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EVOLUTION

*Of one thing I am certain—that I am being me.
That doesn't mean, of course, that I am what you see.*

*What you see is just an image, I think you will agree.
I just as well could be a bird, a mountain, or a tree.*

*The difference is my spirit is evolving to be free.
The spark of life within me is still burning—that's the key.*

*Perhaps in six months, or maybe even three,
What I am will be different, I am sure that it will be.*

*I don't think that I will become a lovely bumblebee.
But perhaps if I am lucky I could become a we.*

Kris Ohlenkamp, January 2007

Bird Quiz

Submitted by Rebecca LeVine

You've heard of a *gaggle of geese*, but can you match the following to their collective nouns?

Answers on page 7

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. Covey | a. Finches |
| 2. Kettle | b. Plovers |
| 3. Exaltation | c. Quail |
| 4. Charm | d. Vultures |
| 5. Congregation | e. Crows |
| 6. Murder | f. Owls |
| 7. Parliament | g. Larks |

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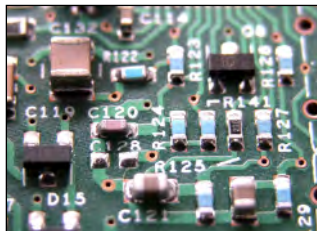
President's Message by Kris Ohlenkamp

There is no argument that science has been a great boon to mankind and has led to advances in every field of endeavor. It has also led us to the brink of disaster. However, abandoning science and turning to more spiritual based pursuits is not the answer. We need science, but we need science that is connected with consciousness, morality, and values. We need to move from observation to interpretation, from facts to meaning, from "it" to "we," from quantity to quality, from exterior to interior, and from physical to spiritual. We need real science that doesn't avoid the hard questions of meaning, value, experience, motivation, and thoughts. We need a science that brings the world together rather than tears it apart. We need to study wholeness.

As individuals, we also must recognize our common wholeness or continuum with the Earth's life systems. If we don't, we risk becoming a useless part or fragment of a system that will continue to evolve with or without us. The good news is: we are beginning to show signs of evolution ourselves. Perhaps it is the stress. But, as threats to the biosphere increase, some of us are beginning to show signs of spiritual growth.

The "good side" to the global threats that mankind has created is, more and more people are developing a

global or world-centered perspective instead of a society-centered one. That is something that rarely existed only 100 years ago. We have evolved as individuals and therefore, as a species. Our consciousness has expanded and we can never go back. We hear the Earth demanding attention, and care, and concern. So, we must act with compassion, and conviction, and courage. And, we must give voice to that Spirit, and defend it against lesser more ego-centered forces.



We also must promote this same heightened awareness in others in order to expand the consciousness of the entire human race. Once again, education is the key. Children must be taught to enjoy, appreciate, and feel a connection with nature. Adults must realize the role that nature plays in our physical and mental health. All of us must learn how to speak and act in ways that show our reverence for, and dependence on, Mother Earth.

Nature is a part of you as much as you are a part of nature, and for that reason alone you should treat nature as you would treat your lungs, your liver, or your heart. Nature is not separate from us—it is us. Its spirit and our spirit came from the same place. We should not see 'I' and 'it', we should only see 'we'. 🌿

SFVAS 2006 CONSERVATION AWARD RECIPIENT, FRAN PAVLEY, FORMER ASSEMBLYWOMAN



Fran Pavley served three terms in the California State Assembly. She became known as one of the most effective legislators in Sacramento. During her tenure, Fran focused on education, the environment, consumer protection, public safety, and creating a clean, secure energy future for California and the U.S. Her landmark legislation on global warming has become a model for other states and countries to follow. Ten other states and Canada have modeled their laws after Fran's Clean Car Regulations, AB 1493, (also known as the Pavley Bill). As

the author of the "Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006", AB 32, there will now be a cap on greenhouse gas emissions from California. This will help spur an increased investment in alternative fuels, renewable energy and clean technologies. Her leadership on the most important environmental issue facing our world in the 21st Century has been recognized by many entities including being selected as one of *Scientific American's* Top Technology Leaders in Transportation, and receiving the 2006 California League of Conservation Voters "Global Warming Leadership Award" along with former Vice President Al Gore. As Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Resources for 6 years, Fran was instrumental in helping preserve Ahamanson Ranch and SOKA University for parks and habitat protection. She also authored an Environmental Education Bill that will integrate environmental principles throughout the K-12 curriculum and textbooks during upcoming adoption cycles.

While on "sabbatical" from the State Legislature for two years, Fran Pavley has been asked to be a Distinguished Fellow at the UCLA School of Public Policy. She is also working half time as a Senior Climate Advisor for Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). Her primary focus will be working with cities, other states, and countries on reducing greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming. Fran Pavley will be working with other policy makers in sharing and creating solutions that will result in greater energy efficiency and cleaner fuels, which will lessen our dependence on foreign oil and other fossil fuels.

Prior to serving in the State Legislature, Fran Pavley became the first Mayor of the new City of Agoura Hills in 1982. She also earned a Master's Degree in Environmental Planning. A native Angeleno, Fran Pavley, grew up in Sherman Oaks and graduated from Grant High School. She has lived in Agoura Hills with her husband for over 30 years, where they raised their two children as well as four Guide Dogs. 🌿

Monthly Field Trip Report by Richard Barth

Our January 20 field trip took us to two exceptional birding spots in Orange County, Upper Newport Bay and San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Perfect weather conditions attracted a strong turnout of participants.

A previously-reported Clay-colored Sparrow was foraging with a flock of White-crowns at San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary and ranked as one of our highlight birds of the day. We were surprised to see a Phainopepla at the sanctuary. Upper Newport produced special birds like Clapper Rail, California Gnatcatcher, Dunlin and Black Skimmer with Horned Grebe, Sora, Osprey, Northern Harrier, Long-billed Curlew and Caspian Tern also creating excitement. Other species of interest for the day included Marsh Wren, American Pipit, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, all three teal, Northern Pintail, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Greater Yellowlegs, Tree Swallow,

White-tailed Kite, Western Bluebird, Cassin's Kingbird, and Savannah Sparrow. On the way home a few of us saw an Eurasian Wigeon at Tewinkle Park in Costa Mesa.

Our day list totaled eighty-four, with thirteen species of ducks and thirteen species of shorebirds. 🌿



Clay-colored Sparrow Photo by Robert Shantz

Additional Thoughts and Reflections on the 2006 Christmas Bird Count by Arthur Langton, compiler

The San Fernando Valley portion of National Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Count is approaching the fifty-year mark, arriving at this milestone this coming December. As mentioned in the February issue of the Phainopepla, each bird count is a unique experience with many variables influencing the final totals: weather, lighting conditions, food availability, breeding and migrating success, the numbers and skills of the counters in the field. The 1957 count only had 15 observers in four parties in the field and found 88 species. The 1960 count was somewhat better with fourteen contributors in five parties finding 96 species. Of course, the Chapter only had about 200 members at the time.

Just for fun and for the sake of comparison, which species are almost certain to be seen on each and every count? What are the common birds in our count circle? The following is a list of 41 species seen on at least 45 or more counts during the last 49 years:

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| <i>Canada Goose</i> | <i>Mourning Dove</i> | <i>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</i> |
| <i>American Wigeon</i> | <i>Rock Pigeon</i> | <i>Mockingbird</i> |
| <i>Mallard</i> | <i>Anna's Hummingbird</i> | <i>California Thrasher</i> |
| <i>Bufflehead</i> | <i>Acorn Woodpecker</i> | <i>Yellow-rumped Warbler</i> |
| <i>Ruddy Duck</i> | <i>Northern (Red-shafted)</i> | <i>Lark Sparrow</i> |
| <i>Pied-billed Grebe</i> | <i>Flicker</i> | <i>White-crowned Sparrow</i> |
| <i>California Quail</i> | <i>Black Phoebe</i> | <i>Song Sparrow</i> |
| <i>Great Blue Heron</i> | <i>Say's Phoebe</i> | <i>Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco</i> |
| <i>Cooper's Hawk</i> | <i>Loggerhead Shrike</i> | <i>Red-Winged Blackbird</i> |
| <i>American Kestrel</i> | <i>Scrub Jay</i> | <i>Western Meadowlark</i> |
| <i>American Coot</i> | <i>American Crow</i> | <i>Brewer's Blackbird</i> |
| <i>Killdeer</i> | <i>Oak (Plain) Titmouse</i> | <i>House Finch</i> |
| <i>Ring-billed Gull</i> | <i>Bushtit</i> | <i>Lesser Goldfinch</i> |
| <i>California Gull</i> | <i>Bewick's Wren</i> | <i>House Sparrow</i> |



Mockingbird

Photo by Steve Agrella

The bird count might also give us some idea as to which species are increasing and which are decreasing in numbers. Despite poor viewing and lighting conditions, high counts were obtained during 2006 for the following: White-fronted Goose, Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Snowy Egret, American Coot, Black-necked Stilt, Long-eared Owl. These are mostly large, easily seen birds that tend to congregate in specific areas and are easily counted despite poor viewing conditions.

Many low counts were noticed among the 2006 totals. Whether part of a trend or simply the result of rain and poor lighting, only future counts will reveal. For this article, a low count is defined as ten percent or less of the highest number of individuals of that species ever recorded within the valley circle. While ten percent is quite an arbitrary cut-off (or inclusion) point, it does keep the math simple for the arithmetically challenged author. Species with low counts include the following:



Photo by Steve Agrella

House Finch

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Wood Duck</i> | <i>Greater Roadrunner</i> | <i>Rufous-crowned Sparrow</i> |
| <i>Canvasback</i> | <i>Anna's Hummingbird</i> | <i>Savannah Sparrow</i> |
| <i>Ruddy Duck</i> | <i>Loggerhead Shrike</i> | <i>Golden-crowned Sparrow</i> |
| <i>California Quail</i> | <i>Rock Wren</i> | <i>Tricolored Blackbird</i> |
| <i>Eared Grebe</i> | <i>California Thrasher</i> | <i>Brown-headed Cowbird</i> |
| <i>Spotted Sandpiper</i> | <i>Cedar Waxwing</i> | <i>House Finch</i> |
| <i>Greater Yellowlegs</i> | <i>Orange-crowned Warbler</i> | <i>House Sparrow</i> |

To the above list should be added those species which were not seen at all this year, but have been fairly regular on past counts: Western Sandpiper, any sapsuckers, vireos or rails, Northern Pintail, Long-billed Dowitcher, Prairie Falcon, Barn Owl, Rough-winged Swallow among others. Perhaps what also should be added are those birds once regularly seen but missing for many years: Burrowing Owl, Varied Thrush, Cactus Wren, Spotted Dove, Dunlin, Semipalmated Plover. To our list of variables influencing count totals should be added habitat changes for some of these long-term changes both here in the Valley and elsewhere. Habitat for small to medium waders and shorebirds as well as open space for grassland species have become increasingly limited and scarce, but this relationship is material for another day, and best discussed analyzed species by species. 🌿



Calendar of Events

Friday, March 2. Awards Banquet. 6:00 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m. Dinner. Featured Speaker: Larry Arbanas. Conservation Award Recipient: Fran Pavley, former Assemblywoman. Location: Airtel Plaza Hotel, 7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys. Chairperson: Jeanne Polak-Recht, (818) 360-1438.

Sunday, March 4. Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m. Directions: Exit the San Diego Freeway (I-405) on Burbank Blvd. Go west about 1/2 mile to Woodley Avenue and turn right (north). Travel about 1/2 mile to the second possible right turn (at sign for the Water Reclamation Plant and Japanese Garden). Turn right and go east about 1/2 mile to Wildlife Area parking at the end of the road. Leader: Kris Ohlenkamp. For more information contact him at (818) 225-8348 or e-mail: Kris.Ohlenkamp@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday, March 4. Chatsworth Nature Preserve/Reservoir. 8:00 a.m. Chapter members will join with the Southwest Herpetologist Society for the first of a series of spring field trips inside the Preserve. Meet at the Plummer/Valley Circle gate approximately 1.5 miles west of the intersection of Plummer and Topanga Canyon Blvd., and opposite 9439 Valley Circle, NOT the Fallbrook gate. Bring snacks, drink, and scope if available. Be prompt and be prepared to stay until noon or a little after, as the gate will be locked behind us. No smoking or pets. Facilities are limited and primitive. RAIN CANCELS. Future dates include April 29, May 13, and June 10. Leaders: Stuart Wells, and Art Langton. For additional information call Art Langton at (818) 887-0973.

Tuesday, March 6. Antelope Valley Audubon Meeting. 6:30p.m. The Visitor's Center of the Prime Desert Woodland Preserve at 43201 35th Street in Lancaster.

Saturday, March 10. Beginners and Family Bird Walk. 8:30–11:00 a.m. Come on out for a fun bird walk at Sepulveda Basin! These popular walks are designed for beginning birders and school-age children. Directions: Exit the San Diego Freeway (I-405) on Burbank Blvd. Go west about 1/2 mile to Woodley Avenue and turn right (north). Travel about 1/2 mile to the second possible right turn (at sign for the Water Reclamation Plant and Japanese Garden). Turn right and go east about 1/2 mile to Wildlife Area parking at the end of the road. Walk across the road from the

parking lot to the low buildings to meet the group. For more info, contact Muriel Kotin at (310) 457-5769 or aKotin@earthlink.net or Linda Jones at (818) 831-6061 or LJonesBird@aol.com.

Saturday, March 10. Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Bird Walk. 8:00–10:00 a.m. Directions: Exit the Ventura Freeway (U.S. 101) at Las Virgenes Canyon Road and proceed north to the trailhead parking area at the end of the road. Please bring plenty of water and wear proper shoes. Leader: Jim Hardesty (818) 346-6712, jnhardesty@adelphia.net.

Saturday, March 10. Placerita Canyon Nature Center Docent's Bird Walk. 9:00 a.m. Directions: Take the 405 or 5 Freeway north to the 14 Freeway. Exit the 14 at Placerita Canyon. Turn right at the end of the off ramp and continue about 1.5 miles to the park entrance. Turn right and park at the Nature Center. Leader: Bob Fischer. For more information, call the Nature Center at (661) 259-7721.

Sunday, March 11. Descanso Gardens Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m. Meet at the first wide place after entering the gardens. Admission is free for early birders. Located at 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada. Leader: Karen Johnson or Nancy Herron Knode. For more information, contact Karen at (818) 790-1687 or lv2bird@aol.com.

Saturday, Sunday, March 17–18. Monthly Field Trip: MORRO BAY WEEKEND! The first day, Saturday, March 17, we will meet in the parking lot on the near (inland) side of Morro Rock at 8:00 a.m. The second day, Sunday, March 18, we will meet at the Montana de Oro State Park Headquarters/Visitor Center at 8:00 a.m. Our species tally is usually very high on this trip. Pigeon Guillemot and Chestnut-backed Chickadee are expected. Directions from the San Fernando Valley: Take the 101 Freeway to San Luis Obispo and then follow Route 1 north to the town of Morro Bay. Allow at least 4 hours driving time from the Valley. Bring lunch and drinks. Be prepared for possible inclement weather, and remember that the central coast can be quite chilly in the mornings. Make camping or motel reservations as soon as possible. Leader is Richard Barth (310) 276-0342.

Saturday, March 17. Santa Monica Mts. Conservancy Bird Walk at Towsley Canyon. 8:00–10:00 a.m. Directions: Go north on I-5 through Santa Clarita, exit

Calgrove and turn west (left) under the freeway and then left again on the Old Road. Watch for the sign, "Ed Davis Park at Towsley Canyon." Turn right and park in the back lot. Meet at the kiosk. Leader: Roger McClure. For further information, call (661) 255-3606.

Sunday, March 18. Malibu Creek State Park Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m. Meet at the second (lower) day-use parking lot. Entrance to the park is on the west side of Las Virgenes Road, just south of Mulholland Hwy. Entrance fee is \$8 per car. Leader: Muriel Kotin (310) 457-5796. AKotin@earthlink.net.

Tuesday, March 20. Weekday Wanderers Bird Walk at Towsley Canyon in Newhall. 9:00 a.m. Directions: Take the Calgrove exit from the 5 Freeway. Turn west back under the freeway and take The Old Road south just a short distance to the park entrance on the right. Look for the sign. Park in the last open lot. Call Carolyn Oppenheimer with any questions at (818) 885-7493 (before 7:30 p.m. please) or e-mail: CarolOpp@aol.com.

Thursday, March 22. NO General Membership Meeting. See you April 26th!

Saturday, March 24. Antelope Valley Audubon Society Field Trip to the Antelope Valley Poppy Reserve. 8:00 a.m. Trip leader: Jim Dodson. Meet in parking lot 15 miles west of Hwy 14 15101 Lancaster Rd.

Sunday, March 25. Descanso Gardens Bird Walk.— See March 11 for details.

Monday, March 26. SFVAS Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Balboa Mission Town Hall, 16916 San Fernando Mission Blvd., at Balboa (southeast corner) in Granada Hills.

Sunday, April 1. Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m.— See March 4 for details.

Tuesday, April 3. Antelope Valley Audubon Meeting. 6:30p.m. The Visitor's Center of the Prime Desert Woodland Preserve at 43201 35th Street, in Lancaster.

Future Fieldtrips:

April 28. Morongo Valley (fourth Saturday)

May 12. Whitney Canyon and Placerita Canyon Park (second Saturday)

June 9. Rancho Sierra Vista Preserve (second Saturday) 🌿

BIRD FESTIVALS

9th Annual Aleutian Goose Festival

MARCH 30—APRIL 2, 2007

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Yosemite Birding Festival

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www.yosemite.org/seminars

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April 20—22, 2007

Register online at www.godwitdays.com.

Or by phone at (800) 908-WING or (707) 444-2938

13th Annual Kern River Valley Spring Nature Festival

Friday—Monday, April 27—30, 2007

<http://kern.audubon.org/bioregionactivities.htm>. 🌿

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE RESERVE TRASH CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2007 8:30 a.m. – NOON

Please help liberate lovely Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area and Haskell Creek from trash.

Haskell Creek, which runs through the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area to the Los Angeles River, hosts many riparian trees and shrubs, such as cottonwoods, willows and cattails. Songbirds forage and nest in the trees and shrubs, while egrets and herons fish in this heart of the Wildlife Area. Winter rains washed in hideous amounts of trash, especially plastic bags and Styrofoam. This is your chance to help restore the creek's beauty.

Equipment and Clothing: Please wear rugged clothing, including water shoes or rubber boots, and sunscreen. If you have them please bring gardening gloves and tools to help reach items.

Directions: Take Woodley Avenue (which is 1/2 mile west of the I-405 Freeway) north from Burbank Boulevard. Go 1/2 mile north to the signs for the Wildlife Reserve and Japanese Gardens. Turn east (right). Where the road forks, bear right. Continue east 1/2 mile to the end of the road. Sign in at the amphitheater, just beyond the large rock monuments and rock-faced buildings.

More Information: The event is appropriate for adults and older students. **It is not appropriate for young children.** It is an excellent opportunity for students to **earn community service hours.** Rain cancels but light drizzle does not. Other questions, contact Donna Timlin at (818) 341-9354, Muriel Kotin at (310) 457-5796, or Linda Jones at (818) 831-6061.



AUDUBON AT HOME by Alan Pollack, *Audubon at Home*, chair

“Have some poison, my dear...”

Just suppose you gave a party for some dear friends and without being aware of it, many of the dishes you served up were poisoned! Not a pleasant thought, but that is exactly the scenario that takes place when you reach for the pesticide, insecticide or herbicide to get rid of those pesky moles, insects, or weeds in your garden. Your garden is an invitation to our wildlife friends and they eat what is served, including the just poisoned rodent, insect, or weed. And let's not forget that as these poisons are being applied and leach into the soil and water table, humans are also being exposed and slowly poisoned. So, what are the alternatives? There are many! Let's consider one problem at a time.

PESTS: such as rats, moles, mice, etc. Eliminate food sources (such as fallen fruit, or dog and cat food placed outdoors) and shelter (such as large patches of Algerian Ivy). Build or buy nesting boxes to attract barn owls (one family of barn owls will eat 1000 or more rodents/year). If you must, use traps that kill quickly and humanely.

INSECTS: To begin with, learn to distinguish harmful from beneficial insects. Biologic controls include purchasing plants that are resistant to insect attack and/or are attractive to beneficial insects (most often these are plants that are native to your area). Keep plants healthy by first, choosing plants likely to grow well in your garden spot (and again, natives are a good choice) and by giving them the proper water, food and maintenance. Watch for early signs of disease or infestation. If either is observed, mechanical controls include removing the diseased portion of the plant or the whole plant, if necessary. A strong spray from your water hose can remove clinging insects; a gentle spray of water in the morning will get rid of powdery mildew (whereas at night, it will encourage mildew). If chemical controls are necessary (hopefully, the last resort), using the least toxic is best for our environment. Many common household products can be effective and are less harmful than the chemicals sold in garden stores. For example, a mixture of baking soda and liquid soap will treat both blackspot fungus and powdery mildew. An insecticidal soap solution can be purchased at garden stores.

HERBICIDES: Most of the herbicide use in the U.S. is applied to lawns. Since a lawn has very little value for wildlife and also consumes an enormous amount of water, fertilizer, and care (read \$\$\$) in addition to herbicide, reducing the size of (or totally eliminating!) your lawn would make a big dent in herbicide use. Keeping a layer of mulch on all bare soil areas will inhibit weed growth (as well as conserve soil moisture and improve soil structure). When weeds appear, pulling them out works well (best done before they go to seed) and is good exercise! Weeds in cracked concrete or asphalt can be killed with a propane torch or a strong vinegar solution.

Learn more about non-toxic, environmentally friendly, sustainable gardening practices at www.finegardening.com (click on pests and diseases) and at www.wasteless.org (click on environmentally preferable purchasing and then on less toxic gardening/IPM).

There now. Aren't you less worried about throwing your next "garden party?" 🌿

BIRDATHON 2007 TEAM LEADERS NEEDED by Donna Timlin

SFVAS is forming teams for our annual fundraiser, the Birdathon. Leaders form teams that obtain pledges for each species of bird their team discovers on a special Birdathon expedition. Birdathon can be a fun way to plan a birding trip to new locations not traveled on our regular walks. Leaders need not be expert birders or form large teams. The trips can be for a morning or an all-day "Big Day." The idea is to have fun and at the same time raise some money for the chapter. An easy way for leaders to obtain pledges is to have your trip included in our annual Birdathon pledge letter that is sent to all members. If you wish to be included in the fundraising letter to be sent out at the end of March, please call Donna Timlin at (818) 341-9354 or e-mail her at donnatimlin@sbcglobal.net by March 12. 🌿

Antelope Valley News Brief

Submitted by Linda Edwards

FIELD NOTES: January found some of our members pursuing a variety of Audubon activities. Jim Dodson went on the High Desert Bird Prowl on the 6th. Under the leadership of Jim Moore and Jim Hardesty, the group visited various spots on the east side of the AV where they saw a variety of species as reported in the February Phainopepla.

The following week, Bob Weatherman and Jim Dodson braved the early 5-degree chill to join the Sea and Sage Group for their hawk-banding project. Our two birders were greatly impressed with the experience, which they captured in photos and on video that they will share with us.

The Poppy Reserve outing, sponsored by our own fledging committee and hosted by Jim Dodson on the 27th yielded four early birders whose sightings included several Red-tailed Hawks, a few (Western) Meadowlarks, a Northern Flicker, and an American Kestrel breakfasting on one of the many Savannah Sparrows they observed. There was also excitement and considerable discussion over the likely ID of a Ferruginous Hawk.

MEETING REPORT: At our monthly gathering on February 6 we welcomed four new attendees. We missed Jim Moore and Kris Ohlenkamp who were both out of the area and unable to join us. In lieu of a formal program Jim Dodson, our chairperson, who participated in the banding event last month, circulated photos he had taken during that banding and elaborated on the process that the group used.

Pam Stones offered to gather and share information about various birding activities being sponsored by groups in the L.A. and Kern Counties.

There was discussion and agreement on sponsoring a monthly outing to one of our state parks (the Poppy Reserve or Saddleback Butte) in an effort to gradually develop an accurate bird list for each park. Members were encouraged to consider taking on the leadership of these and other field trips. Thanks to Eileen and Pam for the drinks and refreshments. 🌿

Bird Quiz Answers: 1)c, 2)d, 3)g, 4)a, 5)b, 6)e, 7)f

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If you have any questions about membership, renewals, change of address or any other membership concerns, please contact Jim Van Beveren at (818) 998-4905 or e-mail him at jvanbeveren@vbandb.com.



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