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Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawks are year-round residents in wooded areas of Pasadena. They nest in our neighborhood trees, usually near a stream. They have rufous shoulder patches and horizontally streaked buffy breasts. In flight, their broad white tail bands are distinctive. Red-shouldered Hawks can be difficult to see, since they fly quickly below the canopy, like a Cooper’s Hawk, but their loud *keer-yahhh* is a distinctive call. They hunt mice, frogs, crayfish and snakes from perches just below the canopy or at the edge of a pond. They only occasionally hunt birds. Their nests are made of sticks lined with moss, lichen, and bark, and once they make a nest, they reuse it every year. They usually have a single clutch of two to five chicks per year.

The Red-shouldered Hawk is divided into five subspecies, three of them being distinct. The southern Florida subspecies (*extimus*) is very pale, having a gray head and very faint barring on the chest. The Eastern subspecies (*lineatus*) is slightly darker and has dark streaks on the breast. The California subspecies (*elegans*) is the brightest subspecies with much rufous on the shoulders and wide tail bands. The West Coast birds are non-migratory, while the Eastern birds breed in the northern U.S. and winter in Mexico.

Deforestation is a major threat to these birds. Their population was declining before 1966. Since then the population has been slowly making a comeback, probably because of the ban on DDT pesticide. Even though their populations are slowly increasing, we need to continue to help Red-shouldered Hawks. Since these birds nest in our neighborhoods, we can help them by trimming our trees only in the fall to reduce disturbance during the nesting season. We can also help by not using rat poison, as 40% of a Red-shouldered Hawk’s diet is small mammals and rodents.



Photo: Derek Sieburth

Dessi Sieburth

President's Perch

Every time we publish a Wrentit I am asked for this small blurb—The President’s Perch. Seems like the name is sorta high and mighty, as if I am in some position that affords me the ability to know all of the comings and goings of PAS. Typically I ask you to “keep on birding” and “get more involved” – but this month my message has a different flavor.

Coming up on almost two years as PAS President, I have had the honor to get to know quite a few of you. We have world-class birders leading field trips, dedicated educators, and well-informed conservationists fighting for habitat. There are folks who make cookies, plan programs, and read and award grants. There are people delivering ongoing updates through print and online media, keeping your membership straight, making sure the balance sheet is correct, and maintaining our historical documents. Without all this, we wouldn’t be where we are today. PAS is one very unique organization. I am so very proud to be called its President. From my “perch” I can see only great things ahead and look forward as we continue to make the magic that is Pasadena Audubon.

Happy Birding,

Deni Sinnott

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April Program

Hawkwatching from Every Angle

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

7:30 pm—9:00 pm

Luke Tiller

The mass migration of diurnal raptors rates as one of the most magical birding spectacles in North America and for that reason it draws its own special brand of devotees. Join professional hawkwatcher Luke Tiller for a virtual tour of the nation's hawkwatch platforms. His talk will touch on places to visit, the history of hawkwatching, some of the pitfalls of trying to identify a bird in flight and most importantly how to get the best out of a hawkwatching experience. James Fisher once said that "The observation of birds may be a superstition, a tradition, an art, a science, a pleasure, a hobby, or a bore; this depends entirely on the nature of the observer." Luke hopes that his talk fulfills a little of all but the last category!

May Program

Friends of California Condors Wild and Free

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Details for this program were not available at press time, but you can expect a family-friendly presentation about condors and other local raptors.

The May meeting will also feature elections and a young birder program on condors at 7:00.



Photo: Susan Gilliland

Annual Dinner

That's a Wrap

Saturday, June 13, 2015

6:00 pm—9:00 pm

The PAS fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30 each year. Come celebrate another very successful year of our chapter reaching out to the community, defending our local habitat, and supporting outstanding birders. The dinner features delicious catered food, beer and wine, great conversations, and a chance to meet the slate of officers who will govern the chapter in the next fiscal year. Bring your bird photos on a USB drive (limit: 5 minutes' worth) for viewing by your friends and neighbors. It's the *best deal in town* at \$10 per person. To reserve your spots, send a check to PAS, attention June Dinner, at the address shown on the back cover of the newsletter.

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 Sediment Removal

Lawsuit Update

From the Arroyo Seco Foundation:

Attorneys Mitchell M. Tsai and Christina M. Caro filed the lawsuit against the Los Angeles County Flood Control District on December 11, 2014. After that, the hard work began, painstakingly going through the extensive administrative record and monitoring the regulatory permitting issues and process.

Our case has been assigned to Judge Luis Lavin, a senior jurist in Department 82 of LA Superior Court. In February a mandatory settlement conference was held to explore whether an agreement on the sediment removal program could be reached without going through a trial. No settlement was reached.

Polystyrene Ban Update

The Pasadena Department of Public Works is forming a Working Group to develop a plan to ban polystyrene takeout containers in the City of Pasadena. At press time, they are just forming this group, whose responsibilities will include researching other city ordinances, drafting an ordinance for Pasadena, and developing an education and outreach program for consumers and businesses. Anyone who's ever done an LA

River or beach cleanup knows how much we need this ban! We're hoping the ban will be in place by the end of the calendar year.

Laura Garrett

PAS Grants in Action

The Cavity Conservation Initiative, which recently presented a program at a PAS general meeting, and which has been the recipient of a PAS grant, was back in town on March 15 to participate in an environmental education exhibit at the County Arboretum. Over 100 organizations were present.

CCI's focus on the value of dead and dying trees as wildlife habitat provoked surprise, thought, and enthusiasm among the young people attending the exhibits. Educators took away teaching kits to help spread the word. The PAS grant supported a successful and effective presentation.

For more detailed information about this event, see cavityconservation.com/2015/03/25/awesome-event-in-la-for-environmental-educators.

For more information about Cavity Conservation Initiative, see www.cavityconservation.com.

Citizen Science

PAS Young Birder Wins National Contest

First in 2008 and again in 2015, a young Pasadena Audubon member has won the Young Birder of the Year contest that is sponsored by the American Birding Association. This year's winner in the age 10-13 category is Dessi Sieburth. His win was announced in March, and his prize is Leica Trinovid binoculars.

Dessi has plenty of passion and talent, as evidenced by his exceptionally high score of 98.5, and he has been strongly supported by his parents and by many members of Pasadena Audubon, including the 2008 winner, John Garrett.

Contestants complete "modules" in at least two different disciplines, which include photography, illustration, conservation and community, and field notebook. Southern California has had other young birders win first, second, or third place in individual modules in 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2013. But the only two overall national winners from Southern California have both come from Pasadena Audubon.

Mark Hunter



Congratulations, Dessi!

Young Birder Reaction

I was surprised when Bill Stewart, the organizer of the Contest and Jeff Gordon, the president of the ABA, called me to let me know I had won the overall Young Birder of the Year Contest. I placed first in the sketching and conservation categories. The contest was hard work and a lot of fun. I learned that I can make a big difference for the birds by monitoring bluebird nest boxes, fundraising money for saving habitat, and writing about what people can do to help birds. I also improved my overall birding skills, as sketching birds forces you to look at small details that you wouldn't have noticed otherwise. The prize that I received was a pair of Leica binoculars, and they are awesome. Thanks to PAS and all my birding mentors, especially Frank and Susan Gilliland and Norm Vargas.

Dessi Sieburth

Citizen Finance

Birdathon!

April 24-26, 2015

Birdathon is Pasadena Audubon's major annual fundraiser. Dozens of members surge forth to find as many bird species as they can in Los Angeles County in a 24-hour period. They get pledges from the public – either fixed amounts or a certain amount per species. When pledging, keep in mind that the most fanatical teams can find around 200 species and even the laid-back teams find 40 or 50 species.

But please pledge! This year the funds raised will support the "No Big Dig" campaign, featuring the lawsuit against the environmentally disastrous Public Works plan to destroy most of the Hahamongna basin in the name of flood control. Help us to protect this incredible place and to balance habitat with flood safety.

And who are these lunatic teams? All of the teams listed below are planning Birdathon activities and some of them are looking for company!

Irritable Owl Syndrome (April 25) are Mark and Janet Scheel, Ron Cyger, and Darren Dowell. They begin just after midnight and drive about 400 miles through the county over the course of a *very* long day, into the following evening. Last year they found 195 species. How many will they find this time?

A local-conservation-themed team returns in 2015 as **Kind of Green** (April 26.) So what we plan to do is to search Hahamongna in the morning and trails overlooking Millard Canyon in the afternoon and evening, covering as many miles by foot as we do by car. Expected species total is around 90 – passerines, owls, and all that Jazz. Don't be a Freddie Freeloader – please join us (half day OK) or donate! Contact team organizer Darren Dowell (dowell.darren@yahoo.com).

The Big Sit (April 25) are Laura Garrett and a number of others who subscribe to her way of doing Birdathon. If it resonates with you, you are welcome to join them. From Laura:

Do you like sleeping during normal sleeping hours? Do you like hot coffee, comfy places to sit, and peaceful views? Then The Big Sit is for you. We will meet at Legg Lakes, in the open grassy area between the south and middle lakes, just east of the playground, coffee and breakfast in hand, to count as many species as we can before noon. A few of us may even take a leisurely stroll around a lake or two. Bring your own coffee, snacks, and chair. If even our lovely relaxed morning is too rigorous for you, please feel free to sponsor us!

Team Verdin features Dessi Sieburth doing a Big Photo Day. When you pledge with Dessi you pay by the number of species that he photographs that day.

Team ??? is newly formed for 2015. As of press time we can't tell you who they are, or where they're going. But they are planning to offer Irritable Owl Syndrome a run for their money.

Tejon Ranch**Field Trips****Saturday April 11, 2015****8:00 am — mid or late afternoon**

At 422 contiguous square miles, or 240,000 acres, Tejon Ranch is the largest piece of privately held property in California. Tejon Ranch is a hotspot of biological diversity and lies at the confluence of four major biogeographic regions.

This trip filled up early, as it does every year. Contact the trip leaders to get on the waiting list, and watch the February 2016 issue of *The Wrentit* for the announcement of next year's trip.

*Frank & Susan Gilliland***Placerita Canyon****Saturday, April 18, 2015****7:00 am — 11:00 am**

Placerita Canyon is on the northwest end of the San Gabriel Mountains. The Walker Ranch portion of the canyon has a small creek—that might have water in it—that attracts many expected migrants. Expect to see a few different species of warblers, at least three hummingbird species, and perhaps some flycatchers.

We'll be hiking a fairly easy trail, but with a couple of moderately steep inclines and a couple of sets of uneven wooden stairs. It may start out cool in the morning and heat up later, so wear layers!

From the 14 north, exit Placerita Canyon Road and turn right. In about 1.5 miles, there will be an entrance to the Nature Center – go past this for 1.5-2 miles. On the right, there will be a small parking lot with a sign saying "Walker Ranch." Parking is free, but limited, so carpool if you can.

*Brittany O'Connor***Antelope Valley Migrant Traps****Saturday, May 2, 2015****6:30 am — 1:00 pm**

During migration, the bodies of water and surrounding vegetation in the Antelope Valley attract a variety of birds taking a rest and refueling break during their journey. On May 2, Pasadena Audubon will search several of these key "oases" for northbound migrants. The trip starts at Piute Ponds, accessed with special permission from Edwards Air Force Base, therefore the number of participants will be limited. After Piute, we will visit Apollo Park and, time permitting, the (in)famous Lancaster Sewage Ponds. Birds sought include shorebirds, flycatchers, warblers, some of the resident A.V. specialties, and (with some luck) Bank Swallows, Black Terns, and Franklin's Gulls. To take advantage of the day's prime bird activity, trip participants should plan to meet at 6:30 (half an hour after sunrise) at a location to be specified in the Antelope Valley. We will aim to conclude the tour of the primary sites by 1 PM. Spotting scopes are recommended. This trip is open to 15 participants in addition to the trip leaders, with preference to those who did not go on this field trip last year, by order of sign-up. Contact Darren Dowell at dowell.darren@yahoo.com to sign up or for further information.

*Darren Dowell, Janet & Mark Scheel***Encanto Park Nighthawks****Sunday, May 17, 2015****7:00 pm — 9:00 pm**

This short trip is designed to search for Lesser Nighthawks, Barn and Great Horned owls, Bell's Vireo, Yellow-breasted Chat, and other birds active late in the day and at dusk along the San Gabriel River in the spring. We'll make a special effort to see and hear Lesser Nighthawks trilling as part of their courtship.

Field trips continue on page 7!**Eaton Canyon Monthly Walk****Sunday, April 19, 2015****Sunday, May 17, 2015****Sunday, June 21, 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, April 4, 2015****Saturday, May 2, 2015****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 Hahagmongna, and park by the ballfield.

*Leaders vary; see calendar***Huntington Library Monthly Walk****Sunday, April 26, 2015****Sunday, May 24, 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 May 1

 = Wrentit Club
 Count Circle!






April 2015

1	Wed	7:15 pm	Board Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Deni Sinnott
4	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		Hahamongna	Darren Dowell
11	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip		County Arboretum	Julia Ray
11	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip		Tejon Ranch	Frank & Susan Gilliland
12	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Chilao Visitor Center	Hill Penfold
15	Wed	7:30 pm	General Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hawkwatching: Every Angle
18	Sat	7:00 am	Field Trip		Placerita Canyon	Brittany O'Connor
19	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
21	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Study Group		Rancho Santa Ana	Julia Ray & Sid Heyman
24-26	Fri-Sun	all day	Birdathon		See page 3	
26	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip*		Huntington Library	Mark Hunter

May 2015

2	Sat	6:30 am	Field Trip		Antelope Valley Migrant Traps	Darren Dowell, M&J Scheel
2	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		Hahamongna Watershed Park	TBA
2	Sat	all day	Bird L.A.		www.birdla.org	
6	Wed	7:15 pm	Board Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Deni Sinnott
9	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip		County Arboretum	Julia Ray
10	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Chilao Visitor Center	Hill Penfold
16	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		Big Morongo Preserve	Ed Stonick
17	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
17	Sun	7:00 pm	Field Trip		Encanto Park Nighthawks	Lance Benner
19	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Study Group		Lower Arroyo Seco	Julia Ray & Sid Heyman
20	Wed	7:30 pm	General Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Condors Wild and Free
24	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip*		Huntington Library	Mark Hunter
30	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		Throop Peak	Lance Benner

June 2015

3	Wed	7:15 pm	Board Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Deni Sinnott
6	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		Mt. Pinos	Larry Johnson & Ron Cyger
13	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip		County Arboretum	Julia Ray
13	Sat	6:00 pm	Annual Dinner		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Chrystal Watson
14	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Chilao Visitor Center	Hill Penfold
16	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Study Group		Descanso Gardens	Julia Ray & Sid Heyman
21	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
27	Sat	7:00 pm	Field Trip		C'est Chouette	Lance Benner

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* - reservations required, PAS members only

Bird L.A.

Join Bird L.A., Audubon California, Audubon chapters, and a huge collection of other cool groups on May 2 for a super fun, decentralized all-day celebration of birds all over L.A. County. Visit www.birdla.org.

Field Trips, continued

displays.

Please bring binoculars, headlamps, water, and bug repellent. Meet at Encanto Park in Duarte at 7 pm. We'll do an easy walk across the bridge and north along the San Gabriel River bike path.

Directions: From Pasadena, take 210 east, exit at Mt. Olive Drive, and go north to Huntington Drive. Turn right (east) on Huntington Drive and then turn left (north) on Encanto Parkway. Turn left just past the bridge into Encanto Park.

Lance Benner

Big Morongo Preserve

Saturday, May 16, 2014

8:00 am — 1:00 pm

This desert oasis and migrant trap offers great birding in the spring. Warblers, flycatchers, hummingbirds, and orioles are among the birds expected. At least one pair of Vermilion Flycatcher has been seen every spring in memory. Join us as we walk the trails in Big Morongo Canyon Preserve and into adjoining Covington Park, where you will enjoy one of the finest birding locations in Southern California, with over 250 species making stops at the preserve annually.

Directions: Allow 2 hours to drive from Pasadena. Take Interstate 10 east to route 62. Go north to the town of Morongo Valley and turn right on East Drive to the Big Morongo Preserve at 11055 East Drive. Meet at the information kiosk. Bring lunch, drinks, sunscreen, and a good broad-brimmed hat.

Ed Stonick

Mt Pinos and Environs

Saturday, June 6, 2015

7:30 am – early afternoon

Mt. Pinos is one of the best places in Southern California to enjoy a wide variety of montane birds. We'll hear singing Yellow-rumped Warblers along with other species of warblers, hrushes, raptors, woodpeckers, flycatchers and finches. We will visit Iris Meadows and other nearby areas.

We will meet at the city park in Frazier Park. Take the Golden State Freeway (I-5) north to the Frasier Park turnoff and continue west for about 5 miles to the stop sign in Frazier Park. Take a left at the stop sign then a right into the park. Don't forget lunch, water, and sunblock.

Larry Johnson & Ron Cyger

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

Throop Peak

Saturday, May 30, 2015

7:30 am — 1:00 pm

WC

Join us as we explore one of the highest altitude trails in the San Gabriel Mountains during the peak time of year for montane birds. We'll hike at a leisurely pace to the summit of Throop Peak (elevation: about 9100 feet) as we search for Williamson's Sapsucker, White-headed Woodpecker, Dusky Flycatcher, Clark's Nutcracker, Townsend's Solitaire, Red Crossbill, and other montane species.

Meet at Dawson Saddle at mile 69.6 on the Angeles Crest Highway, about 45 miles from I-210 in La Canada. Bring plenty of water, lunch, sunscreen, bug repellent, sturdy shoes, a hat, a coat, and an Adventure Pass. The hike is about five miles round-trip with possible snow patches; a few sections are steep, and all of it is at altitudes in excess of 7900 feet. Please carpool and plan for about 90 minutes to drive up from Pasadena.

If it turns out that the Angeles Crest Highway between Islip Saddle and Vincent Gap is still closed on May 23, then we'll change the trip to hike up Mt. Waterman instead. If in doubt, contact me a few days prior. by email

Lance Benner

C'est Chouette: Owls in the San Gabriel Mountains

Saturday, June 27, 2015

7:00 pm — midnight

WC

Join us as we search for owls and nightjars in the higher areas of the San Gabriel Mountains. We'll start shortly before sunset when we'll look for Northern Pygmy Owl and diurnal montane species, and then after dark we'll look for Flammulated Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Spotted Owl, Western Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl, and Common Poorwill.

This trip concentrates on high elevations primarily to find Flammulated Owls, which do not usually occur below about 6000 feet in the local mountains.

Limited to 10 people. Please email the leader to reserve a spot.

Lance Benner

Chilao Visitor Center

Second Sunday of every month

8:00 am — 10:00 am

WC

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

WCC

Bird Photography Workshop

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Los Angeles Audubon presents "Techniques for Better Bird Photography," an all-day field and lab workshop by Christopher Taylor, who led a PAS walk at the Ballona Wetlands last year. Should be good!

For a more detailed description of the workshop, and instructions for registration, see www.laaudubon.org.

Change to Bylaws

At the May general meeting the membership will be asked to approve a change to the bylaws. Previously the bylaws required that three members of the Board of Directors form a nominating committee to find candidates for the officer positions. The new language requires that only one of the three be a Board member; the other two may be Board members or ordinary PAS members. The new language in Article IX, Section 1, reads, "Each year by the first of March the Board shall appoint three members of the Society, at least one of whom is a member of the Board, to a nominating committee to solicit candidates to serve as Officers during the following fiscal year."

Elections

The April general meeting accepts nominations for the slate of officers who will govern PAS in the coming fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2015. The elections for those officer positions are held at the May general meeting.

The Nominating Committee has come up with a slate of officers which, while not surprising (they are all the same officers who are serving the current year) does at least provide continuity. These people will stand for election at the May meeting.

- The Nominating Committee's slate:
- President: Deni Sinnott
- Vice-president: Mickey Long
- Secretary: Ira Blitz
- Treasurer: Eileen Burton

Remember, you can nominate any PAS member for any officer position at the April meeting.

Announcements

Birds 'n Beers

Second Wednesdays: April, May, and June, 2015

5:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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.

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, April 21, 2015
Rancho Santa Ana

Tuesday, May 19, 2015
Lower Arroyo Seco

Meet in the parking lot below the Casting Pond

Tuesday, June 16, 2015
Descanso Gardens

Trip leaders: Sid Heyman, Julia Ray

DONATIONS TO PAS

These PAS members and friends have recently made donations to our chapter: Norm & Anna Arnheim, Betty Cole, Susan Flaming, Wendy Gordon & Michael Gottlieb, J.M. Guard, Dimitri Mawet & Jessica Varlet, Diana Neder, Joan Probst, J.R. Ruggles, Henry & Loretta Selinger, Dessi Sieburth, Neal Turner. 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 Wrenit*, 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

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- \$_____ (donation)

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Pasadena Audubon Young Birder's Club

We have a kid-friendly schedule for our meetings. We meet before PAS general meetings (third Wednesday of every month) from 7:00-7:30 pm. Everybody is welcome to stay on for the general meeting.

Come and meet new birding friends. Check our website for trip reports and upcoming events.

<http://www.pasadenaaudubon.org/?q=node/120>

The PAS Young Birder Club are invited to attend the Ojai Raptor Center spring open house in Ojai on Sunday April 12th from noon to 4 pm. Young Birders can expect to learn all about feathers, their function in flight and what role they play in rehabilitation. To get more details go the website:

<http://www.ojairaptorcenter.org/new-events>

On April 15, 2015 the PAS Young Birder Club will meet from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. We will learn about the endangered California Condor - the largest bird in North America. With an amazing wingspan of 9-10 feet and a superb ability to glide, Condors travel widely to feed on carcasses of deer, cattle, and other animals. The population fell to only 22 birds in the 1980s, but now there are about 230 free-flying birds and 160 in captivity. Lead poisoning continues to be a severe threat to these majestic birds. This meeting will be a California Condormania event. Let Condormania begin. What's Condormania? Come and find out more!

Susan Gilliland

New Members

ALHAMBRA: Joe Blaylock, Dave Roundtree;
ALTADENA: Guadalupe Calkins, Anne Chomyn, David Grant, Emilie Hoffman, Marilyn Jacobsen, Allison Perry, Gloria Putnam; **ARCADIA:** Constance Blumenthal, Caroline Kino-Noji; **DUARTE:** Peter Loomis; **HOUSTON, TX:** Elizabeth Zivley; **LA CRESCENTA:** John Campbell; **LOS ANGELES:** Ann Shapiro, Ingrid Steinberg & Aaron Gomperts; **MONROVIA:** Reilly Moss, Ludlow Shonnard; **MONTROSE:** Tracy Hurley; **PASADENA:** Aguirre, Candace Annett, Stephanie Barnes, Brooks, Cahalan, Mia Castro, Clark, Clougherty, Ashwin Gopinath, Hope Hendricks-Badon, Susan Hopkins, Dimitri Mawet & Jessica Varlet, Kathy Musial, Denise Pelino, Sharon Reynolds, Peggy Ross, Terry Santos, Shimizaki, Anu Thubagere, Viella, Julie Wong, Marcia Workman; **SAN GABRIEL:** Catherine Lin, Linda Lupco, Bill Mace, Josette Schwartz; **SAN MARINO:** Christine Goff, Linda Healy; **SIERRA MADRE:** Nina Clark, Elizabeth Phillips; **SUN VALLEY:** Janelle Samples; **TEMPLE CITY:** Eric Bald, Charlotte Oventile