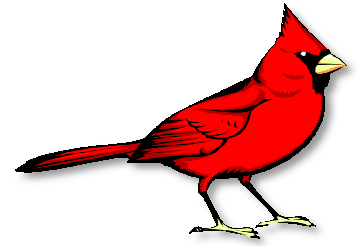


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Calendar

January 9. Beginner bird walk at Sycamore Canyon. Meet at the Sycamore Canyon trailhead at **8:00 AM**. The trail is located adjacent to Rose Hills Cemetery gate 17, but note that the trail is not in the cemetery! The entrance to Sycamore Canyon is a driveway just southwest of the entrance to the cemetery. Larry Schmahl leads. Rain or recent rain cancels.

January 21. Monthly meeting and program 7:30 PM at the Whittier Community Center. Charles Leavell gives an illustrated lecture about the "Birds and Wildlife" of Costa Rica. See page 2 for details.

January 23. Field trip to Bolsa Chica. See page 2 for details.



Bird Banding Workshops

Audubon California's 4000-acre Starr Ranch Sanctuary in southeast Orange County invites you to our spring bird banding workshops for adults. Starr Ranch Bird Observatory runs two long-term bird monitoring programs, one in winter and one during breeding season in spring and summer. We operate mist nets throughout the winter in order to examine the over-winter survivorship of migrant and resident bird populations on the Ranch. The MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) breeding season bird banding station is part of an international network of over 500 stations examining breeding bird populations. Because of the specialized nature of these workshops, we are asking that only serious students and potential Starr Ranch bird banding volunteers attend. The workshops will be taught by Starr Ranch ornithologist Alison Nevins, an experienced bander who has worked at three banding stations and various other banding pro-

jects. Space is limited.

Beginning Bird Banding Workshop – This workshop is for those with little or no bird banding experience. Participants will learn how to safely capture and release birds. They will learn how to hold, band, and take measurements on birds in the hand. Afternoon discussions will focus on bird identification, banding safety and ethics.

Dates and Times: March 12-13, 7:30 AM-3:30 PM daily

Cost: \$200 or \$205 if camping (BYO lunch, morning coffee & bagels provided)

Advanced Bird Banding Workshop – This workshop is for more experienced banders (banded at least 50 birds) or have taken the beginning workshop who want to take their skills to the next level. Participants will focus mainly on advanced ageing

and sexing of birds in the hand. Afternoon discussions will focus on detailed analysis and understanding of the molt cycle and bird plumage characteristics, as well as advanced use of the Pyle guide.

Dates and Times: March 19-20, 7:30 AM- 3:30 PM daily

Cost: \$200 or \$205 if camping (BYO lunch, morning coffee & bagels provided)

Reservations and Questions: Alison Nevins, amnevins13@gmail.com, 949-858-0309



January Program and Meeting LINDA OBERHOLTZER

"Leavell led trips to Costa Rica for many years and has many fascinating stories as well as enjoyable photos to share..."

The Whittier Area Audubon has invited retired Professor Charles Leavell, Fullerton College, to give an illustrated lecture about the "Birds and Wildlife" of Costa Rica for the Whittier Area Audubon's Thursday, January 21st general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave., Whittier, CA. Leavell led trips to Costa Rica for many years and has many fascinating stories as



well as enjoyable photographs to share with us. He has given lectures to us before on many other topics. We are waiting for confirmation.

The Whittier Community Center is located at the corner of Mar Vista St and Washington Ave. (not to be confused with Washington Blvd.), across the street from the Whittier Public Library and next to a softball field. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served.



January Field Trip

Our January field trip is going to be to Bolsa Chica wetlands in Huntington Beach.

Bolsa Chica is a world-class birding spot. Expect waders, ducks, shorebirds, gulls, terns, raptors, and songbirds.

We'll meet at the Whittier Community Center at 7:00 AM to carpool and caravan.

If you would rather meet there, expect us to rendezvous in the PCH parking lot around 7:45.

Bring the usual gear: binoculars, water, lunch, a hat. Scopes are great but as always they must be carried! We will probably go over to Harriett Wieder park for lunch. Jeff Allison leads. Rain cancels.



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Olympic BirdFest 2016

Come Bird With Us

Sequim, Washington, April 15-17, 2016

Grab your binoculars and join the 12th annual Olympic BirdFest 2016 celebration at the Dungeness River Audubon Center, April 15-17, 2016.

The stage is set...quiet bays and estuaries, sandy beaches, a five-mile-long sand spit, and a protected island bird sanctuary on the Strait of Juan de Fuca; wetlands, tide pools, rainforests, and lush river valleys. The players are ready ... Marbled Murrelets, Rhinoceros Auklets, Harlequin Ducks, Black Oystercatchers, Peregrine Falcons, Barred and Pygmy owls will be sporting their finest spring plumage for this celebration. Enjoy guided birding trips, boat tours; and a gala banquet. Our featured speaker this year is noted artist Tony Angell, "Revealing the Secret Lives of Owls".

Come bird with us and experience with others the

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Contact us by phone, at 360-681-4076,

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Bring Your Cans!

Reminder: Bring your aluminum cans to our monthly meetings. We can raise funds by recycling your cans.

Join Whittier Area Audubon Society!

Every membership supports Audubon's vital efforts to protect birds, wildlife, and natural habitats. For \$30 per year you can support Whittier Area Audubon and our local projects and events.

To join our local chapter, make your check payable to Whittier Area Audubon and send it to Whittier Area Audubon, P.O. Box 548, Whittier, CA 90608-0548.

To join National Audubon, make your check payable to Audubon and send to National Audubon Society, PO Box 42250, Palm Coast, FL 32142-2250. Please include a letter with your name, mailing address, and any other personal contact information you wish to share (e.g., email address, phone number) along with Whittier Area Audubon Society's code, C4ZC170Z. As a member of National Audubon, you will receive Audubon's bimonthly magazine.

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