

PROGRAM NOTES

SFVAS Annual Awards Banquet, Friday, March 5, 2010, Airtel Plaza Hotel, 6:00 p.m.



Congratulations to Carolyn Oppenheimer our 2010 Conservation Award Recipient!

Carolyn is Chairperson for the Sepulveda Basin Environmental Education Project (SBEEP) and the Chapter's newly formed College Conservation Committee. She has held numerous Board of Directors positions over the last 20+ years including two years as President.

Although Carolyn has engaged in hands-on environmental improvement activities (such as our annual trash cleanup of Haskell Creek), and direct lobbying of our representatives, her efforts always stress the importance of education (for our children, ourselves, and our elected representatives) as the best long term hope for a clean, healthy and diverse environment. We thank her for her efforts and are proud to pres-

ent her with this year's Conservation Award. (Photo: Mathew Tekulsky)



SFVAS Awards Banquet Featured Speaker: Richard W. Halsey

Richard W. Halsey is the director of the California Chaparral Institute, a nonprofit research and educational organization focusing on the ecology of California's shrubland plant communities, wildland fire, and how Mediterranean-type ecosystems have helped shape human culture. Mr. Halsey also works with the San Diego Museum of Natural History, publishes *The Chaparralian*, a journal focusing on chaparral and wildfire issues, and continues to teach natural history throughout the state. The second edition of his book, *Fire, Chaparral, and Survival in Southern California*, was awarded the 2008 Best Nonfiction-Local Interest Book by the San Diego Book Awards Association. ψ

NO SFVAS General Membership Meeting in March. See you Thursday, April 22.

Monthly Field Trip Report by Richard Barth

We visited Upper Newport Bay and San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary on January 16. Perfect weather and a nice turnout.

A Eurasian Wigeon at UNB and a Vermilion Flycatcher at SJWS were our highlight sightings of the day. We unfortunately missed a very rare Bar-tailed Godwit that had reportedly been hanging around the Jamboree bridge at UNB.

Our waterfowl and shorebird lists each totaled sixteen species this year. Redhead, Northern Pintail and Blue-winged Teal probably attracted the most attention on the waterfowl list after the rare Eurasian Wigeon. Red Knot and Dunlin were notable among the shorebirds. We spotted only one species of rail, Sora, and could not locate a California Gnatcatcher. Forster's Terns and Black Skimmers were present and we tallied Belted Kingfisher, White-faced Ibis and five species of grebes. We were pleased to see Tree and Rough-winged Swallows. Our list of six raptors included Osprey (two pairs already nest-building) and Northern Harrier. "Belding's" Savannah Sparrow continues to do well at Upper Newport Bay.

MYSTERIOUS COWBIRD ENCOUNTER - Rich Gerston



You old-timers might remember me, as for over a period of a decade and a half I attended a great many SFV Audubon meetings and participated in Christmas counts. Then, after retiring in 2001 and traveling fulltime for three years I settled down in Joshua Tree. (Yes, now a friend and neighbor of Seth Shtier.) There are no Audubon Chapters out this a'way, so I have considered myself a SFV standout and continue to read the *Phainopepla* monthly. The following is an experience I had at a lovely British Columbia provincial park called Tamarack Lake in late August, 2009. I wonder if you might have a theory as to the story's mysterious ending. Read on.

Twice, while traveling through Jasper and Banff this past summer I saw solitary juvenile Brown-headed Cowbirds walking up to visitors at scenic overlooks, making eye contact with them and following them around. I didn't

make much of it until—a few days later I arrived at Tamarack Lake about 60 kilometers north of Cranbrook, B.C. Here I camped entirely alone for three nights. I was immediately greeted like a long, lost friend by a single immature cowbird. Wherever I walked it

followed me, to the lake, the nature trail, to the outhouse—even inside my motor home when I left the door open. It shadowed me, landed on my shoulder, sat on my knee as I sat on my camp chair and even sat on my head once as I walked around camp. On a few occasions I gave it grains and sunflower seeds from my granola. It ate unafraid right from my fingertips. Once it flew to my foot with a grasshopper in its bill, looked at me and swallowed it.

This went on for 22 hours (with a break for a night of sleep.) Then during the morning of my second day there, it disappeared, not to return again. I was befuddled as to why it vanished so suddenly. In my I journal wrote four possible reasons that it never reappeared, 1) It met its demise and perished, 2) it became more independent, 3) it returned a couple days later, after I left the lake, 4) it began its migration southward. Of course none of the above is also a possibility.



So, dear fellow Auduboners, what is your opinion? You may indicate which of the four possibilities might have been the case or indicate a different opinion. Please send your responses to the Phainopepla editor, Rebecca.LeVine@SFVAudubon.org and we will publish them in the next issue. (Photos: Rich Gerston) ψ

The 14th Annual San Diego Bird Festival

Thursday–Sunday, March 4–7, 2010 at the Marina Village Conference Center on Mission Bay. The festival features guided field trips, including popular pelagic birding trips, as well as a Birding & Optics EXPO, workshops, presentations, social mixers, and a mini film festival. For the latest information and to register, visit www.sandiegoaudubon.org and click on the Bird Festival tab. ψ

BIRDATHON



Soon you will receive your Birdathon pledge form in the mail giving you information about the 2010 Birdathon. This is our annual sponsored birding event, which is our main fundraising effort of the year. Our

walk leaders will designate a walk during April or May to be the Birdathon 2010 Walk. Some birders also conduct their own birding marathon day. We will be asking you to sponsor a leader, or leaders for a set amount of pledge money per species spotted on that day. The Birdathon walks will be highlighted in the *Phainopepla* during the next two months, and every member is invited to go on one—the more eyes, the more species spotted! If you just wish to give a donation—that is also very welcome.

While most of our activities are free to all participants, we do incur running expenses that need to be covered. These include rental of the hall for our meetings, postage, speaker fees, liability insurance and publication and distribution of the *Phainopepla*. However, much of the money raised during the Birdathon supports our youth outreach program. Our Sepulveda Basin Environmental Education Program brings thousands of Los Angeles schoolchildren and their teachers to the wildlife reserve and introduces them to nature. They participate in walks led by trained naturalists and to the use of binoculars and microscopes. This equipment has to be maintained and replaced from time to time and the naturalists have to be paid! In this time of cuts in the school budget, it is especially important that



this program continues to be funded,

As both Birdathon and Membership chair, I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our members. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support every year. —Submitted by Rosemary Leibowitz (Photo: Mathew Tekulsky) ψ

Audubon-at-Home Mailbox by Alan Pollack

Hi Alan

A while back you had a question about what lizards like to eat. While vacationing on the Canary Islands, my parents discovered that lizards like oranges. I tried it here. I leave a slice of orange out, with the peel still attached. They eat the whole slice!

I have a couple of questions—I am thinking of putting in a nesting box for a barn owl to hopefully take care of my gopher problem. Do these owls pose a danger to other birds? I have several feeders. I saw that they found only one Oriole during the Christmas count. What can we do to attract Orioles?

Thanks Elke

Reader Elke writes to let lizard lovers know that her parents discovered that lizards like oranges. Actually, what they eat depends on what species of lizard inhabit your garden: some are herbivores, some are carnivores, and some are omnivores. If you happen to have a Komodo Dragon living in your backyard, I wouldn't go offering him an orange...

And Elke asks if attracting a Barn Owl to her

garden by means of installing a nesting box will endanger songbirds. The main diet of Barn Owls is small rodents, but on occasion they will prey on other small mammals or a small bird. If there are rodents around, the birds should be relatively safe.

And she also asks about attracting orioles. Orioles have a sweet beak like hummingbirds and, in fact, can often be seen at hummingbird feeders. They can reach the sugar water more easily if the insect screen is removed, or one can purchase feeders especially designed for orioles. Orioles also like apples, oranges and other fruits (halving them helps them feed) as well as fruit jelly. Offering a halved orange to an oriole is a lot safer that offering one to a Komodo Dragon.

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@sfvaudubon.org. ψ

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Tuesday, March 2. Antelope Valley Audubon Bird Meeting. 6:30 p.m. The Prime Desert Woodland Preserve in the Elyze Clifford Interpretive Center, at 43201 35th Street, Lancaster. Program: We are pleased to announce that Milt Stark will join us with his timely presentation on the Wild Flowers of the Antelope Valley. Milt is a long time resident of and contributor to our Valley (since 1923!) He is the author of "A Flower-Watcher's Guide to Spring-Blooming Wildflowers of the Antelope Valley." Milt describes himself as "...a photographer who is fascinated with the history and folklore of native plants." You won't want to miss this outstanding PowerPoint which promises to be both informative and beautiful. Contact Bob or Bonnie Weatherman at (661) 269-2051. www.avaudubon.com.

Friday, March 5. SFVAS Annual Awards Banquet. 6:00 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m. Dinner. Featured Speaker: Richard Halsey, director of the California Chaparral Institute. 2010 Conservation Award Recipient: Carolyn Oppenheimer, Sepulveda Basin Education Chair. Location: Airtel Plaza Hotel, 7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys. Send in your reservation form today (located on back page.) For more information, contact Chairperson Jeanne Polak-Recht, at (818) 360-1438.

Saturday, March 6. 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, jim.hardesty@sfvaudubon.org.

Saturday, March 6. 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.

Sunday, March 7. 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 onehalf mile to Wildlife Area parking at the end of the road. Leader: Kris Ohlenkamp. For more information contact him at (818) 986-7785 or kris.ohlenkamp@sfvaudubon.org. **Saturday, March 13. Beginners and Family Bird Walk. 9:00–11:00 a.m.** Join us for the final Family walk of the season at the 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 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 onehalf mile to Wildlife Area parking at the end of the road. Meet across the road from the parking lot at the low buildings. Leader(s): Muriel Kotin, (310) 457-5796 or Linda Jones, (818) 831-6061. Reservations are not needed except for large groups. Rain Cancels. Please visit our Website www. sfvaudubon.org.

Saturday, March 13. 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, March 14, Chatsworth Nature Preserve – check with leader for starting time. Chapter members will join members of the Southwest Herpetologist Society for time inside the Preserve. Meet at the Plummer-Valley Circle gate on the north side of the Preserve approximately .9 miles west of the intersection of Plummer and Topanga Canyon Blvd. and past 3 "STOP" signs. Phone Art Langton, (818) 887-0973, at least one week in advance for starting time. Leave name to be admitted. As gate will be locked behind us please bring drink, snacks, and be prepared to stay until 12:30 p.m. Facilities limited and primitive. RAIN CANCELS. Leader: Art Langton.

Sunday, March 14. 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: Nancy Herron Knode or Olga Clark. For more information, contact Dottie Ecker, (818) 790-0659.

Tuesday, March 16. 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, with any questions (before 7 p.m.) or carolyn.oppenheimer@sfvaudubon.org.

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Saturday, March 20. 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.

Saturday, Sunday, March 20–21. Monthly Field Trip: Morro Bay Weekend! The first day, Saturday, March 20, 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 21, 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 four 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.

Sunday, March 21. 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, muriel.kotin@ sfvaudubon.org and/or Art Langton, (818) 887-0973. **Monday, March 22. SFVAS Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m.** Balboa Mission Town Hall, 16916 San Fernando Mission Blvd., at Balboa (southeast corner) in Granada Hills.

NO General Membership Meeting in March. See you Thursday, April 22.

Sunday, March 28. Descanso Gardens Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m. See March 14 for details.

Saturday, April 3. Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Bird Walk. 8:00-11:00 a.m. See March 6 for details.

Saturday, April 3. Castaic Lake Bird Walk. 8:00–10:00 a.m. See March 6 for details.

Sunday, April 4. Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m. See March 7 for details.

Future Field Trips: (Details later) April 24. Morongo Valley (fourth Saturday) May 8. Placerita Canyon Area (second Saturday) June 12. Rancho Sierra Vista Preserve (second Saturday) ↓⁄

SEPULVEDA BASIN 2010 WILDLIFE RESERVE CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 8:30 A.M.—NOON

Haskell Creek, where it runs through the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area, hosts many riparian trees and shrubs, such as cottonwoods and willows. Songbirds forage and nest in the trees, while egrets and herons fish in this heart of the Wildlife Area. Unfortunately it is infested with trash, like plastic bags and Styrofoam.

Please help restore the creek's beauty!

Equipment and Clothing: You will get muddy and maybe wet. Please wear rugged clothing and shoes or rubber boots. If you have them, please bring work gloves and long-handled tools to 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). Bear right where the road forks. 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. Students can earn community service hours. It is **not appropriate for young children but OK for older elementary school students if they are closely supervised.**

Rain cancels. Questions: (310) 457-5796 or (818) 831-6061. Sponsored by San Fernando Valley Audubon www.SFVAudubon.org Ψ

AT HOME OBSERVATIONS OF GREAT HORNED OWL ACTIVITY, PORTER RANCH, CA-G. E. BARDEN

11-19-09 Relatively early in the evening, maybe at around 8 p.m., I heard an owl calling. As the calls were quite loud, I knew from past experience that the owl was almost certainly sitting on the chimney above our family room and bedroom. As quietly as possible, I went outside to the patio behind the house and looked up to the chimney. It was a dark night, but I could make out a rather amorphous-appearing blob on the back section of the chimney, and the owl continued calling, a low "who-who, who, who." I watched and listened for some time, feeling a bit sorry for it that there appeared to be no other owls in the area responding. After a few minutes the owl silently flew away.

A few hours later I again heard an owl calling from the chimney and went out again to observe it. It was in the same location, making the same call, but this time two different owls in the area were responding, one to my right and one to my left on the hill above us. All were giving the "whowho, who, who" calls. The owl on our chimney was initiating the calls, and the other two were responding. After a few minutes the owl that had been calling on the right suddenly appeared and landed on the front part of the chimney just a couple of feet away from the first owl! The calls of these two owls then became more frequent, with the responding owl's call often overlapping the first owl's call, as if it were too excited or impatient to wait to respond. During this activity, the owl on the hill to the left continued to make calls. After maybe 5 minutes, the owl that I had observed fly in departed, flying to the left, perhaps to the location of the third owl, and a few minutes later the first owl flew off in the same direction. I waited a few minutes but did not hear any more calls after that.

11-27-09 For several weeks my husband Bill had reported to me on a number of occasions the fact that there was good-sized animal "poop" on the walkway that extends along one side of our house. I looked at it several times to try to figure out what animal was responsible. It was several inches long and relatively cylindrical. Partly based on information that I was able to find in a book recently purchased entitled Scat and Tracks of Animals of the Southwest, and partly because we had recently found tracks around our pool of what I had determined must be either a raccoon or an opossum, both of which I had seen in our yard on one or two occasions, I decided that it must be either a raccoon or an opossum which was making these frequent deposits on our walkway.

On 11-27-09 a book I had ordered on Great Horned Owls arrived in the mail, and as I was reading through parts of the book, I came upon a picture of someone's hand holding two great horned owl pellets that looked almost exactly like what we had been finding on our walkway! The location on the walkway was right below the chimney that the owls visit. I found this quite amazing, as I had thought that owl pellets, the undigested food material that these birds cough up which are usually found below where they nest or roost, was always more or less spherical. I had seen some from a different owl species years ago below that my dad had pointed out below an owl hole in a tree. I will now look for, date, and save any pellets that I find. **11-28-09** At about 1 a.m. I was in our kitchen and heard an owl begin calling. I went outside and, as it was a relatively brightly lit night apparently due to reflection from a broken cloud cover, I was able to spot the owl on the chimney of a house two doors down from ours. I listened to this owl calling for maybe about 15 minutes. The call was a low six syllable who-wh-who, who, who. At least two different owls from in back of our house were responding, one a higher five syllable who-wh-who, who, who and one a lower four syllable who-who, who, the calls ended when the owl I could see flew down below our house and out of sight. As I fell into bed, shortly before 3 a.m., I could hear owls calling again, and shortly thereafter one began calling from our chimney.

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12-26-09 Within the last week I observed owl interactions on two successive nights, but due to being stressed for time I was not able to record what I had seen. One interesting observation was that on the second night the owl initiating the calls and giving the low four syllable call would frequently make a difficult to describe second syllable of the call that was distinctly different from the usual low "who." I had heard this strange different syllable once on the night before.

Last night, Christmas night at 12:52 a.m., I entered our bedroom and immediately heard two owls calling from the chimney above. How long they may have been there before I heard them I don't know. As quickly as possible, I went downstairs, put on a warm coat, and opened and closed the sliding glass door to the patio, unavoidably as always creating a lot of noise as I exited the house. I slowly and as quietly as possible walked the few steps to the point where I could look back up at the chimney.

The two owls were there, appearing as a single blob on the nearer chimney flue, and they continued their calls in spite of my presence. They were very close together, probably touching, and at one point I heard the sound that results when they lift their claws off the metal grate covering the flue as one of the owls apparently made at least a small readjustment in its position. The owl typically initiating the calling was giving the low "who-who, who, who" call, while the owl responding was giving the somewhat higher pitched "whowh-wh-who, who, who" call. Sometimes the calls would overlap, with the responding owl beginning its call before the first owl had finished. On one or two occasions the second owl initiated the calling. During this time I could hear faint calling of a third owl in the distance.

After about ten minutes of calling one owl all of a sudden silently swooped off the chimney and with wings held wide flew directly over just a few feet above my head. It happened so suddenly that I didn't have time to be frightened until I began to contemplate what damage the owl could have done to me if it had been so inclined. The remaining owl, the one with the higher pitched six syllable call, called twice after the first owl left, seemingly with no response. It then left, swooping down to my right nowhere near my head. After that I could hear some owl or owls calling very faintly in the distance, and I then went inside. \forall



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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.

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