



Above: A group of hard-working volunteers help replant an open field with native plants. Below left: Black Phoebe.

Get Involved!

Although not yet open to the general public, volunteers and other members of the community interested in the restoration at Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve are welcome to visit (please call in advance to arrange a time). Two acres of coastal sage scrub habitat have been restored, a number of invasive, non-native species have been removed and the buildings on site renovated. Most of the work has been accomplished by our many volunteers.

We invite individuals and organizations interested in volunteering or supporting our restoration project to contact the San Diego Audubon Society at 619-682-7200.

You can also call the Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve resident caretaker Becky Wilbanks at 760-295-1548 for



directions or other information about the preserve. You, or your group or company, can be involved in the beginning of building something beautiful and lasting for future generations of our community to enjoy. **Come grow with us.**



Spotted Towhee

San Diego Audubon's Mission

The mission of the San Diego Audubon Society is to foster the protection and appreciation of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats, through study and education, and advocate for a cleaner, healthier environment.

If you share our goals, we invite you to contact the San Diego Audubon Society and become a member of our chapter. The San Diego Audubon Society has been a leading conservation organization in Southern California since 1948. Membership supports conservation efforts, educational programs for schools and the community, and provides special benefits not available to the general public. Visit our website or call the San Diego Audubon office for more details.



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Where critical coastal habitat is being restored to benefit birds, other wildlife... and YOU!



Creating An Oasis For Birds, Other Wildlife And Native Flora In The Midst Of Development



In San Diego County, adjacent to the communities of Oceanside and Vista, a wilderness oasis is being created in the midst of an area of semi-rural homes. This 11-acre parcel of land is a haven for plant and animal life,

which are rapidly losing precious habitat as a result of encroaching suburban development.

But the Anstine-Audubon property is more than a safe haven; it is a bold environmental move to restore the land to its original native Coastal Sage Scrub, Southern Willow Riparian Forest and Coast Live Oak habitats, thus providing food and shelter for native species that depend on these habitats for survival.



The Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve is managed by the San Diego Audubon Society, which also owns the 730-acre Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary, located north and east of Lakeside, California.

In its early human history, Anstine was once part of the territory of the San Luseño cultural group of Native Americans. From the 1940s to

the 1990s the property was owned and occupied by John and Lois Anstine. The couple expanded the existing house, built other structures, altered the creek to create a pond, planted flowerbeds and added a small fruit orchard. The Anstines asked San Diego Audubon to manage and maintain the property as a habitat for wildlife after their passing. Mrs. Anstine passed away in 1988 and Mr. Anstine in 1999, at which time our chapter assumed management of the site.

A Work in Progress

Today the Anstine-Audubon site is a work in progress. It is a safe haven for at least 99 species of birds, 100 plant species, 5 species of reptiles and 6 species of mammals in a rural/suburban setting that is certain to undergo increased development.

As part of the master plan for restoration, the Anstine home has been refurbished as a caretaker's residence. Non-native, invasive and weedy plants are being removed and native plants reestablished.



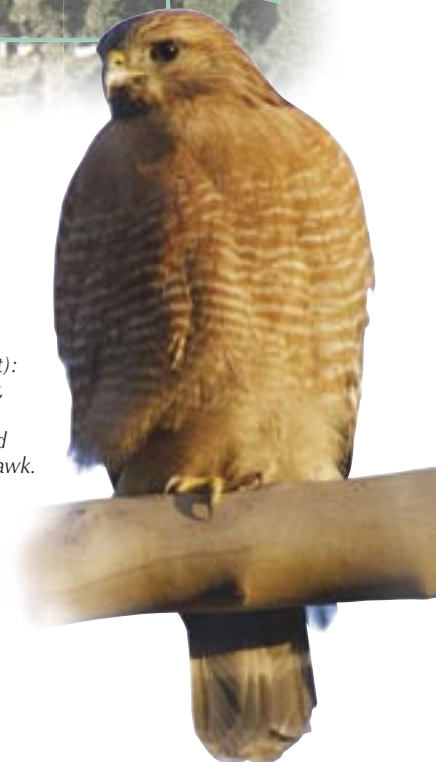
A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF ANSTINE-AUDUBON NATURE PRESERVE:

- 1 Caretaker's House & Gardens
- 2 Butterfly & Bird Garden
- 3 Sensory & Succulents Garden
- 4 Parking Area
- 5 Main Trail Begins
- 6 Restored Sage-Scrub Habitat
- 7 Stream & Pond
- 8 Willow & Oak Riparian Habitat
- 9 Coastal Sage Scrub Habitat



Demonstration native plant gardens are being designed and planted and nature trails for wildlife observation are being built. A new sign greeting visitors is also ready.

In addition to serving as a wildlife preserve, Anstine-Audubon will serve as a community resource for educational and recreational purposes and as a venue for special events. It is estimated that restoration will be completed in five to six years. The restoration is being supported by grants from the National Resources Conservation Service.



Photos (left to right): California Thrasher, Wild Gooseberry, Bewick's Wren, and Red-shouldered Hawk.