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Monthly Program

SFVAS EXTRAORDINARY POTLUCK JOIN US FOR THIS FUN-FILLED ANNUAL EVENT

**Thursday, June 25, 2015, 7:00-8:50 p.m.
Encino Community Center**

Be prepared to:

- Bring a dish to share
- Play games and maybe win a prize
- Meet fellow birders and share great food
- Bring or enjoy others' slides*

In keeping with our interest in ecology, please bring your own plate, cup, and utensils. For a dish to share, please try to follow the plan for last names as follows:



A-F Salads
G-L Side Dishes
M-P Desserts
Q-Z Main Dishes

As in the past, we won't turn away a favorite dish you prefer to bring even if it is not in your category.

We will start at 7:00 p.m. with a game and appetizers. The Potluck Supper will begin at 7:20 p.m., allowing a bit more travel time for those coming from work. Then our president, Rose Leibowitz, will introduce our new board members and we will have photo sharing. If time allows, we will play a bird ID game.

*Shared photos are limited to five per person due to time constraints and need to be on a thumb drive. You must e-mail Heather Medvitz of your intent to share photos ahead of time. HeatherMedvitz@sfaudubon.org Please write: Photo Sharing on the subject line. When you arrive at the Potluck, please give your thumb drive to the hostess at the door.

We look forward to seeing you at another fun-filled potluck!

2015–2016 BOARD ANNOUNCED

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates to serve on the Board of Directors of SFVAS for our 2015–2016 year which begins on July 1, 2015.

Officers (2-year terms):

- President: Rose Leibowitz
- 1st VP: Heather Medvitz
- 2nd VP: Diana Keeney
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- Recording Secretary: Becky Arntzen
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- 3rd Year Board: Dave Collins and Jackie Wollner
- 2nd Year Board: Jim Houghton and Jeanne Kolasz
- 1st Year Board: Travis Abeyta and Nathan Duvall

The election was held at the May 28 meeting and installation will take place at the June 25 Potluck.

Nominations Committee: Jim Houghton, Carolyn Oppenheimer and Chair Muriel Kotin

SFVAS General Membership Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month (except July, August, and November). ALL ARE WELCOME to join us at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments; program begins at 7:30 p.m. We meet at the Encino Community Center, 4935 Balboa Blvd. Encino. See Calendar of Events, pages 4–5, for directions.



Birdathon 2015 Results and Information *By Diana Keeney*

Below are the results of the 2015 Birdathon. The pledges are still coming in, so the amount of money raised and acknowledgment of donors will be in the next edition.

A big “Thank You” to all our Birdathon leaders! We had a wide range of events this year that included several of the regular monthly bird walks, several traveling caravans covering many miles over wide geographic areas, a 24-hour birding marathon, and a 2-hour sit-in at a single location. The participants ranged in age from 8-80!

The Birdathon leaders exemplified the best in good-natured competition and the donors gave generously to support the education and conservation efforts of SFVAS. Donations can still be sent to SFVAS, PO Box 7769, Van Nuys, CA 91409 or made Online at www.sfvaudubon.org (click Annual Birdathon, Donate).

Date	Event Location/Name	Leader	Expected Species Count	Actual Species Count!
04/05/15	Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve	Kris Ohlenkamp	55	63
04/18/15	Lori Willis Memorial Fund LA River: West Valley-Long Beach	John and Andrew Willis	75	78
04/19/15	Malibu Creek State Park	Art Langton	50	54
04/21/15	O'Melveny Park	Carolyn Oppenheimer	35	36
04/22/15	Antelope Valley Big Day	Jim Moore	120	128
04/25/15	Morongo Valley Field Trip	Richard Barth	65-70	52
04/25 – 26	LA and Orange Counties “marathon”	Allan and Muriel Kotin	100	109
05/01/15	Simi Hills & Santa Susana Mtns.	Mark Osokow	65	67
05/02/15	Children's Birdathon at Sepulveda Basin	Paula Orlovich	30	Varied by child
05/09/15	Big Sit at Sepulveda Basin	Jeanne Polak-Recht	30	21

Thank you for your support!

Some Great Highlights of Birdathon 2015 by Jeanne Kolasz

We have been fortunate so far for this year's Annual Birdathon that the weather has at least been pleasant, if not outstanding!

There were many new faces at Kris Ohlenkamp's Sepulveda Basin Birdathon walk. His group saw many male and female pairs due to mating season. They also got a look at a Great Horned Owl sitting on her nest!

John and Andrew Willis travel along the Los Angeles River was a great tribute to the Lori Willis Memorial. They had a sighting of about 100 Black Skimmers and many other sea birds.

Those who were with Art Langton on his Malibu Creek Birdathon were treated to lots of "high dollar" birds, including several Lazuli Buntings.

Although rather crisp and cloudy, it was still a great day for birds on Carolyn Oppenheimer's O'Melveny Birdathon walk. Special sightings included a Peregrine Falcon overhead and a beautiful Western Tanager.

Jim Moore reported that his group had good views of Lesser Nighthawks this year on his Antelope Valley Big Day.

Despite very windy conditions for Dick Barth's field trip, his group saw a Plumbeous Vireo and a Vermilion Flycatcher along with other good finds. They also HEARD a Yellow-breasted Chat and a Bell's Vireo.

Art Langton birded solo again this year, making several stops along Highway 33.

You will find more details on these and additional events on our website! www.sfvaudubon.org

Photo by Pat Bates Children's Birdathon 2015



End of Our Year

As we take a hiatus from our monthly meetings in the summer, we use the June 25 Potluck event to reflect back and anticipate the next year. In case you cannot make it, this is a good opportunity to review this year.

It has been a very good year for SFVAS. We were closely involved in the first ever BirdFest at King Gillette Ranch in the Santa Monica Mountains. The second one is planned for early 2016. If you missed the first one, do consider coming next year.

We have a new website brimming with information and our Facebook page has exploded with new followers. We have also opened a Twitter account. It is hard to spread the word about our activities and we are doing our best! We have also had a table at many events in the area this year. You may have had the opportunity to visit it and maybe helped dissect an owl pellet.

We have continued our very successful education programs, both in the Sepulveda Basin Environmental Education Program (SBEEP), in which we offer public schools free field trips, and through classroom visits. Our pleasure filled bird walks and field trips have been well attended and well received. The recent Bird LA Day saw large groups introduced to the pleasures of birding in the local area. Our Audubon-at-Home program thrives with

many consultations to homeowners on how to create a more bird friendly space.

On the environmental side, we have reviewed many issues and are actively working on behalf of our chapter members to preserve a variety of important avian habitats. We continue to monitor the clean up at the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory and are supporting the idea of it becoming a National Monument. Similarly we are active in presenting motions and ideas for the Rim of the Valley Corridor, which would incorporate and protect many additional acres to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. In the Antelope Valley area we have been involved in helping to prevent or mitigate damage to bird life from solar and wind energy plants. On a smaller scale, we were instrumental in ensuring that water be provided to Holiday Lake to support a large colony of endangered Tri-Colored Blackbirds. We are also investigating the issues presented by the various potential routes for the California High Speed Rail from Palmdale to Burbank.

We will be welcoming two new board members at the Potluck and are fortunate in that our termed out Board members will be available to continue to work closely with us. I hope to see you there, but if you cannot make it I hope we will see you at another event in the next year. —by Rose Leibowitz

Calendar of Events

June

Saturday, June 6. Castaic Lake Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Directions: Take closest freeway to I-5 North and exit at Parker Road. Turn right and proceed to stop sign (Castaic Road), proceed to next stop sign (Lake Hughes Road), proceed to next stop sign (Castaic Lake Drive) and turn right. Entrance to the park is on the right. Parking is in Lot 4, so make a right turn after the kiosk, then an immediate left turn into the lot, parking to the left. Leader: Roger McClure. For information, contact the staff at (661) 257-4050.

Sunday, June 7. Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m. Directions: Exit the San Diego Freeway (I-405) on Burbank Blvd. Go west about one-half mile to Woodley Avenue and turn right (north). Travel about one-half mile to the second possible right turn (at sign for the Water Reclamation Plant and Japanese Garden). Turn right and go east about one-half mile to Wildlife Area parking at the end of the road. Leader: Kris Ohlenkamp. Contact him at kris.ohlenkamp@sfvaudubon.org or (747) 444-9683.

Saturday, June 13. Monthly Field Trip: Rancho Sierra Vista Preserve (Second Saturday) 7:30 a.m. We expect to see Blue Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, orioles, flycatchers, raptors, possibly Grasshopper Sparrow. Directions: Take the Ventura Freeway (101) to the Lynn Road exit in Thousand Oaks. Go south on Lynn Road and proceed 5.3 miles to Via Goleta. Turn left at Via Goleta to the preserve entrance. The main gate officially opens at 8:00 a.m. but a ranger usually opens it much earlier. We will meet at the gate at 7:30, ready to drive down to the parking lot and get an early start. We will bird until about 11:30. Leader: Richard Barth, (310) 276-0342.

Saturday, June 13. Placerita Canyon Nature Center Docents' Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m. Directions: Take the 405 or 5 Freeway north to the 14 Freeway. Exit the 14 at Placerita Canyon. Turn right at the end of the off ramp and continue about 1.5 miles to the park entrance. Turn right and park at the Nature Center. Various leaders. For more information, call the Nature Center at (661) 259-7721.

Sunday, June 14. Wildwood Canyon Bird Walk, Burbank. 9:00–11:00 a.m. Directions: From the I-5/Golden State Fwy. N: Take Exit 146A toward Olive Ave. merge onto E. Angeleno Ave. and turn left onto S. 1st Street, then take the first right onto E. Olive Ave.

From I-5/Golden State Fwy. S: Take EXIT 146A toward Verdugo Ave. Turn left onto S. Front Street, which will become E. Verdugo Ave. Turn left at the first light onto S. 1st Street then take the 3rd right on to E. Olive Ave.

Continue 1.3 miles on E. Olive through downtown Burbank and up the hill. Turn left onto N. Sunset Canyon Dr. Go .5 miles and turn right onto E. Harvard. Drive .4 miles skirting the golf course and meet at the entry kiosk area. Extra binoculars are available. Leaders: Nick Wilhelm and Mike Mc Horney, (818) 845-0166.

Tuesday, June 16. Weekday Walk at O'Melveny Park, Granada Hills. 9:00 a.m. Directions: Take the 118/Ronald Reagan Freeway and exit at Balboa Blvd. Turn north, driving two miles to Sesnon,

turn left going west 0.6 miles, turn right at park entrance. Meet in the parking lot. **RAIN CANCELS.** Contact Carolyn Oppenheimer at (818) 885-7493 (before 7 p.m.), or carolyn.oppenheimer@sfvaudubon.org.

Saturday, June 20. Santa Monica Mts. Conservancy Bird Walk at Towsley Canyon. 8:00–10:00 a.m. Directions: Go north on I-5 through Santa Clarita, exit Calgrove and turn west (left) under the freeway and then left again on the Old Road. Watch for the sign, "Ed Davis Park at Towsley Canyon." Turn right and park in the back lot. Meet at the kiosk. Leader: Roger McClure. For further information, call (661) 252-6187.

Sunday, June 21. Malibu Creek State Park Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m. Meet at the second (lower) day-use parking lot. Entrance to the park is on the west side of Las Virgenes Road, just south of Mulholland Hwy. Entrance fee is \$12 per car. Leader(s): Muriel Kotin, (310) 457-5796 and/or Art Langton, (818) 887-0973.

Monday, June 22. SFVAS Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Wild Wings Nature Store. 4337 Woodman Ave., Sherman Oaks. (818) 995-0022. Please bring your own chair.

Thursday, June 25. SFVAS General Membership Meeting. Annual Potluck and Photo Show 7:00 p.m. Encino Community Center, 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino. Located between Moorpark and Ventura Blvd., on the west side of Balboa, just south of the Presbyterian Church.

The evening's program will include the installation of new officers for the 2015-2016 year. It will also feature presentations from our members sharing their best photos. All are invited to participate. Limit the number of images to a maximum of five. Presenters must narrate and supply photos on a thumb drive.

Don't miss the always-enjoyable annual get together of friends, food, games, and photos as our activity year draws to a close. For more information see Monthly Program, page one.

Saturday, June 27. Young Birders Group Bird Walk. Franklin Canyon. 9:00 a.m. A Young Birder is a young person who is serious about birding, knows some birds, pesters family and friends to go and see them, and is willing to learn. Directions: From the San Fernando Valley, take the Ventura Freeway (101) or Ventura Boulevard to Coldwater Canyon Boulevard. Head south to the intersection of Coldwater Canyon and Mulholland Drive. Make a 90-degree right turn onto Franklin Canyon Drive. (This means crossing Mulholland) Road signs read "Road Closed 800 Feet" "Sunset to Sunrise"; this is the park entrance. Meet in the parking lot on the left. Allow some extra time, as Coldwater Canyon can be a slow road. For more information please e-mail Rose Leibowitz at roselbirds@gmail.com, or call (818) 990-5405.

July

Saturday, July 4. Castaic Lake Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Directions: Take closest freeway to I-5 North and exit at Parker Road. Turn right and proceed to stop sign (Castaic Road), proceed to next stop sign (Lake Hughes Road), proceed to next stop sign (Castaic Lake Drive) and turn right. Entrance to the park is on the right. Parking is in Lot 4, so make a right turn after the kiosk, then

an immediate left turn into the lot, parking to the left. Leader: Roger McClure. For information, contact the staff at (661) 257-4050.

Sunday, July 5. Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m. Directions: Exit the San Diego Freeway (I-405) on Burbank Blvd. Go west about one-half mile to Woodley Avenue and turn right (north). Travel about one-half mile to the second possible right turn (at sign for the Water Reclamation Plant and Japanese Garden). Turn right and go east about one-half mile to Wildlife Area parking at the end of the road. Leader: Kris Ohlenkamp. Contact him at kris.ohlenkamp@sfvaudubon.org or (747) 444-9683.

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Sunday, July 12. Wildwood Canyon Bird Walk, Burbank. 9:00–11:00 a.m. See June 14 for directions. Leaders: Nick Wilhelm and Mike Mc Horney, (818) 845-0166.

Saturday, July 18. Monthly Field Trip: Mt. Pinos. 7:30 a.m. Join us for summer montane species such as Fox Sparrow, Green-tailed Towhee, Dusky Flycatcher, Cassin's Finch, Hairy Woodpecker and Clark's Nutcracker. Meet in the parking lot at Iris Meadows. Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, insect repellent and lunch. Directions: From the San Fernando Valley, take I-5 north to the Frazier Park exit. Go under the freeway and head west on Frazier Park Road, which becomes Cuddy Valley Road, and then Mount Pinos Road and leads up to the top parking lot on Mt. Pinos (dead end). We will meet in the lot. The mileage from the freeway exit to this top parking lot is approximately 20 miles.) Your vehicle must exhibit a National Forest "Adventure Pass" or Golden Age Passport in order for you to park and bird in this area. Leader: Richard Barth, (310) 276-0342.

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There are NO General Membership Meetings in July and August. Enjoy your summer!

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Future Field Trips (details later):

- August 15. Chilao, Buckhorn
- September 19. Huntington Central Park and Bolsa Chica
- October 17. El Dorado Park



Phainopepla Photo of the Month June/July 2015

Phainopepla (male) by Dave Collins

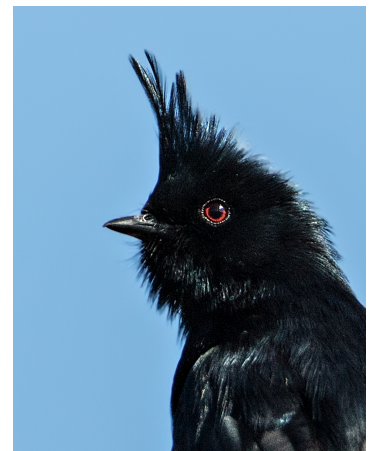
Location: Backyard in Castaic

Date taken 5/5/15

Camera, lens: Canon 7D MarkII, Canon 500mm lens f 5.6 on a tripod


Our photo of the month comes from Dave Collins, photographer extraordinaire and SFV board member. Dave was recently chosen as one of a very select group of photographers to exhibit at the G2 Gallery in Venice, CA, where he has also taught photography workshops. "I have been slowly turning my backyard into a certified wildlife habitat. I've been getting lots of great Hummingbird shots - Anna's, Allens, Rufus, Costa's, and Calliope. This was the first time I have seen a Phainopepla in my trees and I thought it would be nice to share a portrait of our chapter mascot."

Dave frequently posts beautiful bird photos to Facebook. His photos have been selected as SFV Audubon's banner photo several times. Do you have an interesting photo of a bird taken in/near the San Fernando Valley? Please submit your photos to JackieWollner@gmail.com. Or you can post to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sfvaudubon. Please include location, date, camera and lens info, a short account of how the photo was taken, and a profile of the photographer. Let us see your bird photos! Thanks, Jackie.



Monthly Field Trip Report *by Richard Barth*

This year's Morro Bay Weekend fell on March 21-22, with some of us arriving a day early to build a three-day list for the event. This turned out to be an outstanding trip in terms of weather and the variety of birds on hand. Target birds Pigeon Guillemot, Chestnut-backed Chickadee and Brant were readily seen. Some highlight sightings: Long-tailed Duck, Common Goldeneye, Golden Eagle, Varied Thrush and Summer Tanager. Waterfowl species totaled 16, shorebird species 12. Also of note were Great Horned Owl (heard), Peregrine Falcon, American White Pelican, Wild Turkey, California Thrasher, Hooded Oriole, Brown Creeper, "Myrtle" Yellow-rumped Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, an almost pure "Slate-colored" Dark-eyed Junco, Pine Siskin (heard) and Purple Finch. The three expected loon species showed well, as did the three cormorants. A Wren-tit at Montana de Oro gave us rare open views as it twice popped up briefly and vocalized on top of a shrub. Honorable mention birds of interest: Osprey, Belted Kingfisher, California Quail, Steller's Jay, Pacific-slope Flycatcher (heard), Hermit Thrush, White-breasted Nuthatch (heard), Fox Sparrow (both "Sooty" and "Slate-colored"), Golden-crowned Sparrow and Western Meadowlark.

Our Morongo Valley area trip took place on April 25 and again served as a Birdathon Event. We tallied only 52 species this year, as very high winds developed and cut short our birding. Before the onset of the winds some terrific birds were found, including Brown-crested Flycatcher, White-winged Dove, Summer Tanager and Vermilion Flycatcher. We heard Yellow-breasted Chat in several spots. Hummingbirds on hand were Costa's, Black-chinned, Rufous and Anna's. We found both Plumbeous and Cassin's Vireo. Noteworthy were Verdin, Bell's Vireo (heard), Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Phainopepla, California Thrasher and Lark Sparrow. We saw no empid flycatchers this year. Doing their part in brightening up the landscape were Black-headed Grosbeak, Western Tanager, Hooded and Bullock's Orioles, Yellow and Townsend's Warblers, Cassin's and Western Kingbirds and Western Bluebird. A bit surprising there in the high desert was an Acorn Woodpecker, working its way up Big Morongo Canyon. Because of the windy conditions we didn't make our usual visit to Black Rock Campground in Joshua Tree National Park. 

Audubon-at-Home *by Alan Pollack*

Healthy Soil for a Healthy Wildlife Garden


A healthy, wildlife garden, like any other garden, is built on healthy soil. This article focuses on ways to keep it so.

AVOID PESTICIDES: In an earlier article ("Have some poison, my dear", *June/July 2014*) I wrote about how these toxic chemicals travel up the wildlife food chain, killing as it goes. At the bottom of the food chain are the small microorganisms that inhabit the soil and are a vital part of its ecosystem. In a balanced garden there are pests and there are predators that feed on the pests and keep them in check. Incidentally, tilling the soil is another way of disrupting the soil's ecosystem. Rather than tilling to get rid of weeds, spread mulch to inhibit weed growth. More on mulching below.

AVOID CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS: Plants need food only during their growing season and then in a slow, measured fashion. Chemical fertilizers force feed a plant and stimulate rapid, unnatural growth. Kind of like cocaine for plants. Research has shown that plants are healthier and last longer when provided with organic fertilizers such as manures of various kinds, and compost. As these natural, organic materials decompose, in addition to the plants being fed, the soil structure is improved. If you want to avoid feeding altogether, put native plants in your garden. In most cases, fertilization is not only unnecessary, but will actually kill the native plant.

MULCHING: I wrote about mulching in reference to being water wise—keeping the soil cool and retaining moisture. If the mulch is an organic material, as it slowly decomposes its nutrients return to the soil enriching it. Organic mulches of various kinds can be purchased or obtained free from your city's recycling program. By letting the leaves and pine needles and other falling litter remain in planted areas, Mother Nature is providing us with mulch delivered free of charge to your garden beds.

PREVENTING EROSION: Erosion is often a problem for those living on sloping ground or hillsides. The usual strategies include terracing, retaining walls or berms, drainage channels, and keeping the hillside or slope planted. Many native plants are useful for this purpose as they have deep root systems and some do an especially good job of holding soil in place.

Successful gardening begins with attention to our garden's soil. Be good to it and it will nurture your garden's plants—home to food for the wildlife you hope to care for. 

*Please e-mail Alan Pollack, our Audubon-at-Home Chair, with any questions you have with regard to creating a wildlife-friendly garden that can be used for publication. Alan offers **FREE** consultation/landscape design to help you make your yard wildlife friendly. He also gives a **FREE**, PowerPoint slide show/lecture to community groups, high school, and college classes on attracting wildlife to your garden and sustainable gardening practices. He can be contacted at (818) 340-2347 or at alan.pollack@sfvaudubon.org.*

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Articles, letters, drawings, and photographs concerning conservation, the science and ecology, birding, chapter activities, and articles of interest to the membership are welcome for publication in the PHAINOPEPLA.

Material from other newsletters or newspapers should include the source and date. Copy for the PHAINOPEPLA should be in the hands of the editor by the 3rd of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

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P.O. Box 420235
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If you have any questions about membership, renewals, change of address or any other membership concerns, please contact Lynn Maddox at (818) 845-4688 or e-mail her at Lynn.Maddox@sfvaudubon.org.

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Thank you! to all the volunteers who came to help out on April 11 at the Spring Clean-up of the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve. Your willingness to get your hands dirty is appreciated by all who visit the basin and wildlife alike.



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