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Visit our website [www.whittieraudubon.org](http://www.whittieraudubon.org)

National Audubon has issued guidance regarding activities and meetings during the Covid19 pandemic. Whittier Audubon will NOT be leading field trips or having meetings or gatherings of any kind during the pandemic.

## VIRTUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM

### Catch me if you Can--How to Take Photos of Hummingbirds

Steve Kaye, Author, Professional Speaker, and Photographer, will present:

*Catch Me If You Can—How to Take Photos of Hummingbirds*

Gain tips, tricks, and practical techniques that anyone can use to take photos of hummingbirds. Since giving this presentation at the 2015 Sedona Hummingbird Festival, Steve has either replaced or revised every slide. It has become an extraordinary, powerful statement about bird photography. Go here to join the virtual meeting:

<https://forms.gle/e26mEmLxSyzgYQW19>

### FALL MIGRATION HAPPENING NOW

Keep an eye out for birds making their way south and for winter residents returning. Help avian travelers by keeping feeders clean and filled. If you have water out, replace daily because of falling ash.

### 2020 Good News from Audubon California

Ready to hear some good news about 2020? We are thrilled to report that 100% of the fifteen Tricolored Blackbird colonies located on agricultural fields across four counties in California were protected this year!

The trill and white flash of the Tricolored Blackbird is an indelible part of landscapes across California, and especially in the Central Valley. ***Working closely with dairy producers, we protected more than 177,000 birds in 2020.***

Each spring and summer, Audubon California works with landowners and other partners to protect this species across the state. The initiative is a collaboration between farmers, agricultural associations, governmental agencies, researchers, and conservation organizations that have all recognized the importance of a multi-faceted and cooperative approach to promote the long-term survival of the Tricolored Blackbird.

“Our field biologist reports 100 percent of the known colonies were protected this season,” said RaeAnn Dubai, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service. “We look forward to the continued partnership with Audubon and our farmers to protect the Tricolored Blackbird.”

- **General Meeting: Virtual Meeting**
- **Field trips suggestions: Sycamore Canyon, San Elijo (or location TBD)**

### Suggested Field Trips

#### Beginning Bird Walk, San Gabriel River Spreading Basins

Every second Saturday of the month (except July and August,) **Sept 12, 2020 7:00am National Audubon is still asking local chapters to refrain from leading field trips or having any gatherings.** Therefore we are simply suggesting interesting places to go birding on your own that are appropriate for the season. Please check our website for further details.

### SUGGESTED FIELD TRIP

September is a great time to visit San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. Our field trip chair might be suggesting another location. Please join our Virtual Meeting to get current information about our suggested September field trip location.

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