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Whittier Area Audubon Society

- **General Meeting: Salton Sea**
- **Field Trip Antelope Valley**
- **Bird Walk:: Sycamore Canyon 1/13 , 8am**
- **Field trip: 1/20 Crystal Cove**

We are a chapter of National Audubon Society



7630 Washington Ave., (not to be confused with Washington Blvd.) Whittier, CA. 90602. It is across the street from the Whittier Public Library and on the corner of Mar Vista St. and Washington Ave. and next to a softball field.

Visit our website
www.whittieraudubon.org

GENERAL MEETING

January Program

Thursday, January 18, 2024
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Salton Sea Presentation



Andrea Jones, Director of Conservation for Audubon California will speak about the latest science and conservation projects at the Salton Sea and Owens Lake during her presentation for the Whittier Area Audubon on Thursday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. in person at the Whittier Community Center,

Despite record breaking snowpack this past winter across the west, saline lake ecosystems are facing continued long-term water declines-- threatening habitat, birds, and surrounding communities. Learn more about Audubon's incredible network of chapters and advocates that make significant progress in protecting this irreplaceable network of habitats through science and policy efforts.

This will be available as 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.

Visit our website or contact web@whittieraudubon.org for a link to the online meeting.

January Field Trips



Antelope Valley Field Trip Saturday, January 6, 2024

This trip is full. We will meet at the Community Center parking lot at 6:00 AM and carpool to the PearBlossom/Lancaster area. Our first stop will be the McDonalds in Pear Blossom (8507 Pearblossom Highway in Littlerock). If you wish, you may meet us there at 7:30 AM. This will be a coffee and rest room stop

Beginning Bird Walk, Sycamore Canyon

Every second Saturday of the month (except July and August,) **Jan 13, 2024, 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.

Crystal Cove January 20, 2024

Check our website for details. .
Jim McNamara leads.



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CONSERVATION
UPDATE: Whittier
Narrows Dam
Modification Project

The Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) is continuing weed eradication and will be hydroseeding in those areas. Current efforts may or may not affect the entire area that is slated for this work. The container plants that were planted are doing well.

TRIP REPORT

Our Bulmer Memorial Bird Walk took place on a bright, sunny very pleasant SoCal winter morning at Legg Lake in the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.



In addition to the regular people-fed regulars, we spotted nearly a dozen Common Gallinules and a

Short-Billed Gull



(formerly Mew Gull) in the lake immediately adjacent to the parking area. Across the water were Black Crowned Night Herons and a Belted Kingfisher. A Spotted Sandpiper bobbed and weaved among the Coot-en-nanny. Drifting over the lawns, we stopped to watch the Red Whiskered Bulbuls along with several feeding flocks containing Yellow-Rumped Warblers, American Robins, Townsend's Warblers, Black Throated Grey Warbler, Ruby



Crowned Kinglets, Orange Crowned Warblers, a Red Breasted Sapsucker, Cassin's Kingbird, Vermillion Flycatchers, and the obligatory Black Phoebe. Among the usual duck species was a Canvasback and a Red Throated Loon. Blackbirds, Brown headed Cowbirds, and Canada Geese rounded out the usual winter residents.

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Save the Date:
Climate Watch is
Next Month

[Climate Watch](#) is Audubon's biannual community science program that enlists volunteer bird-lovers across North America to tally for twelve target bird species—and our winter session begins on January 15 and runs through February 15. Want to help create a brighter future for the birds we all love? [Find a coordinator in your area](#) or [learn from our online resources](#) and participate on your own.

Counting and documenting where birds are today and how they're responding to a shifting climate is essential to protecting them tomorrow—and we need your help to do just that. Questions? Contact us at climatewatch@audubon.org.