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Baja Seabird Juveniles Not Seen!

The following is from **Alvaro Jaramillo** a tropical bird specialist now stationed in central California. **The failure of some species to breed this year may be due to drought or more likely, warming conditions in the ocean destroying food species for these birds.**



Essentially there are **no juvenile Heermann's Gulls** being seen on the West Coast. Today I saw my first juvenile in Half Moon Bay after diligent looking at hundreds on most days. There were 860 Heermann's on the beach here today, which is a large number for our county, and the one juvenile. Birds from last year, the uniform chocolate-brown birds, comprised about 20% of the flock to give an idea of how few juveniles there are. Uniform chocolate-brown birds molting primary feathers are young from last year. Juveniles should look scaly (pale fringed) on the coverts, paler brown, than the older birds. BJ Stacey sent me the only photo I have seen of a juvenile this year from Sinaloa, Mex:
<http://www.inaturalist.org/observations/831139>

Guy McCaskie reports that he has not seen any **Juvenile Yellow-footed Gulls** either this year (that was over a week ago, things may have changed). Based on Half Moon Bay numbers, which may not be representative, right now juvenile Heermann's are about 1 in a thousand! That is looooooowwww. There is a chance that the few that are out there have not pushed north yet, and we will get an influx. But the overall pattern shows how bad the breeding season for seabirds was in Baja this year!!

Note that **Elegant Terns** fared better as it appears that a sizeable portion flew up from Baja, and re-nested in San Diego later than usual, where conditions were better.

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Our fall migrants are moving through, so get out there and enjoy!

Note: We are still looking for a few good people to fill some key roles. If you are interested in filling one of these roles, or if you want to volunteer as a member of a standing committee, contact any of the officers.

Your PVAS Chapter Board has a great slate of members nominated for this year's leadership! Please come to the September General Membership Meeting to make your voice heard with comment and vote.



Neil Gilbert, a long time member and Treasurer of PVAS, has agreed to his nomination for 2014-15 President. Here he is preparing his backyard feeders for the fall migrants. He is joined by a great slate:

OFFICERS NOMINATE
President: Neil Gilbert
Vice President: Ed Babcock
Secretary: Pam Kling
Treasurer: Mike Klein

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.

Chino: **Sue Cleveland**

Chino Hills: **Andrew Jones, Henriette Krug, Linda Long, Gloria Williams**

Claremont: **Marcyn Clements, Marie Losh, Dean McHenry, Betty Mattern, Mark Palmer, Katharine Stoeber, Ann Stromberg & Ann Volti, Eudora Tharp**

Corona: **Elisabeth Fisher**

Covina: **Lucy Smith**

Diamond Bar: **Barbara Hennessy, Linda Madrid**

Glendora: **Dolores Keller**

La Verne: **William Bearley, Carolyn Forrester, Jane Riggs**

Mira Loma: **Ofelia Beliakoff, Sarah Brown, Linda Chen**

Ontario: **Ken Boyce, Tamara Johnson, Ellena McKennon, Terri Westlund**

Pomona: **Betty Figueras, George & Bianca Hunter, Jane Robbins**

Rancho Cucamonga: **James Dick, Maria Martinez, Fidel Pinzon**

San Dimas: **Scott & Yvonne Jamison, John Kennington, Flora Wiegel**

Upland: **Nadine Beffa, Jane Fenichel, Jennifer Garcia, Mike Jones, Pam Lawson, Barbara Munz, Richard Potter**

Walnut: **Sharon Goyer, Stephanie Pech**

West Covina: **Barbara Folger, Donna Gerhart, Marie Marlow**

Our Newsletter:

As a member of National Audubon, you are automatically enrolled, free of charge in a local chapter if one is in your area. Pomona Valley Audubon contains all zip code areas between Covina and Etiwanda, and Mt. Baldy to Norco. We produce a newsletter every two months to keep our members informed of our activities and of State and regional conservation issues.

To reduce costs, we will mail a newsletter to all members in September and January. Our November, March and May issues will be available on our web site and e-mailed to all who request it. You can also request that these issues be mailed to you by contacting us via email or phone.

Dan Guthrie - dguthrie@jسد.claremont.edu

Neat Christmas Census Film

A fellow Audubon member recently made us aware of a 50 minute video about the history, purpose and value of the Audubon Christmas Census. The video can be accessed at

<http://video.nhptv.org/video/2365128454/>

Take a look. It's very well done.



Let's watch our native Band-tailed Pigeon this fall and winter...

New Avian Trichomonis Threatens Native Band-tailed Pigeons

July 2, 2014 - A new pathogen has been discovered by scientists investigating major die-offs of pigeons native to North America, according to studies led by the University of California, Davis, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Scientists were able to implicate this new parasite, along with the ancient parasite *Trichomonas gallinae*, in the recent deaths of thousands of Pacific Coast band-tailed pigeons. The die-offs occurred during multiple epidemics in California's Central Coast and Sierra Nevada mountain ranges. Scientists named the new pathogen *Trichomonas stableri*.

Avian trichomonosis is an emerging and potentially fatal disease that creates severe lesions that can block the esophagus, ultimately preventing the bird from eating or drinking, or the trachea, leading to suffocation. The disease may date back to when dinosaurs roamed the earth, as lesions indicative of trichomonosis were found recently in T-Rex skeletons. The disease may also have contributed to the decline of the passenger pigeon, whose extinction occurred exactly 100 years ago.

Epidemics of the disease can result in the death of thousands of birds in a short amount of time. An outbreak in Carmel Valley killed an estimated 43,000 birds in 2007.

"The same parasite species that killed band-tailed pigeons during the outbreaks were also killing the birds when there weren't outbreaks," said lead author Yvette Girard, a postdoctoral scholar with the Wildlife Health Center in the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine at the time of the studies. "This indicates there may be other factors at play in the die-offs."

"We are now investigating what triggers these die-offs, which may be caused by the congregation of infected and vulnerable birds during certain environmental conditions, or even spillover from another nearby species," said principal investigator Christine Johnson, a professor with the UC Davis Wildlife Health Center.

Between winter 2011 and spring 2012, there were eight mortality events — defined as more than five dead birds found in the same geographic area during the same time frame. The study said trichomonosis was confirmed in 96 percent of dead, sick or dying birds examined at seven of the mortality events. This disease was also found in:

- • 36 percent of band-tailed pigeons at wildlife rehabilitation centers
- • 11 percent of hunter-killed band-tailed pigeons
- • 4 percent of the birds caught live and released

Be sure to clean your feeders to help prevent the spread of this contagion. See getintobirds.audubon.org/feeder-maintenance

"What makes this disease more troublesome for band-tailed pigeons is their low reproductive rate — about one chick per year — and also that these events are occurring in the wintertime," said co-author Krysta Rogers, an environmental scientist with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. "That means almost all the birds we're losing during events are adult birds. They're being killed before they have the ability to reproduce in the spring."

Mortality events in band-tailed pigeons have been reported in California at least since 1945, but have increased during the last decade, with outbreaks reported in six of the last 10 years.

"Going into the study, we expected to find a single, highly virulent species of *Trichomonas* in birds sampled at outbreaks," Girard said. "Having two species killing birds at these large-scale mortality events is surprising."

Another Great Opportunity for Citizen Science

The abundance of information available to scientists today is overwhelming. Zooniverse is an attempt to deal with this by enlisting citizens to help catalog and collect data. Projects involve everything from cataloging insects and birds from old museum records to cataloging galaxies. See <https://www.zooniverse.org/> for more information.

One project listed asks participants to collect data from 1000's of photographs of **California Condors** feeding at feeding stations. The data is to be used to help determine which condors, based on their behavior, might be most prone to lead poisoning. Anyone can participate and will be led through instructions as to how to proceed. The condor project can be found at <http://news.ucsc.edu/2014/04/condor-watch.html>. As stated, anyone can do this. Better than soap operas?

Necropsies of the birds were conducted at the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory at UC Davis and the Wildlife Investigations Laboratory at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Both studies were funded by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

The study naming the new species of parasite is published in the journal *International Journal for Parasitology: Parasites and Wildlife*. The study that explains how trichomonosis is affecting the band-tailed pigeon is published in the journal *Infection, Genetics and Evolution

2014 Annual Report to the Members of PVAS

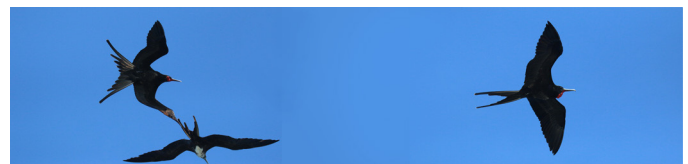
Presented below is a summary of the income and expenses of Pomona Valley Audubon Society for the Period **July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014**.

On the right is a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Society as of the end of our fiscal year, **June 30, 2014**. 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 07/01/13 through 06/30/14	
<u>Category Description</u>	12 Months Ended 6/30/2014
INCOME	
Recycling Income	\$ 1,349
Books, Must-haves, Auction	1,115
Birding Classes	810
Annual Fundraising	9,225
Booths & Wild Wings Events	722
NAS Chapter Share	2,891
Chapter Memberships	60
Wild Wings Support	1,030
Annual Meeting Income	200
Dividends/Interest	1,944
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 19,347
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Insurance	\$ 1,936
Meeting Expenses	3,019
Newsletter Expenses	3,398
Office Exp. & Postage	607
Memberships	50
Web Site Expense	11
Miscellaneous	287
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 9,309
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Grants	\$ 1,000
Wild Wings Support	4,556
Bird Walk and Field Trips	680
Education	370
Other Projects	705
Total Program Expenses	\$ 7,311
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 16,620
Gain or (Loss) on Investments	325
NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	\$ 3,052

Pomona Valley Audubon Society Assets & Liabilities As of 06/30/14	
<u>Category Description</u>	Balance As of 6/30/2014
ASSETS	
Cash in Bank	\$ 21,897
Investments	56,465
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 78,362
LIABILITIES	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ -
NET ASSETS	\$ 78,362
DESIGNATED FUNDS	
Memorial Funds	\$ 3,846
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$ 3,846
AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 74,515

Grants Given 2013-2014	
<u>PROGRAM</u>	
Wild Wings of California	\$ 4,556
California Audubon	1,000
TOTAL GRANTS GIVEN	\$ 5,556



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

Introduction to Birds & Birding Class - Fall 2014

This is series of 4 Wednesday lectures and 4 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. Fee (\$45, includes a membership in Pomona Valley Audubon)

To sign up call **Instructor Dan Guthrie (909 239 5124)** or email **dguthrie@claremontmckenna.edu**

Wednesday Meetings: 7 – 8:30 p.m. in Claremont (location TBA)
Saturday Trips: meet at 7 a.m. at Memorial Park

Wednesday, September 24 Lecture
Birding in southern California
Bird origins, basic structure
Avian Taxonomy – the water birds

Saturday, September 27 Field trip -- Bonelli Park

Wednesday October 1 Lecture
What is a species, subspecies, plumages, sex differences
Avian taxonomy; non-passerine land birds

Saturday, October 4 Field trip -- Wrightwood & mountains

Wednesday, October 8 Lecture
Migration, Bird song, Nesting
Avian taxonomy; passerines part I

Saturday, October 11 Field trip – Legg Lake area

Wednesday, October 15 Lecture
Mating systems, territory, Birds and humans, & conservation
Avian taxonomy; passerines, part 2

Saturday, October 18 Field trip – Bolsa Chica

Instructor: Dan Guthrie; 909 239 5124 (cell). Call if you can't attend a meeting or field trip. We will carpool as much as possible on field trip. Bring water, a snack. Back by 2 p.m.



Wildlife gets close and personal in the Galapagos. Our President, Dan Guthrie, enjoyed all the animals (including family) on their guided trip to the Islands. Join us for the start of the new season on the first Thursday in September. See page 8.

GODWIT DAYS

FALL MIGRATION BIRD FESTIVAL

Humboldt County ---October 4 & 5, 2014

A weekend of birding in and around Humboldt County in northern California! Ten birding trips with small group sizes will be offered at the peak of Fall Migration in Humboldt County, CA.

National Audubon Membership / Membership Information Update

Annual membership in the National Audubon Society is \$30 per year. **New membership dues are \$20.** Members receive the Audubon Magazine and a digital copy of the Chaparral Naturalist newsletter. **Renewals of membership for National 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, 2058 N. Mills Ave., PMB426, Claremont, CA 91711.** (Please note chapter code C3ZC080Z 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.

- Yes, Please sign me up as a new member!**
- Yes, I am renewing my membership.**
- I would like the print version of the Chaparral Naturalist.
- Do not publish** my information in the chapter directory.

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PVAS Field Trips --- Fall 2014 - Summer 2015

Pomona Valley Audubon field trips are open to all individuals. **Remember to call the trip leader if you plan to attend and to confirm 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. Most other trips meet at Memorial Park in Claremont. It is recommended to bring a snack (lunch if recommended), plenty of water, sun protection, and bug spray to all trips. Car pooling is usually possible. Check the PVAS website for last minute trip additions and changes.

Day & weekend PVAS trips---- Check webpage for any additions or changes.

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Midweek Trip to Glen Helen Park

A trip during fall migration for western birds making their way through Cajon Pass. Meets 7:00 a.m. at Memorial Park for a half-day trip. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. **Leader: Dan Gregory (909) 944-2259.**

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Antelope Valley/Apollo Park/Piute Ponds

A visit to the Antelope Valley for migrants, Hawks, and Barn Owls. Meets 6:00 a.m. at Memorial Park; bring a lunch and snacks. **Leader: Dan Guthrie (909) 239-5124 or dguthrie@jsd.claremont.edu**

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

San Dimas Canyon

Join Eric for a walk in the canyon to look for local species and migrants. Meets 7:00 a.m. at Memorial Park. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. **Leader: Eric Smith (909) 477-7976 or bird4life28@yahoo.com.**

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Santa Fe Dam and Recreation Area

This is a good time of year for western migrant land birds. Meets 7:00 a.m. at Memorial Park. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. **Leader: Dan Gregory (909) 944-2259.**

Saturday, October 18, 2014

Bolsa Chica Wetlands

Eric will take us to the coast for shorebirds and local specialties. This is a great time of year to bird the coast. Meets at Memorial Park at 7:00 a.m. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. **Leader: Eric Smith (909) 477-7976 or bird4life28@yahoo.com.**

Saturday & Sunday, November 8 & 9, 2014

Morro Bay Field Trip

Our annual trip north for rocky shore birds, Magpie, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, and Sharp-tailed Sparrow. Always a great trip - in recent years we've had such rarities as Ivory Gull! Meets Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at the base of Morro Rock. We'll bird the Morro Bay area and work our way south on Sunday with stops at Oceano and other sites. **Leader: Dan Guthrie (909) 239-5124 or dguthrie@jsd.claremont.edu for carpooling and motel information.**

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mt. Baldy Village and Vicinity

A trip to the Mt. Baldy area for mountain birds. Meets 7:30 a.m. at Memorial Park. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. **Leader: Dan Gregory (909) 944-2259.**

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

Bonelli Parks Pre-Christmas Trip

Meet near Bathroom 8 off Via Verde in Picnic Valley at 8:00 a.m. for a morning search for prior to Christmas Census. **Leader: TBA**

First Sunday of each month ----

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden Bird Walks--

Join us for our monthly 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.

Sunday, September 7, 2014

Sunday, October 5, 2014

Sunday, November 2, 2014

Sunday, December 7, 2014

Sunday, January 4, 2015

Sunday, February 1, 2015

Sunday, March 1, 2015

Sunday, April 5, 2015

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Sunday, June 7, 2015

Fourth Sunday of each month ----

Bonelli Park Monthly Bird Walks---

Join us for our monthly (4th Sunday walk) at Bonelli Park. This is an easy, two-hour walk for beginners and experts. Great for shorebirds and passerines. We'll meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Bonelli Park headquarters on Via Verde near the 57 Fwy

Leader: Rod Higbie (909) 599-6526.

Sunday, September 28, 2014

Sunday, October 26, 2014

Sunday, November 23, 2014

Sunday, December 28, 2014

Sunday, January 25, 2015

Sunday, February 22, 2015

Sunday, March 22, 2015

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Sunday, May 24, 2015

Sunday, June 28, 2015

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Claremont Parks Pre-Christmas Trip

A morning visit to the Moreno Ponds and various parks and cemeteries in the Claremont- Pomona area searching for goodies for our Christmas Census. Meets 7:00 a.m. at Memorial Park. **Leader: Dan Guthrie (909) 239-5124 or dguthrie@jsd.claremont.edu**

Saturday, December 13, 2014

Annual Christmas Census

(More info in the next issue of the newsletter)

Thursday, January 8, 2015

Whittier Narrows

Meets 7:00 a.m. at Memorial Park for a half day trip for wintering (page 7)

PVAS Field Trips --- 2014 - 2015

Whitier Narrows - Jan. 8 continued ---Geese, Sparrows, Flycatchers and perhaps the Chestnut-sided Warbler and Tropical Kingbird? Bring water, snacks, and lunch. **Leader: Dan Gregory (909) 944-2259.**

Saturday, January 10, 2015

Orange County Area

A tour of coastal migrant traps and hot spots for wintering specialties and a New Year start with a big list. Meets 7:00 a.m. at Memorial Park for carpooling. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. **Leader: Eric Smith (909) 477-7976 or bird4life28@yahoo.com.**

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Prado Regional Park

A visit to this popular park in Chino for Vermillion Flycatchers, Hawks and wintering vagrants. Meets 7:00 a.m. at Memorial Park for carpooling. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. **Leader: Dan Gregory (909) 944-2259.**

Saturday/Sunday, February 14 & 15, 2015

Salton Sea Weekend

Our annual jaunt to the Salton Sea. Meet at 5:00 a.m. at Memorial Park or at 8:00 a.m. at Unit 1 (Vendel Road and Bannister off Hwy 86). We'll visit Cattle Call Park in Brawley and spots along the south end of the Salton Sea for winter rarities including Mountain Plover, Mountain Bluebird and Burrowing Owl – plan to finish by 4 p.m. We'll overnight in Brawley (Brawley Inn) and bird our way north Sunday along Hwy. 111 with stops at the Wister Unit and the northern end. **Leader: Dan Guthrie (909) 239-5124 or dguthrie@jsd.claremont.edu**

Thursday, March 12, 2015

Peck Road Water Conservation Park

This hidden gem in Arcadia boasts Orange Bishop and Red Whiskered Bulbul. More in January. **Leader: Dan Gregory (909) 944-2259.**

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Antelope Valley & Piute Ponds

A trip for returning shorebirds desert species and remaining wintering ducks. We will visit Apollo Park, Piute Ponds on Edward's Air Base, and possibly the Lancaster Sewage Ponds. Our return to Claremont will be through the Antelope valley looking for Sage and Leconte's Thrashers and wintering hawks. Meets 7:00 a.m. at Memorial Park for carpooling - Bring water, snacks, and lunch. **Leader: Dan Guthrie (909) 239-5124 or dguthrie@jsd.claremont.edu**

Thursday, April 9, 2015

North Etiwanda Preserve

This canyon area is home to Rufous-crowned and Sage Sparrows as well as chaparral and coastal sage species. Chance for great birds including Golden Eagle. Meets 7:00 a.m. at Memorial Park for carpooling. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. **Leader: Dan Gregory (909) 944-2259.**

Saturday, April 18, 2014

San Dimas Canyon

Join Eric for a walk in the canyon to look for local species and migrants. Meets 7:00 a.m. at Memorial Park. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. **Leader: Eric Smith (909) 477-7976 or bird4life28@yahoo.com**

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Big Morongo Canyon

A trip at the height of western migration for transient and returning species, including Summer Tanager, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Yellow-breasted Chat and lots of orioles. Meets 7:00 a.m. at Memorial Park for carpooling. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. **Leader: Dan Gregory (909) 944-2259.**

18th Central Valley Birding Symposium November 20-23, 2014 in Stockton, CA

Our field trips always turn up exciting birds. Add in the always entertaining and educational Bird ID Panel, the wonderful display of art and gifts at the Birder's Market and the camaraderie of hundreds of like-minded folks, and you know you'll have a good time!

* Thursday Night, Ed Harper starts our birding off with **"Appreciating the Birds of the Central Valley"**.

* Friday Night, Nat Seavey gets serious with **"From Flood to Drought: A Bird's-Eye View of Water Management in the Central Valley."** Nat Seavey, is the Research Director of the Pacific Coast and Central Valley Group at Point Blue Conservation Science (formerly PRBO). His research focuses on the ecology and conservation of riparian ecosystems, bird migration, ecological effects of climate change, and applying science to conservation decision making & public policy.

* Saturday Night, Joel Greenberg presents **"The Echoes of their Wings: The Life and Legacy of the Passenger Pigeon."** For the past four years he has been a leader in Project Passenger Pigeon which aims to mark the anniversary of the species' extinction. He is co-producing the documentary, From Billions to None: The Passenger Pigeon's Flight to Extinction. It will be available in spring of 2014.

Workshops: "Subspecies for Birders," "What Birders should know about Taxonomy in Flux," by Jon Dunn & Kimball Garrett, plus photo, popular Specimen Workshop, plus, plus..... <http://www.2013cvbs.org/>

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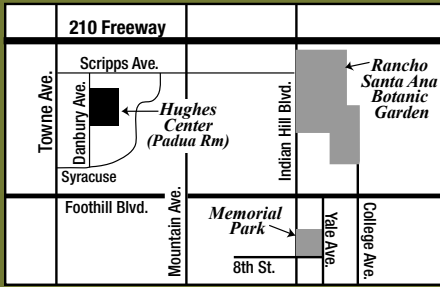
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General Meetings are held in the **Padua Room** in the **Alexander Hughes Center, 1700 Danbury Drive, Claremont.** From Foothill Blvd., head north on Mountain or Towne Ave. and turn onto Scripps Drive. Turn south on Danbury, the Alexander Hughes Center will be on the east side. Our meetings begin with a bird identification session at 7 p.m. followed by refreshments, a short business meeting, and our evening program.

Bring a friend?

Non-members are welcome!

PVAS General Membership Meetings

Thursday, September 4, 2014

Extended Family Fun in the Galapagos by Dan Guthrie

Over 6000 pictures and videos documenting EVERYTHING from hikes, snorkeling, sunsets, boat spray ... well, you get the idea. Add great food, friendly people and a boat to themselves and it was no ordinary family vacation. Some tanagers and 24 species of hummingbirds at feeders on the mainland rounded up the bird tally.

Judy Sugden, Capparrel Naturalist Editor, lets an albatross pass by.



California, and occasionally beyond. He is the compiler of the Southeastern California Rare Bird Alert, and is the eBird reviewer for Orange and San Bernardino Counties.

Thursday, December 4, 2014 TBA

Thursday, October 2, 2014

Remarkable Red Crossbills by Lance Benner

Crossbills are finches with beaks that cross at the tips. In North America they have recently been classified into ten types based on their flight calls and may actually represent a number of different species. Lance Benner of Pasadena Audubon will discuss the biology and adaptations of Red Crossbills, make extensive use of eBird maps to illustrate their geographic distribution, and use recordings and sonograms to demonstrate how to identify their flight calls.

In the past three years Lance Benner has worked with Walter Szeliga, Kathi Ellsworth, and John Garrett, using sonograms to determine the flight call types. This led to the discovery that the Red Crossbills that occur most often in southern California are type 2s and that many of the crossbills in our area during the irruption of 2012-2013 were type 3s.

Thursday, November 6, 2014

BIG YEAR Strategies, by Tom Benson

Have you ever wondered what goes into a Big Year--what kind of effort, planning, and preparation are necessary to succeed? Young or still young at heart, do you have what it takes? Tom Benson has done two county Big Years in the past five years, and he is going to share his insights on the strategies and execution of the county Big Year, based primarily on his most recent Big Year in Orange County in 2013.

Tom is an avid birder who lives (and works, despite rumors to the contrary) in San Bernardino, and birds extensively throughout southern