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## PROGRAM NOTES

Guy Commeau to Speak at Thursday, February 26 General Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Wonders and Wildlife of California

Bio: Naturalist, World traveler, Photographer, LA Zoo volunteer

Mr. Commeau marvels at the beauty of the landscape and wildlife of California. To capture natural landscapes he recently camped at Yosemite during a snowfall to view the landscape in its snowy splendor. We will learn more about this enthusiastic adventurer when we view his photographs of California wildlife at our February program.

**SFVAS Annual Awards Banquet, Friday, March 13, 2009, Airtel Plaza Hotel, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Featured Speaker: Tom Kaminski**



Avian Video Center Producer Tom Kaminski, sponsored by The Hummingbird Society, recently traveled to Isla Robinson Crusoe (a Chilean possession) to film the endemic and critically endangered Juan Fernández Firecrown Hummingbird (*Sephanoides fernandensis*).

Tom Kaminski has combined his experience in broadcast journalism, aerospace communications, and college teaching to create nature programs that are uniquely educational and entertaining. His presentation will feature his new DVD entitled "Hummingbirds! Beauty and the Beast." We will learn that it is not

true that hummingbird beauty is more than feather deep; that they are little beasts that live by the law of the jungle. They are deadbeat dads, single moms, and teenage chicks. Find out what hummingbirds want and how they get it. You do not want to miss this program. Mail in your reservation form (on back page) TODAY!





## 2008 Christmas Bird Count Summary by Arthur Langton, Compiler

From Kagel Canyon in the east to Limekiln and Aliso Canyons in the west, the northern portions of the Chapter's Christmas bird count territory was heavily impacted by the severity and extent of the destructive fall fire season. Additional areas affected included Wilson Canyon, and Veteran's, El Carizo, and O'Melveny Parks. More than one counter in these areas described the devastation to the native habitat as "toast."

Nevertheless, persistence and perseverance resulted in noteworthy finds and helped bring the Chapter's total count to 129 species and over 20,000 individual birds, an improvement over last year's totals of 125 species and 15,000+ birds. The improvement was undoubtedly aided by the cool but clear weather on count day, Saturday, December 27, which brought out 46 observers as opposed to only 34 last year. Significant wind was only reported from higher elevations. Ice on puddles remaining from recent rain provided testimony to the cool early morning temperatures.

No out-of-range or out-of-season birds were reported although a new species for count day was a Eurasian Collared Dove reported by Jim Moore from Wilson Canyon. The bird had previously been a count week bird. Also of note from Wilson were the usual species of owls (4), ducks, egrets and herons, woodpeckers, vireos, and sparrows. Among the expected but missing were any reports of harriers, White-tailed Kites, Soras, Vesper Sparrows, or snipe. A harrier and Vesper Sparrows had been seen in Chatsworth Preserve three weeks prior to count day. Harriers have been observed on 45 of the San Fernando Valley counts since 1957 when the count originated. High counts were posted for Hooded Mergansers, cormorants, Black-crowned Night-Herons, Turkey Vultures, Yellow-Chevroned Parakeets, and Lark Sparrows. The count of 21 Fox Sparrows ties a previous high.

Over a dozen observers at Hansen Dam led all areas with 92 species which included a variety of swallows, 30 Cassin's Kingbirds and the only yellowlegs and Plumbeous Vireo seen count day. Sepulveda Wildlife Area found 72 species including the solo Wood Duck, half the cormorants, and the only stilts, Spotted and Western Sandpipers, parakeets, and the single cowbird seen count day. Lake Balboa and the golf course contributed four species of geese, a Eurasian Wigeon, and a Red-naped Sapsucker. Several groups added

to the Canada Goose total.

The undermanned Chatsworth count found just over fifty species but missed the harrier and Vesper sparrows as previously mentioned. They also lacked a person young and vigorous enough to descend to a marsh inside the reservoir basin and flush out the snipe which have been found in this location on prior counts. Nevertheless, the counted contributed a Virginia Rail, seven Canvasbacks, three roadrunner sightings, 158 Lark Sparrows, and over 200 meadowlarks. Counters at Pierce College found 41 species including the day's only Hutton's Vireo. The O'Melveny Park crew from Torrance, starting at 5 a.m., climbed to the upper and northern boundary of the count circle and was rewarded with the only Phainopeplas and Steller's Jays seen plus numerous bluebirds, six Purple Finches, and a screech owl.

Doug Martin, counting on his own at El Carizo and Veteran's Park, came up with an amazing 37 Hooded Mergansers, a Great Horned Owl plus 32 Band-tailed Pigeons as part of a 63 species contribution despite the recent and wide-spread fire destruction. The only Ferruginous Hawk and Mountain Chickadee were part of a 25-bird count of Glen Haven Cemetery and Kagel Canyon. Forty-one species were seen by those counting Limekiln and Aliso Canyons, the Porter Valley Country Club and Mission Trail. The Long-eared Owls, a Barn Owl, and a second screech owl were sighted by individuals in the hills above Encino.

The compiler extends his thanks and appreciation to all those who took part and contributed to this year's count. Coverage and participation always add to an improved, more comprehensive and complete count. Twenty-five species were seen in a single area by a single count group which again emphasizes the importance of coverage, effort in the field, and participation. The more eyes, the more birds. A special thanks and much appreciation to those who led groups and returned results promptly: Jim Hardesty, Jim Abernathy, Ron Melin, Carolyn Oppenheimer, Jim Moore, Kris Ohlenkamp, Muriel Kotin, Doug Martin, Lynda Fenneman, and Jarron Lucas. ♣



## 2008 Christmas Bird Count Summary

### Species Reported

Greater White-fronted Goose	3	Least Sandpiper	3	White-breasted Nuthatch	16
Snow Goose	1	Western Sandpiper	8	Rock Wren	4
Ross's Goose	2	Ring-billed Gull	289	Bewick's Wren	34
Cackling Goose	13	California Gull	532	House Wren	4
Canada Goose	2,985	Western Gull	12	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	50
Wood Duck	1	gull, species	8	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	30
Gadwall	11	Rock Pigeon (Dove)	610	Western Bluebird	92
Eurasian Wigeon	2	Band-tailed Pigeon	64	Hermit Thrush	15
American Wigeon	1,265	Eurasian Collared Dove	3	American Robin	34
Mallard	1,943	Mourning Dove	458	Wrentit	8
Cinnamon Teal	9	Yellow-chevroned Parakeet	40	Northern Mockingbird	35
Northern Shoveler	123	Greater Roadrunner	5	California Thrasher	13
Green-winged Teal	13	Barn Owl	1	European Starling	425
teal, species	4	Western Screech Owl	2	American Pipit	44
Canvasback	8	Great Horned Owl	2	Cedar Waxwing	133
Ring-necked Duck	101	Long-eared Owl	2	Phainopepla	4
Lesser Scaup	7	White-throated Swift	107	Orange-crowned Warbler	5
Bufflehead	59	Anna's Hummingbird	194	Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler	1,064
Hooded Merganser	79	Allen's Hummingbird	32	Townsend's Warbler	7
Ruddy Duck	163	hummingbird, species	12	Common Yellowthroat	22
California Quail	167	Belted Kingfisher	5	Spotted Towhee	22
Pied-billed Grebe	62	Acorn Woodpecker	50	California Towhee	139
Eared Grebe	17	Red-breasted Sapsucker	12	Chipping Sparrow	49
Western Grebe	13	Red-naped Sapsucker	1	Lark Sparrow	379
American White Pelican	28	sapsucker, species	1	Savannah Sparrow	94
Double-crested Cormorant	963	Nuttall's Woodpecker	30	Fox Sparrow	21
Great Blue Heron	27	Downy Woodpecker	7	Song Sparrow	111
Great Egret	53	Northern (Red-shafted) Flicker	41	Lincoln's Sparrow	4
Snowy Egret	35	Black Phoebe	129	White-crowned Sparrow	469
Green Heron	6	Say's Phoebe	30	Golden-crowned Sparrow	15
Black-crowned Night-Heron	86	Cassin's Kingbird	53	Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	286
Turkey Vulture	48	kingbird, species	9	Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco	1
Osprey	3	Loggerhead Shrike	3	Red-winged Blackbird	27
Sharp-shinned Hawk	12	Hutton's Vireo	1	Western Meadowlark	364
Cooper's Hawk	22	Plumbeous Vireo	1	Brewer's Blackbird	200
Red-shouldered Hawk	6	vireo, species	4	Great-tailed Grackle	108
Red-tailed Hawk	59	Steller's Jay	3	Brown-headed Cowbird	1
Ferruginous Hawk	1	Western Scrub-Jay	114	blackbird, species	26
American Kestrel	18	American Crow	85	Purple Finch	10
Merlin	2	Common Raven	234	House Finch	729
Peregrine Falcon	2	Tree Swallow	17	Lesser Goldfinch	186
Virginia Rail	1	Violet-green Swallow	10	American Goldfinch	312
American Coot	3,058	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	3	House Sparrow	117
Killdeer	61	Mountain Chickadee	1		
Black-necked Stilt	4	Oak Titmouse	41	<b>TOTAL SPECIES SIGHTED</b>	<b>129</b>
Greater Yellowlegs	1	Common Bushtit	234	<b>INDIVIDUAL BIRDS COUNTED</b>	<b>20,763</b>
Spotted Sandpiper	3	Red-breasted Nuthatch	1		



# Calendar of Events

**Sunday, February 1. 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. For more information contact him at (661) 229-6986 or kris.ohlenkamp@sbcglobal.net.

**Saturday, February 7. Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Bird Walk. 8:00–11:00 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. No toilets are available on site. Leader: Jim Hardesty (818) 346-6712, jnhardesty@att.net.

**Saturday, February 7. Castaic Lake Bird Walk. 8:00–10:00 a.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 of LA Co Parks at (661) 257-4050.

**Sunday, February 8. 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, February 14. 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, designed for beginning birders and school-age children, have resumed for the current cool season. 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. Meet across the road from the parking lot at the low buildings. Leaders: Muriel Kotin, (310) 457-5796 and Linda Jones, (818) 831-6061. RAIN CANCELS.

**Saturday, February 14. Placerita Canyon Nature Center Docents' 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, February 15. 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 \$10 per car. Leader(s): Muriel Kotin, (310) 457-5796, aKotin@earthlink.net and/or Art Langton, (818) 887-0973.

**Tuesday, February 17. O'Melveny Weekday Walk at O'Melveny Park, Granada Hills. 8:30 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 .6 mile, turn right at park entrance. Meet in the parking lot. RAIN CANCELS. Contact Carolyn Oppenheimer at, (818) 885-7493, with any questions (before 7 p.m., please) or CarolOpp@sbcglobal.net.

## Monthly Field Trip Carpool

Members are encouraged to carpool to all field trips. Three or four passengers per car will reduce travel expenses. Recommended contribution to the driver is \$5. Details are included in the field trip description below.

**Saturday, February 21, Monthly Field Trip: Private Game Preserve, Oxnard. Meet at 8:00 a.m.** An excellent spot to observe a wide variety of birds including waterfowl, wetland birds and raptors. IMPORTANT---We will be birding the preserve entirely on foot, as vehicles are not allowed out on the habitat roads. Covering the circuit will probably require 4+ hours. Also, no parking is allowed inside the preserve compound....our cars must be parked on the left (north) side of the paved road outside the compound. Directions: From the 101 Freeway take the Las Posas Road exit south (left), then Hueneme Road west (right) to Casper Road. Turn south (left) and continue on Casper Road as it eventually turns left and leads to the preserve compound. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. Bring lunch and drinking water. Allow one hour and fifteen minutes driving time from the Valley. Leader is Richard Barth, (310) 276-0342. Carpool Directions: Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the Woodley Park Park-n-Ride lot on the southeast corner of Balboa and Victory Blvds.





**Saturday, February 21. 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, February 22. Descanso Gardens Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m.** See February 8 for details.

**Thursday, February 26. General Membership Meeting. 7:00 p.m.** 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. Come early for social hour. Our speaker will be Guy Commeau whose topic will be Wonders and Wildlife of California. See “Program Notes” on page one for more information.

**Sunday, March 1.** Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m. See February 1 for details.

**Tuesday, March 3.** Antelope Valley Bird Meeting. 6:30 p.m. The Prime Desert Woodland Preserve in the Elyze Clifford Interpretive Center, at 43201 35th Street, Lancaster. Contact Bob or Bonnie Weatherman at (661) 269-2051.

**Saturday, March 7.** Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Bird Walk. 8:00–11:00 a.m. See February 7 for details.

**Saturday, March 7.** Castaic Lake Bird Walk. 8:00–10:00 a.m. See February 7 for details.

Future Field Trips: (Details later)  
March 21, 22. Morro Bay Weekend  
April 25. Morongo Valley  
May 9. Walker Ranch and Placerita Canyon Park ♣

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## Thank You All 2008 Christmas Bird Count Participants

Jim Abernathy	Lucy Garcia	Barbara Johnson	Jim Moore	David Surtees
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## Birdathon, 2009

It is almost time to begin our annual Birdathon fundraiser! This is our “sponsored birding” in which people pledge a sum of money for every bird spotted on a walk on a designated date. This event is very enjoyable and even a little competitive! If you would like to volunteer to lead a walk, or to have your own birding event with sponsorship from friends and relatives, please let me know at (818) 990-5405 or e-mail me at [rose.leibowitz@sfvaudubon.org](mailto:rose.leibowitz@sfvaudubon.org). More information will be published here in the next few months. The money raised annually in the Birdathon underwrites most of our running expenses and much of the education sessions we sponsor. —Submitted by Rose Leibowitz, Birdathon & Membership Chair ♣

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## JOIN THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT, February 13–16, 2009

Count for Fun, Count for the Future

-Bird and nature fans throughout North America are invited to join tens of thousands of everyday bird watchers for the 12th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count, February 13–16, 2009. A joint project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, anyone can take part in this free event by counting as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the event and reporting their sightings online at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org). Additional online resources include tips to help identify birds, a photo gallery, and special materials for educators. ♣



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## Audubon at Home

by Alan Pollack

### California Native Plants for Your Wildlife Garden: Herbs

There are a wide variety of plants lacking woody tissue that are native to California. I am listing only a few to give you an idea of what is available.

There are over 250 species of *Penstemon* in North America, our largest genus of flowering plants, and many of them are in California. An evergreen perennial found in many habitats, its tall flower spikes attract bees and hummingbirds and though it may be short lived, it easily re-seeds itself.

Douglas iris, *I. Douglasiana*, is an evergreen perennial found in open, grassy or woodland habitats. Smaller and more delicate than non-native irises, the creamy white, blue or purple flowers bloom in late winter and early spring. There are hundreds of cultivars sold as Pacific Coast Iris that have larger, flashier flowers in a wider color range.

Yarrows, *Achillea*, are a semi-evergreen perennial found in many plant communities except the desert. Its feathery foliage rises from few inches to one foot tall and flower stalks rise twice or three times taller bearing 3" to 5" wide, flattened flower heads in summer and early fall which attract bees and butterflies. The heads turn brown as it turns to edible seed. If mowed occasionally, the flower stalks do not grow and the lacy foliage can serve as a drought tolerant lawn substitute.

California poppy, *Eschscholzia californica*, can grow just about anywhere there is sun and winter rain. They have orange or yellow flowers on slender stalks from spring to summer and are grown as an annual or perennial. It re-seeds itself readily, if birds don't eat them all.

California aster, *Lessingia filaginifolia*, is an evergreen perennial adaptable to many habitats. 1' to 3' tall

and wide, its daisy-like, purple, pink, or white flowers bloom in the summer and fall and provide nectar for butterflies while its foliage is food for larvae. The low growing, trailing forms are an effective ground cover.

Deer grass, *Muhlenbergia rigens*, is but one of a number of California native grasses. It is a perennial, warm season grass found in many plant communities, both dry and moist. Easy to grow, its 5' tall, grey-green leaves look like a 3' to 6' wide fountain.

Needlegrasses, *Nasella* species, of which there are three in California, are in smaller, 2' to 3' clumps in many habitats. It is a cool season grass, deciduous or semi-evergreen. All the grasses have edible, seed bearing flower stalks.

And finally, one doesn't have to be a purist—one can mix natives with compatible non-natives. Many plants which are native to the other Mediterranean zones and arid habitats found in Asia, Mexico, and South America have needs similar to our California natives.

So, what are you waiting for? Want wildlife?  
GO NATIVE!!!

Alan Pollack, Audubon-at-Home Chair, 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 reached at [alpat62@aol.com](mailto:alpat62@aol.com) or (818) 340-2347 or at [www.sfvaudubon.org](http://www.sfvaudubon.org). ♣



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### San Fernando Valley Audubon Society Awards Banquet

Friday, March 13, 2009 \_ 6:00 p.m. No Host Bar \_ 7:00 p.m. Dinner  
Airtel Plaza Hotel, 7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys

**Featured Speaker:** Tom Kaminski

**2009 Conservation Award Recipient:** Seth Shteir.

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The buffet-style dinner will also include selections for vegetarians. The cost is \$50.00 including tax and tip. Reservations must be made in advance. Please list names of all guests in your party and mail in this form by March 6, 2009. THERE IS NO RESERVED SEATING. Reduced parking fee at Airtel or street parking is FREE. You will not receive a confirmation of your reservation. Reservations will be held at the door. For further information call Jeanne Polak-Recht, Chairperson, at (818) 360-1438.