

ABOUT THE PASADENA AUDUBON SOCIETY

Outraged over the indiscriminate killing of Mourning Doves in Altadena, W. Scott Way led the efforts to form the California Audubon Society of Pasadena on March 25, 1904. In 1909, the name was changed to the Pasadena Audubon Society because other Audubon chapters were forming in the Golden State. The early focus of the group was to study and protect native birds, and educational programs for school children were added within the first few years. Bird walks followed shortly thereafter, and we've been offering them ever since. As you can see, the roots of our mission statement, "To bring the excitement of birds to our community through birding, education, and conservation of bird habitats" run deep.



The Pasadena Audubon Society still offers a wide variety of field trips led by experts, as well as diverse classes and first-rate monthly programs. Our school education program is thriving, our Young Birders Club is growing, and we focus on protecting birds by promoting native plant gardens, shade-grown coffee, and ways to shrink our carbon footprint.

The Pasadena Audubon Society is delighted to bring you this guide, one that we hope will bring the excitement of birds to all of our community!



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The Pasadena Audubon Society acknowledges that all of the sites listed in this birding guide are on lands, or Tovaangar, of the Traditional Caretakers, including Tongva-Gabrielino, Kizh, Tataviam, and Serrano, as well as their neighbors, the Chumash and Kitanemuk. Indigenous People stewarded these lands for countless generations, and we honor the cultural wisdom and practices that they used to live in harmony with California's natural ecosystems.

In the words of Julia Bogany, Tongva:

"Our Ancestors prepared and became the landscapes and worlds for the coming of humans with order, knowledge and gifts embedded in the landscape. Our Ancestors imbued us, who now live here, with the responsibility and obligations of our original instructions as told to us in our creation stories. We are guided by protocol and etiquette to be part of, take care of, and ensure the welfare of the NATURE, the extended family and community defined in its most inclusive expression. We pass those teachings and responsibilities onto our children, grandchildren and many generations to come." — October 2020

Therefore, we honor the wisdom of indigenous Honuukvetam (Ancestors), Ahiihirom (Elders), and Eyoohiinkem (relatives/relations) past, present, and emerging. We mourn the extensive harm done by European and American colonization, and we are grateful that the Tongva, Kizh, Tataviam, Serrano, Chumash, and Kitanemuk are still here as thriving members of our community.