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*To bring the excitement of birds to our community through birding, education  
and the conservation of bird habitats.*

November-December 2005

## November Program

### Oiled Bird Rehabilitation

Susan Kaveggia

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Contamination from petroleum and petroleum products can result in immediate and severe destruction to local populations of wildlife. In the City of San Pedro, International Bird Rescue Research Center (IBRRC) is the second of two Centers in California operated by IBRRC and overseen by the Oiled Wildlife Care Network.

Susan Kaveggia is on the International Bird Rescue Research Center's oil spill response team. She also is a current board member of California Council for Wildlife Rehabilitators. She will discuss some history and background of oil spills, rehabilitation of oiled birds, and some challenges of rehabilitating a few species, such as loons and grebes. Her first oil spill experience was two separate spills in one day in late 1998. Aside from wildlife rehabilitation, Susan is an avid birder with a fondness for pelagic birds.

General Meetings held at:

**Eaton Canyon Nature Center**

**1750 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena**

7:00 pm Social

7:30 pm Program

## December Program

### CHRISTMAS COUNT DINNER

**When:**

**6:00 pm**

**Saturday, December 17, 2005**

**Where:**

**Matt Denny's Restaurant  
& Pub**

**145 E. Huntington Drive  
Arcadia, CA  
(626) 446-1077**

**Parking:**

**Ample parking in rear off  
Wheeler Street**

*Details and Reservations*

*See Page 3*

## January Program

### U.S. Forest Service

### Celebrates 100 with "The Greatest Good"

Steve Segreto

January 18, 2006

The Forest Service's centennial film frames the epic story of the struggle to manage a nation's resources amid global change. "The Greatest Good" takes the audience on a journey into the heart of a story as compelling as it is uniquely American - a story of courage and tragedy, enormous progress and bitter conflict.

Visionary foresters Gifford Pinchot and Aldo Leopold shaped the debate for a hundred years. Their journey from the "wise use" of resources to the idea of a "land ethic" has defined the evolution of the forest service.

Steve Segreto has a degree in wildlife biology (main area of study is Bighorn Sheep) and is currently an educator/naturalist with the U.S. Forest Service. He teaches youngsters about the forest wildlife and early California history. On weekends he leads adult naturalist programs in the San Gabriel Mountains.

## BIRDFEST

**November 5-6, 2005**

**Eaton Canyon Nature Center**

## President's Perch

Fall is a great time of year in Southern California. Birds are migrating through our area, and the weather is clear and fine. Lois and I went on the PAS field trip to Huntington Beach Central Park, led by Ron Cyger, and enjoyed the birding and camaraderie. Of course, arguing over "Is that a Gray Flycatcher?" was fun, too! (See page 4.)

During the summer, we went on a guided bird trip to Alaska. The weather was good for most of the trip, and we had excellent views of Puffins and Auklets (the Pribilof Islands) and the beautiful little Bluethroat (Nome). I waded through 3 miles of tundra to see the Bristle-thighed Curlew. At Barrow we saw Eiders and the

elusive Yellow-billed Loon.

However, PAS is not just about birding. On October 1, PAS had an information booth at the conservation-oriented Water Fest, held at Arcadia County Park and presented by the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. Bev McKenzie, Laura and John Garrett, and Lois and I took turns meeting people and talking about birding, education and conservation events at PAS. (See page 7.) I believe our organization needs more contact with the public at events such as this to promote our projects involving education and conservation.

*Will*

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## Conservation

### Shade Coffee and Biodiversity

Coffee has traditionally been grown under the canopy of a forest. The arrival in the 1970's of the coffee leaf rust, *Hemileia vastratrix*, from Africa into the Americas dramatically changed the way coffee is grown here. This fungus is only known to attack the coffee plant (*Coffea arabica*), and the effects were devastating. To combat this problem, farmers developed more sun-tolerant varieties, so that the overwhelming majority of coffee is now grown in sunny, intensively harvested fields.

"Shade coffee" is a movement by conservationists to provide coffee growers in Latin America with incentives to grow coffee using the more traditional method. Researchers at the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center have found that shade coffee plantations have significantly higher numbers of species and also a larger abundance of birds, butterflies and ants, compared to the sun coffee plantations. These taxa may be considered as surrogate measures for biodiversity.

Selling coffee at a higher price and using a Fair-Trade certification provides the small farmers with a fair wage, small loans, advanced payments and extended contracts, buffering them against the volatile world coffee market. It also encourages the farmers to not convert their plantation to the more intensively managed sun-variety. Linking the two certification programs combines the consumer ethic of improving the workers' standard of living with the conservationists' goal of stemming declines in biological diversity.

The consumer must be informed though when selecting shade coffee brands. Consumers may have the impression that purchasing any shade coffee is contributing to tropical forest conservation. However, this is unclear, since there is currently no unified certification program.

The issue is that shaded coffee plantations differ in the composition of their vegetation and quality of shade. Some plantations have only a few trees, providing little shade, whereas others obtain their shade from planting a monoculture of trees, often of only three species. Rustic is a third kind of shade plantation, where the coffee is grown under a canopy of an existing natural forest. Such a plantation has a more diverse canopy – with ten species or more – and there is an attempt to preserve the complexity of the forest. But

do all of these shade plantations have the same level of biological diversity?

In one study, researchers at the University of Michigan compared shade plantations that differ in these and other

components. As a measure of the biodiversity at these sites, they looked at birds and butterflies, recording both total number of and abundance of each species. The results were then compared to the abundances observed at nearby forest preserves. What they found is striking. While most of the shade plantations had similar levels of diversity, the Rustic shade plantation had, by their measure, more than double the diversity of birds and was the one most similar to the nearby forest. They concluded that the height of the canopy and coffee trees, as well as the thickness of the canopy, are important factors contributing to the diversity found at the Rustic plantations.

The researchers also speculated that the presence of epiphytes – parasitic plants such as orchids and lianas – might be a significant factor affecting diversity. Epiphytes though are commonly removed from trees, since the workers fear that the parasites can damage or kill the trees. Recent research has substantiated the importance of these plants.

Equally important was what the Michigan scientists did next. They examined several shade certification programs and applied their criteria to their sample plantations. Only the Smithsonian Bird Center certification program was rigorous enough to reject all but the Rustic plantation. In other words, all other programs certified more plantations, even though, by the scientists' measures, they had lower levels of biodiversity.

Many studies have found that shade coffee plantations serve as a resting ground for neotropical migratory birds, such as the Baltimore Oriole and the Scarlet Tanager. Both species have declining populations. Shade plantations have also been found to support more forest specialist species, which are not found in the sun plantations. Another study found that shade plantations have recorded 66 endangered neotropical species (as defined by CITES or IUCN) and that endemic bird species with limited dispersal could also benefit from these sites.

It is important to keep in mind that our consumer actions have an impact. In this society the relation between the final product and how it is created is obscured; we are disconnected from the consequences of our choices. When I purchase coffee for my parents, I now look for the Smithsonian 'Bird-Friendly' label.

For information on shade coffee and how to order brands with the 'Bird-Friendly' label, visit:

[HTTP://NATIONALZOO.SI.EDU/CONSERVATIONANDSCIENCE/MIGRATORYBIRDS/COFFEE/BIRD\\_FRIENDLY/](http://nationalzoo.si.edu/conservationandscience/migratorybirds/coffee/bird_friendly/)

Michael Graesser

### Salton Sea Facts

The Salton Sea and the surrounding agricultural lands provide habitat for more than two-thirds of all the bird species found in the United States and Canada.

A Globally Important Bird Area, the ecosystem supports:

- one of the world's largest concentrations of Eared Grebes
- 70% of the state's population of Burrowing Owls, and both Brown and White Pelicans
- 30% of the global population of White-faced Ibis
- 20% of the global population of Long-billed Curlews

The Sea also provides a critical stop-over for Neotropical migrant songbirds, including warblers, flycatchers and vireos, and numerous others along the Pacific Flyway.

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*Note: for more info the Salton Sea: [HTTP://WWW.CA.AUDUBON.ORG/SALTON\\_SEA.HTML](http://www.ca.audubon.org/salton_sea.html)*

### Bobcats at Eaton Canyon

Sept. 27, 2005

Lance Benner and I birded the flood basin at Eaton Canyon today, trying to track down some of the warblers that were seen there recently.

We crossed the desolation in the north end of the basin and were approaching the thick willows when we began to see signs of Bobcats.

There were lots of tracks, and as we got closer we could see movement in the willow thickets. Then we heard them distinctly and finally we got great views of two Bobcats!

"Bobcat" is the brand name of a very small bulldozer, and two of those bad boys were munching the willow habitat in the basin. About 10% of it is gone already, and I would expect that it will all be gone in a couple of days.

We forlornly trudged over to the eucalyptus trees in the southwest, but picked up just a couple of Yellow-Rumped Warblers.

Other birds seen were Say's Phoebe, Killdeer, Cedar Waxwing (lots), un-ID'd Parakeets, Kestrel, Cooper's Hawk (good views on both of those), Nuttall's Woodpecker, and of course towhees, doves, House Finches, and jays. But I'd say the days of buntings in the bottom of the basin are over.

*...apologies for leading you on like that.*

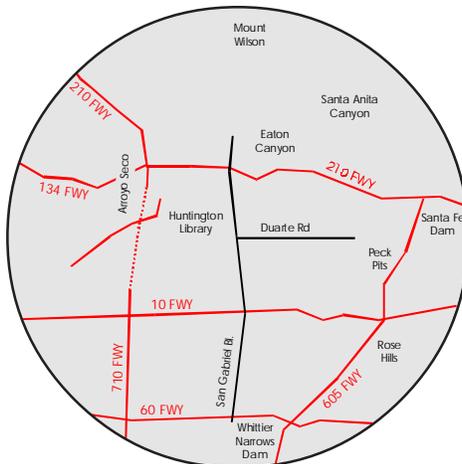
*Mark Hunter*

# Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley Christmas Count 2005

It's already that time of year again... yes it's time to start thinking about your Christmas shopping... no, I'm joking of course. It's time to start thinking about the much more important Christmas Bird Count! The shopping can wait until December 24.

In the Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley Count Circle, we are fortunate to have a wide variety of habitats. Ponds, rivers, marshes, mountains, oak, chaparral, riparian, coastal sage and exotic plantings all occur. In combination with our mild climate, these diverse habitats in turn create a strong diversity of winter birdlife. The annual Christmas Bird Count creates a snapshot of the early winter bird life of the San Gabriel Valley area.

The Count Circle, fifteen miles in diameter, is centered at the intersection of San Gabriel Blvd. and Duarte Road. It includes such interesting and productive birding locales as Santa Fe Dam, Big Santa Anita Canyon, Whittier Narrows, Peck Pit, Eaton Canyon, Huntington Gardens and the L.A. Arboretum. The circle just reaches Mount Wilson at an elevation of just over 5,700 feet, offering the possibility of high mountain birds. The Pasadena/SGV count traces its



origins to the mid 1940's, and in spite of the tremendous changes that have taken place since that time, we typically find close to 150 species of birds on each count. In fact, that's far more than were found on the early counts when more habitat existed and rather respectable for a land-locked count. Regular specialties include Cactus Wren, Red-whiskered Bulbul and Northern Cardinal (the latter two introduced) and a number of parrots. Rarities are regular and something

unexpected always seems to turn up. We add new and rare birds to the count list on a regular basis.

What surprises will there be this year? Whatever your birding ability, be sure to join us for this event and be a part of the process of discovery. It's a great chance to learn about local birds and also worthwhile because it contributes to our knowledge of bird distribution and it highlights population trends.

This year's Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley Christmas Count will take place on Saturday, December 17. Our pre-count meeting will be held at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm. At the pre-count meeting we will hand out count materials and checklists, review procedures and assign count areas to the participants. If you miss the pre-count meeting, don't worry - it's just as easy to get an area assignment via e-mail or phone (see contact info below).

For additional information, please contact Count Coordinator Jon Fisher at 818-544-5009 or at JON.L.FISHER@DISNEY.COM.

*Jon Fisher*

## Dinner After The Count Good Food, Rest, Relaxation

Join us at Matt Denny's in Arcadia. We have four great meals to offer you. Please indicate your choice(s) clip out and return with your check.

Name: _____	
Preference	# Meals
<b>BBQ'd Tri-Tip Sandwich</b>	_____
<b>BBQ'd Chicken Sandwich</b>	_____
<b>Grilled Vegetable Sandwich</b>	_____
<i>Served on a roll with your choice of fresh fruit or French fries</i>	
<b>Tostada Salad</b>	_____
vegetarian or chicken	
Soft drink or coffee included	

The cost for this feast is just \$14.00 including tax and tip. To expedite food service and simplify bookkeeping, payment in advance is appreciated. Please see Will Fulmer at the November General Meeting, the Pre-count Meeting December 14 or mail your reservation to arrive by December 14 to PAS' address on page 8. Mark envelope "Count Dinner" and include above information.

Free parking in rear off Wheeler Street.

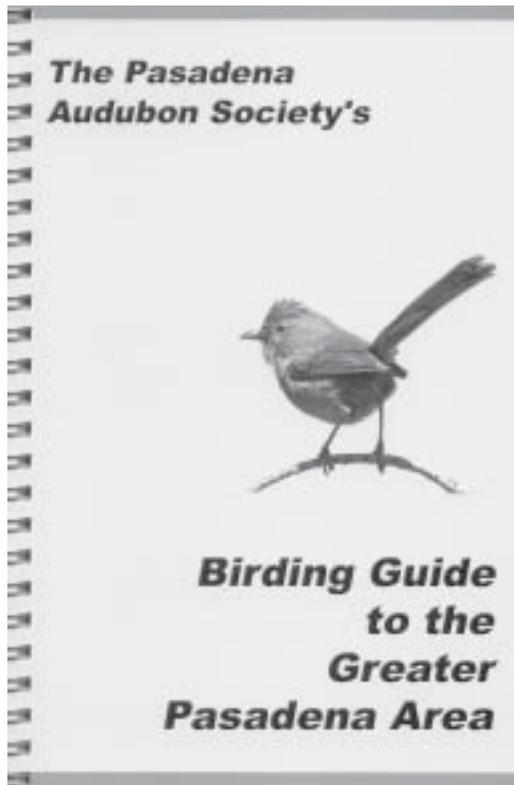
If you have questions or need directions, contact Bev McKenzie (626) 355-9842 or LBMAC2@EARTHLINK.NET.

## Birding Guide to the Greater Pasadena Area

It's here! The *Birding Guide to the Greater Pasadena Area* is in! **About This Guide:** Whether you are an experienced birder or a beginner, this handy guide offers indispensable information about where to go birding in the Greater Pasadena Area.

It covers 21 "hotspots" including directions and detailed instructions for how to bird those areas. Also included are longer articles on where to look for parrots, owls and butterflies, as well as comprehensive bird and butterfly lists for the Pasadena area.

Written by local experts, the guide covers a wide range of birding spots, from nearby mountains to local suburban parks. The guide will be available at the monthly meetings of the Pasadena Audubon Society for now (Third Wednesday of the month) and sell for a \$15 donation (this is a fundraiser for PAS). Grab yours while they're hot because I'm sure they will go fast!



## Book Review

*The Remarkable Life of William Beebe, Explorer and Naturalist*  
by Carol Grant Gould  
Reviewed by Dan Lewis

William Beebe, the naturalist, exulted famously in his journal in 1893, at the age of sixteen, that “to be a Naturalist is better than to be a King.” Beebe (1877-1962) was a king of sorts, though, and Planet Earth was his palace. His interests and activities as a naturalist ranged widely and deeply, encompassing ornithology, ichthyology, climatology, entomology, and oceanography, as well as a number of other disciplines.

Science writer Carol Grant Gould, the author of *The Remarkable Life of William Beebe, Explorer and Naturalist* (Shearwater Press, Washington DC, 2004) has done an outstanding job of conveying the range and depth of Beebe’s life and work. As of the writing of her book, she has been the only person allowed access to Beebe’s restricted papers in the Princeton University Library, which primarily consist of 21 boxes of his writings, including seventy-five of his personal and scientific journals ranging in date from 1890 to 1961.

Beebe is best known to ornithologists for his four-volume work *A Monograph of the Pheasants*, published between 1918 and 1922. The publication stemmed from his journey of seventeen months through some twenty countries. Six hundred sets were printed, and sold for U.S. \$250. The work now routinely sells for upwards of \$5,000.

His dashing good looks as a young man also must not have hurt his successes – he looked very much like a young Sean Penn. He was, for some time, a household name. Most of England and the United States with access to radio heard the thrilling, minute-by-minute account of his descent in a bathysphere in September 1932 to the unprecedented depth of 2,200 feet.

Gould also does a fine job of illustrating the effects and style of Beebe’s prose, among other things. Although he was not trained formally as a scientist – and perhaps, to some measure, because of it – Beebe’s prose was both detailed and enthusiastic, and his writing, while sometimes overwrought, was often beautiful and meditative.

Ultimately, Beebe was a man grounded firmly in the “gentleman naturalist” tradition of the nineteenth century, but one who traveled easily and widely in the more academically circumscribed world of twentieth century science. While naturalists of the last quarter nineteenth century – particularly ornithologists – spent much of their time classifying and defining the extent of species, and working out the concepts and

## Field Trip Reports

### Huntington Beach Central Park

September 24, 2005



Gray Flycatcher



Mandarin Duck

photos by Will Fulmer

### Los Angeles River

August 20, 2005

This PAS trip to the LA River covered the lower river from Willow St. to Del Amo Blvd. We did all right with 49 species including the August specialties.

We saw three juvenile Baird’s Sandpipers in the vicinity of the Wardlow Blvd crossing, a juvenile Semipalmated Sandpiper between Wardlow and Willow, and a Solitary Sandpiper at the pipe bridge just north of Willow St. Also a highlight, although an occasionally irritating one, was a Peregrine Falcon that periodically showed us who’s the boss by scaring our birds away. Landbird migrants near the river included Orange-crowned and Yellow Warblers.

The full list: Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Green Heron, White-faced Ibis, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Ruddy Duck, Osprey, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon,

Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Baird’s Sandpiper, Short-billed Dowitcher, Long-billed Dowitcher, Wilson’s Phalarope, Red-necked Phalarope, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Western Gull, Caspian Tern, Mourning Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Black Phoebe, Western Kingbird, American Crow, Barn Swallow, Bushtit, Northern Mockingbird, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, House Finch; *Exotics*: Rock Dove, European Starling Good birding and thanks for coming along.

Jon Feenstra

implications of subspecies, those of the twentieth century focused more on issues of behavior, range, and a variety of other aspects of the living bird. Beebe, while emerging out of the era of genteel prose and with only a schoolboy’s education, worked more in this twentieth-century vein. He was fascinated with behavior, and with the discoveries being made by his colleagues in his different fields of interest.

Naturalists, and particularly ornithologists, working at the turn of the nineteenth century have received relatively scant attention by historians and writers. Gould’s book rectifies this lack, and in fine form. Beebe was a gentleman naturalist in the best and most modern sense of the world: respected by his friends and colleagues, rigorous in his science, endlessly curious about the planet and its workings.

## Field Trips

### Hahamongna Monthly Walk

**NO WALKS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER**

**Saturday, January 7, 2006**

**8:00 am – noon**

This monthly bird walk is for birders of all ages and experience. A good variety of birds should be in residence.

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

*Ron Cyger*

### Eaton Canyon Monthly Walk

**Sunday, November 20, 2005**

**Sunday, December 18, 2005**

**Sunday, January 15, 2006**

**8:00 am – noon**

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*.

*Hill Penfold*

### Huntington Library

**Birdwalks (PAS Members only)**

**Sunday, November 27, 2005**

**NO WALK IN DECEMBER**

**Sunday, January 22, 2006**

**Sunday, February 26, 2006**

**8:00 am – 11:00 am**

A new bonus for Pasadena Audubon Society members is the chance to sign up for birdwalks on the beautiful Huntington Library grounds. Your membership is current, isn't it? If not see the Application Form on Page 9 or on our website.

Thanks to the persistent efforts of several members, and especially Huntington curator Dan Lewis, we are scheduling walks for the fourth Sunday of the month. Attendance is by reservation only and limited to 15 PAS members. There will be chances to see some of the "back country" areas.

Contact Elaine MacPherson by email (preferred) or phone. Please put Huntington in your subject line so you don't get deleted! Reservations will be taken only for the month you call or write. No advance reservations. Elaine and Dan will co-lead and other leaders may also participate.

*Elaine MacPherson & Dan Lewis*

### Peck Road Park, Livingstone-Graham Reservoir

**Saturday, December 3, 2005**

**Saturday, February 4, 2006**

**7:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

For those not familiar with these areas, Peck Road Park contains a two-section lake and willow forest that is usually loaded with cormorants, ducks, grebes, gulls, egrets, and other water birds as well as occasional wintering warblers, flycatchers, and other interesting passerines. The Livingstone-Graham Reservoir draws hundreds of ducks and gulls. Both places attract raptors, including Red-tails, TVs, Osprey, falcons, and accipiters. This is an excellent trip for beginners as well as veteran birders.

We'll meet at the parking lot in Peck Road Park. To reach the park entrance, go south from the 210 Freeway on Myrtle Ave. in Monrovia, which becomes Peck Rd. The entrance is on the right side just past Clarke Ave. (about two miles south of the freeway).

*Ed Stonick*

### Christmas Bird Count

**December 17, 2005**

*(See Page 3 for details)*

### Santa Fe Dam

**Saturday, January 14, 2006**

**8:00 am – ?**

This park in eastern LA County is nothing but a flood-control lake surrounded by a park with trees and chaparral habitat. In the winter, a diverse group of waterfowl, gulls, and songbirds are attracted to the water and vegetation. Flocks of Cassin's Kingbirds, Cedar Waxwings, American Robins, and various others regularly spend the winter feeding in the dense berry trees. Rarities, such as Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, have been found among these birds.

The entrance to the park is on the north side of Arrow Hwy. two blocks west of Irwindale Ave. in Irwindale. Meet in the lot at the east end of the lake (first one as you drive in). *There is a \$7 entrance fee.*

*Jon Feenstra*

### Salton Sea

**Saturday/Sunday, January 28/29, 2006**

**All day Saturday and until noon on Sunday**

The Salton Sea has been a traditional way for PAS members to begin their year-list! We usually find over 100 species for the weekend and over the years we have seen the following number of species: 27 geese & ducks, 13 hawks, 15 waders, 8 gulls, 6 terns, 11 flycatchers, 10 warblers and 16 sparrows. This is one of the premier birding spots on the continent. We will bird all day Saturday and half a day on Sunday, heading home after lunch.

***This trip is only for Pasadena Audubon members and is limited to 12.*** (What!? Not a member yet? Download an application from our website and send it in today!)

To reserve a spot on the trip and get accommodation information and meeting location/times, please email (highly preferable) or call Ron.

*Ron Cyger*

### San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary/UpperNewport Bay

**Saturday, February 18, 2006**

**8:00 am – 2:00 pm**

San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine boasts 300 acres of freshwater wetlands filled with a variety of wintering waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors. We will walk the trails around the ponds at the Sanctuary, and then move on to nearby Upper Newport Bay, the largest estuary in southern California, where last year we had great looks at Clapper Rails and Eurasian Wigeons.

To get to the Sanctuary: From the southbound 405 Freeway in Irvine, exit south on Jamboree. Turn left at the first stop light (Michelson), then turn right at the third stop light (Riparian View). Continue on Riparian View past the water reclamation facility. Signs will direct you to turn right down a short hill to the free parking lot for Audubon House, where we will meet. Scopes are useful.

*Mark Scheel*

### Magpie Bird Study Group

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

**Tuesday, November 15, 2005**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2005**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2006**

See calendar for locations, contact leaders for directions.



*Sid Heyman  
Madeline West*

Calendar
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*Submit material for the next Wrentit by **December 1st***

**November 2005**

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Leader *
5/6	Sat/Sun	All Day	Birdfest	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	<b>Presented by Pasadena Audubon Society &amp; Eaton Canyon Nature Center</b>
9	Wed	7:30 pm	Board Meeting	Pasadena Presbyterian Church	585 E. Colorado Bl. (at Madison)
15	Tu	9:00 am	Magpie Group	Legg Lake	Sid Heyman & Madeline West
16	Wed	7:00 pm	General Meeting	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Program: Oiled Bird Rehabilitation
20	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
		7:45 am	Field Trip	North Slope of the San Gabriels	Jon Feenstra
27	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Huntington Library Gardens <i>(PAS Members Only)</i>	Elaine MacPherson & Dan Lewis

**December 2005**

3	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip	Peck Road Park	Ed Stonick
13	Tu	9:00 am	Magpie Group	Santa Fe Dam	Sid Heyman & Madeline West
14	Wed	7:00 pm	Pre-Count Meeting	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Jon Fisher
17	Sat	All Day	Christmas Bird Count	Count Area	Everyone
		6:00 pm	Count Dinner	Matt Denny's Restaurant 145 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia (626) 446-1077	
18	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold

**Field Trip to Huntington Gardens will not be held this month**

**January 2006**

7	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip	Hahamongna Watershed Park	Ron Cyger
11	Wed	7:30 pm	Board Meeting	Pasadena Presbyterian Church	585 E. Colorado Bl. (at Madison)
14	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip	Santa Fe Dam	Jon Feenstra
15	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
17	Tu	9:00 am	Magpie Group	Bonelli Park	Sid Heyman & Madeline West
18	Wed	7:00 pm	General Meeting	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Program: US Forest Service Centennial
22	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip	Huntington Library Gardens <i>(PAS Members Only)</i>	Elaine MacPherson & Dan Lewis
28/29	All Day	8:00 am	Field Trip	Salton Sea	Ron Cyger

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## Kid's Corner

### Arcata Marsh

Last September, my family and I visited a great birding spot in Northern California called Arcata Marsh, which is a waste treatment plant right on Arcata Bay. The wastewater travels through a "six marsh system" and then, once clean, is released into the bay. The waste makes the water nitrogen-rich, which helps the plants grow. All the nutrients in the water also help attract over 200 species of birds, many migrating through or wintering there.

It is a great place primarily for shorebirds and waterfowl. During Christmas Birdcounts, it can have the highest number of Marbled Godwits in the nation. With a wide variety of habitats,



Great Egret photo by John Garrett

including fields, marshes, lakes, trees, mudflats and more, it attracts all sorts of birds from Lesser Sand-plover (formerly Mongolian Plover) to eastern warblers. During the time we were there, we saw three Pacific Golden-Plovers and a juvenile Northern Goshawk! Arcata Marsh also has many kinds of water fowl, including Gadwall, Cinnamon and Green-winged Teal, Greater Scaup and Ruddy Duck. In winter, it also attracts the rare but regular Common Teal, which is the Eurasian version of our Green-winged Teal. So, if you ever find yourself in the Eureka area, stop by and see what you can see.

John Garrett

## Bake Sale Results

Many thanks to all who supported Hahamongna Roots & Shoots Lemonade/Bake Sale October 9, 2005. Because of your generosity, we raised \$400.00!

All proceeds went to the Humane Society of the United States to help reconnect pets with their owners and to the Audubon Nature Institute, whose aquarium was seriously damaged in Hurricane Katrina. The money will help take care of the relocated aquarium animals and to restore wetlands near New Orleans.

A special thanks goes out to a very generous PAS member who arrived at our bake sale with a fifty dollar bill and left with Tupperware full of goodies! Thank you!

This was our fourth annual bake sale, and in those four years, we have raised over \$1100.00. Thanks, everyone!

Laura Garrett

## New Members

PAS is pleased to welcome the following new members. We hope you will get involved in our many activities.

**Alhambra:** Helena Duncan, Robert Powe, Meehar Tom; **Altadena:** Rita Dunne, Ron Garret, Joan Kaplan; **Arcadia:** Robert Eastland, Theodore Howell; **Claremont:**

Laura Harris; **Duarte:** Delmer Hinton; **La Cañada Flintridge:** Suzanne Bravender, Rony & Nancy Garret, Bobbi Nolan; **La Crescenta:** David Weeshoff; **Los Angeles:** Yolanda Adra; **Monrovia:** Debbie Condon, Orville Kniep, Ruth Leblanc, Carol Trepashko, Karen Wolstenholme, Barbara Ziegler; **Monterey Park:** Jane Besen, Francoise Pasques; **Pasadena:** B.J. Amago, Betty Bernard, Sharon Bess, Jane

Kaczmarek, Larel Manganelli, Loida Roberts, Mary Russell, Steven Wakimoto, Everard Williams, Steven Woodruff, Theresa Zaidie; **San Gabriel:** Joan Tapp; **San Marino:** Grant Cambridge, Mary Riegler, Philip Swan; **Sierra Madre:** Jacquo Hope; **South Pasadena:** Stella Armstrong, Cliff Kenney, Gretchen Lane; **Temple City:** Marilyn Baldwin.

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