

*Lagoon Flyer*

Buena Vista Audubon Society

[www.bvaudubon.org](http://www.bvaudubon.org)**Letter from the President – October**

I was surprised and dismayed recently by a report on Glacier National Park detailing the entire disappearance of a large percentage of the glaciers in the park. They are melting at an unprecedented rate. Unless conditions change, within 25 years Glacier National Park will have **not one glacier!** I still enjoy memories of a family camping trip made when I was a youngster. We visited Glacier National Park. Such impressive scenery! What we are seeing in our lifetime is the loss of a National Treasure! A glorious expanse of breath-taking scenery our grand-children and subsequent generations will never be awed by or enjoy!

Global warming is a man made problem that is NOW affecting our world. The response of the Bush administration is one of complete denial and devaluing of all things environmental. Global warming is a reality and the United States is leading the world in a position of denial and of business as usual. I ask you, how will our world be changed as the result of another 4 years of Bush leadership? It is difficult if not impossible to restore a destroyed ozone layer, glaciers, clean air, and extinct species.

The Bush record on the environment has been nothing short of criminal. Every federal appointment to a post related to protecting the environment has been filled by an avowed ANTI-ENVIRONMENTALIST. He has appointed industry representatives to head the very government agencies whose responsibility it is to regulate those industries and protect the public trust and well-being. The worst polluters in industry have been appointed to rewrite regulations protecting clean air, water, and wildlife. Enforcement of all protections of the environment has been nullified by cutting the funds that paid the salaries of regulators.

It is no wonder that in 2003 the Environmental Protection Agency announced that for the first time in the 30 years since the Clean Water Act was passed, America's waterways are getting dirtier! President Bush's "Healthy Forests" initiative promotes destructive logging of 'old-growth' forests. In the first three years of his administration there were no less than 300 major roll-backs of US Environmental laws! Bush has systematically sold out the interests and health of Americans in order to create huge profits for some of the wealthiest corporations in America.

In one term George Bush has managed to take the government by the people and for the people and high-jack it into a government for big business run by big business. You and I and the environment we value, the clean air and clean water we require to maintain good health have been sold down the river! Are we going to quietly disappear without a fight?

For chapter and verse and a great deal more: read the book *Crimes Against Nature* by Robert F Kennedy, Jr. It is a non-partisan look at who is controlling this country—a very disturbing report that ought to be required reading for every voter in this election year!

**From the dust-jacket of Crimes Against Nature:**

*Crimes Against Nature* is ultimately about the corrosive effect of corporate corruption on our core American values – free market capitalism and democracy . . . It is a book for both Democrats and Republicans, people like the traditionally conservative farmers and fishermen Kennedy represents in lawsuits against polluters. "Without exception," he writes, "these people see the current administration as the greatest threat not just to their livelihoods but to their values, their sense of community, and their idea of what it means to be American." ABOUT the Author: **Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.** is senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, chief prosecuting attorney for **Riverkeeper** and president of **Waterkeeper Alliance**.

**CONSERVATION CORNER****November Ballot Propositions**

BVAS has endorsed a "YES" vote on two propositions on the November ballot, both with far-reaching implications for the North County environment.

**TransNet:** Proposition A, the TransNet measure, would extend current sales tax funding of future road and mass transit improvements throughout San Diego County. Among other environmental benefits, the measure would provide substantial funding for early acquisition of critical wildlife habitat in the North County. Vote "YES".

**Gregory Canyon Landfill:** Proposition B, the Gregory Canyon Landfill initiative, would repeal the 1994 approval of a 320-acre dump near the Pala Indian reservation. The measure is supported by those who oppose the landfill because of concerns for air quality, traffic, and potential contamination of the San Luis Rey River. Vote "YES".

*NOTE: BVAS is classified by the IRS as a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization. While we may take positions on ballot propositions, we are not allowed to endorse individual candidates or political parties. The BVAS Board urges everyone to take the time to learn the positions of the various candidates on local environmental issues, and use their vote to help protect our natural habitat and quality of life in North County.*

--Andy Mauro, Conservation Chair

**NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY CHAPTER LEADER REPORT**

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Monthly Meeting Date: **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** Annual Meeting Date: **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of May.**

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**In 'Memory' of Mary Ellen Hannon, a donation of  
 \$100 was given to the Buena Vista Audubon Society  
 by the Latasa family.**

**Local chapter news and events****Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center Art Nature Camp 2004**

The campers at the Buena Vista Nature Center enjoyed not only the art, but had a great time on the walk and talk activities. The trails were dry and not a mosquito flew by. The plants lend themselves to be explored and to be used to teach about the native people's use of them and to learn how native plants conserve water. The new native gardens enhanced the talk with both the children and their parent. It has been a part of the camp experience to have a picnic lunch the last day with the parents and to have a nature guide walk with the parents and sharing what was taught their children. WE have had wonderful parent response to this activity.

We have had a waiting list for several years for the 2nd and 3rd graders, but this year, for the first time we had 15 youngsters for the 4th 5th and 6th grade session. This group experiences a field study to start each day. The chosen study was limited to 3 items about trees or plants growing on the rounds or birds in the lagoon water. This age group expresses the hopes of having a trail walk and showed real interest in what was discussed. A reception was planned for the last day so that they could display their art work.

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**More Local Chapter News and Events**

**No general meeting this month.  
Plan instead to come to our potluck picnic/  
birdwalk**

Buena Vista Audubon Potluck Picnic/Birdwalk  
Saturday October 16th  
10am-2pm

Buena Vista Park in Vista - Picnic Area 5  
Melrose and Shadowridge

Directions: Take Hwy 78 to Melrose Drive. Turn  
South on Melrose to Shadowridge. Turn Right to  
Antigua. Turn Left inot parking lot. we will be at  
the far end of the parking lot, Area 5.

See Your there!

**PreSchool Nature Storytime**

**Come join us on the fourth  
Monday of each month as we  
continue our nature stories  
for preschoolers. Let's help  
our little ones learn more  
about our natural world  
through songs, fingerplays,  
story and crafts at  
10am –11am**

**For information contact:  
Mary Ellen (760) 918-6622**

**Local Events**

**California Native Plant Society San Diego Chapter**

**Annual Native Plant Sale**

**Saturday October 16, 2004**

**Open to CNPS Members, 9:15 AM – 2 PM**

**Open to Public, 10 AM –2 PM**

**Cash or Checks Only**

**Casa del Prado Courtyard (next to the Casa del Prado Theater)**

**Balboa Park, San Diego, CA**

**Books, posters, seeds and free advice will also be available**

**You can join at the sale or download a membership form from**

**our website. [www.cnpssd.org](http://www.cnpssd.org)**

**619-685-7321 (voice mail)**

**All proceeds benefit the san Diego Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.**

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**Scheduled Events**

October 4, 10am Nature Guides Meeting  
October 16, 10am-2pm Picnic/Birdwalk  
October 17, 2pm Native Plant Club  
October 29, 10am Nature Story Time

**Birding Opportunities**

Saturday Oct 2 @ 9am - Whelan Lake Count  
Saturday Oct 9 @ 9am - San Elijo Lagoon  
Sunday Oct 17 @ 9am - Silverwood Sanctuary  
Saturday Oct 30 @ 8am - Buena Vista Lagoon

**Special Birding Event!!!**

**Sunday, October 17th @ 9am**

**Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary**

**As many of you know Silverwood Sanctuary suffered major devastation during last Octobers wildfires. The Sanctuary is slowly recovering with plant-life and wildlife. Interestingly the bird recovery has rendered a few different varieties along with the norm. Come join us one year after the wildfires to tour and bird in this recovering environment.**

**For more information and approximate people count call Mary Ellen Marquand (760) 918-6622 or the Buena Vista Nature Center (760) 439-2473**