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General Membership Meetings

San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center
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SFVAS General Membership Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month (*except July, August, November, and December.*)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join us at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments; program begins at 7:20 p.m. See Calendar of Events, pages 3–4, for directions.

Thank you!

to all the volunteers who came and helped out at the April 13 Spring Cleanup of the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve. Your willingness to get your hands dirty is appreciated by all who visit the basin.

Monthly Programs

AUDUBON MEMBERS, FRIENDS & FAMILIES:

Join Us for this Fun-filled Annual Event!

What: SFVAS POTLUCK

**Where: San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center,
18312 Oxnard Street, Tarzana**

When: Thursday, June 27, 2019

6:30 p.m. Volunteer Set-up

7:00 p.m. Appetizers, wine, and other beverages

7:20 p.m. Dining: POTLUCK SHARING

Please bring a dish to share from the following categories (which are different from last year).

- A-F Desserts
- G-L Main Dishes
- M-P Side Dishes
- Q-Z Salads

To minimize the trash created at this event, please bring your own non-disposable plate, cup, and utensils. Mother Earth will thank you!

7:50 p.m. Game answers and prizes

8:00 p.m. Reports, thanks to retiring board members, and presentation of new Board Members and Officers

8:15 p.m. Membership Slideshow and thank you gifts for presenters

Share up to ten slides maximum on a thumb drive. They should be uploaded as a PowerPoint presentation or a pdf file. The filename should be your last name underscore, and first initial. If you have more than one file (e.g. individual jpgs) they should be followed by a number. For example, bates_p1.jpg, bates_p2.jpg, etc. That way Pat can have them ready to go on the computer.

For further information, please contact Joanne Millius at (818) 335-5331.



2019–2020 Board

We are pleased to announce the new SFVAS Board of Directors for our 2019–2020 year which begins on July 1, 2019. The election was held at the May 23 meeting and installation will take place at the June 27, 2019 Potluck.

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- Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Heidemann
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- 3rd Year Board: Sharon Ford
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2019 Haskell Creek Cleanup: Huge Success! by Muriel Kotin, Photos by Kelly Kazmirchuk

SFVAS celebrated Earth Day 2019 early with a hugely successful cleanup of Haskell Creek in the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve. The April 13 event saw a threefold increase in our usual number of volunteers for this annual springtime effort, from around 50 to 150. Partnerships with Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) and the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCD) helped tremendously in getting a greater number of outstanding volunteers this year. Other organizations and many individuals made huge contributions.

Nick Figueroa and Allen Aguas, the two new Army Corps of Engineers Park Rangers whose assignments include the Sepulveda Basin, waded into the creek in waders, removing an unpleasantly amazing amount of shopping carts and other large items of trash. Volunteers Nicole Karvelas and Tyler Wolfe put on waders provided by the RCD and did the same.



The RCD, our partner in the Sepulveda Basin Environmental Education Program (SBEEP), provided filled reusable water bottles for volunteers. They set up an educational station at the northern Wildlife Lake viewing area where they provided microscopes with samples of plankton from the lake, as we do as part of our SBEEP field trips. They demonstrated water quality testing like we do in those field trips. They showed how clean water and pollution from the watershed impact the river and led tours of the Wildlife Reserve.

The LA River Master Plan provided a grant to the RCD to educate the public about water issues and the LA River watershed. For many people it was their first time visiting the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve. The cleanup drew them in and hopefully the activities gave them a better appreciation for and connection to the area and they will return.

We are lucky to have the two Army Corps park rangers working in Sepulveda Basin, although we share their time with several other Army Corps properties. Fortunately the Army Corps plans to add more park rangers for the region. We also hope that the City of Los Angeles will increase their staffing of city park

rangers and assign a team to Sepulveda Basin full time.

Many SFVAS members were crucial to putting together the event, instructing the volunteers, equipping them with tools and gloves, replenishing supplies, or working alongside the other volunteers. The California Native Plant Society's (CNPS) team that removes invasive weeds from the Wildlife Reserve contributed hugely too.

FoLAR staffed the event with a registration table to augment their online process. They provided swag for the earliest arrivals as well.

The city Department of Recreation and Parks provided trash bags and hauled off the filled bags and large items after the cleanup. They must have needed to make many trips to get rid of all the stuff. Hopefully efforts to reduce trash in our bodies of water will be fruitful and such huge cleanup efforts will become unnecessary.



Haskell Creek Cleanup

My girlfriend and I worked at the creek bank most of the time with hooks...We stayed at a particular stretch of about 20 feet that took us almost three hours and many bags to complete, every time we dragged the hooks we found more!



Quick story: my dad and I did a river cleanup 30 years ago when I was 7, we were stationed near the playground at Lake Balboa Park. My dad, an avid hiker in his 80's now, was struck with meningitis a few years ago. He came back from near death to almost a full recovery but still has some trouble walking. The Sepulveda Basin is his primary walking location now, he and my mom went to Haskell Creek the day after the cleanup and marveled at how clean it was.

It brought me great joy to imagine all the people that will benefit from the work we all did together :) -Taylor Greathead



Audubon-at-Home by Alan Pollack

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.

Photo of the Month

Do you have an interesting photo of a bird taken in/near the San Fernando Valley? Please submit your photos to Kathy.Barton@sfvaudubon.org. Or you can post to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sfvaudubon. Please include location, date, camera and lens info, a short account of how the photo was taken, and a profile of the photographer.

Calendar of Events

JUNE

Sunday, June 2. Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk. 8:00—11:00 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@sfaudubon.org or (805) 727-5007.

Saturday, June 8. Monthly Field Trip: Rancho Sierra Vista Preserve (second Saturday). 7:30 a.m.

We expect to see Blue Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, orioles, flycatchers, raptors, possibly Grasshopper Sparrow. Directions: Take the Ventura Freeway (101) to the Lynn Road exit in Thousand Oaks. Go south on Lynn Road and proceed 5.3 miles to Via Goleta. Turn left at Via Goleta to the preserve entrance. The main gate officially opens at 8:00 a.m. but a ranger usually opens it much earlier. We will meet at the gate at 7:30, ready to drive to the first paved parking lot on the right along the entrance road where we will begin our birding. We will bird until about 11:30. Leader: Richard Barth, (310) 276-0342.

Saturday, June 8. 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.

Sunday, June 9. Wildwood Canyon Bird Walk, Burbank. 9:00—11:00 a.m.

Directions: From the I-5/Golden State Fwy. N: Take Exit 146A toward Olive Ave., merge onto E. Angeleno Ave. and turn left onto S. 1st Street, then take the first right onto E. Olive Ave.

From I-5/Golden State Fwy. S: Take EXIT 146A toward Verdugo Ave. Turn left onto S. Front Street, which will become E. Verdugo Ave. Turn left at the first light onto S. 1st Street then take the 3rd right onto E. Olive Ave.

Continue 1.3 miles on E. Olive through downtown Burbank and up the hill. Turn left onto N. Sunset Canyon Dr. Go 0.5 miles and turn right onto E. Harvard. Drive .4 miles skirting the golf course and meet at the entry kiosk area. Extra binoculars are available. Leader: Mike Mc Horney, (818) 845-0166.

Sunday, June 16. 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. Leaders: Kathy Barton (818) 929-2516 and David Barton (310) 990-6896.

Please NOTE: The Tuesday Weekday Walk at O'Melveny Park is on summer hiatus and will resume September 17.

Saturday, June 22. Hansen Dam Bird Walk. 8:00—10:00 a.m. We will walk along a dirt road at the base of the dam—exploring promising sites along the way and sometimes go in a different direction to the lake. Meet at the lower parking lot, Dronfield Entrance. Directions: Take Osborne exit from Golden State (5) Freeway. Go northeast about two miles passing Glenoaks Blvd. Turn right on Dronfield to enter the park. Turn right at the end of Dronfield and then take a quick left and proceed downhill to the large parking lot. Alternate directions: Exit Osborne from the eastbound Foothill Freeway (210). At the off ramp, turn right onto Foothill. After a short distance, turn left on Osborne and then left on Dronfield. Follow above directions to the lower

parking lot. Rain cancels. Leader: Pat Bates (818) 425-0962, pat.bates@sfaudubon.org.

Monday, June 24. SFVAS Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center, 18323 Oxnard St., Tarzana. It is located between White Oak & Reseda. It is recommended to approach on Etiwanda Ave. and turn into the parking area up the alley behind the center.

Thursday, June 27. SFVAS General Membership Meeting Annual Pot Luck Dinner. 7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. set-up). The program includes the installation of new officers, food, and photos. For more information, see Monthly Programs, page one. **Location:** San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center, 18312 Oxnard Street, Tarzana, CA. (818) 697-5525. **Directions:** Located between White Oak and Reseda Blvd. In order to park, it is recommended to go on Etiwanda Avenue and turn into the parking area up the alley behind the center. **ALL are welcome!**

Saturday, June 29. Young Birders Group Bird Walk: Sepulveda Basin. 9:00 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(s) Alexander and/or Emma. For more information on meeting location please e-mail Rose Leibowitz at roselbirds@gmail.com, or call (818) 990-5405.

JULY

Sunday, July 7. Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk. 8:00—11:00 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@sfaudubon.org or (805) 727-5007.

Saturday, July 13. Placerita Canyon Nature Center Docents' Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m.

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Saturday, July 20. Monthly Field Trip: Mt. Pinos. 7:30 a.m.

Join us for summer montane species such as Fox Sparrow, Green-tailed Towhee, Dusky Flycatcher, Cassin's Finch, Hairy Woodpecker and Clark's Nutcracker. Meet in the parking lot at Iris Meadows. Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, insect repellent and lunch. Directions: From the San Fernando Valley, take I-5 north to the Frazier Park exit. Go under the freeway and head west on Frazier Park Road, which becomes Cuddy Valley Road and then becomes Mount Pinos Road and leads up to the top parking lot on Mt. Pinos (dead end). We will meet in the lot. The mileage from the freeway exit to this top parking lot is approximately 20 miles. Your vehicle must exhibit a National Forest or

National Park Pass in order for you to park and bird in this area. Leader: Richard Barth, (310) 276-0342.

Sunday, July 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. Leaders: Kathy Barton (818) 929-2516 and David Barton (310) 990-6896.

NO SFVAS General Membership Meeting in July or August. See you September 26. Have a Great Summer!

Saturday, July 27. SFVAS Hansen Dam Bird Walk. 8:00—10:00 a.m. We will walk along a dirt road at the base of the dam—exploring promising sites along the way and sometimes go in a different direction to the lake. Meet at the lower parking lot, Dronfield Entrance. Directions: Take Osborne exit from Golden State (5) Freeway. Go northeast about two miles passing Glenoaks Blvd. Turn right on Dronfield to enter the park. Turn right at the end of Dronfield and then take a quick left and proceed downhill to the large parking lot. Alternate directions: Exit Osborne from the eastbound Foothill Freeway (210). At the off ramp, turn right onto Foothill. After a short distance,

turn left on Osborne and then left on Dronfield. Follow above directions to the lower parking lot. Rain cancels. Leader: Pat Bates (818) 425-0962, pat.bates@sfvaudubon.org.

Saturday, July 27. Young Birders Group Bird Walk: O'Melveny Park. 9:00 a.m. 17300 Sesnon Boulevard, Granada Hills, CA 91344. The Young Birders Group walks are for young birders who are serious about birding, know some birds, and are willing to learn. All are welcome to join! 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. Leader(s) Alexander and/or Emma. For more information, please e-mail Rose Leibowitz at roselbirds@gmail.com, or call (818) 990-5405.

Future Field Trips (details later):

August 17. Chilao, Buckhorn and Charlton Flats

September 21. Huntington Central Park and Bolsa Chica 🐦

Birdathon 2019 by Becky Arntzen

A big "Thank You" to all our Birdathon leaders! Our Birdathon events are complete and the results are in! Birdathon leaders give their time and expertise to host events to support the education and conservation efforts of SFVAS. Now it is your turn! Please donate online at www.sfvaudubon.org or mail your donations to SFVAS, PO Box 7769, Van Nuys, CA 91409. *Thank you!* Our fundraising success will be reported in the next *Phainopepla*.

4/7 Big Sit @ Sepulveda Basin
4/17 Antelope Valley Big Day
4/20 Morongo Valley Field Trip
4/21 Malibu Creek State Park
4/27 Hansen Dam
4/29 Simi Hills/Santa Susanna Mountains
5/5 Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve
5/11-12 LA & Orange Counties Marathon
5/21 O'Melveny Park

Paula Orlovich & Art Langton, **Total Species: 38**
Jim Moore, **Total Species: 118**
Richard Barth, **Total Species: 49**
Kathy & Dave Barton, **Total Species: 57**
Pat Bates, **Total Species: 33**
Mark Osokow, **Total Species: 59**
Kris Ohlenkamp, **Total Species: 56**
Allan & Muriel Kotin, **Total Species: 85**
Carolyn Oppenheimer, **Total Species: 35**

March and April Field Trip Reports by Richard Barth

Our Morro Bay Weekend fell on March 16 & 17. This becomes a three-day event with some birding taking place on Friday. We were blessed with spectacular weather this year. Two of our target species, Chestnut-backed Chickadee and Pigeon Guillemot, were readily found. Brant, which years ago was abundant here, has steeply declined in numbers. A surprise species this year was Horned Lark, recorded for the first time in known history on this trip. Red-throated, Pacific and Common Loon were tallied and we scored all five of the expected grebes and the three expected cormorants (Pelagic Cormorants were again seen at their nests on Morro Rock). Mention should be made of Black Oystercatcher, Canyon Wren (seen at the Rock), Blue-winged Teal, Purple Finch (heard), Western Meadowlark, American Avocet and Peregrine Falcon. Other select birds making our list were Golden-crowned Sparrow, Townsend's Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Red-breasted Merganser, Semipalmated and Black-bellied Plovers, Surf Scoter, Lesser Scaup, Greater Yellowlegs, Long-billed Curlew, California Thrasher, Hutton's Vireo, Hermit Thrush, Wild Turkey, Wren-tit, California Quail and Forster's Tern. We had big numbers of Marbled Godwit and Willet.

April 20 marked our trip to the Morongo Valley area, then on to Black Rock Campground in Joshua Tree National Park. The trip doubled as a Birdathon for SFVAS. I was joined by only two birders, both from Long Beach. We tallied 49 species, a low total, but some of the sightings were noteworthy. The Morongo Valley area produced an overhead Swainson's Hawk and a Great Horned Owl family. Verdin, Vermilion Flycatcher, White-winged Dove, Bell's Vireo, Costa's Hummingbird, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Phainopepla and Lazuli Bunting sparked our interest. Some other finds were Ash-throated Flycatcher, Black-headed Grosbeak, Bullock's Oriole, Hooded Oriole, Warbling Vireo, Hermit Thrush, Western Bluebird, Wilson's Warbler, Yellow Warbler and Western Tanager. Highlight sightings at Black Rock Campground: Scott's Oriole, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Gambel's Quail (heard), Cactus Wren and Say's Phoebe. 🐦

Young Birders Group By Alexander deBarros



The **March 30** walk went very well. We had more people than ever before, and totaled 43 species of birds, including the season's first Bullock's Orioles, nesting cormorants, and a hybrid goose. <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S54377948>

The Young Birders walk on **April 27**, went well, with the group totaling 32 species, including our first of the season Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Wilson's Warbler, Western Tanager, and Black-headed Grosbeak (which provided very good views). We also had a lone female Yellow-rumped Warbler, probably our last one until September. We observed Western Bluebirds and European Starlings already nesting, and many more birds are probably going to join them soon. The complete list is available here: <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S55475617> 🐦

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Conservation Corner and Education

As I write this, I eagerly anticipate my trip to our Sacramento Capitol next week to spend time with State Assembly Members and Senators discussing important bills winding their way through the legislative sausage-making process. The overall California Audubon message is to support legislation in 2019 to improve the plight of birds living in, or migrating through, California.

In some cases the proposed legislation will demonstrate our State's commitment to the preservation of our natural resources of land, air and water despite the Federal administration's initiatives to relax or intentionally not enforce important safeguards. In other cases the proposed legislation will continue to demonstrate our historical leadership role supporting environmental protections on behalf of all animals (including humans). Other proposals will increase programs, facilities, and funding for environmental education for all our children as well as expand opportunities to enjoy California's amazing coastal resources.

I am especially encouraged by the continued focus by California State, County and City governments, non-profit organizations (such as Audubon), and millions of young and old activists toward addressing global climate change and continuing to advance an inclusive renewable-energy economy.

Specific California bills in the works:

- Migratory Birds Protection (AB 454)
- Climate Change Adaption (AB 552)
- Equality in access to nature and environmental education (AB 556, AB 209, & AB 1300)
- Plastic Reduction (AB 1080 & SB 54)
- Endangered Species Protection (SB 1)
- Desert Protection (SB 307)
- State Budget Investments (both Chambers)

Again this year, "Audubon Advocacy Day" is coordinated by Audubon California staff, and, if like last year, will include about 50 Chapter Leaders, representing over 20 California Chapters. This is our opportunity, as members/officers of a grass-roots organization, to demonstrate and communicate our passion toward the conservation of birds and their habitats in meaningful and constructive discussions with our state political leaders and their staffs.

Along with our participation in 2019 Advocacy Day, the SFVAS Conservation Committee continues to advance local actions in protecting the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area from all threats, encouraging the planting of native plants in our home gardens, and performing Haskell Creek trash cleanups, while inviting other conservation organizations to participate as well.

I encourage your perspectives and suggestions, and hope for your assistance in supporting our Conservation programs. Please call me (818) 5618-1652 or email me at Dave.Weeshoff@SFVAudubon.org. —By Dave Weeshoff