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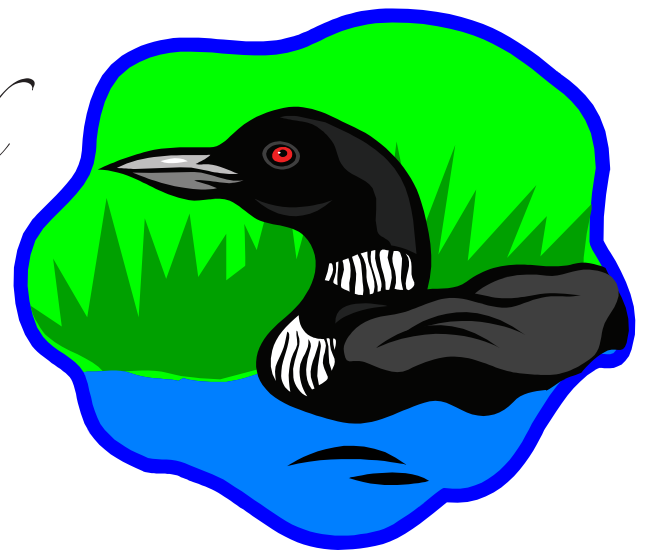
The New Taxonomy and your next Bird Book

by Dan Guthrie

As I have reported previously, the sequence of bird orders in bird books follows the latest scientific information on relationships, with the oldest groups first in the book and the newest groups last. Thus loons, once considered the most ancient of birds are now located well into the body of the book while ducks and grouse, considered the oldest of the United States bird groups are at the beginning of new bird books. Until now the woodpeckers were the last non-passerine (perching bird) group, appearing just before the flycatchers, the most ancient U.S group of passerines. No longer. The American Ornithologists' Union has accepted the recent DNA information and placed the falcons and the parrots,



two groups considered most closely related to the passerines, just before them in the bird book, and just after the woodpeckers. Note that this places falcons far away from all other hawks in the sequence. Your next bird book will reflect this change, so you may have to take some time getting



used to the new placement. Of course, if you use one of the iPhone apps, which tend to list birds alphabetically and pay no attention to relationships, no problem.

The new list will also give many of us a new species or two. The grey hawk of Arizona is split from the grey hawk, now grey-lined hawk, of Costa Rica south. Also Xantus' murrelet has been split into two species, the Scripps Murrelet and the Guadalupe murrelet, both of which occur off our coast in the Fall; another reason to take an pelagic birding trip!

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Pomona Valley Audubon Annual Report

Presented below is a summary of the income and expenses of Pomona Valley Audubon Society for the Period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. On the right is a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Society as of the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 2012. Below that is a breakdown of the contributions made to various conservation programs and other causes throughout the State.

Pomona Valley Audubon Society Income & Expenses 07/01/11 through 06/30/12	
Category Description	12 Months Ended 6/30/12
INCOME	
Recycling Income	\$ 787
Books & Silent Auction	937
Annual Fundraising	7,455
Memorial Gifts	1,913
NAS Chapter Share	2,761
Chapter Memberships	120
Wild Wings Support	1,015
Dividends/Interest	2,132
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 17,120
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Insurance	\$ 1,799
Meeting Expenses	3,105
Newsletter Expenses	3,745
Office Exp. & Postage	384
Misc. Expenses	369
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 9,403
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Grants	\$ 100
Wild Wings Program	4,210
Bird Walk Expenses	452
Other Projects	403
Total Program Expenses	\$ 5,165
Fundraising Expense	\$ 295
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14,862
Gain or (Loss) on Investments	(1,204)
NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	\$ 1,054

Pomona Valley Audubon Society Assets & Liabilities As of 06/30/12	
Category Description	Balance As of 6/30/12
ASSETS	
Cash in Bank	\$ 21,317
Investments	50,662
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 71,980
LIABILITIES	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ -
NET ASSETS	\$ 71,980
DESIGNATED FUNDS	
Memorial Funds	\$ 3,746
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$ 3,746
AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 68,233

Grants Given 2010-2011	
PROGRAM	
Wild Wings of California	\$ 4,210
Boy Scout Eagle Project	100
TOTAL GRANTS GIVEN	\$ 4,310

If you have any questions or comments concerning the above financial statements, or for information on how you can provide for Pomona Valley Audubon Society in your will or trust, contact Neil Gilbert, Treasurer, at: Neil.Gilbert@Verizon.net

Welcome New Members

We extend a warm welcome to all new members. Subscribers to Audubon Magazine from our area are automatically enrolled in our chapter and receive the Chaparral Naturalist at no additional charge. You are welcome to all our events.

Alta Loma: Anthony Mule, Leora Milam

Claremont: Christine Blair, Lois Gilliland, J Anne Harris, Martha Hill, Helen Hung, Michael Shearer

Corona: Barbara Latham, Geri Newton

Covina: Rebeca Byerley, Clifford McLean

La Verne: Paul Brainard, Morag Black

Mira Loma: Paul Morrow

Ontario: Jeannie Oliver

Pomona: William King, Darleen Stoner

Rancho Cucamonga: Alfonso Roldan, Richard Torres

San Dimas: Eric Smith

Upland: Beverly Hansen, Cleobell Heiple-Tice, Wega Koss

West Covina: John Dobrenen

Introduction to Birds and Birding Class

Join us for a series of four Wednesday lectures and four Saturday morning field trips. The lectures will cover bird biology, taxonomy, migration, plumages, mating systems, and why birds are neat! The field trips will visit four different habitats in southern California and emphasize identification of migrant and resident species. Lectures by Dan Guthrie.



Wednesday Meetings: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Keck Science, corner of 9th and Mills, Claremont

Fee: (\$45, includes a membership in Pomona Valley Audubon)

Instructor: Dan Guthrie (909) 239- 5124 (cell); Call if you can't attend a meeting or field trip

Saturday Field Trips: Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Memorial Park. We will carpool as much as possible on field trips. Bring water, snacks, and sun protection. Return by 1:00 p.m.

Class Schedule:

Wednesday, September 12:

- Birding in southern California
- Bird origins, basic structure; avian taxonomy – water birds

Saturday, September 15: Field Trip to Bolsa Chica

Wednesday, September 19:

- What is a species, subspecies, plumages, sex differences?

Saturday, September 22 - Field Trip to Bonelli Park

Wednesday, September 26

- Migration, bird song, nesting

Saturday, September 29 - Field Trip to San Jacinto Refuge

Wednesday, October 3:

- Mating systems, territory, birds and humans, conservation

Saturday, October 6: Field Trip to Wrightwood and mountains

Birding Festivals – Attend One!

Want a great birding experience with bird sightings, expert leaders, seminars and fun for the whole family? Consider attending one of the many birding festivals held in California. Several occur annually. Santa Monica Bay Audubon (<http://smbasblog.wordpress.com/>) maintains a list of festivals and other events (bay cleanups, etc.). All the big festivals have their own web pages through which you can register and learn about scheduled events. The big ones are:

September 13-16, 2012 - 7th Annual Monterey Bay Birding Festival
<http://montereybaybirding.org/>

September 29, 2012 - 18th Annual Kern Valley Turkey Vulture Festival
<http://kern.audubon.org/tvfest.htm>

November 2-4, 2012 - 16th Annual Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival <http://www.cranefestival.com/>

November 15-18, 2012 - 16th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium
<http://www.cvbirds.org/Symposium.htm>

January 18-21, 2012 - 17th Annual Morro Bay Bird Festival <http://morrobaybirdfestival.org/index.htm>

2012-13 PVAS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 2 - First Sunday Bird Walk
Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden 8 a.m.

Thursday, September 6 - Monthly Meeting
@ Hughes Center *Birds of Colombia* (Dan Guthrie)

Wednesday, September 12 - Midweek Trip to Glen Helen Park 8 a.m. Leader: Dan Guthrie

Saturday, September 15 - Orange County Trip: Bolsa Chica/Huntington Central Park/San Joaquin Marsh Preserve. Meet at Memorial Park at 7 a.m. Leader: Dan Guthrie

Sunday, September 23 - Bonelli Park Monthly Bird Walk. Meet at Bonelli Park HQ at 8 a.m. Leader: Rod Higbie

OCTOBER

Thursday, October 4 - Monthly Meeting @ Hughes Center - Eastern Fox Squirrel Update (Alan Muchlinski)

Saturday, October 6 - Holiday Lake and Apollo Park Owl Pellet and Birding trip. Meet at Memorial Park at 7 a.m. Leader Dan Guthrie

Sunday, October 7 - First Sunday Bird Walk. Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden 8 a.m.

Thursday, October 11 - Glen Helen Regional Park. Meet at Memorial Park at 7 a.m. Leader: Dan Guthrie

Sunday, October 28 - Bonelli Park Monthly Bird Walk. Meet at Bonelli Park HQ at 8 a.m. Leader: Rod Higbie

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 1 - Monthly Meeting @ Hughes Center - Birding off Southern California (Dave Pereksta)

Sunday, November 4 - First Sunday Bird Walk. Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden 8 a.m.

Sat-Sun, November 10-11: Morro Bay Field Trip. Leader: Dan Guthrie - call if you plan to attend

Thursday, November 15 - Mt. Baldy Village and Vicinity. Leader: Dan Gregory 7:30 am

Sunday, November 25 - Bonelli Park Monthly Bird Walk. Meet at Bonelli Park HQ at 8 a.m. Leader: Rod Higbie

Pomona Valley Audubon field trips are open to all individuals. Please call trip leader to verify starting time, meeting location and to let them know you plan to attend. Sunday Beginning Bird Walks meet at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. Bonelli Park trips meet at park headquarters on Via Verde, just off the 57 freeway. It is recommended to bring a snack (lunch if recommended), plenty of water, sun protection, and bug spray on all trips.

Field Trips

Pomona Valley Audubon field trips are open to all individuals. Please call trip leader if you plan to attend and for starting time & meeting location. Sunday Monthly Bird Walks meet at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. Bonelli Park trips meet at park headquarters on Via Verde, just off the 57 freeway. It is recommended to bring a snack (lunch if recommended), plenty of water, sun protection, and bug spray to all trips.

Sunday, September 2, 2012 First Sunday Bird Walk Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

Join us for our monthly (September-June) bird walk. Family friendly, the walk is slow paced and lasts approx. two hours. (Bring binoculars if you have them) Meets 8:00 a.m. at the front entry gate (north end of College Ave. above Foothill Blvd. 1500 N. College Ave.) **Leader: Fraser Pemberton (909) 624-6451.**

Wednesday, September 12, 2012 Midweek Trip to Glen Helen Park

This is a good time of year for western migrant land birds. Meet at Memorial Park at 8 a.m. for a half day trip. **Leader: Dan Guthrie (909) 239-5124.**

Saturday, September 15, 2012 Orange County Trip: Bolsa Chica & Huntington Central Park

Returning shorebirds, Fall migrants, and the tern colonies at Bolsa Chica. Bring a lunch. Meet at Memorial Park at 7 a.m.. **Leader: Dan Guthrie (909) 239-5124.**

Sunday, September 23, 2012 Bonelli Park Monthly Bird Walk

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Bonelli Park headquarters on Via Verde near the 57 Fwy. for our monthly walk (4th Sunday, about 2 hours) at Bonelli Park. **Leader: Rod Higbie (909) 599-6526**

Saturday, October 6, 2012 Holiday Lake/Apollo Park/Owl Pellet and Birding Trip

A visit to the Antelope Valley for migrants, hawks, and lots of Barn Owls. Meet at Memorial Park at 7 a.m. and bring a lunch. **Leader: Dan Guthrie (909) 239-5124.**

Sunday, October 2, 2012 First Sunday Bird Walk Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

Join us for our monthly (September-June) bird walk. Family friendly, the walk is slow paced and lasts approx. two hours. (Bring binoculars if you have them) Meets 8:00 a.m. at the

front entry gate (north end of College Ave. above Foothill Blvd. 1500 N. College Ave.) **Leader: Fraser Pemberton (909) 624-6451.**

Thursday, October 11, 2012 Glen Helen Regional Park

This is a good time of year for western migrant land birds. Meet at Memorial Park at 8 a.m. for a half day trip. Meet 7 a.m. at Memorial Park. **Leader: Dan Gregory (909) 944-2259.**

Sunday, October 28, 2012 Bonelli Park Monthly Bird Walk

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Bonelli Park headquarters on Via Verde near the 57 Fwy. for our monthly walk (4th Sunday, about 2 hours) at Bonelli Park. **Leader: Rod Higbie (909) 599-6526**

Sunday, November 4, 2012 First Sunday Bird Walk Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

Join us for our monthly (September-June) bird walk. Family friendly, the walk is slow paced and lasts approx. two hours. (Bring binoculars if you have them) Meets 8:00 a.m. at the front entry gate (north end of College Ave. above Foothill Blvd. 1500 N. College Ave.) **Leader: Fraser Pemberton (909) 624-6451.**

Saturday & Sunday, November, 10-11, 2012 Morro Bay Field Trip

Our annual trip north for rocky shore birds, magpies and chestnut-backed chickadees. Meet Saturday at the base of Morro Rock at 8 a.m. We will bird Morro Bay area Saturday and work our way south on Sunday with stops at Oceano and other sites. **Contact Leader: Dan Guthrie (909) 239-5124** for car pooling and motel information.

Thursday, November 15, 2012 Mt. Baldy Village and Vicinity

A trip to Mt. Baldy for migrants. Meets at 7:00 a.m. at Memorial Park. **Leader: Dan Gregory (909) 944-2259.**



You can help!

Things to Bring to a PVAS Meeting

Pomona Valley Audubon continues to collect aluminum cans, plastic beverage containers and glass bottles. These are converted to cash donations to help support Wild Wings of California raptor rehabilitation efforts. We cannot accept milk containers, wine bottles, 100% Juice containers or other household plastic. We do accept all aluminum cans and beverage containers with CA Redemption or CA Cash Refund designation. Remember to encourage friends, family members or other organizations to save recycs for PVAS, to help offset Wild Wings' growing expenses. Recyclables can be deposited in our truck (look for recycling signs) parked in front of Hughes Center during general meetings.

What else can you bring to a meeting? Cookies! We all appreciate the array of refreshments provided during the program. Please look for the Hospitality Team's sign-up sheet at the meeting, and consider offering to bring a tasty treat to our next general month!

Are you in the process of downsizing or thinning out your collection of books? The PVAS Used Booksale is in need of bird books, nature-related books and field guides to revitalize our inventory. Your duplicate or neglected book could be just what another birder is looking for! Please bring book donations to the next meeting or contact **bstrang51@aol.com** to arrange a pick-up.

Dan Guthrie constantly collects owl pellets. PVAS receives many requests from teachers for owl pellets to use in science classes and the demand is increasing! Any pellets found should be frozen in a zip-lock bag and turned over to Dan.

So there you have it. Things you can bring to a PVAS meeting. Bird books, owl pellets, recyclables and cookies...not necessarily in that order!

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Annual membership in the National Audubon Society is \$30 per year. **New membership dues are \$20.** Members receive the Audubon Magazine and Chaparral Naturalist newsletter. Renewals of membership are computerized by National Audubon and should not be sent to PVAS. However, a new membership may be sent directly to PVAS. Checks should be made payable to National Audubon Society. Mail payment with membership form below and mail to: **PVAS, W. M. Keck Science Center, 925 N. Mills Ave., Claremont, CA 91711.** (Please note chapter code **G2ZC080Z** on your check.)

Information such as mailing address, email address and telephone numbers are used for sending email notifications, electronic versions of the newsletter, and are published in our membership directory. Membership information may be updated by filling out this form and turning it in to any board member. This information will be distributed only to members and will not be sold to other organizations.

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Membership Meetings

Thursday, September 6, 2012

President Dan Guthrie

Birding in Colombia

Only an eighth the size of the United States, Colombia hosts 1871 species of birds, one fifth of the worlds list and more than any other country. Seventy five or so of these are endemic, found only in Colombia. Until recently off limits due to narco terrorism, Colombia today is a major birders destination, with lots of great lodges and parks and good transportation and facilities. Dan will take us on a tour of some of these great places, and especially their hummingbirds.

Thursday, October 4, 2012

Alan Muchlinski

Update on the Eastern Fox Squirrel

Alan Muchlinski, Emeritus Professor of Biology and Acting Director of Research Development at Cal. State University Los Angeles, and student under his direction, has been involved in charting the invasion of the eastern Fox squirrel into our area. He will update us on this phenomena and what the future may hold.

Thursday, November 1, 2012

David Pereksta

Birding off Southern California: What You See When You Go To Sea

David Pereksta is an avian biologist with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management who has spent over 100 days off our shores pelagic birding and is a regular leader for Los Angeles Audubon and Shearwater Journeys. Come learn ab offshore residents, migrants and vagrants as well as our local marine mammals. No Dramamine needed for this pelagic trip!

Thursday, December 6, 2012

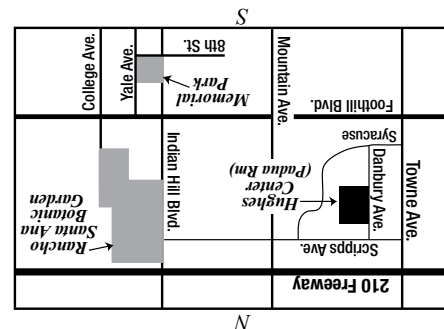
Brian Elliott

Birding Alaska's Other Arctic

Member Brian Elliott, along with three friends, canoed 420 miles this past summer on the Colville River on Alaska's north slope. The river, in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, flows through some of the most remote wilderness in North America and is renowned for its high density of nesting raptors. Brian will share his photos of his trip and advocate for the region's protection.

**Join us at our
new meeting
location!**

Please join us at our new meeting location in the **Padua Room at the Alexander Hughes Center, 1700 Danbury Drive, Claremont.** Take Mountain or Towne Ave. north of Foothill and turn onto Scripps Drive. Turn south on Danbury to Hughes. The evening will begin with a bird identification session at 7 p.m. followed by refreshments, a short business meeting, and our evening program.



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