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education and the conservation of bird habitats.*

June-September 2011

## June Dinner

### Eat, Drink, Applaud

**Saturday, June 11, 2011**

**5:00 pm—9:00 pm**

The Annual Dinner is always a good time. The awards for the Wrentit Club's first year will be handed out, and other honors and treats will be bestowed. The newly elected slate of officers will be presented. Enjoy free-flowing beer and wine at 5:00, and a delicious catered meal at six. You may bring 5 minutes' worth of JPG or PowerPoint images for the slide show. The venue, as usual, is Eaton Canyon Nature Center. Tickets are \$20 per person. Send checks payable to PAS by June 3 to "June Dinner" at Eaton Canyon Nature Center (address below). Questions? email [graceysw@earthlink.net](mailto:graceysw@earthlink.net).

**General Meetings Held At  
Eaton Canyon Nature Center  
1750 N Altadena Drive  
Pasadena, CA 91107  
Social 7:00 pm, Program 7:30 pm**

### President's Perch

On May 13, National Audubon Society (NAS) held their quarterly Board of Directors meeting at the Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. CEO David Yarnold outlined the need for a Strategic Plan to join the local Audubon chapters with NAS on Youth Programs. Our own John Garrett was one of four young people to make presentations – his title was "Birder's eye view of youth". Members of NAS and the

## September Program

### Fall Birds to Watch For

**Wednesday, September 21, 2011**

**Jon Fisher & Mickey Long**

There could be a Tennessee Warbler mixed in with those Orange-crowned Warblers, or a Rusty Blackbird in that flock of Red-winged and Brewer's. Perhaps a Swamp Sparrow is lurking among the Song Sparrows at the edge of that pond, or a Lesser Yellowlegs may be feeding in the shallows with the more common Greater.

When birding, it's always a big advantage to be aware of potential rarities and what it is that makes them different from our more common species before we encounter them. Mickey and Jon will take a look at when and where these rare birds occur and also give you tips on how to identify them as well as similar-looking common species.

Audubon chapters then formed groups to discuss strategy on implementing joint programs. I was impressed with David Yarnold's vow to improve cooperation between national and local Audubon chapters on Youth and Conservation issues.

June concludes the fiscal year for PAS and I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Dinner on the 11th!

## October Program

### A Very Big Year

**Wednesday, October 19, 2011**

**Sandy Komito**

A Big Year is a competition among birders to see who can see or hear the largest number of species of birds within a specific geographic area.

In 1998, three different birders — Sandy Komito, Al Levantin, and Greg Miller — chased Komito's record of 721 North American birds species. In the end Sandy Komito kept the record, listing an astonishing 745 birds, a record many in the birding community believe might never be broken.

Join us this evening to hear Sandy Komito, a celebrity in the bird watching community, regale us with anecdotes of his victory as well as gain insight in how to plan for your own big year. We will also be treated to photographs of many of the rarities that he was fortunate to observe.

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## Conservation & Education

### Sediment Management: A County Dilemma

I know the title of this article may not inspire you to keep reading, but nonetheless, this problem is very real and has serious environmental consequences. What is the problem? For 100 years, LA County has been managing debris basins in places like La Tuna Canyon and Hahamongna Watershed Park. These debris basins prevent mud, dirt, and sand from flooding homes by blocking the flow of these materials from the mountains and foothills. Once a basin has debris behind it, the County cleans it out and then has to find a place for the sediment. What's the problem? The County is running out of places to put the dirt, mud and rocks. This is why, in part, they bulldozed 11 acres of oak and sycamore woodlands in Arcadia last January.

Because the County Department of Public Works has run out of places to dump this sediment, and because they clearly need a new paradigm, they have convened a group of folks to tackle this issue. This group includes members of the DPW, engineers and watershed experts from other cities and other counties, and believe it or not, four local environmentalists. As a member of this group, which has the incredibly sexy name of the Sediment Management Advisory Working Group, I urge you to let me know if you have any concerns or ideas for how to manage this problem. This is a rare opportunity to have a voice in how the County does business. We need to do what we can to protect places like Hahamongna Watershed Park and La Tuna Canyon.

*Laura Garrett*

### Rubio Canyon Preserved Forever

Thanks to generous grants from the Wildlife Conservation Board, Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates, the Pasadena Audubon Society, Audubon California (the Jay J. and Sigrid E. Wimberly Fund), and donors like you, the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy has preserved Rubio Canyon for future generations. Located west of Eaton Canyon, this lovely canyon is home to several waterfalls and trails. Because of your generosity, these trails can be restored so the public can once again enjoy the beauty of all of Rubio Canyon. The Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy thanks you and looks forward to a long and productive partnership with the Pasadena Audubon Society. If you are interested in becoming a docent at Rubio Canyon, please contact Executive Director John Howell at [johnhowell@arroyosfoothills.org](mailto:johnhowell@arroyosfoothills.org) or 626.796.0118.

*Laura Garrett*

### John's Corner

At the National Audubon Society Board Meeting on May 13th, I had the fortune to speak briefly about attracting more young birders to National Audubon. Many young—teenage—birders have a strong presence in other bird organizations, but they are seemingly scarce in the National Audubon Society. I've noticed that many are tied with the American Birding Association, Western Field Ornithologists, Cornell Laboratory, their local Audubon chapters, as well as natural history museums and Bird Observatories, but not many are as obsessive or intrigued about conservation as they are about birding, competition, and science.

One way to help remedy this would be to have more education

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### Birding 101

Wednesday, July 13, 20, 27, 2011  
7:00 pm

(plus field trips 7/16 & 7/23)

Birding provides enjoyment and challenge throughout life. Birding gets you outdoors on your street or around the world. Birding increases your ability to observe and appreciate the world around you. And finally, Birding is gosh darn fun! So, why put off learning how to be a better birder any longer?

This class is designed for beginners, but all are welcome. We will cover identification, optics, field guides, note-taking, habitats, birding ethics, and many other topics. Class size is limited, so don't delay!

Location of the class and field trips will be sent to the class participants.

Cost: \$40 for Pasadena Audubon members, \$60 for non-members (which will include membership). This fee will cover all three classes and two field trips. Payment is payable to "Pasadena Audubon Society" and is due at the first class session.

Leaders: Ron Cyger and Mark Scheel. For questions or to make reservations, contact [Birding101@pasadenaaudubon.org](mailto:Birding101@pasadenaaudubon.org).

Sponsored by Pasadena Audubon Society and Eaton Canyon Nature Center.

### Sponsor a Species

The Breeding Bird Atlas for Los Angeles County is almost out! You can support this effort by "adopting" one of the species in the Atlas for a donation of \$100.

Order through Los Angeles Audubon's website. Go to [www.losangelesaudubon.org](http://www.losangelesaudubon.org), click on "Online Nature Store", then on "Sponsor a breeding bird species". Or call Audubon House (323-876-0202), or send your check for \$100 to Los Angeles Audubon (P. O. Box 931057, Los Angeles, CA 90093-1057).

**The Big Sit**

April 23, 2011

**M**y Birdathon team did a Big Sit, which is just what it sounds like: we sat (and stood) for four hours to see what could be seen from one location. We saw and heard a total of 48 species of birds.

We began at the very civilized hour of 7:30 am (as opposed to midnight at Piute Ponds wa-a-a-y out in the Antelope Valley). Our team (Mickey Long, Judy Bass, Liz Cordero, Grace Wong, Celia Lowenthal, Mark Hunter, Remie and Sebastian, plus me) met at Legg Lakes at Whittier Narrows, right between the south and middle lakes.

Dozens of Great Blue Herons and Double-crested Cormorants were flying by and sitting on nests (one cormorant flew by with nesting material that was twice as long as the bird!), and families of Canada Geese trundled by. We saw plenty of other species, including a pair of American White Pelicans circling overhead and a trio of Caspian Terns. Great-tailed Grackles whistled and

*continued on page 6***Irritable Owl Syndrome**

April 23, 2011

Birdathon team "Irritable Owl Syndrome" was: Jon Feenstra, John Garrett, Mark Scheel, and Janet Scheel.

We had a very relaxing day. We drank our coffee and ate strawberries, chips, chocolate, and ice cream. We even took a nap.

Oh, and did I mention that we did this while dashing around LA County, from Piute Ponds at midnight to Rancho Palos Verdes at 8:00 pm, along a 400-mile twisted route that covered many habitats and over 40 planned (and timed) stops for key birds. When we reached 160 species by the time we left the Antelope Valley at 12:30 pm, we realized we were heading for a high total. When all was said and done, we ended with 204 species for the day.

Best bird: Semipalmated Sandpiper at Piute Ponds

Worst missed bird: (Tie): Cedar Waxwing, Forster's Tern

Best spotting:

- John: Flyover Tricolored Blackbird at Piute Ponds
- Janet: Perched White-tailed Kite at Malibu Creek
- Jon: Burrowing Owl in the Antelope Valley
- Mark: Bank Swallow at Piute Ponds

Best bird directions: "See that old lady standing there with the pink floral skirt? Look between her legs and there's a Ring-necked Duck."

Worst comment by a passerby: "What are you doing, watching nude sunbathers?"

*Mark Scheel***Trip Reports & Sightings****Hahamongna This Spring**

**H**ahamongna has been productive, as usual, this spring. In April, Lance Benner's field trip found 52 species, including both Downy and Hairy Woodpecker, and both Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawk. Other notables included Hooded Merganser and Peregrine Falcon. Nesting and mating species were numerous.

Ron Cyger's May trip found 41 species, including Blue Grosbeak and Western Tanager. In between the regular trips, Darren Dowell found White-faced Ibis and Solitary Sandpiper.

On May 14 there was a special Hahamongna outing. Members of the Board of Directors of the National Audubon Society, in Pasadena for a meeting, toured Hahamongna with Ron Cyger, John Garrett, and Jeff Chapman. It was an odd day for May: rainy at first and then sunny, windy, and cool. Western Tanagers abounded; a few nesting Cliff Swallows put on a show at the dam; our routine Red-crowned Parrots passing overhead drew some exclamations of surprise from the out-of-towners. They ended up with 54 species and an appreciation of this wild gem in an otherwise urban Pasadena.

**America's Birdiest County**

April 22-24, 2011

**L**ance Benner, a PAS trip leader, has handled the compilation of the ABC competition for many years. He reports that Los Angeles County won this competition in 2010 (with 271 species), 2009 (264), 2008 (255), 2007 (272), and 2006 (265). In earlier years we were usually defeated by Monterey or San Diego Counties, or sometimes both.

This year, with the ABC held on the same weekend as Birdathon, we are headed to likely victory with a species count of 277 (a few additional species had to be rejected for lack of documentation.) Not all counties nationwide have submitted their data yet but L.A., with its best number ever, will be pretty hard to beat. Congratulations to a group of birders who are getting ever more talented and smarter at finding those rarities!

Species that were found this year, but never before in the history of the competition, include: Greater Scaup (Quail Lake), Black-footed Albatross (San Clemente Island), Dusky-capped Flycatcher (Bell Gardens Veteran Park), Northern Parula (Creek Park, La Mirada), Chestnut-sided Warbler (Legg Lake), Harris's Sparrow (Palos Verdes Peninsula), and Evening Grosbeak (Blue Ridge Campground, San Gabriel Mountains). So there are some pretty exceptional birds out there in pretty ordinary locations.

A much more detailed account of the ABC competition can be found on the PAS web site at [www.pasadenaudubon.org/abc\\_results](http://www.pasadenaudubon.org/abc_results)

## Field Trips

### Throop Peak

Sunday, June 19, 2011

8:00 am — 2:00 pm

Join us as we explore one of the highest altitude trails in the San Gabriel Mountains during the peak time of year for montane bird activity. This trip will hike at a leisurely pace to the summit of Throop Peak (elevation: about 9100 feet) as we search for montane specialties such as Williamson's Sapsucker, Townsend's Solitaire, Clark's Nutcracker, Dusky Flycatcher, White-headed Woodpecker, Red Crossbill, Cassin's Finch, and other montane species.

Meet at Dawson Saddle at mile 69.6 on the Angeles Crest Highway. Bring plenty of water, lunch, sunscreen, bug repellent, a coat, sturdy shoes, and an Adventure Pass.

The hike is about 5 miles long, some sections are steep, and all of it is at altitudes in excess of 7900 feet.

Please carpool and plan for about 90 minutes to drive up from Pasadena (presuming Angeles Crest is open — watch the Yahoo group for announcements close to the trip date.)

*Lance Benner*



### Piute Ponds

Saturday, August 6, 2011

The main focus of this trip will be to observe shorebirds at the Piute Ponds and other west Mojave "hot spots" (literally and figuratively) in the Antelope Valley of northern Los Angeles County. Thousands of sandpipers and plovers stage at these isolated wetlands during their southbound migration and we will be there to meet them. Baird's Sandpiper and Semipalmated Sandpiper are likely possibilities. In addition to shorebirds (if this weren't enough), the surrounding desert can produce Prairie Falcon, LeConte's Thrasher, and lots of Horned Larks and Sage Sparrows.

Note: The Piute Ponds are located on Edwards Air Force Base which has restricted entry. Please notify me via email if you would like to attend. The meeting place and time will be arranged.

*Jon Feenstra*

### Huntington Beach Central Park

Saturday, September 24, 2011

Full details in the September Wrentit



### Los Angeles River

Saturday, August 20, 2011

7:00 am — noon

The Los Angeles River remains the best place in coastal Los Angeles County to see a great variety of shorebirds. Join us for a casual walk up the Los Angeles River to see what we can find. We can expect to see good numbers of returning sandpipers and may even be able to find a rarity. A few Solitary Sandpipers, Baird's Sandpipers and dowitchers should be in and we could even find a Semi-palmated Sandpiper or something even more unexpected. We will start at Willow Street in Long Beach and work our way up the River and finish at the recently restored Dominguez Gap wetland. Meet at the bike path entrance along De Forrest Avenue. Take the Willow Street exit east off the 710 Freeway and turn north at Golden Avenue just east of the River. Take an immediate left on 26th and proceed to De Forest and the bike path entrance.

*Jon Fisher*



*More field trips on page 7.*

### Eaton Canyon Walk

Sunday, June 19, 2011

Sunday, July 17, 2011

Sunday, August 21, 2011

Sunday, September 18, 2011

8:00 am — 11:00 am

Pasadena Audubon and Eaton Canyon Nature Center are cosponsoring monthly walks at Eaton Canyon. The walks are led by Hill Penfold, who has been leading them at ECNC for many years. Hill is wonderful with birders of all levels and Eaton Canyon is one of the best locations to learn the birds of the Pasadena area.

The walks are held on the third Sunday of each month. Meet at the flagpole: bring water, binoculars, hats, but no dogs.



### Hahamongna Monthly Walk

Saturday, September 3, 2011

(no walks June thru August)

7:30 am — noon

This monthly bird walk is for birders of all ages and experience. A good variety of birds should be in residence. Bring binoculars, birding guide, water and wear walking shoes. No dogs.

Exit the north 210 at Berkshire and make a right, then a left at Oak Grove. The Hahamongna Watershed Park entrance is on the right at the next stop light. Take the first left after entering Hahamongna, and park by the ballfield.

*Ron Cyger*



### Huntington Library Monthly Walk

Sunday, June 26, 2011

Sunday September 25, 2011

(no walks in July, August)

8:00 am — 11:00 am

A special benefit for PAS members is the chance to bird the Huntington Library grounds. Reservations required; limit 15 participants. You may bring one non-member guest, space permitting. We thank our member and Huntington curator, Dan Lewis, for making these trips possible.

Contact Elaine MacPherson by email (preferred), putting "Huntington" in the subject line to avoid inadvertent deletion, or by phone.



## Calendar

*Submit material for the next Wrentit by August 5th*



= Wrentit Club!

### June 2011

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Leader*
5	Sun	7:30 am	Field Trip	Mt. Pinos	Larry Johnson, Ron Cyger
11	Sat	5:00 pm	<b>Annual Dinner!</b>	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Grace Wong
19	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Throop Peak	Lance Benner
19	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
21	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Study Group	Descanso Gardens	Madeline West & Sid Heyman
25	Sat	3:00 pm	Field Trip	San Gabriels Owling	Lance Benner
26	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Huntington Library Gardens	Elaine MacPherson

*(PAS members only)*

### July 2011

13, 20, 27	Wed	7:00 pm	Birding 101	TBA	see page 2
17	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold

### August 2011

6	Sat	TBD	Field Trip	Piute Ponds	Jon Feenstra
20	Sat	7:00 am	Field Trip	Los Angeles River	Jon Fisher
21	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold

### September 2011

3	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip	Hahamongna	Ron Cyger
7	Wed	7:30 pm	Board Meeting	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Will Fulmer
21	Wed	7:00 pm	General Meeting	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Rare Fall Migrants
18	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
20	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Study Group	TBD	Madeline West & Sid Heyman
24	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip	Huntington Beach Central Park	Mark Scheel
25	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Huntington Library Gardens	Elaine MacPherson

*(PAS members only)*

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**The Big Sit, continued**

squawked at everything and everyone, while mallards and coots swam in the south lake.

Later we were treated to several Yellow-rumped Warblers in full breeding plumage, Bullock's Orioles, and a beautiful male Western Tanager. Even the House Finches seemed to be an extra bright red, and the Western Bluebirds blazed an intensely deep blue. We watched in vain for the Chestnut-sided Warbler and Tropical Kingbird. (Other birders saw them later in the weekend.) We nursed our frustration with delicious treats of strawberries, cookies, and potato chips, provided by Grace and Celia.

We observed the little dramas that constitute Whittier Narrows: we saw a nesting Great Blue Heron chase off a young Red-tailed Hawk that was attempting to eat one of her three heron chicks. That heron parent made an otherworldly noise that I have never heard in my life. We also heard a bizarre call that sounded something like a metal plate being struck. To our surprise, and thanks to Celia's Sibley iPhone app, we discovered it was a most unusual call of a Green Heron! We also witnessed a battle of sorts between a family of Canada Geese and a pair of Graylag Geese, the Graylags attacking the Canada parents with surprising viciousness. In fact, Mark followed them and came back with a handful of Canada Goose feathers that he claims was pulled out of a Canada Goose by a Graylag Goose! It was intense!

At 11:30, we reluctantly packed up and went home. What a relaxing and enjoyable day! Next year, feel free to join us. Go Sitters! (Isn't that oxymoronic? Oh well.)

*Laura Garrett*

**Hansen Dam Harriers**

**April 23, 2011**

The Hansen Harriers had a good morning and a slow/hot/crowded afternoon.

We began the morning with a dozen species just in the parking lot at Hansen Dam. Our first bird was a singing Black-headed Grosbeak; a very musical way to start the day.

The first 50 birds were easy. Yellow Warblers and Least Bell's Vireos seemed to be everywhere! We had a singing Yellow-breasted Chat on a tall stump that gave us quite a thrill (is this really a warbler?)

While we missed the Pine Warber and Blue Grosbeaks, we did have four Long-billed Curlews flying out from a recently mowed field! As the day warmed, the birds quieted down, but we had a spectacular kettle of ravens and hawks stretching up to the clouds. At lunch we still hadn't found any herons or egrets. We finally tracked down a Green Heron and one member found a Snowy (thanks E.J.). We finished with a couple of Bullock's Orioles flitting through the trees.

All told we had 72 species for the day, but the fun(?) wasn't finished. There was a HUGE party going on when we returned to the cars and we could barely squeeze out of the parking lot!

Thanks to all the donors and participants for a great day!

*Ron Cyger*

**A Day Without Cars**

**April 23, 2011**

The car-less (but not careless) team of Brendan Crill and myself had a good day, from Great-horned Owl to Lesser Nighthawk. We started with the Mt. Wilson Toll Road to a little past Henninger Flat, lingered in Eaton Canyon, then visited the Arboretum, Peck Water Conservation Park, Santa Fe Dam, and San Gabriel River nearing the

**Autobahn Chicks**

**April 23, 2011**

Autobahn Chicks had a great 24-hour crazy trip! From the Salton Sea to Marina Del Rey; from Friday night to Saturday night. We got in and out of the car so many times, I ended up with a backache and Linda bumped her head into a headache that lasted overnight.

Best location of the trip was Evey Canyon at the base of San Antonio Canyon. We had numbers of birds that rival any tropical birding I've seen. Eight different species of warblers, many of each species, vireos, wrens, grosbeak, thrushes; it was just amazing. I guess there were similar experiences in many of the lower canyons of the San Gabriels that day; I was overwhelmed!

Best find of the trip was a poor, little crying puppy someone had abandoned near 84th Street at the north end of the Salton Sea. We thought it was a weird bird calling in the little marsh, but when Linda went down the side, a darling puppy (brown and black) about 7 weeks old came running out to her. She handed him to me and it was love at first sight! Haha .. you all think I finally have my dog! But no! We did the right thing and found a new owner for him - a nice young man on a bicycle who looked overjoyed to have a darling puppy being given to him by the crazy ladies in the Ford Explorer. After all, we had to continue our Birdathon!

Continue we did and ended up with 149 species! Less than we wanted but still a great time was had - and I almost had a puppy! A blow by blow account will be forthcoming to all the wonderful sponsors of the Autobahn Chicks!

Thanks Linda!

*Kathi Ellsworth*

**John's Corner, continued from p. 2**

efforts for young people—many local chapters are already very influential in this field, and there are other such projects as the summer programs at Debs Park, and the Audubon Yes! and Snowy Plover education programs. Nationwide education efforts aside from Citizen Science projects are uncommon—and of course not every school participates in Citizen Science projects.

There are also ways to attract the already-existing alliance of hardcore young birders. They swarm to opportunities to meet up with other young birders in the field and compete with each other. Gathering this crowd to Audubon would benefit both communities, and help with our larger goal of bird conservation.

*John Garrett*

**Field trips, continued from p. 4**

**Mt. Piños & Environs**

**Sunday, June 5, 2011**

**7:30 am — early afternoon**

**M**t. Piños is one of the best places in Southern California to enjoy a wide variety of montane birds. We'll hear singing Yellow-rumped Warblers along with many other species of warblers, thrushes, raptors, woodpeckers, flycatchers and finches. We will visit Iris Meadows and several other nearby areas.

Take the Golden State Freeway (I-5) north to the Frasier Park turnoff and continue west for about 5 miles to the small city park in Frazier Park and take a left at the only stop sign into the park. We will meet at the park. Don't forget lunch, water and sunblock.

*Larry Johnson and Ron Cyger*

**Day Without Cars, cont. from p. 6**

foothills. The species total was 118 (eBird) / about 115 (ABA) -- we're taking the eBird list! The highlights were 13 Hermit Warblers on the day (including one in Eaton Canyon northwest of the Nature Center), 10 total warbler species (the most common ones), unexpectedly uncommon Common Poorwills, a somewhat confused White-faced Ibis at Peck Park, and the complete absence of flat tires.

We appreciate the donations from our sponsors, and we only wish we could have put a bigger hurt on your pocketbook!

*Darren Dowell*

**Magpie Bird Study Group**



**T**he group meets the third Tuesday of each month. We bird 9:00 am to about 11:30 am, have a sack lunch, and have a short business meeting. *All PAS members welcome!*

**Tuesday, June 21, 2011**

Descanso Gardens, La Canada  
Meet in the parking lot

No meetings in July or August

Details about fall meetings will be in the September *Wrentit*

**Donations to PAS**

These PAS members and friends have recently made donations to our chapter: Harlean Carroll, Denise Castillo, Karen Mateer, Alex Strong, Chrystal Watson. Thank you!

**Become a Chapter-only Member of PAS**

**L**ocal chapters of the National Audubon Society, such as Pasadena Audubon, receive only a small share of NAS membership dues. In order to finance our programs and services, including publication of *The Wrentit*, PAS offers Chapter-only memberships.

When it's time to renew your National Audubon membership, we invite you to instead become a Chapter-only Member of the Pasadena Audubon Society, or make a donation to our Chapter to support our programs. Chapter-only dues are \$20 per year or \$15 for seniors and students, all of which remains with our local chapter to fund our programs. We thank you all for your support!

**Chapter-only Membership Application**

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