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Whittier Area Audubon Society

Remember your favorite conservation group when you make your year-end donation decisions. The birds need your help.

We are a chapter of National Audubon Society



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As our usual host, Rebecca Menendez is not available we will use Jennifer Schmah's Zoom account. RSVP as usual to the WAAS email and you will be sent the Zoom meeting ID.

Our chapter's December field trip tradition began with an invitation to a local journalist, the late Bill Bell, from his neighbor, the late Thelma (Tim) Bulmer, a past chapter president, as a way to show our city that yes, indeed, Whittier has wild birds.

We bird locally to draw attention to the winter birds here in our own neighborhood. Let's see who is in town for the winter!

- **General Meeting: Costa Rica Treasures**
- **Bird Walk: Sycamore Canyon 12/10, 8am**
- **Field trip: Bulmer Bird Walk**

Field Trips

Beginning Bird Walk, Sycamore Canyon

Every second Saturday of the month (except July and August,) **December 10, 2022, 8:00am**



Join us 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.



Black Phoebe (juv), Legg Lake, J Schmah

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GENERAL MEETING

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November Program: Costa Rica with Mac Walter

Thursday, December 15, 2022 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Mac Walter, friend and sometime companion to Whittier Audubon will be sharing some his outstanding photography taken during a spring trip to Costa Rica. As is our recent practice, this will be a Hybrid Program online and in person at the Whittier Community Center, located at 7630 Washington Ave. Whittier. Wearing a mask is optional. The program is free and open to the public.

TIM BULMER MEMORIAL BIRD WALK

Saturday, December 17, 2022. 7:00am to 12:00pm



This year the walk will take place at Legg Lake at Whittier Narrows Recreation Center.

Meet: at the parking lot on Santa Anita, just south of the Pomona Freeway



Osprey, Legg Lake, J Schmah

Trip Leader: Jay Oberholtzer

January Field Trips



January 7, 2023 Antelope Valley trip. This an additional trip we take to look for raptors and other winter birds. We will meet at the Community Center parking lot at 6:00 AM and carpool to Lancaster. Our first stop will be the Carl's Junior at the Ave. K off ramp from the 14 Freeway. If you wish, you may meet us there at 8:00 AM. This will be a coffee and rest room stop.

The areas we bird should offer Mountain Plover, Mountain Bluebird, Ferruginous Hawk, Prairie Falcon, Great Horned Owl, five species of Sparrow and, if we are lucky, Snow Goose, Long-billed Curlew, Roadrunner and perhaps an early Sage Thrasher.

Bring a lunch and be prepared for cold and windy weather. However, it may warm up nicely in the afternoon. Trip Leader: Larry Schmahl

Salton Sea Overnighter

Sat, Jan 21, 2023 7:30 AM Sun, Jan 22, 2023 5:30 AM
We are going to the Salton Sea!

Heads Up

We will be meeting at the Brawley Townhouse Inn & Suites. If you want to stay there, please make

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arrangements ASAP. Several people have already claimed the rooms Larry reserved. It is not necessary to stay there, but it is convenient.



Meet: Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in Brawley. Trip Leader: Larry Schmahl. See our website for details

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Winter is Weird Duck Time

From National Audubon

Mark your calendar! The winter Climate Watch survey runs from **January 15 to February 15, 2023**. Join the 126 chapters, centers, and other local organizations that collect valuable information around the impact of climate change on bluebirds, nuthatches, goldfinches, towhees and Painted Buntings. Climate Watch is open to the public—all interested Audubon chapters, organized groups, or

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individuals with an interest in birds are welcome to participate

LAUNCH OF BIRD MIGRATION EXPLORER

Have you ever wondered where your neighborhood birds go throughout the year? Now you can find out! Audubon's first-of-its-kind Bird Migration Explorer visualizes the epic annual journeys made by over 450 bird species. **See the link on the Home page at our website**

FROM AUDUBON CALIFORNIA

GOOD NEWS: Last spring, we worked with landowners and community partners to save 155,000 Tricolored Blackbirds in 13 colonies that were nesting on agricultural fields. The largest colony we found was estimated to host 30,000 birds.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Our own Linda Oberholtzer helps coordinate our local Christmas Bird Count. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Linda.