

#### **MONTHLY PROGRAMS:**

Friday, March 11, 2011 SFVAS Annual Awards Banquet

#### Join us as we honor the 2011 Conservation Award Recipient: John Luker

John Luker is an environmental educator, community activist, and guardian of nature's values and virtues. He formed and helps guide the Santa Susana Volunteers, a volunteer service organization that works as the stewards of the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park. He is currently Vice-president of the Santa Susana Mountain Parks Association and is sitting on the Public Participation Group for the Department of Toxic Substances Control dealing with issues related to cleanup of contaminated land and water on and around Rocketdyne's Santa Susana Field Laboratory.

The San Fernando Valley Audubon Society is proud to present John Luker with our 2011 Conservation Award for demonstrating leadership, reason, enthusiasm, and commitment to effectuate positive change for our environment in the Simi Hills and the Santa Susana Mountains.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend our Awards Banquet, where the presentation will be made, on Friday, March 11, 2011 at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys. There will also be a program by Mel White (prolific author and film-maker) on a recent scientific expedition to New Guinea. For more information call (818) 360-1438.  $\forall$ 

#### There is NO March General Membership Meeting.

#### Thursday, April 28, General Membership Meeting—Speaker Kimball L. Garrett

Kimball L. Garrett, Ornithology Collections Manager at the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum, will present a program titled, "But it Doesn't Look Like the One in the Book!" This talk explores the reasons why the birds we see in the field often don't quite match what the field guides show. These reasons often have to do with the bird simply being a variant that isn't in the book, so we'll discuss how and why birds within a species can vary so much. But the problem is often with the book, whether incomplete, inaccurate, or, on rare occasion, just plain wrong. Sometimes the problem has to do with the real world conditions under which we observe birds. And—dare we say it?—There are times when the birder is the problem! We'll discuss better approaches to bird identification than simply trying to match up the bird you see to the picture in a book. \underwood.



# THE PACIFIC FLYWAY: California Winter's Days

— article and photos by Patricia R. Ogden, SFVAS member

On one of those January days of warm sun, my husband and I drove north up the I-5, losing the comfortable weather as the miles whizzed by. It's only a trip that can be made in winter, however—to see migratory birds stopping over in the California wetlands as they move North to their summer places. Over 44 percent of the Pacific Flyway's bird population overwinters in the Sacramento and Central Valleys. These wetlands are fascinating conservation-dream hybrids, operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Only about 10 percent of the original wetlands remain after the region's water supply was damned and controlled for crop irrigation. They were created to resolve the conflict between rice-growing farmers and hungry migrating birds. The dry fields are flooded in the fall and winter using a network of dykes, dams, and pumps. Over 35,000 acres of marsh, ponds, grasslands, and seasonal wetlands offer nurture and cover for the millions of birds in traverse.



Our first stop, near Taft, was the Kern National Wildlife Refuge Complex. It's a remnant habitat of some 11,000 acres. This refuge is a particularly beautiful one, with a 6.5 mile auto tourno startled birds, lots of easy and plentiful viewing. The road was slightly raised above the ponds; the birds were close and easy to watch without

disturbing them. We remained in the marsh and watched a fiery sunset, listening to thousands of Yellow-headed Blackbirds roosting in the bare trees, singing a raucous evening angelus to the coming night. However, the auto tour road is closed on Wednesdays and Saturdays for hunting.

For human refuge, there's a Days Inn and a Luv's Barbeque near the turnoff to the Kern Refuge. Or you can go east to Delano, and see Sandhill Cranes in the Pixley Refuge off 46; they roost in the Pixley Refuge and leave in the early morning to field forage.

Up and out early the next day, we pushed north on the I-5 to Willows, stopping at a Holiday Inn Express that serves a full breakfast beginning at 6:00 a.m. Dinner at Nancy's Airport Café, a local favorite, featured all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinners. Our destination was the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, a few miles south of Willows, a complex of five wetlands areas, a few miles off the I-5. It's a 5-star destination for flyway birders, and those familiar brown signs made

it easy to locate. We made an early morning 6-mile circle in dense fog around the refuge, disappointed at the visibility, though we saw and heard many ducks and geese. The Visitor's Center opened at 9:00 a.m. and we enjoyed a chat with the staff, picked up wildlife lists and information brochures. An elegant taxidermy display of most-sighted bird species made a beginner's identification process easier.



We drove the auto route several times, still in eerie fog. Our most exciting finds were two Bald Eagle sightings, and a Ring-necked Pheasant. Geese were the feature: White-fronted, Snow, Ross's, and Canada. What a magnificent sight as they filled the skies with glorious flight calls. The expanse of the wetlands made for longer sight-lines and more distant viewing, with birds filling the ponds and channels in plentiful harmony. We heard rifles firing frequently, reminding us anew of the meaning of "mixed use" habitats.

Williams CA, larger than Willows, has plentiful chain motel choices off the I-5. An evening stopover there sets up to move south to the Colusa Refuge. Granzella's Restaurant has seated dining and take-out, giving us a change from our Subway Sandwich picnics. The Sutter Buttes lie to the east, and the Coast Range to the west, making for a beautiful landscape. We had sunshine this day, and the 3.5 mile auto tour provided our best birding. Lunch at the viewing pavilion offered us a chance to chat up fellow birders and share sightings. Our favorite: a Great Horned Owl quizzically gazing at us from his perch 20 feet away, undisturbed by the proximity of our car-blind. We viewed another spectacular sunset in the Colusa Refuge, this time treated to Red-winged Blackbirds as they announced the day's end. Continued next page.





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We did not visit Gray Lodge, a California refuge, due to lack of time, but it too has an auto tour. We also drove past Delevan Refuge, part of the complex, but with only roadside viewing, it offered little opportunity. One roadside sighting was special: hundreds of Whitefaced Ibis feasting in a shallow pond as we drove east to Colusa.

We overnighted in Sacramento, treating ourselves to a stay in the Citizen Hotel. It's an architecturally significant brick building from the early 1900s with a political theme and a view of the capitol dome from our corner room, very appropriate for a stay in our capital city.

A visit to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area south of Sacramento yielded Pacific Golden and some unbanded Plovers (probably Black-bellied), and dowitchers; birds weren't plentiful and though there is an auto tour, the landscape is mostly bare dirt and levee located next to the Sacramento Deep Water Canal. I felt very sorry for the school bus full of children who had arrived on a field trip—they weren't going to see much!

Other wildlife preserves located below Sacramento are Stone Lakes, Cosumnes, and Woodbridge. None of them have auto tours; some have no access or it's limited. We saved them for another year.

We counted over 40 species; among them were Meadowlark, Marsh Wren, Bushtit, Audubon's Warbler, Blackcrowned Night-Heron, Bufflehead, Gadwall, Ruddy Duck, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Pintail, Northern Shoveler, Ring-Necked Duck, and Pied-Billed Grebe.

# Monthly Fieldtrip Report by Richard Barth

On January 15 we birded Orange County's Upper Newport Bay, San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary and Mason Regional Park. A respectable 83 species were tallied.

The day produced fourteen waterfowl species including Snow Goose, Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal and Northern Pintail. We also had fourteen shorebird species—most notably Dunlin, Greater Yellowlegs, American Avocet, Semi-palmated Plover and Long-billed Curlew. Among the raptors seen were Merlin, White-tailed Kite, Northern Harrier and Osprey. A well-studied Thayer's headed our gull list, plus we tallied Forster's and Caspian Terns and 200+ Black Skimmers. Belted Kingfisher, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and "Belding's" Savannah Sparrow were good finds. We managed one California Gnatcatcher, heard by Barb Johnson and then brought into view by Jim Moore with a recording. Four species of grebes, five species of herons, Brown Pelican and White-faced Ibis made our list.  $\psi$ 

# Audubon-at-Home Mailbox by Alan Pollack

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.

Errata—Submitted by Art Langton

- 1. The number of Cassin's Kingbirds seen on the Christmas Bird Count was overstated in the February 2011 issue and should be 59, not 133, thus reducing the number of individual birds seen to 17,523. Compiler's error.
- 2. The caption identifying the birds in the photo on page 1 of the February issue was incorrect. The birds shown are Nazca (Masked) Boobies, not Blue-footed Boobies. Both are common to the Galapagos. *★*



# Calendar of Events

#### March

Tuesday, March 1. Antelope Valley Audubon Committee will hold its Quarterly Meeting. 6:00 p.m. The Prime Desert Woodland Preserve in the Elyze Clifford Interpretive Center, at 43201 35th Street W., Lancaster. Contact Bob or Bonnie Weatherman at (661) 269-2051 for more information. Program posted on www.avaudubon.com.

Saturday, March 5. 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, Jim. Hardesty@sfvaudubon.org, (818) 346-6712.

Saturday, March 5. 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 6. 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 (818) 986-7785 or kris.ohlenkamp@sfvaudubon.org.

Friday, March 11. SFVAS Annual Awards Banquet. 6:00 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m. Dinner. 2011 Conservation Award Recipient: John Luker. Featured Speaker: Mel White. Location: Airtel Plaza Hotel, 7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys. For more information, contact Chairperson Jeanne Polak-Recht, at (818) 360-1438.

Saturday, March 12. Beginners and Family Bird Walk. 9:00–11:00 a.m. This will be the last Beginners and Family bird walk for the season. They will resume on October 8. 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 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. 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 12. 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 13. Chatsworth Nature Preserve. 7:00 a.m. Chapter members will join those of the Southwest Herpetologist Society for a tour 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 three "STOP" signs. Call Art Langton and leave name and phone number to be admitted and confirm meeting time which is subject to change. As the gate will be locked behind us please be prompt, bring drink and snacks, and be prepared to stay until approximately 12:30 p.m. Facilities limited and primitive. No smoking or pets. RAIN CANCELS. Leader: Art Langton, (818) 887-0973.

Sunday, March 13. 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 Dottie Ecker, (818) 790-0659.

Tuesday, March 15. 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.

Saturday, Sunday, March 19-20. Monthly Field Trip: Morro Bay Weekend! The first day, Saturday, March 19, 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 20, 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.

Saturday, March 19. 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, March 20. 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.

There is NO SFVAS General Membership Meeting held in March. See you April 28 when Kimball Garrett, Ornithology Collections Manager at the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum, will present a program titled, "But it Doesn't Look Like the One in the Book!"

**Sunday, March 27.** Descanso Gardens Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m. See March 13 for details.

Monday, March 28. SFVAS Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Balboa Mission Town Hall, 16916 San Fernando Mission Blvd., at Balboa (southeast corner) in Granada Hills.

#### **April**

Saturday, April 2. Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Bird Walk. 8:00–11:00 a.m. See March 5 for details.

Saturday, April 2. Castaic Lake Bird Walk. 8:00–10:00 a.m. See March 5 for details.

Sunday, April 3. Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m. See March 6 for details.

Future Field Trips: April 23. Morongo Valley (fourth Saturday)

May 14. Placerita Canyon Area (second Saturday)
June 11. Rancho Sierra Vista Preserve (second Saturday)









Muriel Kotin leading the Beginners and Family Bird Walk, February 12, 2011. Photos: R. LeVine





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### PHAINOPEPLA PHOTO OF THE MONTH



This photo was taken by Allan Kotin, a 21 year member of the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society and former finance chair. He describes himself as an "avid but not expert" vacation photographer. This picture of Great Egrets was taken at Malibu Lagoon on 12/8/10 using a Canon 20 D camera. The lens was a 100-400mm zoom, the exposure 400mm, f 11 and 1/1000 of a second.

Please submit your photos to rose.leibowitz@ afvaudubon.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, Rose \v

### **2011 BIRDATHON** — Submitted by Rosemary Leibowitz



Soon you will be receiving your Birdathon pledge form in the mail giving you information about the 2011 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 a 2011 Birdathon Walk. Some birders may also conduct their own birding marathon day. We ask that 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 (or more)—the more eyes, the more

species spotted! Flat donations are also 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 (SBEEP) 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 in 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 wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

### **BOARD NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED**

- Submitted by Donna Timlin, Bob Weatherman, and Muriel Kotin, Chair, Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates to serve on the Board of Directors of San Fernando Valley Audubon Society for our 2011—2012 program year.

President: Dave Weeshoff 1st VP: Mike Van Norman

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(cont.)

1st Year Board: Mark Osokow and Mathew Tekulsky

Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor for positions not marked as continuing at the April 28 General Membership Meeting, provided such nomination receives the approval of the nominee and is supported by a written petition signed by five members of the Society. The election will be held at the May 26 meeting and installation will take place at the June 23 meeting.

The committee would like to thank all SFVAS members who have served the chapter in any capacity. We invite those of you with an interest in becoming more active in chapter activities to let us know.



#### **JOIN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AUDUBON**

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Articles, letters, drawings, and photographs concerning conservation, the science and ecology, birding, chapter activities, and articles of interest to the membership are welcome for publication in the PHAINOPEPLA.

Material from other newsletters or newspaper should include the source and date. Copy for the PHAINOPEPLA should be in the hands of the editor by the 3rd of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

An introductory membership to the National Audubon Society is \$20 and should be sent separately to:

National Audubon Society, Membership Data Center P.O. Box 422250, Palm Coast, FL 32142-2250. Be sure to write "C1ZC120Z" on the form to assure assignment to our chapter. For renewals, use the form in the National Audubon magazine, "Audubon".

If you have any questions about membership, renewals, change of address or any other membership concerns, please contact Rose Leibowitz at (818) 990-5405

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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.

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