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ELECTIONS FOR BOARD POSITIONS AT MAY GENERAL MEETING

Two of our board positions have a mandated 2 year limit: President and Treasurer. So May will be the final meeting with Chris Huber as President. He has done a fantastic job in a position he was hesitant to fill. Thanks and kudos to Chris for a job well-done. *Jennifer Schmahl*

Elections for Board Officers at the May General Meeting

Our chapter has been fortunate to have been able to depend on many members taking a turn at filling elected positions. Many chapters have had to rely on one or two people holding the position of President for years, even decades. Our chapter bylaws put a two year limit on the office of President and Treasurer. Our current treasurer, Liz Huber, has served one year and is willing to run again for another term. Our President, Chris, has completed his second year and so we need to elect and new person for President. I have prevailing upon Larry Schmahl to run for chapter President. He plans to encourage the chapter's participation in local environmental community events. So let's all encourage his service to the chapter and help get our chapter's participation out in the community. Larry was First Vice President, so to fill that office, Cathy Fricker agreed to run.

So here is the official slate:

President: Larry Schmahl

1st Vice President: Cathy Fricker

2nd Vice President: Linda Oberholtzer

Treasurer: Liz Huber

Recording Secretary: Steve Huber

Corresponding Secretary: Joan Powell

GENERAL MEETING AND PROGRAM

April 19th at 7:30 pm

Wildflowers of the Puente Hills Habitat

Preservation Authority will be presented by Dr. Bruce Everette at April's Whittier Area Audubon general meeting. The more interesting wildflowers of the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority will be featured. Dr. Everett is a docent with the Habitat Authority.



Audubon

We are a chapter of National Audubon
Whittier, CA 90608-0548

Whitewater Canyon Field Trip

April 21st at 7:00 am

Whitewater Preserve is a Wildlands Conservancy Preserve located in the Whitewater River Canyon that drains the San Gorgonio mountain range. It is migration time and we

are hoping to see warblers, tanagers, Bell's Vireo, Costa's Hummingbird and the flycatchers that have arrived or are passing through as well as the local resident birds. We will be doing some hiking around the area but no big elevation changes.

We will be meeting at the parking lot of the Whittier Community Center and leaving around 6:00 AM. Bring lunch, water, sunblock and your binoculars. If you are

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meeting us there, take the 10 east and turn off at the Whitewater exit before you get to highway 62. The preserve is at the end of the road - the parking lot gate opens at 8AM. Any questions call Steve Huber at 562-217-1886 or contact at stevekhuber@hotmail.com.

Trip Report: Taft and Carrizo Plains National Monument

Jay Oberholtzer shepherded us around the environs of Taft and the Carrizo Plain in an early Spring search for residents and possible migrants in Central California.

Saturday started bright and early with a stop along Hwy 58 where we found a gathering of at least 100 California Quail on a hillside. In the same area we found Loggerhead Shrike, Western Meadowlarks and California Towhees. Traveling through the Monument we were treated to a long look at a Golden Eagle moving down the power poles along the road.

Continuing through the Plain we stopped at the Soda Lake boardwalk and watched Horned Larks, Lark Sparrows, Bell's Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, many calling from the tops of bushes.

At the Visitor's Center we watched a Loggerhead Shrike feed young in a bramble bush behind the outhouses. Other species seen: Ferruginous Hawk, Sage Thrasher and Vesper Sparrow.

Now, at this point Larry and I left the group to respond to a family emergency. Letty gave us updates on some of the species seen Sunday which included Cassin's Finch, Chipping Sparrow and a Barn Owl at the Taft Cemetery.