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## Monthly Program

### General Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 27, 2012

7:00 p.m. Social time; 7:30 p.m. Meeting

#### TOPIC: BIRDING BASICS & BEYOND

Have you ever wondered what a birder is, what they do, and how they do it? Or, have you ever wanted to become one, or become a better one? Then come to our FREE, open to the public, general membership meeting on September 27, 2012.

Kris Ohlenkamp will be presenting a program on why, where, when, and how to find and identify birds, and how to improve

your birding skills while getting more joy and satisfaction out of the process.

Kris has been leading bird walks in the Sepulveda

Basin since 1980 and has seen more than 600 species in the United States.

Bird identification will be a small part of the program. The emphasis will be on using the resources available to help you develop the skills necessary to become a more successful (less) frustrated birder.

*Photo: Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglets*



## Important SFVAS Survey

We need your opinions. In our ongoing attempts to keep our education, conservation, and recreational programs relevant to the San Fernando Valley community we serve, we need your assistance.

We are looking for your opinions and ideas on how we might better serve you and other potential Audubon members. We are conducting a very brief survey asking basic questions about our activities and programs, and ways to better achieve our mission. With just five minutes of your time we can get a better view of your interests and opinions in order to help us plan, enhance, and perform our various activities.

Please go to the following link—<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VXLMVYK>—and complete the quick, seven question, multiple-choice survey. If you prefer, call Dave Weeshoff, (818) 618-1652 or e-mail, [Dave.Weeshoff@SFVAudubon.org](mailto:Dave.Weeshoff@SFVAudubon.org) and we will mail you a paper version of the survey for you to return. All survey information will remain confidential. We will not contact you unless you ask us to. Thank you for your continued support!

**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.**

## Birding Challenge Begins

SFVAS is issuing a twelve month birding challenge to all its members! Enjoy the great outdoors in Los Angeles County, observe as many avian species as you can in 12 months, and log your sightings into the online resource: **eBird** ([www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org)).

The ultimate challenge is to see and record 250 species on your **eBird** list for LA County to become a member of the **Phainopepla Club!**

Intermediate milestones will be acknowledged by **SFVAudubon** as follows:

50 species = **Swallow Level**

100 species = **Finch Level**

150 species = **Vireo Level**

200 species = **Avocet Level**

**250 species = Phainopepla Club**

This birding challenge will take place from July 2012 to June 2013. Intermediate milestones will be acknowledged throughout the year, with the final awards presented at the Annual Pot Luck meeting June 2013.

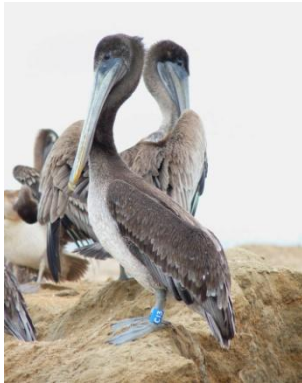
A presentation about **eBird** will be part of a General Membership Meeting in the fall. Watch for more details at a later date. But you can start your challenge year now and add your counts to **eBird** later, if necessary. "A bird in the database is worth two in the bush!"

Questions about the birding challenge may be directed to: Ann Ohlenkamp, [ann.ohlenkamp@sfvasudbon.org](mailto:ann.ohlenkamp@sfvasudbon.org), (747) 444-9683, or Diana Keeney, [diana.keeney@sfvaudubon.org](mailto:diana.keeney@sfvaudubon.org), (818) 998-3216



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## Blue-banded Brown Pelicans



No, Blue-banded Brown Pelicans are not a new species! They are birds that have been rescued and released by the International Bird Rescue Center in Long Beach, CA. Hoping to know how the birds are doing after being released back into the wild, workers at IBR have been attaching a large blue band with an ID code (a letter and a two-digit number) that is easier to read than the smaller metallic US Fish and Wildlife bands (which are also applied).

SFVAS President Dave Weeshoff has volunteered countless hours to IBR efforts and is asking anyone birding near the coast to pay attention to any Brown Pelicans with blue bands on their legs.

If you see a blue-banded Pelican, please report it to the Bird Rescue Center. From the scene of the sighting, you can call the band number, location, and condition of the bird to 707.207.0380 ext. 7. There is also a "[Report Blue-Banded Pelicans](#)" form available online under "Found a Bird" at [www.Bird-Rescue.org](http://www.Bird-Rescue.org).

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Carolyn Oppenheimer and Mark Osokow checking on the bluebird boxes at the Sepulveda Basin. Western Bluebird doing a recount of all the chicks. (Photos by Rose Leibowitz)



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## Birdathon Donations



Thank you to all those who made this a very successful Birdathon, with a range of events and very generous donations. At the time of going to press we have raised \$11,607.45! We also managed to reduce our expenses this year by foregoing the individual mailing and will be able to put around \$10,600 into our programs. The following is a list of contributors:

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## Monthly Field Trip Reports *by Richard Barth*

On May 12 we visited Walker Ranch in Placerita Canyon, then Whitney Canyon near Newhall. Birds were plentiful and the variety of species was good. Rufous-crowned Sparrow made our list this year. The warblers found were Hermit, Townsend's, Yellow and Wilson's. Black-chinned Hummingbird, Swainson's Thrush, Hutton's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Steller's Jay, Phainopepla, Western Wood-Pewee, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Bullock's Oriole, Western Tanager, White-breasted Nuthatch, and Black-headed Grosbeak were notable. Oak Titmouse, Acorn Woodpecker, House Wren and Western Scrub-Jay are common in these canyons. Our raptor list featured White-tailed Kite, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk and Turkey Vulture. Other birds seen included California Quail, White-throated Swift, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, American Robin, Western Bluebird, Bewick's Wren, Brown-headed Cowbird, Song Sparrow, Spotted Towhee and Lesser Goldfinch. We heard California Thrasher and Wrentit. Missed this year: Lazuli Bunting and Costa's Hummingbird.

June 9 marked our trip to Rancho Sierra Vista Preserve in southeastern Ventura County. We always hope to see a few of the Grasshopper Sparrows that nest in the grasslands here, but this year we managed only a long-range look at one apparent GRSP teed up in proper habitat. Blue Grosbeak and Lazuli Bunting did not disappoint. We also tallied Wrentit, Black-headed Grosbeak, California Thrasher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Bullock's and Hooded Orioles, California Quail, Oak Titmouse, Spotted Towhee, Cassin's Kingbird, Common Yellowthroat, House Wren, Song Sparrow, Lesser Goldfinch, Brown-headed Cowbird, and Western Bluebird. Raptors on hand were White-tailed Kite, American Kestrel, Cooper's Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, and Red-tailed Hawk. Our swallows were Cliff and Barn. Neither of the ponds in the preserve held any water. A flock of female Red-winged Blackbirds was foraging out in the grassland brush. It turns out our top sighting of the day occurred after the walk was officially over. Near the end of the walk we were told by a preserve employee that at least one Indigo Bunting was being seen on the property, and suggested some spots to check on the west side. Three of us stayed overtime and found a male moving around in an area we had not covered on the walk.

**Three-hundred thirty-nine** members now receive e-mail notification when the next copy of the *Phainopepla* is posted on our website. Seventy-seven have selected to read it online and to save the planet, paper and postage that way!! If you wish to join the group, please e-mail us at [sfvaudubonsociety@gmail.com](mailto:sfvaudubonsociety@gmail.com).

## Calendar of Events

### August

**Saturday, August 4. 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, August 5. 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.

**Saturday, August 11. 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, August 18. Monthly Field Trip to Chilao. 7:30 a.m.** Birding the San Gabriel Mountains along the Angeles Crest. Meet at the Chilao Visitor Center at 7:30 a.m. We will look for Hairy and White-headed Woodpeckers, Mountain Chickadee and many other montane species. Bring lunch and water. Directions: Take the 210 Fwy. east to Angeles Crest Highway (Hwy 2). Go north for about 45 minutes, look for the Chilao Campground signs and take the second entrance road to the Visitor Center. Your vehicle must exhibit a National Forest Adventure Pass or Golden Age Pass. Leader: Richard Barth, (310) 276-0342.

**Saturday, August 18. 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, August 19. 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.

**Tuesday, August 21. 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).

**There is NO SFVAS General Membership Meeting in August. See you September 27.**

### September

**Saturday, September 1. Castaic Lake Bird Walk. 8:00–12:00 a.m.** See August 4 for details.

**Sunday, September 2. Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m.** See August 5 for details.

**Tuesday, September 4. Antelope Valley Audubon Quarterly Bird Meeting. 6:30 p.m.** The Prime Desert Woodland Preserve in the Elyze Clifford Interpretive Center, at 43201 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Lancaster. Contact Linda Edwards or Vern Benhart, (661) 948-3524, for more information.

**Saturday, September 8. Placerita Canyon Nature Center Docents' Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m.** See August 11 for details.

**Saturday, September 15. Monthly Field Trip to Huntington Central Park and Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (in Huntington Beach). 7:30 a.m.** Meet at the Slater Avenue parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Directions from the San Fernando Valley: Take the San Diego Freeway (405) south and exit at Golden West. Go south approximately three miles on Golden West to Slater. Turn left on Slater to the parking lot on the right. Bring lunch. We will picnic at the park and afterwards caravan to Bolsa Chica. Leader: Richard Barth, (310) 276-0342.

**Saturday, September 15. Santa Monica Mts. Conservancy Bird Walk at Towsley Canyon. 8:00–10:00 a.m.** See August 18 for more details.

**Sunday, September 16. Malibu Creek State Park Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m.** See August 19 for more details.

**Monday, September 17. SFVAS Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m.** Balboa Mission Town Hall, 16916 San Fernando Mission Blvd., at Balboa (southeast corner) in Granada Hills.

**Tuesday, September 18. O'Melveny Weekday Walk at O'Melveny Park, Granada Hills. 9:00 a.m.** See August 21 for more details.

**Thursday, September 27. SFVAS 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. **Speaker: Kris Ohlenkamp. Topic: Birding Basics and Beyond.** For more information see Monthly Program, page one.

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

October 20. El Dorado Park (Long Beach)

November 17. Ventura Harbor and Water Treatment Ponds

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## Audubon-at-Home by Alan Pollack

### Baby Bird

I recently received a phone call asking what to do about a baby bird that had fallen to the ground.

What to do in that situation depends on a number of factors. If the bird is a nestling, i.e., not fully feathered, appears healthy and uninjured, the best thing to do is put it back in its nest if you can locate it and reach it. (It's a myth that a mother bird will smell your human scent and avoid the baby. Most birds, vultures are the exception, have a very poor sense of smell.) If you can't find or reach the nest, make an artificial nest with something like a cottage cheese container, holes punched in the bottom, some paper towel or soft, nesting material in the bottom, and tack it up as close to where you think the original nest is. Momma bird will hear the baby and feed it.

If the bird is a fledgling, i.e., fully feathered and almost ready to fly, and uninjured, and there are no predators around, one can leave it where it is or move it to a more sheltered location on the ground or in a tree where momma bird will hear it and feed it. Many fledglings spend a week or two on the ground before flying off. In both cases, if possible, observe from a distance to see if mother bird is responding.

If the bird looks either ill or injured, or if mother bird is not attending it, place it in a towel padded box and keep it in a

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). 🐦

warm, dark, quiet place and contact a rehabilitator ASAP. Do not attempt to feed—that requires a rehabilitator's training.

### Bird Baths

Water for drinking and bathing is an essential element needed for birds to survive and, unless you are lucky enough to have a natural pond or stream in your garden, most of us make do with bird baths.

I occasionally get calls from people asking about refinishing the bowl of a bird bath. I have searched online for the answer with unclear results; spoken to a retailer who sells bird baths who said "use anything"; and to an expert in the use of toxic and non-toxic materials (my daughter). I think her advice is best: use nothing. Cement bowls don't need sealing because of the way they are constructed and metal bowls also don't need any finish on them. A ceramic bowl is already sealed when it is fired.

The outside of a birdbath can be painted, of course, and a water-based paint with low volatile organic compounds is best. Birds are happier with quiet, natural colors like tan, brown, gray, etc, rather than loud, garish ones.

And if you want the birds to be able to bathe, the water in the bowl should be shallow—less than an inch in depth. Deep water may allow them to drink if they can perch on the edge of the bowl, but they will not be able to bathe.

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## Phainopepla Photo of the Month by Anne Reinhard



This goose family was photographed by Anne Reinhard at our Children's Birdathon in the Sepulveda Wildlife Reserve in May. Anne attended with her daughter Rianna. Anne used a Canon Rebel EOS T2i with a 100-300mm zoom lens.

Please submit your photos to [Lynn.Maddox@sfaudubon.org](mailto:Lynn.Maddox@sfaudubon.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. 🐦

## Audubon Society Selects Lab Site for Birding Programs



*Birdathon team members scout for birds.*

To increase its avian knowledge and support conservation efforts, the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society set up a bird banding program at the former field laboratory. The purpose of the study is to gather baseline data and evaluate the effect of demolition and remediation activities on birds. The San Fernando Valley Audubon Society (Audubon Society) is dedicated to promoting bird life appreciation through resource conservation and habitat preservation. "Since Boeing plans to donate

its portion of the property for preservation as open space, conservation of the area and its wildlife has become a high priority for us," said Mark Osokow,

San Fernando Valley Audubon Society. "While a number of bird life studies have been completed in the nearby Santa Monica Mountains, bird life in other ranges, like Simi Hills, has not been well studied."

The Audubon Society selected an area of the site called the Southern Buffer Zone, a biologically-rich area that never housed buildings and never supported site operations. There, workers attach a metal band to each bird's leg so that various aspects of the bird's life can be determined through an initial study and later recaptures. "Birds serve as indicators of environmental quality and bird banding is a necessary prerequisite to research migration routes, migratory connectivity, habitat relationships and behavior," said Osokow.



*Osokow bands an Audubon's Warbler*

Since bird banding activities began last year, the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society has been impressed with the diversity of avian wildlife at the site. According to Osokow, the society banded 224 birds from approximately 30 species; notably the canyon wren species, which is rarely captured anywhere in the United States. In addition, the following birds groups have been processed: wren-tit, oak titmouse, nuthatches, vireos, warblers, towhees, sparrows, finches, woodpeckers, crows, and hummingbirds.

The San Fernando Valley Audubon Society provides a host of environmental activities in the community including bird walks, habitat protection and general education programs. To support is educational and conservation activities, it recently hosted a "Birdathon" at numerous locations in the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills, including the former field laboratory.

During the Birdathon, a team of birders identified as many species of birds as possible in one area over a 24-hour period. Donors pledged a fixed amount, typically between \$1 and \$5 per species for each species identified

by the team. All donations received go toward the Audubon Society's Bird Observatory program. More information about the Birdathon can be found at: <http://www.sfvaudubon.org/annualbirdathon/>. -reprinted with permission from the June 12, Santa Susana Newsletter





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### Conservation Awards Luncheon

**SAVE THE DATE!** November 3, 2012, will be our first Conservation Awards Luncheon. We are moving the time of the Conservation Awards from the evening to noon. We are also moving the location to The Japanese Garden in the Sepulveda Basin. The Luncheon Banquet will be a fundraiser for the SFVAS Sepulveda Basin Environmental Education Program (SBEEP). SBEEP brings public school children from all over Los Angeles to experience a hands-on environmental program.

We are thrilled that our speaker will be Steve Hartman speaking about the History and Future of the Sepulveda Basin.

Invitations will go out in October. For any questions call Ann Ohlenkamp, (747) 444-9683. 

**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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