

Sketches

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SAN DIEGO AUDUBON

Legacy

San Diego Audubon has been built with inspired dedication by many who have gone before – a legacy that lives on in a world of even greater challenges.

Marian Bear Memorial Park by Leland Foerster

Walt Shaw

A builder...building an enduring legacy for nature

By Chris Redfern, Executive Director

"He was lightning quick with his smile and laughter, even quicker to solve some mechanical problem." Mike Matherly

In the summer of 2015, I drove to Walt's home in Clairemont to take him out to lunch. After 80-plus years of being one of the most active, fit people you could ever meet, time was catching up with Walt and he preferred not to drive anymore. (Into his late seventies, he was quite active. I remember him proudly showing off a new bike he had recently bought and regaling me with stories of day-long rides into the countryside.)

He took me out into the shade of his yard and we peered over the back fence into a lovely side-canyon of Marian Bear Park, blanketed with native lemonade berry, black sage, and live oak. And then the story flowed out of him, as many stories had over the decade I'd known him.

Eyes glistening, and with that crazy ear-to-ear grin, he told how he and his wife Marlene had learned of a developer who had purchased the canyon and planned to build a condo complex in it. After many weekend days canvassing the surrounding streets, talking with neighbors and hatching a plan to save the canyon, the hard work paid off. Their petition to the City resulted in the open space being added to Marian Bear Park.

Walt's love for nature and abundance of energy and enthusiasm didn't stop after this initial win. He went on to volunteer for the Park and was instrumental in many infrastructure projects there, including building dozens of rock gabions to preserve the stream course and riparian habitat.

In the late 2000s, Walt turned his attention to San Diego Audubon's Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve in Vista. As Mel Hinton fondly remembers: "If something needed to be done, Walt would see that it got done, and done right."



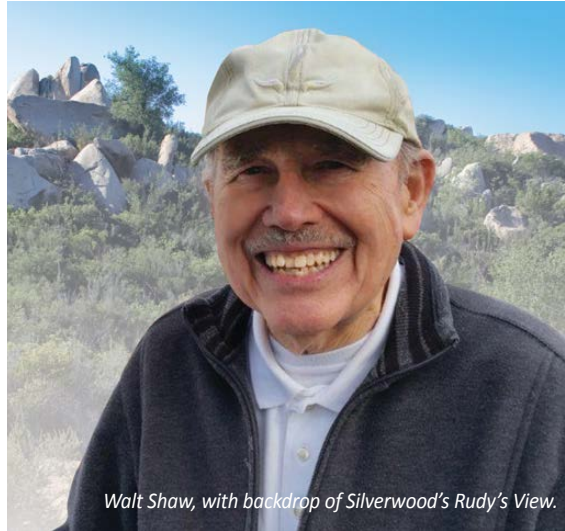
Walt Shaw and Chris Redfern

As the new preserve was choked with weeds prior to restoration, Walt surprised us with the gift of a brush trimmer and riding mower with spray rig – just the tools needed to clear the invasive plants and prepare the property for replanting. Other infrastructure projects he led included building a new kiosk and many repairs, including steps, a garage carport, lighting, and even new plumbing for the residence.

"There are so many memories that recur when we think of Walt: social gatherings where he would talk about his experiences and ideas, work parties where he applied his engineering experience to designing a kiosk, repair equipment or proposing improvements to

our methods or facilities. His generosity was recognized by us all," notes David Kimball.

A common thread that winds through the many projects, volunteer efforts, and gifts of equipment and funds that make up Walt's legacy is that of establishing infrastructure to enhance a place and to ensure its future.



Walt Shaw, with backdrop of Silverwood's Rudy's View.

Walt, and his wife Marlene, ensured the continuance of their ideals with the establishment of the F. Walter Shaw and Marlene K. Shaw Endowment Fund at the San Diego Foundation. On his passing and as a condition of his Trust, a gift of \$250,000 was added to this fund. As sole beneficiaries of this Fund, Walt and Marlene's support of San Diego Audubon will go on in perpetuity, providing our organization with significant funds every year to continue our work in building an enduring legacy for nature.

Walt will always be in our thoughts, a shining example of how to "do things right."



Anstine-Audubon was a major beneficiary of Walt's generosity.

Together, we can make a difference for San Diego's native birds and wildlife

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San Diego Audubon's Grassroots Legacy Continues

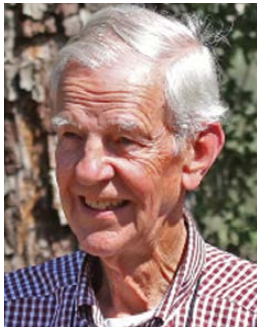
David Kimball's term as Board President comes to a close; David Stump takes the helm

By Kelsey Wadman, Development and Communications Associate

Upon accepting my position at San Diego Audubon Society, I attended a restoration event in Mission Bay before I even got set up at a desk in the office. While I expected to see our conservation staff on site pulling invasive plants from California Least Tern nesting ground at Mariner's Point, I was surprised to be greeted by then current Board President, David Kimball, who promptly got to work pulling 2-3 foot tall clumps of Burr Clover with the rest of us. Later, at the office, I mentioned to Executive Director Chris Redfern that I had run into Kimball at the habitat restoration event. Redfern was not surprised.

"That's the kind of atmosphere we have at San Diego Audubon. It's not at all unusual to see our Board President out pulling weeds on the weekend."

Kimball supports every aspect of SDAS's work in one way or another, yet he does so quietly, preferring not to attract attention. How a 6-foot-plus man manages to shirk notice is beyond me.



David Kimball

After retiring in 2000, Kimball "tried on" volunteering for a few different nonprofits before finding SDAS, Sunset Cliffs Natural Park and Friends of Famosa Slough (that's right; he volunteers heavily for all three). It was perhaps pulling weeds that attracted him in the first place. "My central interest is less on birds than it is with plants and habitat restoration," stated Kimball. "I look forward to being out in coastal sage scrub areas enjoying the sounds of birds and the aroma of the plants."

For someone who so loves being outdoors, Kimball was somehow roped into the tedious and time-consuming task of maintaining our member database, a duty he holds to this day. He's also chaired the Bird Festival, and can be found on site at the festival each morning before sunup, staying through the late evening programs to serve drinks or man the registration table.

Under Kimball's tenure, SDAS has seen tremendous growth of our membership, improvements to our two sanctuaries, and increasing financial support for our programs. Ask Kimball what he's most proud of, and he'll site the conservation and education programs as topping his list. "Both have the chance of making positive change well into the future," stated Kimball.

While transitioning from one David to another is in one way a predictable event (Board Presidents serve three year terms), in another sense it's a testament to San Diego Audubon's grassroots legacy to see such outstanding individuals stepping up to take the helm.

David Kimball and David Stump share many qualities beyond their first name (both humble, both smart, both dedicated), but they have some outstanding differences. Kimball is a "plants and birds guy", as he says, but Stump's expertise is that of a closet naturalist (with a

special affinity for herpetology), an accomplished artist, and a skilled graphic designer. Around 1980, Stump walked in unannounced to the SDAS office and offered his bird drawings for use in the newsletter, *Sketches*. The response was skeptical, at least at first. Stump stopped counting the covers or other illustrations he drew for *Sketches* after 120 or so were published.

In the 1990's Stump helped to form SDAS's Communications Committee and took the role of Chair, a position he continues in even while serving as Board President. Stump, along with dedicated volunteer Christine Tratnyek, has overseen the transformation of *Sketches* into the eight-page high quality member magazine that it is now. Our striking logo, engaging brochures, signage and much more were all developed by Stump over the past decades.

"Good design is invisible," Stump once told me. "People will only notice bad design."

Possibly only another communications professional like myself, then, will fully appreciate the profound effect of Stump's contributions. SDAS would have never grown into the powerful organization it is today without Stump's marketing expertise.

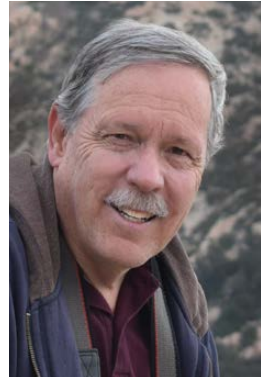
Stump is a conceptual thinker with a keen eye for big-picture goals and accomplishments—a quality that will surely guide SDAS into the next level of growth and impact. Recognizing the current and dire circumstances in our country surrounding conservationism, Stump said, "We are facing battles we simply must win. The present realities, nationally and regionally, demand a strong, smart, creative SDAS that is successful in reaching new communities and expanding our existing demographic profile. If there was ever in our lifetimes the need for San Diego Audubon to succeed in its mission, it is now."

Though Stump's words are far from hyperbolic, SDAS has nothing but faith in our ability to fulfill our ambitious mission. We have the power of a true grassroots movement: the power of our people. As David Kimball and David Stump have shown us through the years, it is our community that guides our work.

Each would humbly deny the enormity of their own impact, of course, and instead point to the culture of comradery at SDAS. "It's simple," said Kimball. "Join us for a work party, visit our sanctuaries, go on a bird walk. You'll meet some of the nicest people and sense their

enthusiasm for our cause. It's impossible to resist."

"Most people want their efforts to make a difference for the good," Stump added. "There're so many ways to do that at San Diego Audubon. Plus, we get to hang out with birds."



David Stump



Sunset Cliffs Natural Park (circa 2014) is a big part of David Kimball's legacy.

If you'd like to join us in hanging out with the birds, contact Volunteer Manager Jill Cooper at cooper@sandiegoaudubon.org or call (858) 273-7800, ext 104.

Conservation In Action

Community Scientists Assist with Brown Pelican Surveys

By Megan Flaherty, Restoration Program Manager

The California Brown Pelican is seen by many as an iconic conservation success story – driven to low numbers due to the use of DDT, federally protected by some of our earliest conservation legislation, and, most recently, removed from the Endangered Species List as the population has stabilized and recovered. But the species remains vulnerable to a number of threats – chiefly, oil spills, potentially fatal injuries due to by-catch, and overfishing. The continued recovery of the California Brown Pelican relies upon the responsible management of our Pacific fisheries, and a recent decline in nesting productivity throughout their range has raised questions about the health of northern anchovy stocks (their primary food source) along our coast.

Audubon CA's bi-annual Brown Pelican Survey is an attempt to better understand what may be driving this decline and what the structure of the population looks like as a result. The survey makes use of community scientists to gather data on the number and age of roosting pelicans at over 100 locations in the states of California, Oregon, and Washington.



Last May, San Diego Audubon assisted with this project for the second year in a row, recruiting volunteers to survey at roosting locations such as the San Diego Bay and the Ocean Beach Pier. San Diego was found to be a hot spot for the species, with several hundred reported here. Over 7,100 birds were recorded in total, with roughly 70% of the individuals categorized as adults. This data provides a baseline for evaluating changes in productivity and population size in the years to come. This work also supports our ongoing efforts to advocate for ecosystem-based management of northern anchovy, which would benefit a wide diversity of marine mammals, fish, and seabirds (including our favorite dune dwellers, the California Least Tern). And who really needs an excuse to head out to the beach with a pair of binoculars?

Looking for a way to help? Keep an eye out for Brown Pelicans with blue or green leg bands. These bands indicate that the bird is part of an ongoing monitoring program, so report birds with blue bands to the International Bird Rescue or birds with green bands to the Oiled Wildlife Care Network.

Above: immature California Brown Pelican diving for fish. Photo by Alberto Lau.

Education SDAS

70% Growth Marks Five Years of Education Program Successes

by Rebekah Angona, Director of Education

Fall is my favorite season. Cool weather, the crisp smell of early mornings, and the sound of leaves crunching under my feet. Even more exciting, fall brings the start of a fresh, new school year.

This year is an exciting one for me, marking my fifth year as San Diego Audubon's Director of Education. Within that time, we have seen our education programs grow by more than 70%. That's a huge accomplishment in such a short period of time, and we could not have achieved that momentous goal without the support of our funders, Audubon members, volunteers and staff.

So, what's new this year?

- We are thrilled to expand our *Sharing our Shores: South Bay* program through our continued partnership with US Fish and Wildlife Service's SoCal Urban Wildlife Refuge Project.
- *Sharing our Shores: Mission Bay* will nearly double its reach to elementary students in the Mission Bay cluster.
- *Sharing our Shores: Salton Sea* saw programs in Spring of 2018 and we will continue serving Brawley students in Fall of 2018 thanks to support from Audubon California.
- *Anstine Adventures* continues to expand, with support by funders such as the Schoenith Foundation. This year we will serve third-grade students from Vista Unified School District, with a goal to reach every third-grade after-school class in this district.
- *OutdoorExplore!* continues, thanks to SDG&E's generous Environmental Champions award and our five-year grant through the Port of San Diego. Now in the second year of the Port of SD grant, we are able to offer four weekly hikes to Chula Vista after-

school students to the Otay River Valley Regional Park.

– *Silverwood Science Discovery* continues to engage fourth-grade students from Lakeside School District through in-class lessons and field trips to San Diego Audubon's Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary.

I hope you all have a wonderful school year!

Our Outdoor Explore! program visits the Otay River Valley Park.



Silverwood Scene

A Burst of Life and Activity in Late Spring

By Phillip Lambert, Silverwood Resident Manager



Our fledged Screech Owl.

Sometimes, the most interesting discoveries are hiding in plain sight. Such was the case in April, with the latest recording of a new plant species at the Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary. It's a plant that's been growing alongside the Woodward trail, just a few feet from the sign-in register in the parking lot. During a recent nature tour, a visitor asked about the plant and I couldn't recall what it was. So that evening, I sat

down with the Silverwood plant list, but this plant wasn't on it. The next morning, I collected leaf samples and last year's seed stock and finally made the identification: a species of sagebrush called Dragon Wormwood (*Artemisia dracunculus*).

This higher-elevation species is found all over Cuyamaca State Park, but has never been recorded at Silverwood until now. (I even checked Frank Ganders' original list.) This brought the number of Silverwood plant species to 363. I find it bewildering that a plant located so close to our public staging area could be overlooked for so long.

The month earlier, another common species was located and identified. This one was found on March 16 on the newly acquired 28-acre Mil Piedras property across the road. The plant is known as the Yellow Bush Penstemon (*Keckellia antirrhinoides* var. *antirrhinoides*). We verified it as a new species (#364) in April.

Wildlife Abounds

I am happy to report that many of Silverwood's migrant birds arrived right on time in 2018. Lazuli Buntings, flocks of Hooded Orioles, Townsend's Warblers, Black-throated Gray Warblers and MacGillivray's Warblers all arrived in early April when the oaks were in full bloom with their catkins. Black-chinned Sparrows and several pairs of Phainopepla showed up this season along with the Black-headed Grosbeaks and Lawrence's Goldfinches. On April 9, our pair of Ash-throated Flycatchers, Ash and Ashley, arrived together in the observation area. However, they were unable to occupy the nest box they usually prefer, as the Northern Flicker pair are now using both boxes attached to an oak in front of the residence porch as their roosting site each night. So, they settled for an old Acorn Woodpecker cavity in an oak limb above the birding benches. This is the fifth year the pair has returned to breed and raise their young in the yard. This year they produced four fledglings.

One afternoon in late June as I was heading out of the house, a female Western Bluebird perched above me along the edge of the house eaves, as if knowing I had something to offer. With her was a male and three of their fledglings. I threw some mealworms on the ground, which the female immediately gathered and fed to her young. The male was very standoffish, only coming down for worms at a lengthy distance. Though we haven't had a pair of Bluebirds nest in the observation area for several years, this female seemed to know of the opportunity of free handouts. Perhaps she is a female of a former Silverwood mating pair who lost her mate and paired up with a new one, or she is the daughter of an older Silverwood breeding pair. By early July the fledglings were coming down and gorging themselves on the mealworms. Mom would hoard the worms until she could fit no more into her beak, then fly off over the oak canopy down the driveway while dad and the kids fed on the rest. This is an

exciting indication that she has a second clutch that just hatched and was in need of feeding.

On June 26, Rayne Lambert located the elusive female Screech Owl along with two owlets in a young oak up near the water tank in the observation area. The male was also seen at his regular roosting site along the driveway. This is confirmation that this pair has been breeding here for two years. As with the male Great Horned Owl, the male Screech Owl will begin to roost during the day out in plain sight while the female is hunkered down out of sight with the owlets. This allows for all the early morning rambunctious Scrub Jays, Towhees, Oak Titmice and others to mob dad until it's out of their system, then go about their day leaving mom and the owlets quietly secure.

Special Silverwood Visitors

Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary was alive with visitors throughout the spring months as we hosted groups from all over San Diego who came to learn firsthand about Silverwood's remarkable ecosystems.

We welcomed 75 students from Barona Indian Charter School for a nature education event, and were excited to meet students from Threefold Village Homeschool Community, who learned about Native American uses of plants through our ethnobotany program. In April, we also hosted the San Diego Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, who ventured through our riparian woodland and chaparral to view the plants within and the habitat's inhabitants. In May, the Great Egret Society brought 33 members to Silverwood for nature hikes, informative lectures and a delicious brunch. Later that month, 62 students from High Tech Elementary hiked the trails



Volunteers from Tzofim Tzabar clear invasive weeds from Silverwood's ciénega.

and learned about seasonal birds in the observation area. Finally, students from San Diego City College studied the geography and geology of Silverwood. Each year, Silverwood hosts special theme hikes on Sundays for San Diego River Days and Endangered Species Days. On May 13, for the River Days event, roughly 70 visitors came to help, including members of the Israeli scout group Tzofim Tzabar who pulled invasive grasses in the ciénega meadow. The event was led by Silverwood assistant Joe Brennan.

Many thanks also to our regular volunteers this season who put in over 130 hours hosting on Sundays, as well as the docents who lead our nature tours and all others who put in countless hours trail-clearing and pulling weeds. (See next page for October calendar.)

SILVERWOOD CALENDAR – OCTOBER 2018

Sundays, October 7, 14 and 21 – Open visitation and guided nature walks at 10:00 am and 1:30 pm.

October 29 – Our Special Halloween theme hikes on “The Ghosts of Silverwood”; not real ones, of course, but evidence of the people who lived on the site before us, and how they used Silverwood’s resources.

October 3, 10, 24 and 31, Wednesday visitation, 8am to 12pm.

October 17, Wednesday - 9:00 am, Monthly Silverwood bird count. Come on out and see what fall migrant species have begun to return.

Call 619-443-2998 for information. Silverwood is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road in Lakeside. Watch on right for Silverwood entrance sign. *Just a reminder; Silverwood is closed during September* due to extreme heat and fire danger and will resume regular hours beginning in October.



The Silverwood bridge leads to many trails. See you in October!



This just in! – **Our 2018/2019 Nature Discovery Workshop Series** is about to take flight, and we’ve got some exciting courses in the wings. Whether you are interested in plants, birds, rocks, or connecting to nature through technology, we’ve got something for everyone. Our workshops strive to inspire wildlife enthusiasts like you by offering a variety of nature-based courses that explore locations throughout the county. New offerings this year include a locally-focused geology course, a techie workshop exploring nature with apps, family-friendly gardening for pollinators at our Anstine preserve, and a nature photography course with acclaimed photographer Krisztina Scheeff of KS Nature Photography. For more information, or to register, go to our website at www.sandiegoaudubon.org/events/workshops.

Connecting with Nature Through Technology – iNaturalist and Other Apps

October 13th at the Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center with instructor Tracy Lawrence, SDAS Information Management Coordinator. Explore using nature-based apps to learn more about wildlife while contributing to community science.

FAMILY FRIENDLY!

There’s More to Birds and Bees: Gardening for Pollinators

November 3rd at the Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve with committee member Patti Langden. Discover gardening techniques that attract native pollinators and bring home your very own plant.

Bird ID for Beginners: How to Become a Bird Watcher

February 2nd at Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, and February 9th in the field with Dr. Matthew Binns. Join us for this highly popular workshop geared towards the beginning bird watcher.

The Dirt on Silverwood: A Walk Through Geological History

March 23rd at San Diego Audubon’s Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary, with Geologist Don Albright. Travel back in time and learn how the local landscape was formed while exploring the trails of Silverwood.

Photographing Nature in the Field

April 13th at San Dieguito Lagoon. Join professional Nature Photographer Krisztina Scheeff (www.KSNaturePhotography.com) and San Dieguito



River Park Senior Ranger David Hekel as we photograph wildlife and landscape.

Drawing Birds as Living Animals

May 4th and 11th at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Join SDAS Board President, David Stump, for an in-depth step-by-step course on drawing birds from the inside out.



Western Grebe by Krisztina Scheeff, KSNaturePhotography.com

CHANGES FOR SKETCHES Beginning with this issue (September), *Sketches* is going to a bi-monthly schedule, publishing six times a year. The birding trips will be listed as available in abbreviated form, with full information and registration (as available) on our website. We are also developing a new website which will be going live this fall. The SDAS staff and Communications Committee will continue to develop ways to enhance our communications, both printed and digital.

Back-to-School SD Audubon Wishlist

Students all over the county are heading back to school, and we’re gearing up for another year of nature education programs and guided walks and events at our wildlife sanctuaries. Would you like to gift us a needed item?

Pop-up canopy for Silverwood: Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary is in need of a double-canopy to provide shade for programs and events. Total cost, with a 20% nonprofit discount from our supplier, is \$856 plus shipping.



Binoculars for students:

We need 20 pairs of Leupold Yosemite binos at a rate of \$80 (our non-profit discount brings them down from \$130) for our education programs.

Educational tools from

Acorn Naturalists: We would love to have bird egg replicas, owl pellet displays and more from educational resource Acorn Naturalists, ranging in cost from \$30 to \$350. You can purchase gift certificates at www.acorn-naturalists.com/products/gift-certificates.

To contribute these gifts (in whole or in part), please email Development Associate Kelsey Wadman at wadman@sandiegoaudubon.org or call (858) 273 7800 ext 107.



birding trips

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As *Sketches* is now a bi-monthly publication, we won't be able to provide a full description for each trip, especially for those later in the calendar. Please regularly check our website at sandiegoaudubon.org for information as it becomes available. All trips are subject to change.

SAN DIEGO AUDUBON BIRDING TRIPS are open to all. Please remember that these birding trips are very popular, and most fill up quickly.

1: Follow our listings at sandiegoaudubon.org (Birding, Local Bird Trips). Trips shown in *Sketches* are posted first online, generally around the latter part of the month prior to issue date. Starting dates for registration will be indicated on the website.

2: Online registration is required for all field trips. Attendance for trips is now capped at specific numbers, and all trips are filled in order of registration. A few trips will require a registration fee. Even if a trip is full, you can register for a potential opening.

3: For directions, go to website (look for Birding, then Local Bird Trips). Google Maps info is provided for each trip. Trip descriptions are provided.

Call Peter Thomas with questions at 858-571-5076, or email your queries to pthomas1@yahoo.com. And always remember, "Cherish Nature."

SEPTEMBER 2018 [Register online at sandiegoaudubon.org](http://sandiegoaudubon.org)

Morning Walk to the Mouth of the Tijuana River
Saturday, September 1, 2018, 7:30 am – 10:30 am
Leader: Peter Thomas, 858 571 5076, and others
Capped at 20 participants. Directions on website.

San Diego River Estuary at Robb Field
Sunday, September 9, 2018, 12:00 Noon – 2:30 pm
Leaders: Jim Pea, 619-291-6612, Peter Thomas, and Heidi Marc-Aurele
Capped at 25 participants. Directions on website.

Tijuana River Estuary and Environs
Saturday, September 15, 2018, 8:00 am – 11:00 am
Leaders: Jack Friery, 619 218 7342, and others
Capped at 25 participants. Directions on website.

Tecolote Canyon Natural Park
Saturday, September 22, 2018, 8:00 am to 11:00 am
Leaders: Anitra Kaye, 619-517-1168, John Walters and Jack Friery
Capped at 25 participants. Directions on website.

Beginning Birders at Robb Field
Friday, September 28, 2018, 7:30 am – 10:30 am
Leaders: Terry Hurst, 619 318 7717, and John Bruin
Capped at 15 participants. Directions on website.

OCTOBER 2018 Watch our website for Birding Field Trip offerings to:

San Jacinto Wildlife Area

South San Diego Bay Salt Works

Tecolote Canyon

Bicycle Birding along the South San Diego Bay and Silver Strand

This list subject to change. Online details (dates, directions) and registration for October trips should be available by early September.

San Diego Bird Festival 2019 *Where Every Day is a Big Day*

Each spring is a busy time for birds and birders alike. It's also time for the biggest party San Diego Audubon Society can muster. It's time for the San Diego Bird Festival! Taking place at **Marina Village Conference Center**, located in the very birdy Mission Bay at 1936 Quivira Way, all of our activities will originate there, including pick-ups and drop-offs for our many field trips. Parking is plentiful and free.

Our festival boasts five days of serious birding and programs for bird enthusiasts. From **February 27 to March 3, 2019**, we have a delightful menu of experiences for you:

- **At least 10 field trips per day to destinations all over San Diego County.** These include our popular Pelagic Trips and the San Diego 100 Big Day, as well as new trips to North County locations.
- **Many hands-on workshops and presentations, featuring local, national, and international experts.** This year, explore photography with Hunt's Photo and Video and Tamron, meet a live bird or two, or see the fruits of conservation efforts in birding hotspots around the globe.
- **Bid on great optics, art and birding gear in our silent auction.**
- **See what is new and groovy in gear at the Birding and Optics Expo.**
- **New this year, we are serving dinner – Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, you can register for our light buffet. It's only \$20 per person.**
- **Keynote speakers featured every day. Special guests are RV birder Sam Fried, Karan Odom from Cornell Lab of Ornithology, David La Puma from Cape May Observatory and woodpecker expert Steve Shunk.**

Wednesday evening activities are free and open to all registered guests. Most Sunday workshop activities are free and fun for the whole family.

Registration opens October 1st – and you can do it all online. Go to www.sandiegoaudubon.org/events/bird-festival and fill out the online form, select the activities you would like to join, and pay with your credit card. The system will even send you reminders as the festival approaches. There is a \$20 per person registration fee which covers the costs of breakfasts, refreshments and shuttle service for our hotel guests (our festival hotel is the Dana Resort).

There is still time to become a sponsor or exhibitor or to donate items for the silent auction. The festival is also welcoming volunteers to help with way-finding, guided nature walks, registration, and other key tasks during the festival. Contact Jen Hajj, our Festival Coordinator at hajj@sandiegoaudubon.org for more information on volunteering, exhibiting, or donating silent auction items.



At top left: Green Heron. Above: Yellow Warbler. Both photos by Ed Henry.



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Save the Date...Join Us the Evening of
Thursday, October 4, 2018
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Where You'll Enjoy:

- Cocktails atop Balboa Park's only rooftop bar, followed by dinner in the Nat's atrium.
- Opportunities to meet San Diego Audubon's staff and volunteer leaders.
- An engaging presentation from Audubon California's Director of Bird Conservation Andrea Jones on efforts to provide safe passage for millions of birds along the Pacific Flyway.



Watch your mail and email for more details, coming soon

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