

# Lagoon Flyer



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## B u e n a V i s t a A u d u b o n S o c i e t y

### *From the President's Chair*

We had a spirited - and 3 and a half hour long! - board meeting September 9th. A lot of time was spent discussing goals we would like BVAS to accomplish in 2005-06. I'd like to share with you some of the highlights of your board's discussion.

#### Volunteers

- Recruit a volunteer coordinator to take over from Petey Tade. His or her main task would be to schedule volunteer hosts to keep the Nature Center open.
- To keep the Nature Center open as scheduled, we need more volunteers! Each board member will try to recruit at least one new volunteer.

#### Financing

Supplement the funds we raise through our year-end appeal and our Spring Birdathon by having

- more specialized fee classes/seminars, fee field trips/pelagic trip, kayak birding; garage sale/rummage sale; building a better collection box (Paul Grigsby where are you now that we need you?)!
- Look for appropriate groups that might wish, for a fee, to use our Nature Center for meetings, holiday parties, etc.)
- Expand our search for grants.

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### General Meeting

## The Salton Sea Ecosystem It's Worth Saving!

Speaker - Kathie Satterfield  
Wednesday, October 26, 2005  
Social 7pm, Lecture 730 pm

- 400+ Bird Species
- 100+ Breeding Species
- 124,000 Shorebirds (44+ species)
- 30,000 Cattle Egret in a single nesting colony
- 25,000+ Snow and Ross's Geese
- 45% of all Yuma Clapper Rails

Plans are underway to reduce the size of the Salton Sea by approximately half. This reduction has many ramifications, not only for the birds using the Sea itself, but also for those using the numerous other habitats that make up the Salton Sea ecosystem: agricultural lands - both flooded and dry fields, canals, drains, riparian areas and freshwater marshes. How this reduction is accomplished and how much water is transferred out of Imperial Valley will significantly affect literally millions of birds and hundreds of bird species.

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## Mountain Lion Sculpture to be Donated to BVAS Nature Center

Visitors to the Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center will soon be greeted by a mother mountain lion and her cub. Joyce Anderson (pictured at left) and Al Alexander brought the work in progress to the September Board meeting. When completed, the sculpture will be on permanent display at the Nature Center. The work of art, created by Anderson and financed by Alexander, will be donated to BVAS in loving memory of Jane Alexander.

**From the President's Chair** *(Continued from page 1)*Conservation

How can we better engage BVAS members and community members in local conservation issues?

- Work more closely with like-minded environmental groups such as the North County chapter of the Sierra Club.
- Feature more local conservation news in the *Lagoon Flyer*.
- develop a Conservation Corner display area in the Nature Center lobby where information and BVAS position papers can be prominently displayed and readily distributed.

Space and Facilities

- Create a comprehensive plan for utilization of the space inside the Nature Center.
- With Cal Fish and Game approval, install a floating bridge for improved access to the open waters of the lagoon.

Education

- Continue the excellent nature programs we offer to local elementary schools and seek ways to expand our programs to other age groups.
- Develop a "Treasure Hunt" brochure for use by young visitors who do not come in a class group.
- Advertise the nature education and activities we can offer (including volunteering) to adults and seniors (especially for an appropriate donation!).
- Reintroduce two Family Weekend programs yearly
- Develop new brochures, one an inexpensive one to hand out at fairs etc. and a second, higher quality one to use in fundraising and for more select groups.
- Edit trail guide to reflect changes in the landscape.
- Provide volunteer supervision at the Lagoon Duck Landing, initially once a month in conjunction with the lagoon bird count and hopefully once a week if and when appropriate.

Birding Opportunities

- Offer a wider range of birding opportunities, perhaps by offering more fee field trips further afield.

"Road Show" Coordinator"

- Appoint a volunteer to update/improve as necessary the traveling display that we show to service clubs, fairs, etc. Some of the above ideas for improving our Buena Vista Audubon Society have been perennial goals, resprouting year after year. Others are new. A welcome new feature in our board discussion was Joan Bockman's effort to present our goals for 2005-2006 in what she calls the SMART format: Specific, Measurable, Actionable (a person can actually do it), Relevant, and on a Timetable. Your board has already begun the process of goal implementation, so that over the course of the coming months we hope to be able to share with you the results.

- Dennis Huckabay



Rosemary Gilbert Bell

**Nature Guides Developing New Program**

The Nature Guides are busy planning yet another program! The newest offering of the Education Committee Nature Guides will be all about Native Americans. Donations of Native American artifacts (baskets, clothing, etc) that could be shown in the lesson are needed. If you have items you would like to donate, please call Sue Sharon at 760-757-6461.



**First Pasadena Birdfest!**  
**Eaton Canyon Nature Center**  
**November 5-6th, 2005**

Explore the exciting world of birding in Pasadena & the San Gabriel Valley. Lectures, workshop & fair on the 5th, Field Trips on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Expert Plenary Speakers – Larry Allen, Jon Fisher, Kimball Garrett! Many workshops and classes! Photo Quiz! Raffle! Wine & Cheese! Meet live birds up close! Used book sale! Hands on Workshops! Eagle Optics booth! More...

Visit [www.PasadenaAudubon.org](http://www.PasadenaAudubon.org) or call 626-355-9412 for details & registration information: Act fast as space is limited!

**Volunteer Luncheon Scheduled for Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Annette is busy making plans for the annual luncheon honoring our volunteers. Invitations will be mailed as soon as final arrangements are made.

## October Field Trips



Steven D'Amato

**Sat - Oct 1 - 8:00 am - Whelan Lake Monthly Bird Count.** The Fall bird migration has begun. Hope to see you as we bird this diverse area in the following months. East on 76 to Douglas. Turn left and continue to North River Rd. Turn left and meet at the cul-de-sac by entrance gate.

**Sat - Oct 8 - 9:00 am - San Elijo Lagoon.** I-5 to Lomas Santa Fe, west less than one mile to Rios Ave. Turn right and proceed to end of road. Opportunities to see ducks, shore birds, as well as passerines. Andy Mauro, Leader 760-753-1266

**Sat - Oct 15 - Cabrillo Nat'l Monument/Pt. Loma College of the Nazarene .** 8:00 am For those wanting to bird the college area before the gates to the monument open at 9:00AM, we will meet at 8:00AM at the West end of Dupont St. at the cable barrier at the edge of the campus. (Dupont is a right turn off of Catalina Blvd. (see directions below). For those wanting to bird only the at the monument area, meet in front of the gift shop at 9:15AM after the Navy opens the gates at 9:00AM. Directions: I-5 South to Roscrans Blvd. Roscrans West to Canon. Turn right and proceed uphill and merge left onto Catalina Blvd. and follow it either to Dupont for 8:00AM birding or to Navy gate for 9:00AM continued birding. There is a minimum fee at the Nat'l. Monument or you may use a park pass. Restrooms available. Carpool info. contact Mary Ellen 760-918-6622. (And yes, of course, we will stop at "the drip").

**Wed. - Oct.19 - 8:00 am - Lake Murray.** I-5 South to 805 South to I-8 East. Take the Lake Murray exit with a right onto Lake Murray Blvd.. Go to light at Baltimore and turn left. Turn left again at Jackson Dr. and proceed to Golfcrest making a left once more. Go approx. a mile to Mission Trails Park on the left. Meet by the bleachers in the parking area. Restrooms available. Shrubs, brush, and trees around the lake, lend to an interesting variety of birds. Carpool info. Mary Ellen 760-918-6622

**Sat - Oct 29 - 8:00 am - Buena Vista Lagoon Count.** Fall migration is bringing many more birds to the lagoon.. Come join this walk and become more familiar with our lagoon that reaches East of I-5 to the shores of the Pacific. I-5 to 78. Exit immediately onto Jefferson turning right and taking another immediate right onto LagoonView Dr. where we meet. Leader: Joan Fountain, 760-729-1379

**Sat - Nov 5 - 8:00 am - Whelan Lake Monthly Bird Count.** (Directions above under Whelan Lake) Leader: John Haddock, 760-941-7824

### San Diego Bird Festival February 9 - 12, 2006

#### Feature Speaker - Pete Dunne Marina Village on Mission Bay

The tenth annual Bird Festival will be sponsored by San Diego Audubon. There will be live raptors, optic workshops, vendors, a Friday night mixer and Saturday night banquet with Pete Dunne as feature speaker. Sign up for one of the many planned trips, which include Baja California, Anza Borrego Desert, Cuyamaca Mountains, Pelagic trips, and San Diego's renowned beaches and wetlands. Call 619-682-7200 or visit the San Diego Audubon website [www.sandiegoaudubon.org/birdfest.htm](http://www.sandiegoaudubon.org/birdfest.htm) for information, registration and to request a program.

Volunteers are needed to help during the festival. If you are interested please contact Ann Hannon at [afhannon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:afhannon@sbcglobal.net) or call 760-602-0030.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium Nov 17-20, 2005

The Central Valley Bird Club will host the Ninth Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium Nov. 17-20, at the Radisson Hotel in Stockton, CA. There will be field trips, workshops, and a Birding Nature Fair and Art Show with over 25 vendors selling nature-related items.

Presentations include: Thursday - "The Birds of the Central Valley" presented by naturalist Jules Evens using master photographer Ian Tate's photos. Friday - "Hot on the Trail of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker" by Bobby Harrison and John Trochet. Saturday night Don Roberson "The History of California Birding. Other events include workshops such as "Parts is More than Parts: Boning up on Bird Identification" by Kimball Garrett and "Shorebird ID Workshop" by Joe Morlan. There are also regional programs on topics such as Sacramento's Purple Martins and the Sutter Buttes. The schedule, brochure, registration form, etc. are on the website: <http://cvbs.org> 209-369-2010.

**BUENA VISTA NATIVE PLANT CLUB**

Popcorn provided! We have an amazing collection of slides showing the native plants of Oceanside and Vista. Last time we showed these no one wanted to stop! These slides are cataloged with dates and locations. There are close-ups and full size shots that really show off the plants. Come see what we've got when the Buena Vista Native Plant Club meets at 2pm on Sunday October 16th at the Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center, 2202 S. Coast Hwy, Oceanside, 760-439-2473 Free.

**Monthly Nature Center Grounds Cleanup**

Join us on the first Saturday of every month from 8-10am. We do some hand weeding and pick up trash around the nature Center and along the trail. See you there on Oct 1st

*For more information on any Native Plant Club events, call the Nature Center and leave a message for Joan Bockman 760-439-2473.*

**Annual Native Plant Sale**

**California Native Plant Society -San Diego Chapter  
Saturday October 15, 2005**

The annual plant sale opens to CNPS members at 9:15 am and to the public at 10 am and continues until 3 pm. The sale will be held at Balboa Park, Casa del Prada Courtyard (next to the Casa del Prada Theater). Books, posters, seeds and free advice will also be available. Cash or checks only. Contact the CNPS for more info. All proceeds benefit the San Diego Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

info@cnpssd.org      www.cnpssd.org  
619-685-7321 (voice mail)

**San Elijo Lagoon Day**

**October 8, 2005**

The San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy is sponsoring "Lagoon Day" at the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve from 9am to 3pm on Sat., Oct.8, 2005. Lagoon Day consists of fun-filled activities for adults and children, and is designed to increase awareness and appreciation of the natural and cultural resources found in the coastal wetlands of North County. Lagoon Day features trail walks, discovery stations for birds and bugs, a nature treasure hunt for children, a hands-on archeology display, live animal exhibits, plein aire art exhibit and sale, and refreshments. "This year's Lagoon Day will be like a nature scavenger hunt for the whole family," said Andy Mauro, Lagoon Day chairman. "Our treasure map and discovery stations will help people check off a host of nature finds, and answer all their questions, like what makes that big splash in the water, why are those fiddler crabs waving their claws, and what are all those birds looking for just a few feet from the trail." *(Continued on Page 5)*

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**Another Busy Year for BVAS Nature Center**

Over 7400 individuals enjoyed the Nature Center during the last fiscal year. This includes almost 2500 that were involved in our educational programs and 3600 walk-in visitors. Visitors came from near and far – 35 states and 8 foreign countries.

**BVAS OFFICERS, BOARD AND CHAIRS**

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Field Trips	Mary Ellen Marquand*	918-6622		<b>www.bvaudubon.org</b>	
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Publicity	Carol Roberts	439-6244			

**San Elijo Lagoon**

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Also scheduled for Lagoon Day will be the public unveiling of a plaque designating the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve as "Backyard Wildlife Habitat". The Reserve recently received this national recognition from the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) for providing extensive and valuable natural habitat in the midst of a largely urban setting. NWF representatives will be on hand to provide information on how homeowners can attract more birds, butterflies, and other wildlife to their gardens

San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy is a public-spirited, non-profit citizens group formed in 1987 to preserve, protect and enhance the natural resources of the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve and its watershed

Activities take place at the visitor center located on Manchester Avenue. Admission is free. For more information call 760-436-3944 or visit [www.sanelijo.org](http://www.sanelijo.org)

**General Meeting**

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Please join Kathie Satterfield to learn more about what is at stake at the Salton Sea and how you can participate in Audubon's campaign to save and restore California's "Crown Jewel of Avian Biodiversity".

Kathy is Audubon's pointperson on the Salton Sea. Long active with San Diego Audubon, including a stint as chapter president, she moved to Flagstaff Arizona in October 2003 after her house in Julian burned down in the Cedar fire. She says she decided to move because everything she then owned would fit into her car. She "still worried about the Sea, and after 6 years of waiting for someone to organize an Audubon campaign to save the Sea I finally realized that if I didn't step forward to do it, it might not get done". - Dennis Huckabay

**Nature Storytime for Preschoolers**

Maybe you noticed the many spiders that seemed to frequent our gardens and homes this summer. According to the news reports, this was due in part to the large amount of rainfall this year. Our preschool visitors learned about spiders as we resumed our Nature Storytime on Sept.26. We hope to open little minds to the joys and wonders of the natural world through songs, stories, games, and crafts every fourth Monday at 10:00AM at our nature center. This fall we will be talking about many different woodland creatures. Please join us or contact Mary Ellen for more information. 760-918-6622 .

**Western Alliance for Nature presents Dr. Robert Ridgely**

**Conservation Strategies for Endangered Birds**

Dr. Robert Ridgely, a leading ornithologist in the study of endemic and endangered species of birds in the Americas, will be making a rare visit to Southern California for a talk to benefit the conservation programs of the Western Alliance for Nature and the Jotoco Foundation. Your \$100 donation includes Hors d'Oeuvres, program and buffet reception. The event takes place on Sunday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm at the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center for Conservation Research in Escondido (next to the Wild Animal Park). For additional information call 410-456-0611 or visit [www.wanconservancy.org](http://www.wanconservancy.org)

**BVAS and Sierra Club Joint Outing**

These two groups are planning a joint outing at the Duck Landing and BVAS Nature Center on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Watch for details in the next *Lagoon Flyer*.

**FRIENDS OF BUENA VISTA AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

As a Friend of BVAS, I will receive the chapter newsletter, be invited to special events just for Friends and receive a discount on BVAS Gift Shop purchases. 100% of my contribution will go to support the BVAS Nature Center and its educational programs. Minimum donation required - \$20

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## QUICK CALENDAR

Oct 1	Garden Clean-up Day 8 am
Oct 1	Whelan Bird Count 8 am
Oct 3	Nature Guides 10 am
Oct 7	Board Meeting 9 am
Oct 8	San Elijo Lagoon Walk 9 am
Oct 15	Pt. Loma/Cabrillo Nat'l Monument Bird Walk 8 am/9am respectively
Oct 15	CNPS Native Plant Sale Members 9:15 am Public 10 am
Oct 16	Native Plant Club 2 pm
Oct 19	Lake Murray Bird Walk 8 am
Oct 22	Volunteer Luncheon 11 am
Oct 24	Nature Story Time 10:00 am
Oct 26	General Membership Meeting Social 7 pm / Lecture 7:30 pm
Oct 29	Buena Vista Lagoon Count 8:00 am
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