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With the introduction of vaccines to prevent and lessen the effect of Covid19, we can start to look forward to life returning to normal. Until then, please stay safe and continue following social distancing recommendations. **We will see you soon.**

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

- **General Meeting: Living with Coyotes**
- **Field trips suggestions: Big Morongo**
- **Army Corps and Restoration of Habitat around Whittier Narrows Dam**
- **Elections**

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

## VIRTUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM

[www.whittieraudubon.org](http://www.whittieraudubon.org)

### Living with Coyotes

Thursday, May 20, 2021

This will be a virtual event That may be in Google Meet or perhaps Zoom. Go to our website to RSVP and get a link emailed to you.

More information can be found on our website.

### Suggested Field Trips

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

We expect that soon we will be allowed to resume bird walks in Sycamore Canyon. Please check our website for details. Until then:

Every second Saturday of the month (except July and August,) **May 8, 2021 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. Our suggested location is the San Gabriel River Spreading Grounds. A great location to park and begin your morning is at the eastern terminus of Mines on the west side of the spreading basin. Please check our website for further details.

### SUGGESTED FIELD TRIP

We expect that National Audubon's guidelines for outing will change soon, so If we can get together and share a

field trip outing this month, we would be going to **BIG MORONGO CANYON PRESERVE**, which is located north of Palm Springs.



Big Morongo is a great place for migrant flycatchers and warblers as well as interesting local residents. It can get hot, so be prepared for warm weather. You should bring water, a lunch, a hat, and sunscreen. We usually bird Big Morongo and Covington Park and have lunch in the park.

If you can safely get out and travel, this birding spot can be worth your time.



### CHAPTER ACTION ITEM

Our guest for the April General Meeting was Mr. Tom Keeney. Mr. Keeney is now retired but has 40 years of federal service including the 26 years with the Corps of Engineers. He presented the Corps plan to restore habitat within the Whittier Dam area. The Board has decided that this a project of vital importance to the bird life of our

Chapter area and is forming a committee to learn about the Army Corps' plans, requirements, and progress. We will be closely watching and communicating with the Corps and reporting back to Whittier Area Audubon. If we believe that citizen involvement and commenting will be valuable we will let our membership know. Action items will be sent by email and letters. Keep tuned.

## ELECTIONS

**Elections for Board Members will be done during May. The Chapter will send out a Google survey like we did last May with the slate of nominees. You will be asked to approve or disapprove the slate the nominating committee will be presenting. The nominees are below:**

<b>President</b>	<b>Steve Huber</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Edwin Menendez</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Linda Oberholtzer</b>
<b>Recording Sec't</b>	<b>Jim McNamara</b>
<b>Corresponding Sec't</b>	<b>Larry Schmahl</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Elizabeth Huber</b>