers. We had great looks at Bank Swallows (along with Tree and Barn.) Two Black Terns zipped by overhead. Two Barn Owls and a Great Horned Owl flew out of the trees as we passed by. We also found desert species such as Sage Sparrow, Cactus Wren, Greater Roadrunner and 2 LeConte's Thrashers.

On to nearby Lancaster Sewage Ponds. To compensate for the smell, we found 500 Wilson's Phalaropes along with smaller numbers of Red-necked Phalaropes. Other shorebirds were also there, and so were 6 Redhead, 1 Lesser Scaup, and 200 Northern Shovelers. Very unexpected was a Franklin's Gull; Franklin's is unusual in L.A. County, and when it does show up it's usually in spring.

We found some hot birds on a hot day, and we're looking forward to seeing (and birding!) the new and expanded Piute Ponds once the construction is done.

Mark and Janet Scheel

What's in a Name?

Thirty-five summers ago, Will and I went with a group of birders to Southeast Arizona. We saw lots of birds we don't get in California, including Copper-tailed Trogon, Rivoli's Hummingbird, Beardless Flycatcher, and Coue's Flycatcher. You won't find those common names in a current field guide.

As Will has written in his "Perch," we revisited the area this August. And we saw lots of wonderful birds, including those above, but their common names are now Elegant Trogon, Magnificent Hummingbird, Northern Beardless-tyrannulet and Greater Pewee. Keeping up with bird names keeps you on your toes!

Lois Fulmer

Central Valley Birding Symposium

November 17-20, 2012

Based at the Stockton Hilton, the 15th annual CVBS is loaded with useful workshops, panel discussions, vendors, classes, and social events. Notables who are presenting include Jon Dunn, Joe Morlan, and many more. Field trips fan out each day to more than a dozen great regional locations.

Early registration (before November 10) offers a cost of \$95 plus lodging fees. Registration information, and complete details of every event and field trip, are available at www.cvbs.org.

Magpie Bird Study Group



The group meets the third Tuesday of each month. 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, September 18, 2012
Legg Lake, east parking lot

Tuesday, October 16, 2012
Bonelli Park, first parking lot

Tuesday, November 20, 2012
Santa Fe Dam

Trip leaders: Sid Heyman and Julia Ray

DONATIONS TO PAS

These PAS members and friends have recently made donations to our chapter: Denise Castro, Elizabeth Cordero. Thank you!

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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.

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Catalina Christmas Bird Count

Santa Catalina Island hasn't been covered by a Christmas Bird Count since 2006. But things might change soon. El Dorado Audubon is trying to bring back Christmas Bird Count to the Island. Carolyn Vance is putting out feelers to us "mainlanders" to see if there is enough interest to set things up.

The Count has been scheduled for Sunday, December 23rd. However, volunteers need to get over to the Island the day before, so plan on being gone the weekend. They need counters, drivers, spotters and talliers.

If you are interested, want to volunteer to do a unique location or just want more information, contact: Carolyn Vance, CBC Co-Chair, El Dorado Audubon (562) 594-7589 or email: drabduck@yahoo.com

[Your editor recommends birding on Catalina to see hundreds of Spotted Doves, tons of Hutton's Vireos, the occasional Bald Eagle, and Acorn Woodpeckers doing unspeakable things to the trunks of palm trees.]

New Members

ALHAMBRA: Frances Moore; **ALTADENA:** Christopher Boldt, Lora Drogin, Elizabeth Haims, Joan McManamon, Mary Storey; **ARCADIA:** Rebecca Fabry, Roya Miller; **DUARTE:** Patrick Clough, Dolores Cota, Sally Frehse; **LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE:** Barbara Arnold, John & Jean Toh; **MONROVIA:** Henrietta Fitzpatrick, Melinda Franssen, Terry Lathrop, Cleo Opera, Maria Pearson, Angelia Tan, Amy Williamson; **MONTEREY PARK:** Edward Hsiao, Phillip Hung, Dorothy Ling, Minoru Ogawa; **MONTROSE:** Brien Hindman, Elizabeth Stoakes; **PACIFIC PALISADES:** Susan Hirsch; **PASADENA:** Elizabeth Blanchard, George Brennan, Malia Butner, Ken Girvetz, Kevin Gin, Marion Peterson, Meagan Piper, Rolf Seibert, Cindy Shilkret, Carol Smith, Helen Stevenson; **ROSEMEAD:** Larry Bivins; **SAN GABRIEL:** Jennifer Cole, Sharon Corey; **SAN MARINO:** Annamarie Mitchell, Doris Newquist; **SIERRA MADRE:** Michael Murphy, William Scheffel; **SOUTH PASADENA:** Cathy Henderson, Nicole Diaz-Ordaz, Connie Wardlow; **TEMPLE CITY:** Janet Atamanuck, Lisa Garay, Janet Marcellus, Ellen Mazaika