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## Monthly Program

### General Membership Meeting

Thursday, June 28, 2012, Annual Photo Night and Potluck.

6:00—6:30 p.m. setup and social time.

Dining begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by meeting and photo sharing.

Members and guests are invited to bring a dish to share at our annual potluck. Please bring one of the following: a main dish, salad, rolls, or dessert to serve 6–8 people. Bring your own plate, cup and eating utensils. Beverages will be provided.

Following dinner we will have the installation of officers for 2012–2013, and program. If you want to you can share your photos. Perhaps you've gone to a special place to bird this year or want to put together a selection of a limited number of your best photos. If not, you can relax and enjoy what others have brought.

Bring 1–15 photos in .jpg format on a CD or flash drive. Give them to Jim Moore who will run the projector, giving you time to say a little something about each photo such as the species, location, any special background story that goes with your photo, or the type of camera and/or other equipment you used. (Photo: Cooper's Hawk, by Richard Medvitz, from his front yard, 2012)



## New Officers and Continuing Board Members to be Installed at the June 28, 2012 Meeting

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Photo: by Mathew Tekulsky, *Your Board at Work*, 3/12

San Fernando Valley Audubon Society's General Membership Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month (except July and August). Come at 7:00 p.m. to share in conversation, refreshments, and view our sales table, meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. We meet at the Encino Community Center, 4935 Balboa Blvd. Encino. See Calendar of Events, pages 4–5, for directions.



## Birdathon 2012 Results and Information *by Rose Leibowitz*

These are the Birdathon results for this year. The pledges are still coming in, so the amount of money raised and acknowledgment of donors will be in the next edition.

A BIG thank you to all our leaders. We had a wide range of events this year. There were three small Big Days (Willis, Kotin families, and Mark Osokow's group). Jim Moore's Big Day inspired five carloads of birders to follow him all over the High Desert! Carolyn Oppenheimer, Art Langton, Kris Ohlenkamp, Nancy Herron Knode, and Dick Barth were able to include the count in their regular birdwalks. At the other extreme, our first Big Sit allowed the birds to come to us, and the Children's Birdathon brought out about 20 families who competed in a good natured way to see the most species.

Thank you all!

Date	Event place	Leader	We hope for!	We saw!
April 15	Silverado Canyon	Lori Willis Memorial Fund	Probable count 75	Actual species 60
April 15	Malibu Creek State Park	Art Langton	Probable count 50	Actual species 46
April 17	O'Melveny Park	Carolyn Oppenheimer	Probable count 36-40	Actual species 42
April 24	Sta. Susanna, Simi Hills	Mark Osokow	Probable count 60	Actual species 62
April 25	Antelope Valley	Jim Moore	Probable count 115	Actual species 122
April 28-29	Morongo Valley	Dick Barth	Probable count 65-70	Actual species 66
April 29	Greater LA area	Alan and Muriel Kotin	Probable count 100	Actual species 111
May 6	Sepulveda Basin	Kris Ohlenkamp	Probable count 70	Actual species 61
May 13	Descanso Gardens	Nancy Herron-Knode	Probable count 55	Actual species 47
May 11	Sepulveda Basin	Big Sit	Probable count 30	Actual species 31
May 12	Sepulveda Basin	Children's Birdathon	Probable count 30	Count varied by child!

### "Big Sit" Site Yields 31 Species *by Diana Keeney*

Acting on the wisdom that a good way to see birds is to sit still and let them come to you, SFVAS members held their first "Big Sit" Birdathon event on May 11, 2012, at the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve. So the members sat and the birds came! Thirty-one species in less than two hours passed within sight of the Wildlife Lake viewing area.

Sunny skies, mild temperatures, and congenial companions made for ideal conditions on the day of the "Big Sit" to record the diversity of avian life that frequents the Wildlife Reserve. Canada Geese, Mallards, American Coots, Pied-billed Grebes, and Double-crested Cormorants populated the Wildlife Lake, along with a Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, and Great Egret. Two hawks (Cooper's and Red-tailed), two swallows (Northern Rough-wing and Barn), two warblers (Wilson's and Yellow), two finches (House and Lesser Goldfinch), two towhees (California and Spotted), two kingbirds (Western and Cassin's) and two blackbirds (Brewer's and Red-winged) were sighted. Mourning Dove, Song Sparrow, Great-tailed Grackle, Bullock's Oriole, American Crow, Northern Mockingbird, Black Phoebe, Western Bluebird, and Allen's Hummingbird were added to the count before the "Big Sit" ended.

The "Big Sit" required little gas, little stamina, and little time, but gave participants a big satisfaction for adding to the fundraising efforts of the 2012 Birdathon. *(Photo: Black Phoebe, by Rose Leibowitz)*





## The Children's Birdathon by Rosemary Leibowitz



We were fortunate to have wonderful weather for the Children's Birdathon this year and a good turnout. Some of the participants came from schools that benefit from the SBEEP program (Palms and Carpenter). It gave those children an opportunity to share the wonders of birding with their parents. As each child kept his or her own list there is no whole group total to report this year but between 20 and 30 birds were spotted. The highlights for all were the goslings which came and posed for us, and the swans which are not usually seen at the Wildlife Reserve. The students in the picture are from Mar Vista ES. *Photo: by Rose Leibowitz, printed with permission.*

## Monthly Field Trip Reports by Richard Barth

Our Morro Bay Weekend fell on March 17–18. As is typical, some participants began birding a day early to make this a three day event. The weekend species count this year was 95 despite inclement weather (periods of rain and high winds, some hail).

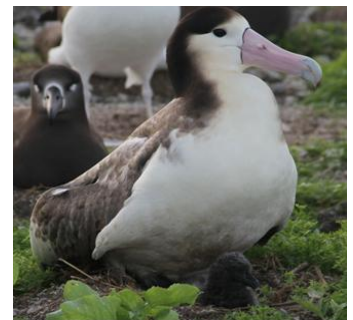
We were successful with target birds Pigeon Guillemot, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Peregrine Falcon, and Brant. Greater White-fronted Goose was one of the highlight sightings on the trip. A confusing Cackling/Canada type goose was seen and photographed, and after considerable research plus discussing our photos with Peter Pyle and others, we decided it was an immature Lesser Canada Goose, a subspecies of Canada Goose not well documented/studied in our southern California area. Our waterfowl list came to fourteen. We tallied fifteen species of shorebirds (including Long-billed Curlew, in exceptional numbers this year). Red-throated Loon and Common Loon were seen, but we missed Pacific. Pelagic and Brandt's Cormorants, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Great Horned Owl, Hermit Thrush (many moving through), Red-breasted Sapsucker, "Myrtle" Yellow-rumped Warbler, Golden-crowned Sparrow and Purple Finch should be mentioned. A handsome, healthy-looking bobcat wandered out of the canyon riparian area at Montana de Oro during a break in the rain on Sunday morning.

April 28 found us in the high desert north of Palm Springs, birding the Big Morongo Canyon area and then Black Rock Campground in Joshua Tree National Park. This trip doubles as a SFVAS Birdathon and we welcome sightings by participants from anytime during the weekend for our list.

We tallied 66 species including some crowd pleasers like Pinyon Jay, White-winged Dove, Vermilion Flycatcher, Summer Tanager, Scott's Oriole, Lawrence's Goldfinch and Black-throated Sparrow. Unexpected was a vocalizing Belted Kingfisher flying down Big Morongo Canyon. Surprising at Black Rock Campground were several Acorn Woodpeckers, rare in the open high desert. Greater Roadrunner, Cactus Wren, Gambel's Quail, Costa's Hummingbird, Verdin, Brown-crested Flycatcher (heard) and Lazuli Bunting made our list. Other nice finds were Phainopepla, Black-chinned Hummingbird, California Thrasher, Dusky Flycatcher, Hammond's Flycatcher, Ash-Throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Western Wood-Pewee, Western Bluebird, Cassin's Vireo, Plumbeous Vireo, Black-headed Grosbeak, Bullock's Oriole, Hooded Oriole, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Ladder-backed Woodpecker and Sharp-shinned Hawk. Most interesting on our warbler list were Yellow-breasted Chat and Nashville.

## The Second-ever Hatching of a Short-tailed Albatross occurred at Midway National Wildlife Refuge on January 12.—Submitted by Linda Jones

This is only the second hatching in recorded history of a Short-tailed Albatross any place other than two small islands in Japan. The chick's parents first met four years ago; the female was 5 years-old and the male 21. They first nested last year only a few yards away from this year's nest, amazing the scientific community by successfully raising and fledging a chick despite two major storms and the March 11, 2011, Japanese tsunami that washed the young bird more than 30 meters from its nest site. The pair reunited on Midway Atoll in early November 2011 and the female laid an egg. If all goes well, the two albatross parents will spend the next five months finding and bringing food to their chick every one to three days. They will log tens of thousands of miles, soaring between Midway and the nutrient-rich waters some 1,000 miles to the northwest, foraging on squid and flying fish eggs they will regurgitate to the chick once back at the Refuge.—Midway Atoll NWR Newsletter



Short-tailed albatross and chick - Photo credit Pete Leary/USFWS





## Calendar of Events

### June

**Saturday, June 2. Castaic Lake Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** Directions: Take closest freeway to I-5 North and exit at Parker Road. Turn right and proceed to stop sign (Castaic Road), proceed to next stop sign (Lake Hughes Road), proceed to next stop sign (Castaic Lake Drive) and turn right. Entrance to the park is on the right. Parking is in Lot 4, so make a right turn after the kiosk, then an immediate left turn into the lot, parking to the left. Leader: Roger McClure. For information, contact the staff at (661) 257-4050.

**Sunday, June 3. Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m.** Directions: Exit the San Diego Freeway (I-405) on Burbank Blvd. Go west about one-half mile to Woodley Avenue and turn right (north). Travel about one-half mile to the second possible right turn (at sign for the Water Reclamation Plant and Japanese Garden). Turn right and go east about one-half mile to Wildlife Area parking at the end of the road. Leader: Kris Ohlenkamp. Contact him at [kris.ohlenkamp@sfvaudubon.org](mailto:kris.ohlenkamp@sfvaudubon.org) or (747) 444-9683.

**Monday, June 4. Antelope Valley Audubon Quarterly Bird Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Note: Monday *not* Tuesday.** The Prime Desert Woodland Preserve in the Elyze Clifford Interpretive Center, at 43201 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Lancaster. Bob and Bonnie Weatherman will be presenting a program on their **WINTER BIRDING TRIP IN NEW MEXICO**. There will be a number of highlights including the Bosque Del Apache. You won't want to miss this! We'll begin in the Preserve with a birdwalk at 5:30 p.m. Contact Linda Edwards or Vern Benhart, (661) 948-8524, for more information. [www.avaudubon.com](http://www.avaudubon.com).

**Saturday, June 9. Placerita Canyon Nature Center Docents' Bird Walk. 8:00 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. Various leaders. For more information, call the Nature Center at (661) 259-7721.

**Saturday, June 9. Monthly Field Trip to Rancho Sierra Vista Preserve (Second Saturday) 7:30 a.m.** We expect to see Blue Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, orioles, flycatchers, raptors, possibly Grasshopper Sparrow. Directions: Take the Ventura Freeway (101) to the Lynn Road exit in Thousand Oaks. Go south on Lynn Road and proceed 5.3 miles to Via Goleta. Turn left at Via Goleta to the preserve entrance. The main gate officially opens at 8:00 a.m. but a ranger usually opens it much earlier. We will meet at the gate at 7:30, ready to drive down to the parking lot and get an early start. We will bird until about 11:30. Leader: Richard Barth, (310) 276-0342.

**Sunday, June 10. Descanso Gardens Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m.** Meet at the first entrance entering the gardens. Admission is **DISCONTINUED**. Located at 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada. Leader: Karen Johnson or Nancy Herron Knode. For more information, contact Dottie Ecker, (818) 790-0659.

**Saturday, June 16. 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) 252-6187.

**Sunday, June 17. 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 \$12 per car. Leader(s): Muriel Kotin, (310) 457-5796 and/or Art Langton.

**Monday, June 18. SFVAS Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m.** Balboa Mission Town Hall, 16916 San Fernando Mission Blvd., at Balboa (southeast corner) in Granada Hills.

**Tuesday, June 19. O'Melveny Weekday Walk at O'Melveny Park, Granada Hills. 9:00 a.m.** Directions: Take the 118/Ronald Reagan Freeway and exit at Balboa Blvd. Turn north, driving two miles to Sesnon, turn left going west 0.6 miles, turn right at park entrance. Meet in the parking lot. **RAIN CANCELS.** Contact Carolyn Oppenheimer at (818) 885-7493 (before 7 p.m.), or [carolyn.oppenheimer@sfvaudubon.org](mailto:carolyn.oppenheimer@sfvaudubon.org).

**Thursday, June 28. SFVAS General Membership Meeting, Annual Potluck, and Photo Show. 6:00–6:30 p.m. setup and social time. Potluck dining begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by meeting and photo sharing.** Location: Encino Community Center, 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino. Located between Moorpark and Ventura Blvd., on the west side of Balboa, just south of the Presbyterian Church.

The evening's program will include the installation of new officers for the 2012–2013 year. It will also feature presentations from our own talented photographer members sharing their best slides, DVD's etc. All are invited to participate. Limit the number of images to 15 or less. Presenters must narrate. Possibilities are birds, nature, vacations, field trips, or backyard natural wonders.

Don't miss this always-enjoyable annual get-together of friends, food, and photos as our activity year draws to a close. For more information see "Monthly Program", page one.



## July

**Sunday, July 1. Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m.** See June 3 for details.

**Saturday, July 7. Castaic Lake Bird Walk. 8:00–12:00 a.m.** See June 2 for details.

**Saturday, July 14. Placerita Canyon Nature Center Docents' Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m.** See June 9 for details.

**Sunday, July 15. Malibu Creek State Park Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m.** See June 17 for more details.

**Tuesday, July 17. O'Melveny Weekday Walk at O'Melveny Park, Granada Hills. 9:00 a.m.** See June 19 for more details.

**Saturday, July 21. Monthly Field Trip: Mt. Pinos. 7:30 a.m.** Join us for summer montane species such as Fox Sparrow, Green-tailed Towhee, Dusky Flycatcher, Cassin's Finch, Hairy Woodpecker and Clark's Nutcracker. Meet in the parking lot at Iris Meadows. Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, insect repellent and lunch. Directions: From the San Fernando Valley,

take I-5 north to the Frazier Park exit. Go west through Frazier Park and continue for about 20 miles up Mount Pinos Road to the end (and parking lot.) Your vehicle must exhibit a National Forest "Adventure Pass" or Golden Age Passport in order for you to park and bird in this area. Leader: Richard Barth, (310) 276-0342.

**Saturday, July 21. Santa Monica Mts. Conservancy Bird Walk at Towsley Canyon. 8:00–10:00 a.m.** See June 16 for more details.

**No General Membership Meetings in July or August. Enjoy your summer and see you in September!**

**Future Field Trips (details later):**

**August 18. Chilao and Buckhorn**

**September 15. Huntington Central Park and Bolsa Chica**

## Audubon-at-Home by Alan Pollack

I received a recent inquiry from a reader about how to keep roaming neighborhood cats out of her yard. This is a not uncommon problem (cats, even well fed ones, kill millions of birds each year) and there is not always a fix for it. The American Bird Conservancy suggests the following possibilities:

1. If you know who owns the cat, try to convince the owner that in addition to protecting our birds, cats can live happy, healthier, and safer lives indoors. An outdoor experience can be provided in an enclosure or on a leash.
2. Cat proof fencing, either in your yard or the cat owner's yard.
3. Spraying the cat with a garden hose or a device that turns on sprinklers when motion is detected can work, but must be done consistently so the cat learns to avoid the noxious environment.
4. Humanely trapping the cat, if legal, after warning the cat's owner (if known) that you plan to do this if the cat is not controlled. Best done during the day to avoid trapping other nocturnal critters. Cat is brought to animal control where the owner might be notified, but check with animal control about their policy—in many cases the animal is simply euthanized so you may not want to do this.



Strategies with minimal or no value: sonic collars or bell collars on cats, brambles under a bird feeder, declawing a cat. And, finally, one can hope that Mother Nature provides a solution in the form of a hungry hawk or coyote.

If one is determined to let one's cat roam outside, because felines are nocturnal by nature, it would be best to let Tabby out at night where s/he can help control the rodent population and not be a threat to the birds, although s/he may become a victim of predation at night.

**Help Orphaned Song Birds:** In addition to his consulting and lecturing duties as Audubon-at-Home Chair, Alan Pollack volunteers for several wildlife rescue groups. Wildlife Care of Ventura County is currently looking for people who have a love of birds and a lot of time on their hands who would be interested in the rehabilitation and release of orphaned song birds at their own homes. Training will be provided. If you have a serious interest, please call Anna Reams at (805) 428-7105 for more information.

Please e-mail Alan Pollack, our Audubon-at-Home Chair, with any questions you have with regard to creating a wildlife-friendly garden that can be used for publication. Alan offers **FREE** consultation/landscape design to help you make your yard wildlife friendly. He also gives a **FREE**, PowerPoint slide show/lecture to community groups, high school, and college classes on attracting wildlife to your garden and sustainable gardening practices. He can be contacted at (818) 340-2347 or at [alan.pollack@sfaudubon.org](mailto:alan.pollack@sfaudubon.org).



## BIRD DISPLAYS SAIL TO EMERALD BAY *by Art Langton*

A Chapter project which began most innocently with the retrieval of a dead Western Grebe by Ryan Langton off of Emerald Bay, Catalina, reached a major milestone April 26 with the return of the now mounted grebe to the Pennington Marine Science Center, part of Camp Emerald Bay. Using the Chapter's salvage permit allowing the possession of deceased wildlife, the artistic and taxidermy skills of Igor Caragodin of Long Beach, the support and encouragement of President Dave Weeshoff and Dave Chan, director of the Marine Science Center, plus financial support from an anonymous source, the return voyage also included not only the grebe but a cormorant (also from the ocean off Emerald Bay), a Great Blue Heron, and a pair of Western Gulls provided through contact with the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center of Orange County. Attendees will recall these exhibits were on display at the Chapter's annual conservation dinner in March.

This loan program by the Chapter will augment, enhance, and expand the oceanographic instruction at the Center and will be expanded over time depending on the availability of suitable specimens, funding, and display space. A Common Murre and a Sooty Shearwater are currently in preparation. In return for the loan and use of these specimens in the instructional program, the Chapter receives recognition on each label as the source, provider, and contributor of the exhibit thus getting Audubon's name in front of the next generation of environmentalists.

The Pennington Marine Science Center is part of Camp Emerald Bay operated by the Western Los Angeles County Council of the Boy Scouts of America headquartered in Van Nuys. While used as a scout camp during the summer, the facilities are available to schools and other youth groups throughout the remainder of the year and on weekends. The Center includes a plankton lab furnished with individual microscope stations equipped with TV cameras and monitors, numerous aquariums featuring local fish and ocean bottom organisms, plus scuba diving instruction and equipment rental. Approximately 5000 campers make use of these facilities annually.

Assisting with the project in addition to the aforementioned individuals were Dennis Ellis, Director of Catalina Operations for the scout council, Stephen Langton, Hope and Mark Rhodes of the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club and owners and operators of the yacht *Hope for Happiness* provided transportation to Emerald Bay, and Art Langton, past president, who put the pieces together to make this project work and to empty his freezer of dead, frozen birds.

## Phainopepla Photo of the Month *by Kay Levy*



Our photo for this issue is a Marbled Godwit taken this past December by Kay Levy. Kay, a member of San Fernando Valley Audubon, has been an avid birder for more than 20 years. She took this shot with a Canon Power Shot A560 at Mandalay Beach in Oxnard, where she was vacationing with her husband, Fred, and daughter and son-in-law. Thanks, Kay!

Please submit your photos to [Lynn.Maddox@sfvadubon.org](mailto:Lynn.Maddox@sfvadubon.org). Only one picture per photographer per month please! Ideally, the picture will be taken within our area and the information will include the location and the date it was taken, what camera and lens was used, a short account of how the picture was taken, and profile of the photographer. Good shooting! Thanks, Lynn.

## LOST LADYBUG PROJECT—*Submitted by Linda Jones, Photo: R. LeVine*

Cornell Laboratories is offering a new learning opportunity, the Lost Ladybug Project. If you enjoy the outdoors, have an interest in insects, or happen to be a teacher, you may wish to find out more. Cornell is interested in documenting the many species of ladybugs found in North America and are hoping to locate several species that are on the brink of extinction. You can help. Hike around, find ladybugs, take photos and submit them to the lab along with your name and location. Your info will be entered in Cornell's database and you will be recognized for your contribution. Useful tips on how to find, catch, photograph, and document your finds is available on the Website [www.lostladybug.org](http://www.lostladybug.org). There are lesson plans and other teaching aids as well as interesting background facts for teachers and references for further reading. Even those who "hate" insects, somehow seem to "love" ladybugs. Wouldn't you like to know more about them?



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If you have any questions about membership, renewals, change of address or any other membership concerns, please contact Rose Leibowitz at (818) 990-5405 or e-mail her at [rose.leibowitz@sfvaudubon.org](mailto:rose.leibowitz@sfvaudubon.org).





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**Membership** SFVAS is pleased to welcome the following new members. We hope you will get involved with our many field trips and activities. Please contact Rose Leibowitz, Membership Chair, with any questions at [rose.leibowitz@sfvaudubon.org](mailto:rose.leibowitz@sfvaudubon.org).

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*I've heard the woodpecker's name pronounced PIE leated and PILL leated, but was taken aback when a woman called me asking where she could see a "pleated" woodpecker. I was ever so tempted to tell her, "In the same fabric stores where we find ruffled grouse."*

*Laura Erickson, BirdChat Feb. 13, 2012.*