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## Monthly Program

Thursday, September 22, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Presenter: Scott Logan

Topic: **Inviting Wild Birds into your Garden with Nesting Boxes**

**San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center**

**18312 Oxnard Street, Tarzana, CA, (818) 697-5525**



Attracting wild birds into our yards adds beauty, color, and song to our lives. Wild birds also offer some of the best organic pest control available. But in the “well pruned” urban landscape that we have created, cavity-nesting birds don’t stand a chance. Adding bird houses to

your garden provides the real estate that many bird species need to survive. Different species exploit different niches and knowing what these differences are will help you create an attractive environment for these remarkable animals. Scott will explain why nesting-box and hole size matters, the proper placement for each species’ box and how habitat comes into play. By using this information, you will greatly increase your odds of having cavity-nesting birds breeding in your yard next season!

Raised in Los Angeles, Scott Logan has been a nature lover since childhood and knows our native wildlife intimately, with birds always being the focus of his attention. Scott is a co-owner of **Wild Wings Backyard Nature Store**, a hub for information and provisions needed to connect with our remarkable birdlife. Whether Scott is educating people in the store, reviewing someone’s yard or leading bird walks, he is always ready to help enthusiasts experience wildlife on a deeper level.



## SFVAS Says “Thank You” with Free Gift to All Members

Dear SFVAS Members,

Thank you for helping us work toward our goals by:

- signing petitions and recruiting others to sign
- donating to the Birdathon
- buying T-shirts and other memorabilia
- attending our monthly meetings
- contacting elected officials to promote habitat conservation
- volunteering to lead bird walks for youth and adults
- joining in on bird walks/field trips ready to teach and learn from others

To show our appreciation for all that you do, we are offering a free ChicoBag water bottle carrier to all local members of SFVAS who attend a monthly general membership meeting beginning on September 22. In addition to holding up to a 40 oz. water bottle, the bag has pouches to hold your phone, ID, keys, pen and lip balm!



Not a member? Fill out the form on page 7, and either send in your payment or bring it with you to a meeting.

Let us help you stay hydrated with this ChicoBag—it’s yours free for joining our local chapter and attending a meeting! We hope to see you on September 22.

Sincerely, The SFVAS Leadership Team

**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 7:20 p.m. We meet at the San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center. See Calendar of Events, pages 4–5, for directions.**

## **Welcome to the New Year**

As we take our summer break from meetings and some walks it is a good time to reflect and look forward. The last year was eventful. On the positive side, we are enjoying our new meeting place at the San Fernando Valley Culture and Arts Center. If you have not been able to drop in yet, please do so. We expanded the social side of our activities with our first Birds and Beer there after the Christmas Bird Count and have had some good well-attended meetings. The year culminated in our Pot Luck event.

We started walks to Hanson Dam which have proved very successful. We collaborated with the Western Park Foundation and neighboring Audubon Chapters for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bird Fest at Gillette Ranch. We have also greatly expanded our outreach via our website and social media, check it out! The number of members who have chosen to receive the *Phainopepla* online (which both saves us money and helps the environment) has continued to rise.

We also split this year. Antelope Valley Chapter is now fully launched and enrolling new members at an amazing pace! Recently, on our other side, Conejo Valley Chapter has taken Oak Park and Agoura Hills. They are a more natural fit to the Conejo Valley area and will be better served by them. However, anyone who lives in an area that is no longer automatically ours IS ALWAYS WELCOME TO JOIN US IN ANY ACTIVITY! We also welcome local membership which has no boundaries.

On the other hand, we are being faced by Conservation issues. The one that is occupying most of our time is the threat to the Wildlife Reserve by the AngelFest concert proposed by the Make Good Group. Right now, we are waiting for the Army Corps of Engineers to make a final decision about the environmental impact. So keep checking our website for the latest news and information on how you can continue to help by contacting local politicians.

We are happy to welcome new board members and look forward to a great new year when we start up again in September.

Rose Leibowitz, SFVAS President

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## **Audubon Camp, Hog Island**



On the 12th of June, I went to Hog Island, a small, densely forested rock just off the coast of Maine, to attend the only camp run by the National Audubon Society. I was in a group with 15 other teens from all over the country—all of them brilliant and highly skilled birders. I had high expectations for the camp, but the next five days blew my expectations out of the water.

Our experiences included travelling through the Island's spruce forests, listening to lectures given by the camp director, college professors, and with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's leading expert on crows, as well as taking classes in our choice of field sketching, sound recording, digiscoping, or marine biology. Using mist nets, we also caught and banded seven birds, before releasing them back to the wild. We travelled to Eastern Egg Rock, a

bustling colony of terns, gulls, storm-petrels, guillemots, razorbills, and, most notably, Atlantic Puffins. This minuscule island was the test site for Audubon's now famous Puffin Project seabird restoration program.

The Audubon Camp on Hog Island was an incredible and informative experience, packed with fun, knowledge, and life birds for all. In five days, I added 38 species to my life list. Visiting this island was the best experience of my life. To me, it was the greatest place in the world.

Thank you to San Fernando Valley Audubon for funding my trip and providing me with this amazing experience. I look forward to sharing more of my experience with you all.

With deepest appreciation,

Alexander deBarros, Co-Captain of the SFVAS Young Birders Group






## Thank You to Our Birdathon Donors *By Pat Avery*

Many thanks to the enthusiastic Birdathon 2016 event leaders and participants, and especially to the generous donors listed below who contributed a total of **\$9,608.75**. These funds will enable us to continue our ongoing conservation and education programs and help with operating expenses.

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### Conservation Corner – *Dave Weeshoff*

Clearly stopping the dreaded Angelfest music festival is continues to receive our laser-like focus these days. But while awaiting the eventual US Army Corps of Engineers Public Comment Period responses to Draft Environmental Assessment, including ours, we continue to reach out to additional supportive organizations, local political representatives, and all concerned citizens, to bolster our case. We're also producing additional responses to the Draft EA for consideration even after the due date since it seems they are still being received.

But other conservation issues continue to be of National, Regional, and Local interest, and we're doing what we can to support various issues. As usual, the threats are prompted by various factions desiring to harvest the Earth's natural resources well beyond what is sustainable, threatening our planet's climate future (and all life forms) through anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, ignoring the web of life and our interdependence on it, and simple greed.

Among the specific issues we're tracking are legislative threats to the Environmental Protection Act and the California Environmental Quality Act, the Golden and Bald Eagle Protection Act, and the survival of the Salton Sea. We're working on improving the plight of the California Brown Pelican, preserving Tri-colored Blackbird nesting habitat, coastal eelgrass protection, greenhouse gas sequestration, drone-flying regulations, and the banning of smoking in state parks and beaches, as well as a bond issue to support local, regional, and state parks.

We're also working on expanding our partnerships with other environmental organizations and with other California Audubon chapters.

For additional information on any of these issues, or to join in our efforts, please contact Dave Weeshoff at [dave.weeshoff@sfaudubon.org](mailto:dave.weeshoff@sfaudubon.org) or call (818) 618-1652. 

August

## Calendar of Events

**Saturday, August 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, August 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@sfvadubon.org](mailto:kris.ohlenkamp@sfvadubon.org) or (747) 444-9683.

**Saturday, August 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, August 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Street then take the 3<sup>rd</sup> right onto 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 0.5 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. Leader: Mike Mc Horney, (818) 845-0166.

**CANCELLED: Weekday Walk at O'Melveny Park, Granada Hills will be on hiatus in August.** Contact Carolyn Oppenheimer at (818) 885-7493 (before 7 p.m.), or [carolyn.oppenheimer@sfvadubon.org](mailto:carolyn.oppenheimer@sfvadubon.org).

**Saturday, August 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.

**Saturday, August 20. Monthly Field Trip: Chilao and Buckhorn, 7:30 a.m.** Birding the San Gabriel Mountains along the Angeles Crest. Meet at the Chilao Visitor Center at 7:30 a.m. We will look for Hairy and White-headed Woodpeckers, Mountain Chickadee and many other montane species. Bring lunch and water. Directions: Take the 210 Fwy. east to Angeles Crest Highway (Hwy 2). Go north for about 45 minutes, look for the Chilao Campground signs and take the second entrance road to the Visitor Center. Your vehicle must exhibit a National Forest Adventure Pass or Golden Age Pass. Leader: Richard Barth, (310) 276-0342.

**Sunday, August 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.

**NO SFVAS General Membership Meeting in August. See you September 22.**

**CANCELLED: Hansen Dam Bird Walk will be on hiatus for the months of August, and September. See you in October.** Leader Pat Bates, (818) 425-0962 or [pat.bates@sfvadubon.org](mailto:pat.bates@sfvadubon.org).

**Saturday, August 27. Young Birders Group Bird Walk: Franklin Canyon Park. 9:00 a.m.** 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills. The Young Birders Group walks are for young birders who are serious about birding, know some birds, and are willing to learn. All are welcome to join! 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. Leader(s) Alexander and/or Olivia. For more information on meeting location please e-mail Rose Leibowitz at [roselbirds@gmail.com](mailto:roselbirds@gmail.com), or call (818) 990-5405.



Blue Grosbeak  
John J. Audubon

**September**

**Saturday, September 3. 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, September 4. 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@sfgvaudubon.org](mailto:kris.ohlenkamp@sfgvaudubon.org) or (747) 444-9683.

**Saturday, September 10. 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, September 11. Wildwood Canyon Bird Walk, Burbank. 9:00–11:00 a.m.**

See June 12 for directions. Leader: Mike Mc Horney, (818) 845-0166.

**Saturday, September 17. Monthly Field Trip: Huntington Central Park and Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve in Huntington Beach. 7:30 a.m.**

Meet at the Slater Avenue parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Directions from the San Fernando Valley: Take the San Diego Freeway (405) south and exit at Golden West. Go south approximately three miles on Golden West to Slater. Turn left on Slater to the parking lot on the right. Bring lunch. We will picnic at the park and afterwards caravan to Bolsa Chica. Leader: Richard Barth, (310) 276-0342.

**Saturday, September 17. 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, September 18. 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.

**Tuesday, September 20. 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@sfgvaudubon.org](mailto:carolyn.oppenheimer@sfgvaudubon.org).

**Thursday, September 22, SFVAS General Membership Meeting. 7:00 p.m. TOPIC: Inviting Wild Birds into your Garden with Nesting Boxes. SPEAKER: Scott Logan.**

Scott will explain why nesting-box and hole size matters, the proper placement for each species' box and how habitat comes into play. By using this information, you will greatly increase your odds of having cavity-nesting birds breeding in your yard next season! For more information, see Monthly Program, page one. **LOCATION: San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center, 18312 Oxnard Street, Tarzana, CA, (818) 697-5525.** Enjoy the art gallery and shop our sales table. **DIRECTIONS:** Located between White Oak and Reseda Blvd. In order to park, it is recommended to go on Etiwanda Avenue and turn into the parking area up the alley behind the center. ALL are welcome!

**CANCELLED: Hansen Dam Bird Walk will be on hiatus for the months of August, and September. See you in October.**

Leader Pat Bates, [pat.bates@sfgvaudubon.org](mailto:pat.bates@sfgvaudubon.org) or (818) 425-0962.

**Saturday, September 24. Young Birders Group Bird Walk: Sepulveda Basin. 9:00 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(s) Alexander and/or Olivia. For more information on meeting location please e-mail Rose Leibowitz at [roselbirds@gmail.com](mailto:roselbirds@gmail.com), or call (818) 990-5405.

**Monday, September 26. SFVAS Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m.**

San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center, 18312 Oxnard St., Tarzana. It is located between White Oak & Reseda. It is recommended to approach on Etiwanda Ave. & turn into the parking area up the alley behind the center.

**Future Field Trips (details later):**

**October 15. El Dorado Park in Long Beach**

**November 19. Ventura Harbor and Water Treatment Pond**

## Audubon-at-Home by Alan Pollack

### Maintenance of your native wildlife garden-pest control

Ok...you have your new, wildlife-friendly, native plant garden installed and you are happily watching it grow and suddenly your tranquility and pride are shaken by the presence of...BUGS! Que! horror!!! Rather than panicking, that is the moment to remember what follows: a system called Integrated Pest Management or IPM. It is a system developed by growers who are, like you and me, concerned about the environment. In other words, an environmentally friendly approach to pest control.

The first question to ask and answer is: is there a problem? Insects are a normal part of a balanced eco-system, providing pollination service and, in some cases, insect control. Many of these good bugs are attracted to native plants. Examples are: ladybugs, lacewings, hover flies, mantids, parasitic wasps, spiders, bees, and dragonflies. Some damage from insects is therefore to be expected and it is only when damage becomes excessive do we need to become concerned.

As with human disease, the best treatment for plant disease is preventative treatment. For the home gardener, preventative measures include selecting plants that are healthy to begin with and planting them in locations that will meet their basic sunlight/soil/drainage needs, followed by proper watering, proper pruning (if needed), and proper feeding (if needed).

Assuming preventive measures are met, and excessive insect damage is occurring, the control measures that are least damaging to the environment are physical: a strong spray from a hose can dislodge harmful insects; damaged or diseased parts can be pruned; or a diseased plant can be totally removed. The next, least harmful measure is biological: one can purchase and introduce good bugs into the garden to control the bad bugs, though you are more likely to keep the good bugs around if you have plants in your garden that attract them (examples: sages, yarrow, buckwheat, ceanothus, lantana, rosemary, many herbs). The insect-eating birds that are attracted to your garden will also keep the bad guys in check. Last are chemical controls. The least harmful of these is a soap solution. There are many other common household products that will not harm the environment that can be used to combat weeds, animal pests (such as snails, deer and rabbits), and fungal diseases as well as insects. The least desirable and most damaging to the environment are commercial, chemical pesticides (insecticides, herbicides, rodenticides). Got weeds? Pull 'em, blow torch 'em, spray 'em with vinegar and use lots of mulch on bare soil. Got rats? Hang a barn owl nest box in your yard.


Learn more about non-toxic, environmentally-friendly, sustainable gardening practices at [www.finegardening.com](http://www.finegardening.com) (click on pests and diseases) and at [www.wasteless.org](http://www.wasteless.org) (click on environmentally preferable purchasing and then on less toxic gardening/IPM).

Look after Mother Earth and she will nurture us and our wild friends....

*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@sfaudubon.org](mailto:alan.pollack@sfaudubon.org).*

### May and June Monthly Field Trip Reports (by Richard Barth)

On May 14 we birded Walker Ranch in Placerita Canyon. Only two SFVAS participants joined me and we hooked up with a small group from Santa Monica Bay Audubon. One of the more interesting finds on the walk was Hairy Woodpecker, a species not seen on our past trips here. We were pleased to tally Lazuli Bunting, Black-headed Grosbeak, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Steller's Jay, Western Tanager, Hutton's Vireo, Spotted Towhee, California Thrasher (heard), Western Bluebird, Warbling Vireo, "Oregon" Junco and White-throated Swift. Characteristically abundant here were House Wren, Acorn Woodpecker and Oak Titmouse. Surprising was the number of White-breasted Nuthatches and Phainopeplas. A Mountain Quail was heard after the walk had concluded. Our warblers were Wilson's and Yellow.

June 11 marked our visit to Rancho Sierra Vista Preserve in southeast Ventura County. A nice turnout of participants enjoyed pleasant, mild weather for the walk. We were successful with Lazuli Bunting and Greater Roadrunner and also did exceptionally well with Blue Grosbeak. We unfortunately missed Grasshopper Sparrow despite searching in an area where recent sightings had been reported. Black-hooded (Nanday) Parakeet, Black-headed Grosbeak, Wrentit and Ash-throated Flycatcher made our list. Cliff Swallows dominated the air space. Honorable mention species: California Thrasher, Pacific-slope Flycatcher (heard), Spotted Towhee, Red-shouldered Hawk, Western Bluebird, Say's Phoebe, Cassin's Kingbird, Nuttall's Woodpecker and House Wren. 

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### ***Phainopepla* Photo of the Month by Velda Ruddock**

#### **Nesting Double-crested Cormorants** (*Phalacrocorax auritus*)

Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve, June 18, 2016

Nikon D7100 with Tamron 150-600mm lens

Velda Ruddock's recent visit to the Sepulveda Wildlife Reserve was a happy surprise. "It was a little late in the year and the day so I didn't expect a lot, but was happy because we were out shooting." True to form, the Reserve was teeming with life. "The Canada Geese were gone and we saw only one of the white pelicans...but the Cormorants had babies in their nests, the Egrets, Stilts, and Herons were feeding in the pond and river, the turtles were sunning themselves, there were Red-winged Blackbirds and Orioles...and even a couple of Egyptian Geese, who were fearless and funny. It was a wonderful morning and I want to go back soon!"

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