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In Memoriam

Long time Whittier Area Audubon member Hannah May Whitson, age 96, passed away in June. She was a member of the mailing committee when it was quite the challenge to do. Over 600 newsletters would go out each month, September through June. She enjoyed birdwatching with her late husband, James Harvey Whitson and continued going on field trips and attending programs after his death. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 22 at 2 p.m. at the Hillcrest Congregational Church, 2000 West Road, La Habra Heights, CA. 90631. Donations can be made to Hillcrest Congregational Church or to the YMCA of Greater Whittier. She will be greatly missed.

Audubon Lawsuit Seeks to Restore Protections for Migratory Birds

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is moving to weaken the Endangered Species Act (ESA)—a law with a proven track record of success in protecting and recovering our most vulnerable birds and other wildlife. It has prevented 99 percent of the species under its care from going extinct, and recovered iconic birds such as the Peregrine Falcon and Bald Eagle. The ESA is a critical safety net and must remain strong to protect birds and other wildlife now and in the future

KIDS SPACE:

We are sponsoring several educational groups with subscriptions to Audubon Adventures again this year. AND we are purchasing low-cost binoculars to encourage wildlife viewing with AA.

Do you know a teacher or afterschool coordinator that would be interested in having a ready made curriculum for their students? All our proceeds from the Conservation Dinner go towards educational outreach. We'd love to introduce the world of birds to more kids!



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General Meeting September 20, 2018, 7:30 pm

Birding Ecuador will be presented by Whittier Audubon member Susanna Guerrero. Susanna will share photos from her recent trip to the coast and highlands of southern Ecuador, and the Galapagos. She will share what she learned about the Jocotoco Antpitta, a highly secretive bird that was discovered only 20 years ago.

General Meetings take place on the third Thursday of each month from September through June at the

- **Editor's note: In Memoriam**
- **Audubon and the MBTA**
- **Sept Meeting: Ecuador**
- **Kids Space: Binoculars**
- **Field trip schedules**

Whittier Community Center.
Location: 7630 Washington Avenue, Whittier, California.

Coming in October: Condors!

Beginning Bird Walk, Sycamore Canyon:

Every second Saturday of the month (except July and August,)

Sept 8, 2018 7:00am Sycamore Canyon Beginning Bird Walks

Meet at the Sycamore Canyon Trailhead. The trail is located adjacent to Rose Hills Cemetery gate 17. DO NOT BE LATE. The gate opens and locks punctually. Expect to park on the street. Please check our website for updates.

Rain or recent rain cancels the Canyon walk, but we will choose another location) **Leader TBD.**

Ballona Wetlands, June 23, 2018

Leader Larry Schmahl

We will leave the Whittier Community Center by 6:30 am.

You can meet us there if you prefer..

We will be looking for early migrants and resident shorebirds.