



A Buena Vista Audubon Special Adventure



# Birdlife of the Eastern Mojave Spring Migration

Desert Studies Center—Zzyzx, California

May 4-6, 2018

*Join BVAS for a two-night, 3-day, birding adventure at the Desert Studies Center in Zzyzx, California.*

**Program:** The weekend course begins with check-in and orientation on Friday evening, including a discussion on bird identification, migration, conservation, and a preview of the weekend activities. Saturday morning will include a visit to a petroglyph site and birding at the Salt Creek Conservation Area and the Shoshone birdwalk. After lunch we'll bird the Tecopa Marsh and stop for date shakes at the China Ranch Date Farm. We'll have a late afternoon siesta before dinner, and after dinner a presentation on "The Spring Birds of Zzyzx", followed by an optional scorpion hunt, owling, night sky observation, or movie. Sunday will be morning birding around the station, with an introduction to desert ecology. Prior to lunch we'll walk and scope the Baker sewage ponds for waterfowl, gulls, terns, shorebirds, waders.

**Total Cost: \$125.**

Includes two nights accommodation, snacks and meals from Friday night through Sunday lunch, course fees, and instructor. **To register:** Please send a check for \$125 made out to "Desert Studies". Send check to Kurt Leuschner, College of the Desert—ASBU; 43500 Monterey Ave., Palm Desert, CA 92260

Our course instructor and guide will be Kurt Leuschner, Professor of Natural Resources at the College of the Desert. This is typically offered as a college course, so expect a college-type environment. It might be thought of as a "camp for adults". Rooms are 2-person with individual beds, but require your own bedding. Registrants will receive info regarding room selection, suggested supplies, etc. Space is limited.

