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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

[December Program: Birds and Mammals from the Okeango Delta, 2019](#)

Thursday, December 17, 2020

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.

Mac Walter is a serious birder and photographer and has traveled with the Chapter on the Trinidad trip.

ODDITIES OF THE NATURAL WORLD TAKEN FOR A RIDE



One unlucky (or lucky as it turns out) Saw-whet Owl was roosting peacefully, minding his own birding business in a large tree in Upstate New York when he found himself and his tree cut down, tarped up and transported hours south to 30

I had planned to send out a supplemental newsletter after the election, but because there have been so many issues with the count and the final balance in the Senate, I decided against it. Things are still uncertain.

Rockefeller Center to be part of the Christmas decorations for the holiday season. As the tree was unwrapped one of the crew saw the tiny owl in the branches and got him out and wrapped up in his sweater and made contact with Ravensbeard Wildlife Center director Ellen Kalish, who is now caring for the owl.

Happily for the Saw-Whet Owl, they are serially monogamous and known to explore new territories each year, so when he recovers (being fed mice as fast as he eats them) Kalish will release him in a nearby wildlife area and he is expected to do well.



Suggested Field Trips Beginning Bird Walk, San Gabriel River Spreading Basins

Every second Saturday of the month (except July and August,) **Dec 12, 2020 8:00am 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

- **General Meeting: Virtual Meeting Birds and Mammals of the Okevanga Delta-Mac Walter**
- **Field trips suggestions: San Gabriel River Spreading Basin,**
- **Bulmer Memorial Bird Walk**

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.

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SUGGESTED FIELD TRIP

December Birding Recommendation: Bulmer Memorial Bird Walk. Saturday December 19, 2020 8:00am

Tim and Lloyd Bulmer were long-time members of Whittier Area Audubon and as a way of memorializing their involvement we set aside the December field trip as a walk in their honor.

Our traditional December field trip as been a bird walk around the Whittier Narrows Nature Center and it's environs. With the restrictions on group outings as they now stand, the Nature Center is not allowing non-family groups to have outings.

A suggestion has been made to visit Legg Lake. Legg Lake is known as a good place for winter visitors.