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Local Migratory Bird Study Gets Lift from PAS

One spring morning a few years ago, a group of local birders witnessed an amazing phenomenon at a mountain pass named Bear Divide, located near the western edge of the San Gabriels. To their astonishment, they saw thousands of migrating birds cruising through. The notched rim of the rather unassuming valley appeared to be a bottleneck along a major thoroughfare in the Pacific flyway. I was among those present on that special day, and as postdoctoral researcher at Occidental College, I saw a golden opportunity. This year, PAS helped fund the first ever official Bear Divide Migration Count. Counters Deven Kammerichs-Berke and Matt Brady counted from March 15 – June 1, and the two of them have logged over 38,000 birds of 168 species!

In addition to the rich data we are collecting on bird migration, the public has become engaged, and we have hosted many visitors and volunteers this year to witness the migration spectacle. Some days, we've seen up to 4,000 individual birds flying past! We have been posting our data live as we record it to our website (<https://www.beardivide.org/>), so birders can follow the action in real time, or go back through the past days to see the big picture! Our first season has come to a close. We consider it a resounding success, and with support from PAS, we hope to continue this count well into the future.

-Dr. Ryan Terrill

(l-r) A Swainson's Thrush, a Black-headed Grosbeak, and a Western Tanager tucking in their wings as they head over the pass © Ryan Terrill; A migratory bird's eye view of the Bear Divide site



PRESIDENT'S PERCH

As spring brings us signs of hope like fledgling Bewick's Wrens and the return of PAS field trips, I am overcome with gratitude for the heroic work that our many volunteers have been doing to keep Pasadena Audubon not only surviving but thriving during the pandemic. I am especially grateful for one of our longest-serving volunteers, Elaine MacPherson, who has just retired from her position as "the voice of Pasadena Audubon."

That's right, if you've ever called the phone number for Pasadena Audubon, you were met with the chirpy cheerful voice of Elaine who has been answering our phone for over 25 years! She's answered countless questions from local residents, and has done so with kindness and an awareness that she might be the caller's first contact with Audubon, so she's done her best to be tactful.

To be kind and tactful hasn't always been easy. Some questions are easier to deal with than others. She's happy to answer the many questions about the ubiquitous parrots and peafowl, but it's not so simple when a caller asks about a baby bird that's fallen out of its nest or a bird that is seriously injured.

Sometimes the caller doesn't want to hear that fledglings are indeed vulnerable to predators, and there isn't much we can do about it, or that we do not offer wildlife rehabilitation as a service. As Elaine said to me, "It's very hard to explain to people that birds die." I'm sure it is! Thank you, Elaine, for taking on that task for us for these many years!

Elaine was also a field trip leader for a long time, with ten or so years leading the monthly walk at the Huntington Library. She's been a shining star for Pasadena Audubon for decades, and I am grateful.

Of course, Elaine is not alone. Many of you volunteer your time and talents to help Pasadena Audubon thrive. We have many programs and projects, and all of them depend on volunteers: our Bird Science Program docents; the team revising and revitalizing the Birding Guide of the Pasadena Area; the Advocacy Committee, which is urging Pasadena to adopt bird-friendlier street trees; the Grants Committee, which manages our grants program; folks who weed and prune our garden at Washington STEM Elementary School; field trip leaders; folks who help clean Peck Road Park; our coffee club manager Kathy; our outreach team; and of course, the Board, which is in charge of putting together the Wrentit, planning

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MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS: UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June Dinner (sans dinner)

June 16, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Even with the COVID pandemic mercifully petering out, we're once again holding our annual June meeting virtually via Zoom to be on the safe side. But don't cry for us *Larus argentatus**! This is still sure to be a great time, as we will be celebrating members' contributions with several awards and carrying on with the PAS annual June tradition of the Members' Slideshow!

If you're a PAS member and would like to show your bird photos or videos during the meeting, here's how to do it:

- 1) Register at tinyurl.com/PASslideshow21 to be added to the list of presenters.
- 2) During the meeting, be ready to present when you are called on. When it's your turn you'll need to share your computer screen so we can all see your images, and you'll want the images to fill the screen if possible. It's not a bad idea to practice with the screen sharing feature before the meeting.
- 3) So that we can have time for everyone, presentations are limited to five minutes. That's 15 photos at most!
- 4) Questions? Email Lois Brunet at loisb.pas@gmail.com.



Hundreds of thousands of sandhill cranes crowd the Platte River in Nebraska each spring, one of the greatest wildlife spectacles on the planet. ©Scott Weidensaul

Be there and be a Zoom Square!

**Larus argentatus* is the scientific name for the Herring Gull. See what we did there?

A World on the Wing: The Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds July 21st, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Scott Weidensaul

In the past two decades, our understanding of the navigational and physiological feats that make bird migration possible has exploded. Whether it's crossing immense oceans, flying above the highest mountains, forgoing sleep for days or weeks, or remaining in unbroken flight for months at a stretch, the latest avian migration discoveries time and time again exceed what we thought was possible.

Author and naturalist Scott Weidensaul has traveled the world to profile the scientists working to unravel the mysteries of migration, and the conservationists fighting to protect the future of the world's migrating birds. It's the subject of his new best-selling book "A World on the Wing: The Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds". Join us for a globe-hopping presentation as Scott shows us some of the ways birds are even more amazing than we thought.

Scott Weidensaul is the author of nearly

thirty books, including the Pulitzer Prize finalist "Living on the Wind: Across the Hemisphere with Migratory Birds" and "The Peterson Reference Guide to Owls of North America and the Caribbean". Weidensaul's writing has appeared in dozens of publications, including *Audubon*, *Living Bird*, *Bird Watcher's Digest* and *National Wildlife*. Weidensaul is also an active bird researcher, co-directing Project OwlNet, a collaborative effort among nearly 125 banding and research stations across North America studying owl migration, and for more than 20 years he has directed a major effort to study the movements of Northern Saw-Whet Owls.

Movie Night!!

Date/Time/Location TBD



An outdoor, in-person screening of an avian-themed movie is tentatively planned for a mid-summer Saturday night, but the particulars are pretty sketchy at present. More info to follow, so watch your email, the PAS webpage, and PAS social media for further details.

Monthly chapter meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month. Until further notice, the meetings will be held remotely via the Zoom platform for video conferencing. The application can be downloaded free of charge to computer or smartphone at <https://zoom.us/download>. Chapter members will receive an email from PAS with a link on the day of the meeting.

Upcoming PAS Board Meetings

The PAS Board meets from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm on the first Wednesday of the month, between September and June. Contact Lois Brunet at LoisB.PAS@gmail.com if you would like the Zoom link to attend.

June 2nd, 2021
September 1st, 2021
October 6th, 2021
November 3rd, 2021
December 1st, 2021

PAGE THREE BIRD

Yellow-breasted Chat

Summer's coming. We know this not just by looking at the calendar, or by noting the return of that strange LA weather phenomenon that makes for cooler cloudier days this time of year. We know because of the birds. White-crowned sparrows and Ruby-crowned Kinglets are getting pretty scarce. Warblers have mostly moved on, too. That is, except for a unique warbler that's in town to keep things interesting: The Yellow-breasted Chat.

Southern California, and in fact most of the lower 48 states, are within the breeding range of these singular songbirds. If ebird data are representative, they reach their greatest abundance in Los Angeles County at the beginning of June, though by no means is the region ever teeming with them. Like our newsletter's namesake and last issue's Page 3 Bird, Yellow-breasted Chats have no close relatives in North America...or anywhere else for that matter. Since 2017 they have been classified as the lone member of the family Icteriidae (not to be confused with Icteridae- blackbirds and orioles) after having been lumped with the New World Warblers (Parulidae). At 7½", most field guides refer to them as "the largest of our warblers," but their taxonomy is not a settled issue.

This species is aptly named. There's nothing subtle about the yellow decorating its front; the vivid hue is present in both sexes, juveniles and adults alike, and it's nicely offset by an olive dorsum. White spectacles and a white malar stripe round out its distinctive appearance. Their song is an array of squawks, chatters, and whistles that are vaguely reminiscent of derisive laughter. They are known to mimic other birds', so listen for a less varied mockingbird-style medley, and without the characteristic doublet.

Yellow-breasted Chats favor dense shrubbery at the edges of streams, swamps, and ponds, where they subsist on a diet of insects and berries. Locally, Peck Road Water Conservation Park, Whittier Narrows, and Hansen Dam are reliable spots to see them. Attentive birders might witness, and even provoke, a male flight display of exaggerated wing flaps and dangly legs that serves the dual purpose of claiming a territory and courting females. Successful courtships lead to nesting in low, dense vegetation 1-8 feet off the ground (blackberry and honeysuckle are two favorites) and clutches of 3-6 off-white, speckled eggs. Both parents feed the chicks, who eventually head south with them to winter between Mexico and Panama, or at least that's usually what happens.

Every so often a Yellow-breasted Chat will decide to linger up north. In December of 2016, a dawdling Chat achieved celebrity status in Manhattan, sustaining itself on New Yorkers' leftovers in a trash can outside a historic church. Closer to home, chats are occasionally observed in the heart of winter, suggesting they either never left or returned very early.

Conservationwise, Yellow-breasted Chats are not a species of great concern nationally. And yet, in the last fifty years, their numbers have declined by about 37 percent, a steeper drop than the estimated 30 percent overall decline in North American birds since 1970. Ironically, in the eastern United States that decline is attributed to *reforestation*, which has replaced the shrubby habitat they prefer. Consequently, chats are on endangered species lists for some states (and Canadian provinces) at the edges of its breeding range. PAS can help the Yellow-breasted Chat by preserving our shrubby, water-adjacent spaces and supporting efforts to darken flyway metro areas at night during migration.

Carl Matthies



The Yellow-breasted Chat is our brassiest, beefiest warbler...or is it? © Javier Vazquez

CONSERVATION

As I write this, Pasadena Audubon Society and the Arroyo Seco Foundation prepare for the June 7th meeting of the Pasadena City Council, where we will appeal the approval of the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project. This project attempts to utilize all of Pasadena's historical water rights to the Arroyo Seco stream, but it will ultimately harm the already-endangered groundwater levels in the Raymond Basin, a critical resource. It will also cause ecological harm in Hahamongna Watershed Park and in the canyon above Hahamongna. Check the PAS website for news of the Council's decision.

Continuing with the water theme, PAS members have recently observed bullfrogs in the ponds of the Huntington and of the County Arboretum. Their presence, after many previous years of no presence, suggests that some misguided person released them there. Bullfrogs are an invasive species in California and they are a serious ecological threat to native animal species, including birds. I'm working with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to determine the best plan for their removal.

Finally, this is my last conservation article for the Wrentit. After 15 years on the board of PAS, I think it's time to take a break. The search is underway for a new Conservation Chair. If you have any candidates in mind, please contact Laura Solomon with your ideas. Thanks for your efforts to protect bird habitats and, please, stay vigilant. There's always another threat looming...

Mark Hunter

FIELD TRIPS!

Pasadena Audubon Society is excited to relaunch field trips in June 2021 with events focused on butterflies and Black Swifts. As we head further into summer we will have some mountain adventures to look forward to before fall migration kicks off with the return of southbound shorebirds. Essentially on hiatus since March 2020, we hope that they will be back for good this time (unlike our aborted fall relaunch!).

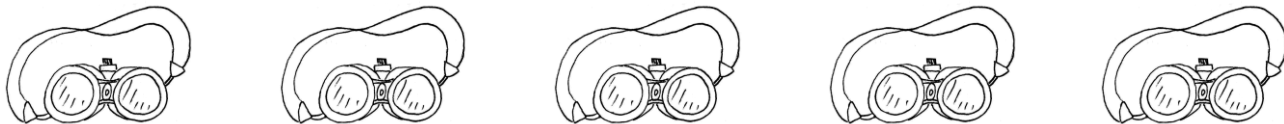
During the period we have been away we have appointed a new PAS Field Trip Chair: Luke Tiller. As well as being our Program Chair for the past six years Luke is a professional natural history tour guide and wildlife biologist. He has been lucky enough to travel to Europe, Asia, the Middle East South and Central America to show people birds but enjoys nothing more than showing people his favorite places, incredible birds and amazing critters in Southern California.

As well as looking forward to bringing you some much loved classic PAS field trips we are thrilled to bring you a host of exciting new ones. As well as our regular guides we have been working on recruiting some new faces while we have been away too. We will be posting a little about our field trip leaders on the Field Trips section of our website in the future: pasadenaudubon.org/fieldtrips

One of the issues we have also been considering is the accessibility of field trips and as we move forward we hope to have more events that are accessible to more birders. If you have a suggestion for a field trip location please email suggestions to Luke Tiller at luke.tiller@gmail.com Equally if you are interested in leading or co-leading trips for Pasadena Audubon please send us a message. In the future we hope to have a field trip leader training program for interested participants.

At the current time we are going to be asking PAS Field Trip participants to sign up online and complete a waiver form. The promptest way to find out about upcoming trips will be electronically via our member's eblast. If you have not already signed up for those, we would encourage you to do so. Email loisb.pas@gmail.com to be added to that mailing list. We look forward to seeing some of you in the field in the very near future!

Luke Tiller



Butterflying for Birders

June 5th, 8:00am-2:00pm

Leaders: Corey Husic and Luke Tiller, in conjunction with Southern California Black Outdoor Adventurers as part of Black Birders Week Celebrations

Join Luke and Corey for an exploration of the San Gabriel Mountains that will seek out some of the beautiful butterflies that call our local mountain range home. Butterflies and dragonflies make the perfect companion to a day out birding. When temperatures rise and birds quiet down insects come into their element. As well as butterflies we will take time to enjoy some of the many birds that call the San Gabriel's home, from year round residents like California Thrasher, Wrentit and Acorn Woodpecker to species that have come here for the summer in order to breed, like Lazuli Bunting, Western Tanager and Black-chinned Sparrow.

Butterflies need a little warmth to get them going in the morning which means a slightly later start to this trip than the average.

Black Swifts & Lesser Nighthawks

June 26th, late afternoon/evening

Leaders: Taylor Paez and Luke Tiller

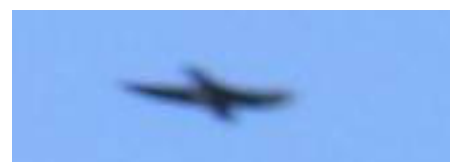
Black Swifts. So enigmatic was this species that up until 2012 ornithologists still had no idea where the birds wintered. We will seek out these aerial acrobats at Claremont Wilderness Park, the only reliable spot in LA County, to find this most mysterious of birds. The swifts are best looked for late in the day, so we will spend a couple of pre-dusk hours seeking them out. On our return towards Pasadena we will make a sundown stop in Duarte to look for displaying Lesser Nighthawks.

Not a morning person? This may be the perfect PAS trip for you!

The Devil In the Details

Field trips are offered by reservation only. In the near term, trips will be limited to ten people per leader. The only way to register is at: pasadenaudubon.org/fieldtrips. If the trip is already full when you sign up, you will be added to a waitlist and will be emailed by trip leaders if a space opens up. If you are unable to attend a booked trip please email the trip leaders and allow them to make your space available to someone on the wait list.

Trip details such as meeting time and location will be emailed to participants 3-5 days before the departure of the tour.



This is the only known photograph of a Black Swift. (Just kidding. They're not THAT enigmatic. Still pretty darn enigmatic though.) © Luke Tiller

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAS Webmaster Adds Programs Chair to Resumé

In April, PAS Webmaster Chris Spurgeon took over the role of Programs Chair, whose job is finding fascinating speakers for our monthly meetings. The additional responsibilities will surely keep Chris busy, but his spirit of volunteerism allows Luke Tiller to focus on field trips just as they are at long last ramping up again (See page 4). Chris has already scored a major coup by booking renowned author Scott Wiedensaul as the guest speaker for the July meeting (see page 2). Here's a thumbnail biography of our board member.

Chris' interest in birds started when he was in high school, and then really ramped up in college, where he studied Wildlife Management at West Virginia University and Biology at the University of Maryland. A work-study gig helping researchers at the Smithsonian Institution's National Zoo study gull vocalization gave him a taste of what being a professional ornithologist could be like.

But his career plans took an unexpected turn away from birds and toward journalism when the volunteer work he was doing at National Public Radio turned into paying jobs. This led to a 20-year career in public broadcasting -- everything from directing "Fresh Air with Terry Gross" to producing an award-winning environmental affairs news program. The journalism work morphed into producing online content and a few subsequent decades working as a web developer. Somewhere along that journey, birding got left behind.

That all changed in 2004 when his family moved to Southern California and he went on a beginners birdwalk. There were all sorts of birds he'd never seen, or even heard of, before (on that first trip he remembers asking the trip leader, "What the HELL is a Nuttall's Woodpecker?"), and he was blown away by the variety of birds and birding habitats in Los Angeles county alone. He's been an avid birder ever since.

Chris describes himself as a perpetually beginning birder, and surely holds the Pasadena Audubon Society record for the greatest number of confused and incorrect bird identifications during PAS field trips. He also refuses to back away from his controversial opinion that "House Sparrows are actually kinda cool".



PAS Webmaster and Programs Chair Chris Spurgeon has no time to listen to any snarky comments you may be tempted to make about House Sparrows

Board Elections Recap: Get to Know Gary Breaux, the New PAS Treasurer

Three familiar faces ran unopposed at May's general meeting, and all three were re-elected with overwhelming support from the membership to continue serving in their current capacity. Jane Glicksman will remain Secretary for a second year, while Laura Solomon and Darren Dowell will serve a fifth year as President and Vice President, respectively. However, the fourth elected office on the Board was filled by a newcomer (who also ran unopposed): In June, Gary Breaux will take over as Treasurer for Taylor Paez, who will stay heavily involved with PAS activities as both a member of the Governance Committee and a Field Trip Leader.

Gary Breaux retired in August 2018 after more than 35 years of working for a variety of companies as a Chief Financial Officer. Prior to retirement he served as Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California where he managed all of the district's financial programs, including financial planning, accounting and financial reporting, budgeting, rate-setting, investments, debt management, and risk management. Previously, he held a similar position with the East Bay Municipal Water Utility District, the City of Oakland and the City of Richmond, VA. Gary has a bachelor's degree in Business and a Master's in Public Administration and is a (non-active) Certified Public Accountant.



An important building provides the perfect backdrop for this photograph of newly-elected PAS Treasurer Gary Breaux

Gary currently serves as Treasurer on four other non-profit boards: Jericho Road of Pasadena, Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants, Academy of Music for the Blind and Coffee With A Cause. He is also an avid gardener, cyclist, and hiker and loves to travel.

PRESIDENT'S PERCH (CONT'D)

programs and field trips, responsibly managing our funds, maintaining the website, managing membership, providing hospitality, responding to political and social issues as they relate to birds and birding, planning workshops, working with the Young Birders Club, strategic planning, and envisioning our future. And so much more!!! While we are lucky beyond belief to have an amazing Program Director in Lois Brunet, our success depends on our host of dedicated, hard-working, talented, fantastic volunteers. Come join us!

We are Pasadena Audubon, and we love our volunteers!

Laura Solomon

PROGRAMS

Young Birders Try Their Hand at Nest Building

Our young birders had a lot of fun making nests using natural materials. They shared their work at our last meeting. Nests came in all shapes and sizes, some decorated with leaves and string, as birds will do, some with eggs both large and small. Our group of young birders averages 8 years of age, but they are as passionate as any birder can be! We also heard presentations on European Starlings and Corvids from Ayelen, age 9, and Raymi, age 6. All look forward to birding together, but in the meantime, our fledgling young birders are building their flight muscles! This club meets on the second Wednesday of the month, at 6 pm. Sign-up information is on our website. All young people are welcome!



Junia, age 7, with her bird nest and hand painted pistachio nut eggs



Found object nest (minus the bird figurines) made by Katrina, age 9

*A wonderful bird is the pelican,
His bill will hold more than his belican,
He can take in his beak
Enough food for a week
But I'm damned if I see how the helican!*

-Dixon Lanier Merritt



We're Looking for a Few Good Bins

If you've got a nice old pair of binoculars or a spotting scope, still in good working order but no longer your equipment of choice in the field, please consider donating them to our "Bins to Peru" program. We're supplying kindred spirits in the *Club de Observadores de Aves de Perú* (COAP), based in Cusco, with quality birding optics contributed by our membership.



A COAP member using binoculars donated by PAS

Even mediocre optics are prohibitively expensive in Peru, and COAP President Saturnino Llactahuaman attests the local interest in birds far exceeds their resources. Contact Lois Brunet at LoisB.PAS@gmail.com to arrange a donation and spread the joy of birding all the way to the southern hemisphere!



DOCENT TRAINING

Our Bird Science Program incorporates hands-on outdoor activities and live educational owls to bring the excitement of birds to schools in our community. We are looking for enthusiastic educators to assist us as we guide elementary school students on field trips to explore our local plants and wildlife through scavenger hunts, nature walks and birding.

No prior experience needed! An interest in birds and conservation is desirable. You will learn the Bird Science Program curriculum through hands-on activities. Classes will also cover:

- An introduction to local birds and birding
- Lessons on birds and botany
- How to safely handle educational owls

Training consists of five classes on Thursdays from 9am to noon, starting on September 9, 2021. Classes may be online, at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, or at Peck Road Water Conservation Park in Arcadia. Fee is \$35 to help cover our costs. No one will be turned away if unable to pay, contact us. Register at: pasadenaudubon.org/docent_training

Must be over 18, willing to take a TB test and legally able to work with children. Contact Program Director Lois Brunet with any questions at LoisB.PAS@gmail.com

GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT

Thank you to our Wonderful Donors!

The donor list is especially long and distinguished this month on account of so many generous sponsors for Birdathon, which raised \$7046! We are so grateful for your support!

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Become a Part of the Dawn Chorus

Consider joining our monthly donor program to provide ongoing support for all our programs and events. Sign up at pasadenaudubon.org/donate. Dawn Chorus donors receive a beautiful enamel pin designed by PAS' own Patrick Walling and Graham Hamby!



"...And down the backstretch it's Seabiscuit in front by a length and a half over Tabasco Cat moving up along the rail, stalked on the outside by War Admiral and Kelso, while four lengths back of the lead it's Hoof Hearted bringing up the rear!" © Jim Margitan



It happens in just a second or two, but captured on film, a fly-catching sortie from a Black Phoebe is poetry in motion. © Tom Mills



"Say, Melinda, can you show us how to buy some of that fabulous shade-grown, bird-friendly coffee we've been drinking this morning?"

"Sure! It's a snap. You just go to the pasadenaudubon.org website, mouse over to the RESOURCES dropdown menu, and click on COFFEE CLUB. Then simply follow the instructions for ordering and paying."

"Oh my gosh! You weren't kidding. It really *is* a snap."

"It is. And the *Birds and Beans* brand is Fair Trade, so it benefits the birds as well as the people who grow it."

"Wonderful. Now how 'bout we celebrate with another cup!?"

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