

Lagoon Flyer

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



Jón Baldur Hlößberg

BVAS Annual Meeting

The BVAS official Annual Meeting will be held at the Nature Center on June 13 at 7:30 p.m., just prior to the showing of *The Big Year*. BVAS by-laws require an Annual Meeting be conducted each year to elect board officers and directors for the coming year, and to conduct any other official business that might be needed. The meeting is expected to take 15 minutes.

Dave Billings (President), Dennis Huckabay (Vice-President), Kathy Billings (Secretary), and Sandy McMullen (Treasurer), have all agreed to stand for reelection to their positions for the coming year. All current Directors have also agreed to serve on the Board for another year.

BVAS is always looking for new volunteers to become active on its board of directors. If you think you might be interested or know someone you'd like to recommend for a position on the BVAS Board, please contact Dave Billings or Dennis Huckabay (see phone # listings on P. 4).

This year we will be voting on several proposed changes in the BVAS by-laws, primarily dealing with the selection and terms of office for officers and directors, and on criteria for establishing a quorum for voting.

What's In Our Future?

“Somewhere in New Mexico Before the End of Time”

A Provocative Presentation by Dr. Guy McPherson

Global warming, mass extinctions, population explosion—the list goes on. Dr. Guy McPherson, professor emeritus at University of Arizona, has addressed this topic at colleges and special events throughout the United States. His presentation explores the future of mankind given present trends, and what we can do about it. Come get some straight talk and answers to the problems facing Mother Earth. This lecture will be filmed for inclusion in a later documentary.

**June 2, 4 p.m., at the BVAS Nature Center
Free Lecture —Refreshments**

Annual Audubon Film Festival

Wednesday, June 13

The Big Year

A Major Studio Movie About Birders and Their Passion

7 p.m. Social—7:30 p.m. Program



Owen Wilson, Steve Martin, and Jack Black set out to see birds.

The Big Year will be our feature movie at the Eighth Annual BVAS Film Festival in June. The story is about three competing birders, each attempting to set the new record for seeing the most bird species in North America in a single year.

Subscribers to the digital edition of the Lagoon Flyer received a special movie review of The Big Year, written by Phil Pryde of San Diego Audubon. The review can also be accessed online at the BVAS website: www.bvaudubon.org.

The film created quite a buzz among the Audubon crowd when it was released last fall, but quickly disappeared from theaters before many of us had a chance to see it. By all accounts, the movie does a great job of depicting what a Big Year in the birding world is all about. There's great scenery, some wonderful footage of rare and beautiful birds, and an exciting cast of big-name actors.

Join us at the movies in June. This is your chance to finally see the film, free of charge on the big screen at the Nature Center and in the company of an appreciative audience of fellow birders. We'll even throw in the popcorn!

Conservation Matters

Protecting Golden Eagles in the Ramona Grasslands

BVAS is supporting the Wildlife Research Institute of Ramona (WRI) in its opposition to a planned extension of a trail in the Ramona Grasslands Preserve. The proposed trail route would impact one of the few remaining golden eagle nest sites in San Diego County. Palomar Audubon, San Diego Audubon, and the Sierra Club are also members of the coalition of conservation groups urging the San Diego County Parks Department to work with WRI to find an alternate route for the trail. WRI was one of the driving forces leading to the creation of the Ramona Grasslands Preserve, which was primarily established for the protection of raptors. Its surveys have documented a major decline in golden eagle nests in San Diego over the last few decades. WRI manages raptor conservation programs and conducts raptor surveys throughout the year in San Diego County. It also hosts the popular Ramona Hawk Watch each January and February, helping to educate the public about raptors and their threatened status.



Celebrating Our Lagoon Heritage

Lagoon Day in Carlsbad

The City of Carlsbad is defined by its wetlands. The Pacific Ocean, of course, provides the city's western boundary. But it's Carlsbad's three lagoons, each fed by creeks that drain separate watersheds extending far east beyond city limits, that both border and bisect the city and provide unique and special wetlands benefits to the community.

Saturday, July 22, is "Lagoon Day in Carlsbad". The city council is scheduled to issue an official proclamation earlier in the month, and lagoon supporters are invited to attend (July 10, 6 p.m., Carlsbad Council Chambers).

Part of the purpose of Lagoon Day is to draw attention to the important role that lagoons play in the community. They filter impurities out of the water, dissipate flooding storm water, provide homes for common native plants and animals as well as many endangered species, and serve as nurseries to help stock the ocean with fish and other marine organisms. In addition to these benefits to the natural world, our lagoons serve the community by providing scenic views that delight our aesthetic sense, places to walk and find respite from the noise and stress we find in our daily lives, and opportunities to explore nature and find delight in its wonders.

Each of the non-profit groups that support the three Carlsbad lagoons are participating in the day of celebration by sponsoring special programs and events at their respective lagoons. BVAS will be hosting "Children's Day at Buena Vista Lagoon" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the BVAS Nature Center. More information about special Lagoon Day activities planned at the other two Carlsbad lagoons can be found on line at www.batiquitosfoundation.org (Batiquitos Nature Center) and www.aguahedionda.org (Discovery Center at Agua Hedionda Lagoon).

Children's Day

at the

Buena Vista Lagoon

Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

BVAS is sponsoring a fun day of nature activities specially geared for children and their families as our part of the "Lagoon Day in Carlsbad" celebration. Activities will include "Bird Bingo" and other games, a special edition of Nature Storytime, a guided "scent" walk, a lagoon wildlife discovery tour, nature treasure hunts with maps and checklists, nature crafts, and more. We're planning activities sure to appeal to all the "kids" in the community, even those of us who just want to recapture some of the fun we remember from when we were youngsters. We'll also be serving some snacks and drinks selected to appeal to the young and young-at-heart. Come join us, and bring the kids!



Summer Birding and Special Events

Whelan Lake Monthly Bird Count

with John Haddock

First Saturdays of Each Month—8 a.m.

June 2, July 7, August 4

Whelan Lake is a bird reserve with a freshwater lake, riparian-edge habitat, grass-covered hillsides, and an oak grove. The varied habitat results in a nice assortment of bird species in all seasons. It is especially noted for its wintering duck populations and interesting sightings during fall and spring migration. **Directions:** I-5 to Hwy. 76 East, left at Douglas, continue to light at North River Rd., go left on North River Rd. Pass through the entrance gate.



Starr Ranch Bird Walk

with Pete DeSimone

assisted by Steve Brad

Sunday June 10—8 a.m.

Join Starr Ranch manager Pete DeSimone and our own Steve Brad on a visit to this 4,000-acre Audubon California sanctuary in southern Orange County. Starr Ranch serves as an important wildlife preserve while providing a location for innovative approaches to land management and environmental education.

Vegetation at the ranch is typical of lower elevation Southern California, with mosaics of grassland, oak woodland, riparian woodland, coastal sage scrub, and chaparral. Native wildlife species run the gamut from mice to mountain lions. We'll be looking for a wide range of birds associated with the varied habitats. We may also visit some bird-banding sites.

Directions: I-5 North to Alicia Parkway. Right on Alicia Parkway, right on Santa Margarita Parkway, right on Plano Trabuco Rd., left on Dove Canyon. Pass through manned gate telling the guard you are going to Starr Ranch. Turn left on Grey Rock then take a quick right by three white mailboxes onto the access road. Proceed 1.5 miles across a bridge to a large field with a wooden fence. Park. Those interested in car pooling should meet at the I-5 and La Costa Avenue Park-and-Ride in Carlsbad at 6:30 a.m.

Leaders: Pete DeSimone, 949-858-0309.

Steve Brad, 760-633-1639, stevebrad1@earthlink.net.

(Cell phone will also be turned on June 10: 760-274-5256.)

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Basic Birding Class and Buena Vista Lagoon Bird Count

with Joan Fountain and Tom Troy

Last Saturdays of Each Month—8 a.m.

June 30, July 28, August 25

NOTE: BVAS is now combining the Basic Birding Class and the Buena Vista Lagoon Bird Count. We'll meet at the Nature Center at 8 a.m. and then caravan around the lagoon to a series of selected stops to observe birds, discuss bird behavior, and record the number of species we see.

Are you interested in learning a little more about the birds of our lagoon? Join the friendly group of fledgling birders that regularly turn out for our basic birding class at Buena Vista Lagoon each month. Everyone is invited to join the class for some informal, no-pressure birding and lots of friendly tips. The class will also officially record the different bird species seen at the lagoon. This monthly bird survey has been conducted by BVAS for many years, and our extensive database of bird sightings will be a factor for consideration as officials continue to study the best approach for managing, maintaining, and restoring this ecological reserve.

Directions: Meet at the BVAS Nature Center parking lot, 2202 South Coast Hwy., Oceanside.

Leaders: Joan Fountain, 760-729-1379.

Tom Troy, 760-420-7328.



Mid-Week 56-Hour Trip with BVAS

Pelagic Birding in August

BVAS is sponsoring a special 56-hour, pelagic birding trip on board the *Grande* out of San Diego in August. The trip is designed to get birders out to the most distant offshore waters that are still within the ABA area. It promises a chance to sight rare pelagic vagrants from the southern hemisphere, along with the nice variety of species typically seen in these waters at this time of year. Some of the birds we expect to see are a number of species of petrels, storm-petrels, and murrelets, plus tropicbirds, jaegers, boobies, and albatross. We also can count on encountering a wide variety of marine mammals. We'll depart on Monday, Aug. 13, at 7 a.m., and return 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15.



An early bird registration rate of \$285 is available through July 31. For reservations, call Point Loma Fisherman's Landing at 619-223-0627 and tell them you'd like a spot on the pelagic birding trip on board the *Grande*.



For more details about this and other pelagic birding trips in coming months, visit the BVAS pelagic birding website at: www.socalbirding.com.

Summer Fun at the Center

Parents and their fun-loving children are invited to visit the Nature Center throughout the summer. Families can explore all the exhibits and “hands-on” nature finds, curl up on the bean-bags with a children’s book, go on a nature treasure hunt, or make up their own fun at the Nature Center. Joey’s and Johnny’s Clubhouse will be in session on the third Sundays in June, July, and August from 1-4 p.m. (see P. 5), and “Children’s Day at the Lagoon” will be held on July 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (see P. 2).

Have a Happy Summer!
Preschool Nature Storytime
Will Return in September.

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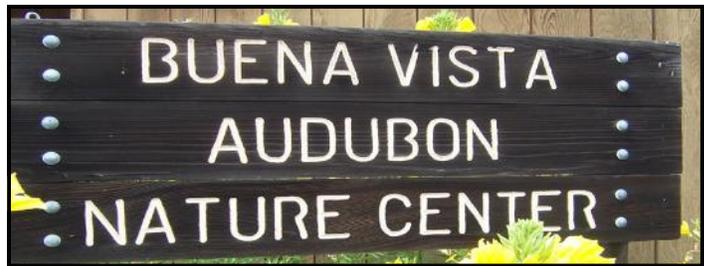
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Only A Few Spots Still Open!

Buena Vista Lagoon Summer Nature Camp

Summer Nature Camp at the Buena Vista Lagoon is just around the corner. This is a wonderful way for your child to get the summer off to an exciting start. The nature knowledge and activities learned at the camp will provide happy memories and ideas for wholesome play activities for your child to enjoy the whole summer long.

Camp leaders and Nature Guides will provide lessons, stories, songs, crafts, and walks around our lagoon trail. We’ll catch bugs, examine things with our magnifying glasses, and even have some live animals for the children to visit up close. The first week of camp will be June 18-22, and is geared for children from kindergarten through fourth grade. The second week of camp will run from June 25-29, and will be just for the younger children from kindergarten through second grade. Each week-long session will run from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Call or stop by the Nature Center to make your reservation. Tuition fee: \$90 per child per week.



Location:

2202 South Coast Hwy.
Oceanside, CA
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Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 480
Oceanside, CA 92049

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Tuesday-Saturday —
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday—1 p.m.-4 p.m.
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Buena Vista Native Plant Club

Summer Meetings

June 17 — See the Blooms!

Come view a show of native plant photos from our extensive collection, and we'll talk about your favorite plants. We'll also check out the plants in the demonstration gardens.



July 15 — Fire Season Gardening.

We'll watch a video about our native chaparral plant community, and discuss Rick Halsey's book, *Fire, Chaparral, and Survival in Southern California*. Can native plants actually help protect us from wildfires? (Yes they can!)

August 19 — Winter in August?

It's well into summer now, and plants are going dormant. We'll discuss and practice techniques for pruning our various native plants. Bring gloves and tools.

The Buena Vista Native Plant Club meets at the Nature Center at 2 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month. Everyone's welcome, regardless of their native plant knowledge or gardening expertise. Club members answer your questions and help solve your gardening issues, as well as offer tips for native gardening activities appropriate for the season. We always spend time among the native plants in the demonstration gardens or along the Nature Center trails.

For more info, follow the Native Plant Club link at www.bvaudubon.org.

Kid's Corner At the Nature Center

Joey's and Johnny's Clubhouse

Joey and Johnny DiMento have been entertaining their young friends at the Nature Center on the third Sunday of each month. Seven-year-old Joey and her younger brother Johnny (age 4) have always enjoyed hanging out at the Nature Center, investigating the exhibits, reading the children's books, doing nature-oriented crafts, and exploring the trail. Their parents, Danny and C.J., are long-time members and highly involved volunteers at BVAS.

The monthly gathering of kids began when the DiMento family signed up to host the Nature Center from 1-4 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month. Joey quickly took on the role of "kid's greeter," welcoming each youngster who entered the Nature Center with special walks around the exhibits and suggestions of fun activities. She then began inviting her friends from school to drop by to join her and Johnny for fun and games at the Nature Center. It's now become a much-anticipated nature play day for a growing number of young children, as well as their accompanying

parents. As attendance has grown, so has the fun and excitement. The adults provide a few ideas and help oversee things in general, but the kids themselves invent many of the games and choose their activities.

Visitors to the Nature Center can always tell when Joey's and Johnny's Clubhouse has had another "meeting". For several days following each session, the sidewalk at the entrance to the Nature Center is adorned with colorful chalk art featuring birds, flowers, and other designs, usually accompanied with the hand-written sentiment, "We Love the Nature Center!"

Do you have a bored youngster looking for a little fun this summer? Drop by the Nature Center from 1-4 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month and join the kids (and parents) at Joey's and Johnny's Clubhouse. Everyone's welcome.

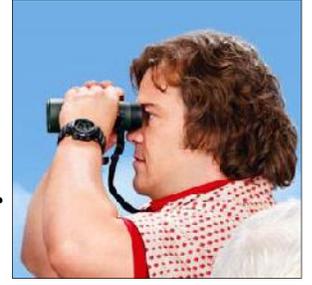


Joey and Johnny invite kids to join them at the Nature Center.

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Children's Day
 at
Buena Vista Lagoon
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Audubon Film Festival
The Big Year
 at
BVAS Nature Center
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BVAS Summer Calendar

- Fri. June 1—Board Meeting—9 a.m.
 —Repeats July 6 and Aug. 3 (tentative).
- Sat. June 2—"Somewhere in New Mexico" Lecture—4 p.m.
- Sat. June 2—Whelan Lake Bird Walk—8 a.m.
 —Repeats July 7 and Aug. 4.
- Fri. June 8—Nature Guides Meeting—10 a.m.
- Sun. June 10—Starr Ranch Bird Walk—8 a.m.
- Wed. June 13—Annual Meeting and "The Big Year"—7 p.m.
- Sun. Jun 17—Native Plant Club Meeting—2 p.m.
 —Repeats July 15 and Aug. 19.
- Sun. June 17—Joey's and Johnny's Clubhouse at N.C.—1-4 p.m.
 —Repeats July 15 and Aug. 19.
- Mon.-Fri. June 18-22—Summer Nature Camp (Session 1)—9 a.m.
- Mon.-Fri. June 25-29—Summer Nature Camp (Session 2)—9 a.m.
- Sat. June 30—Basic Birding and Lagoon Bird Count—8 a.m.
 —Repeats July 28 and Aug. 25
- Sat. July 22—Children's Day at B. V. Lagoon—10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Mon.-Wed. Aug. 13-15—56-hour Pelagic Bird Trip—7 a.m.



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A Celebrated Red Knot

A shorebird superstar known by its identification number as Red Knot B-95 since first being banded in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina in 1995, was recently re-sighted on its South American wintering grounds. Depending on its age when first banded, the bird is at least 19 years old. Over the years, Red Knot B-95 has also been confirmed at its breeding grounds in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Quebec, Canada. The distance between the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Tierra del Fuego is 9,300 miles, meaning that B-95 has undertaken perhaps 40 separate migration trips covering more than 350,000 miles. Red



*Red Knot B-95 in Tierra del Fuego.
 —Jan van de Kam (2009 Photo)*

Knot populations have plummeted precipitously in recent years primarily due to loss of resting and food resources along the migration routes. We celebrate B-95's remarkable stamina and ability to buck the trend.