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Visit our website

www.whittieraudubon.org

We anticipate that with California's announcement that Covid restrictions will be lifted June 15 regular field trips can resume. Thanks for hanging in with us during the pandemic.

Check our website for updates

A huge thanks and kudos to our Webmaster Rebecca Menendez for keeping us going.

We will see you soon.

- **General Meeting: Photo Share**
- **Field trips suggestions: San Gabriel Mountains**
- **Items of Concern**
- **Election Results**
- **Summer Hiatus until September**

VIRTUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM

www.whittieraudubon.org

PHOTO SHARE

Thursday, June 17, 2021 7:30pm

Hopefully this will be our last virtual event in Google Meet. Go to our website to RSVP and get a link emailed to you.

Did you take some photos that you want to share with the members: June's meeting will be our annual PHOTO SHARE night. We will take turns "Presenting" our photos, so please limit your list to 30 photos and have them ready for a slide show or power point type format.

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,)

June 12, 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.



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CHAPTER ACTION ITEMS

We plan to add a Conservation page or perhaps Action Item page to our website. There are several ongoing situations in the Whittier Area that we feel require citizen awareness and perhaps citizen action. There are proposed developments such as the extension of the His Lai Temple adjacent to the Habitat Authority Preserve. There is the reconstruction of the Whittier Narrows Dam by the Army Corps of Engineers that will affect habitat. The Whittier Narrows Nature Center is remodeling and perhaps changing some of its surrounding habitat.

We plan to keep a close eye on these projects and we will be keeping our

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 SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. Please keep checking our website for up to date info and whether or not the trip is live.

members informed about these and others as they develop.

TO REPEAT:

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

June update: We have learned a bit more about the Dam reconstruction plans and the Biologist's requirements for habitat development for Bell's Vireos and California Gnatcatchers.

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.

ELECTION RESULTS

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Thank you for agreeing to serve our chapter.

**SEE YOU ALL IN
SEPTEMBER.
STAY SAFE AND
HAPPY BIRDING**