



Whittier Area Audubon Society

Many of our Winter residents have made their way to our neighborhood. Keep an eye out for Weird Duck Season.

We are a chapter of National Audubon Society



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Community Center, located at 7630 Washington Ave. Whittier. Wearing a mask is optional. The program is free and open to the public.

Field Trips

Beginning Bird Walk, Sycamore Canyon

Every second Saturday of the month (except July and August,) **November 12, 2022, 8:00am**



We are back in Sycamore Canyon for our Beginning Bird Walks! The entrance is on Workman Mill Rd. just south of Rose Hills Gate 17. Be prompt as we are required to lock the gate behind us.

MADRONA MARSH Saturday, November 19, 2022. 7:00am to 5:00pm

The Madrona Marsh Preserve is a mix of several micro-habitats including back dune, coastal prairie, alkali margin, vernal pool and vernal marsh area and is situated within the greater El Segundo Sand Dune System. The fine sand particles of this ancient dune system have been carried from the coastal dunes by winds for thousands of years. Each of the Preserve's habitats

houses its own specifically adapted native plant species. The Preserve provides a valuable habitat for birds, insects, spiders, frogs, reptiles and small mammals. It is one of the last vestiges of the extensive marshland that once covered the Southern California Coastal Plain.

To carpool: Meet at Whittier Community Center at 7:30am
Whittier Community Center Parking Lot

7630 Washington Ave., Whittier
Or meet us at Madrona Marsh at 8:30am

Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center Parking Lot
3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance,
Bring: Bring a sack lunch, sufficient junk food to last the trip, your usual birdwatching stuff. **Trip Leader:** Linda LeRoy

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter and Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society announce our upcoming 3-hour symposium on dark skies and bird-safe building design: *Light at Night: A Glowing Hazard.*

The symposium will be held on Zoom on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 1:00 pm PT.

The use of LED technology and energy-saving lighting fixtures bring with them a pervasive and harmful effect: the over-lighting of our nights. The symposium will focus on the biological and

- **General Meeting: Brazil, The Atlantic Forest**
- **Bird Walk:: Sycamore Canyon 11/12, 8am**
- **Field trip: Madrona Marsh**

Visit our website
www.whittieraudubon.org

GENERAL MEETING

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November Program: Birding Brazil, The Atlantic Forest

Thursday, November 17, 2022 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM



Larry and Jennifer Schmahl visited Rio de Janeiro and the surrounding areas of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest. They will be sharing their experiences and some of the many birds found there. Hybrid Program online and in person at the Whittier



physical effects of lighting up the night and provide solutions that guard both our health and the environment while providing safe and practical lighting solutions.

The speakers include global experts on artificial light at night and light pollution:

They will send an invitation with Zoom registration information by Friday, September 30, 2022.

See our website for the RSVP link and sign up by October 7, 2022

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FIELD TRIP REPORT: SANTA FE DAM, October 22, 2022

Ten birders joined Steve and Liz Huber for the October field trip to Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area. At the first stop at parking lot 1, we immediately saw a group of over 40 Greater White-fronted Goose. A walk north into the scrub habitat yielded Cactus Wren, California Thrasher, Fox Sparrow, Cooper's Hawk, California and Spotted Towhee. The next stop took us around the picnic areas south of the lake where we saw Western Bluebird, Cassin's Kingbird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Savannah Sparrow, American Robin and great looks at male Vermillion Flycatchers. We were lucky to quickly find a Rock Wren along the dam just across from the parking lot. Although there were not a lot of ducks on the lake, we did see Mallard, Ruddy Duck and Ring-necked Duck along with Western and Pied-billed Grebes. Spotted Sandpipers were along the shore and we were able to find Great and Snowy Egrets, Green and Black-crowned Night-Herons. At our lunch spot at parking lot 6, we added Say's Phoebe, Belted Kingfisher and Ross's Goose and eventually an

American Kestrel. The weather was cool and the rain held off - a great day of birding for the group.

From National Audubon

Tell Congress to Protect the Greater Sage-Grouse

Audubon is sending a letter to Congressional leaders as they craft the next Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Please join other chapters from across the West in signing on to this letter to Congress, because **politics should not be part of wildlife management decisions.**

Since 2014, there has been a rider in place that blocks the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from using any funds to make decisions regarding the listing of Greater Sage-Grouse as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

This letter brings chapters and state/regional offices from the bird's 11-state range together in encouraging Congressional leaders to NOT include this bad rider in the upcoming appropriations bill. **Please sign on by November 15.** https://act.audubon.org/SAGE_GROUSE_LETTER

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8

The best way to secure a brighter future for birds and the places they need is to make sure to vote on or before Election Day on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. This year, in addition to federal races, state and local elections happening nationwide will have a big impact on our communities and the birds we love.

From Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Project FeederWatch turns your love of feeding birds into scientific discoveries. FeederWatch is a November-April survey of birds that visit backyards, nature centers, community areas, and other locales in North America. **You don't even need a feeder!** All you need is an area with plantings, habitat, water or food that attracts birds. **The schedule is completely flexible.** Count your birds for as long as you like on days of your choosing, then enter your counts online. Your counts allow you to track what is happening to birds around your home and contribute to a continental data-set of bird distribution and abundance. **(Membership required)**