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PACIFICA SNOWY PLOVER PROTECTIONS — IN THE WORKS

BY NANCY ARBUCKLE AND
DYER CROUCH

The Pacifica City Council, in their November 15, 2010 meeting, took a big step forward by agreeing to enforce regulations that protect the endangered Snowy Plover on Pacifica State Beach. The Council unanimously adopted staff recommendations including enforcing leash laws and installing signs and symbolic fencing in areas on the beach known to be winter roosting habitat for the plovers.

Unfortunately there are no restrictions for dogs in or near the habitat area and it is unclear how the leash laws will be enforced.

SAS member and Pacifica Open Space Committee Co-Chair Dyer Crouch has worked tirelessly for years on behalf of

this Pacifica population of Snowy Plovers. Protection efforts began years ago with beach trash removal in an effort to keep the predatory ravens in check. Soon Dyer and his group were planting native ground cover as a bulwark against the advent of non-native plant species and their environmental and habitat disruptions.

As the beach improved, usage increased dramatically and events, tents, and vehicles entered the area with no regard to its plover population.

SAS joined the fight for protection in 2008, followed by PRBO, American Bird Conservancy, Sierra Club, and other wildlife organizations. Still the Pacifica City Council could not be persuaded. Dyer, Edwin Geer, Margaret Zeavin, and other SAS members continued their assiduous appeals on behalf of the plovers.

At last the pieces were in place and the plan to include the US Fish and Wildlife Service in the effort prevailed. Before being implemented, the policy must undergo a review by the USFWS and must be approved by the CA Coastal Commission and CA State Parks before becoming law. Meanwhile this habitat

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Snowy Plover

Photo by Sonny Mencher

Monthly Meetings

San Mateo Garden Center

February

Thursday, 10th, 7:00 PM

Program: Island Birding

March

Thursday, 10th, 7:00 PM

Program: Birding Class: *Breeding Bird Atlas of Santa Clara County*

(See program details on page 2)

Upcoming Field Trips

(See trip details beginning on page 3)

February

Saturday, 5th Coastside Birding

Saturday, 12th – Sunday, 13th
Panoche Valley and
Merced County
Wildlife Refuges

March

Saturday, 12th Stevens Creek
Corridor

Sunday, 20th Candlestick Park

Community Diets to Curb Global Warming

From Audubon Chapter Services

Many of us are concerned about global warming and its threat to birds, habitat and our existence as we know it. But what does it take to move from a state of concern to one of commitment? Keith Blackmore, Conservation Chair for **Northwest Illinois Audubon Society (NIAS)**, spent years educating people about

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MEETING PROGRAMS

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Island Birding – New Guinea and Madagascar

By Leslie Flint

Thursday February 10, 7:00 PM

New Guinea and Madagascar are two of
the four largest islands in the world.
Because they have been separated from
their respective nearby continents for

Monthly Meetings

San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way, San Mateo

*Parkside Way is west of Alameda de las
Pulgas, between 26th and 28th Avenues.*

millions of years, they have evolved
unique plants, animals, birds, and – in the
case of Papua New Guinea – cultures. Both
have species found nowhere else in the
world. New Guinea is the land of the
fabled birds-of-paradise and bowerbirds.
Madagascar has ground-rollers, vangas,
and more than 60 species of lemurs.



Leslie Flint and friend,
Papua New Guinea

In July 2009, Leslie traveled to birding
areas around Port Moresby, the
Highlands, and the Sepik River region
in Papua New Guinea, the eastern half
of the island of New Guinea, seeing
over 350 species of birds. In November
2010, she went to the islands of
Madagascar, Reunion, Mauritius, and
the Seychelles in search of more than
130 endemic birds.

Leslie is an active SAS member. Many
of you know her from participating in
one of her field trips or joining the
Christmas Bird Count, which she
coordinates. She has served as SAS's
representative to the Board of
Directors and volunteers as a weekend
guide at Audubon Canyon Ranch.

Birding Class: *Breeding Bird Atlas of Santa Clara County* – How to Use It; Why I Love It.

By Bob Power

Thursday March 10, 7:00 PM

Published in 2007, the *Breeding Bird
Atlas* is the best ever natural history
guide to Santa Clara County. It is so
much more than just a bird book. With
a great overlap of species, even those
San Mateo County birders who don't
venture into Santa Clara County will
find this atlas very valuable. In class
everyone will learn to read the charts,
graphs, and codes that make up the
heart of the atlas. We'll also explore
the other chapters to ensure you go
home committed to reading the entire
book. Atlases will be available for
purchase by participants at an
extraordinary discount.

Bob Power is the Executive Director
for Santa Clara Valley Audubon
Society and leads or co-leads birding
trips annually to Mono Lake, Tule
Lake, Yuba Pass, and southeastern
Arizona. Bob has been the instructor
for Birding Topics and Techniques at
Palo Alto Adult School for the past
five years and is a day-leader for the
Golden Gate Raptor Observatory's
Hawk Watch program.

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Coastside Birding at Pillar Point Harbor

Saturday February 5, 9:00 AM – Noon

Pillar Point is the only sheltered harbor between Santa Cruz and San Francisco, making it a prime birding area. The harbor area is a stopover point for shorebirds and a favorite for seabirds. Not only does the harbor usually provide some surprises, but the nearby willows, cypress, and grassland have proven to be first-rate sites for warblers and sparrows.

Directions: Take Hwy 92 to Hwy 1 North, to Capistrano Road and turn left at the traffic light. Turn left again at the first opportunity. We will meet in the parking lot at the east end of the harbor near the boat launch ramp. This will be a morning walking trip along the beach and in rocky areas, so boots or sturdy shoes are recommended. Wear clothing in layers for cold and windy to sunny weather. Heavy rain cancels.

Leader: Gary Deghi 650-726-1340

Beginner/Advanced Birding Trip

Panoche Valley and Merced County Wildlife Refuges – Weekend Field Trip – February 12 & 13

Panoche Valley

Saturday February 12

This trip traverses raptor habitat, which usually produces Golden Eagle, Prairie Falcon, Ferruginous Hawk and more. We also hope to see Mountain Bluebirds, Mountain Plovers, Roadrunners, and various sparrows. At Mercy Hot Springs we will look for Long-eared Owls – a fee of \$5 per person is required for this section. Spend the night in Los Banos.

Directions: Meet at 8:00 AM at the Paicines Reservoir, on the right just past the intersection of Hwy 25 and J-1 in Paicines, 12.5 miles south of Hollister. From there we will drive east through Panoche Valley, ending at I-5 and Little Panoche Road. Be sure to start from Hollister with a full tank of gas.

Merced County Wildlife Refuge

Sunday February 13, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The day will be spent birding the Merced County Wildlife Refuges. We will look for waterfowl, shorebirds, Sandhill Cranes, and over-wintering rarities. We

will end the day at about 3:00 PM to allow us to get home at a reasonable hour.

Directions: Meet at 8:00 AM at Merced National Wildlife Refuge on Sandy Mush Road.

Reservations for this trip are required.

Contact Leslie for motel suggestions, directions, carpooling arrangements (urged), and any other questions.

Leader: Leslie Flint 650-573-6279 or 650-619-0836 (cell)

Co-leader: Ginny Marshall

ginnybirder@sbcglobal.net

Field Trip Accompanying Class Stevens Creek Area, Mountain View Saturday March 12, 7:45 AM

The field trip will focus on bird behavior as it relates to the codes used in the *Breeding Bird Atlas*. We will cover several habitat types along the Stevens Creek corridor. This trip is open to everyone with a \$5.00 fee paid to the instructor. No reservations needed.

Directions: Meet at 7:45 AM at the east end of San Antonio Road off Highway 101 in Mountain View, where we will form carpools. (Some may know this as parking for Charleston Slough.)

Leader: Bob Power

Call SAS for more info: 650-529-1454.

Candlestick Park, San Francisco Sunday March 20, 8:30 AM

In Candlestick Park between September and April it is possible to see most of our local shorebirds on the mudflats along the entrance road and in the protected cove north of Candlestick Point. The open water is usually good for diving ducks including scaups, scoters, Common Goldeneyes, Buffleheads, and Red-breasted Mergansers. We will watch also for Western, Clark's, Horned, and Eared Grebes. Then we will caravan to Heron's Head, a site notable for breeding Black-necked Stilts, rare in San Francisco.

Directions: From Hwy 101, take Exit 429A toward Monster Park/Tunnel Ave. Take the ramp toward 3COM Park and turn slightly right onto Alanna Rd. Turn left onto Harney Way. Turn right onto Jamestown Ave. Go into the main entrance by the kiosk and drive to the southern end of the parking lot.

Leader: Robbie Fischer

(Carbon diet, continued from page 1)

global warming, but struggled to engage them to action. Then, at a renewable energy fair several years ago, a fellow participant gave him a copy of David Gershon's book, *Low-Carbon Diet—A 30-Day Program to Lose 5,000 Pounds* (2006). Keith paged through it during the conference, was inspired to purchase additional copies for his Chapter, and then worked with his Board to launch the Low-Carbon Diet as a Chapter Program.

Using the steps laid out in Gershon's book, Keith worked with the Chapter to mentor students from the local community college's Student Leadership Program to take the program to the schools. In addition, they trained several Chapter volunteers as group leaders, who then worked with small groups of community members to assess their carbon footprint and provide them tools to help reduce it. NIAS applied for and received Audubon Collaborative Funding in FY2009 to help build several tools for the Chapter website, including a carbon footprint calculator and forms for each participating group to enter their data.

Over the past three years, participants in the Chapter's program have pledged to cut 576,950 lbs of carbon from their lifestyles. Three participants were so inspired; they traded their gas-guzzling vehicles for hybrid electric cars. Another participant had an energy assessment done on her home in preparation for installing a photovoltaic system. In addition, the Chapter has purchased 25 electricity load meters and donated them to local libraries. Community members can borrow the meters to assess energy use at their home, office or school.

FOR MORE INFO

Call Keith Blackmore at 815-938-3204 or visit <http://www.nwilaudubon.org/lowcarbon.asp>.

(Pacifica Snowy Plover, continued from page 1)

has gone from being hardly recognized to generally known as “CA-48” on the USFWS Snowy Plover 2007 Recovery Plan, where it has long belonged.

SAS will continue to monitor this issue to ensure the Snowy Plover habitat at Pacifica State Beach receives the full benefits of its codified protections.



Beer can-collared Western Gull, Half Moon Bay State Beach

(Programs, continued from page 2)

Accompanying Field Trip: Stevens Creek Corridor, Mountain View

Saturday March 12, 7:45 AM

The field trip will focus on bird behavior as it relates to the codes used in the *Breeding Bird Atlas*. We'll cover several habitat types along the Stevens Creek corridor.

Directions: Meet at 7:45 AM at the east end of San Antonio Road in Mountain View, off Highway 101. (Some may know this as parking for Charleston Slough.) We will form carpools.

CRUELTY TO GULLS VIOLATES MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT

In the photo at left, taken August 19, 2010 by Lana Ellis, a juvenile Western Gull is shown at Half Moon Bay State Beach with a jagged Budweiser beer can collar around its neck. A handful more have been sighted around San Mateo County and San Francisco over the past few months. At least four have been captured, cans removed, and released, according to information received from WildRescue in Moss Landing, Peninsula Humane Society, and Pillar Point Harbor in Half Moon Bay.

The jagged cans force the birds to adjust how they eat, but exposure is the chief concern. Because the animals aren't able to properly preen, their feathers lose their warmth and waterproofness, leaving them susceptible to the elements.

Pledges have been made for a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who committed this crime of placing the cans on the gulls. Sequoia Audubon has pledged \$100. With other pledges and a matching pledge from the California Beer and Beverage Distributors the total is now at least \$6,500.

Wounding, capturing, or killing a wild bird is a federal crime under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and can carry a misdemeanor fine of up to \$15,000. WildRescue is asking anyone who sees these birds to report it by calling their dedicated pager at 831-429-2323 or e-mail rescue@wildrescue.org.

George Chrisman's County Report

The San Mateo County Year List through November 2010 is posted on the Sequoia Audubon Society's website at <http://www.sequoia-audubon.org/SMCbirds.php>.

November 2010 found three new species in the county:

- Ferruginous Hawk
- Swamp Sparrow
- Brewer's Sparrow

This brings us to a total of 314 species found year to date. This is well behind last year's total of 333 species through November 2009.

December is off to a good start with the recent finding of the American Tree Sparrow at Radio Road.

OTHER BIRDING ACTIVITIES

(Sequoia Audubon does not sponsor the following activities.)

San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory Special Event – “A Bird in the Hand”

Coyote Creek Field Station, Milpitas

Saturday February 19, 8:30 – 10:30 AM

Visit the Bird Observatory's bird-banding station at the Coyote Creek Field Station. Learn about the Bird Observatory's bird-banding research and see several different species up close.

Attendees will tour mist nets, watch a banding demonstration, and explore a restored riparian habitat. Please join SFBBO and learn why bird-banding is so important for protecting birds and their habitats.

RSVP required. Space is limited to 15 people. Free for members; \$10 for non-members. In the event of rain, the tour will be cancelled.

Contact: Kathi Kendrick 408-946-6548 x10 or kkendrick@sfbbo.org

San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory – Snowy Plover Habitat Enhancement

Saturday February 19, time TBD

Join the Bird Observatory and the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge as they pull weeds in a large area of salt pond. They will remove low weeds to create more open habitat suitable for nesting and foraging Western Snowy Plovers. Please come prepared to walk on uneven ground and get muddy. Adults and supervised children welcome.

Contact: Caitlin Robinson-Nilsen at cnilsen@sfbbo.org to sign up. Start time TBA. Rain date Saturday February 26.

Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society's Annual Birdathon

The 2011 timeline is:

- Kick-off party: Tuesday March 15 at 6:30 PM
- Birdathon Window: Saturday March 26 to Sunday April 24
- Birdathon Awards Dinner: Tuesday June 7 at 6 PM

Anyone can participate, including SCVAS members and non-members and expert and beginning birders. Similar to a "walk-a-thon," this is one of their most important fundraisers. You can form your own team or join one of their prearranged guided teams, gather pledges, and then count bird species anytime within the Spring Birdathon Window for either up to four hours or between 4 and 24 hours. People who raise the most money win valuable prizes that are given away at the free awards dinner.

For more information: <http://www.scvas.org/birdathon>

Olympic BirdFest 2011

Sequim, WA

Friday – Sunday, April 8 – 10

Visit the rain shadow of the Olympic Peninsula to discover the birds of the coastal Pacific Northwest -- Marbled Murrelets, Rhinoceros Auklets, Harlequin Ducks, dippers, Black Oystercatchers, Long-tailed Ducks, and more. Activities include guided field trips, a boat cruise in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, a silent auction, and a gala banquet at the Sunland Golf & Coun-

try Club. This festival has the most spectacular setting!

Immediately following BirdFest, join us for a three-day, two-night birding cruise of the San Juan Islands, April 10 – 12.

Contact: Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, 360-681-4076, www.olympicbirdfest.org, or opas.birdfest.info@gmail.com

16th Annual Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival Arcata, CA

Thursday – Sunday, April 14 – 17

Keynote speaker: [Scott Weidensaul](#)

California's North Coast offers towering redwoods, rocky ocean coasts, wild river valleys, expansive mudflats of Humboldt Bay, and the world-renowned Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, where over 300 species of birds have been sighted, just minutes from the historic Arcata Plaza. Held at the peak of spring migration, shorebirds abound, and special events are planned to see many other species, including Marbled Murrelet, Spotted Owl, and Snowy Plover. The area offers a wide array of habitats and species for your observation and enjoyment. Our selection of over 100 small group field trips, lectures, workshops, boating excursions, and community activities are led by experienced local guides. Special pre- and post-festival birding trips are available that can extend your enjoyment to a full week.

For further information or assistance with registration for Godwit Days call 1-800-908-WING or 707-826-7050. We look forward to your participation this spring!

17th Annual Kern River Valley Spring Nature & Earth Day Festival

Weldon, Kern County, CA

Saturday, April 23

Come celebrate Spring in the Kern River Valley! Audubon California's Kern River Preserve in Weldon hosts numerous free events including bird walks led by Kerncrest Audubon Society volunteers and information booths and exhibits located in the Preserve's shaded yard at the headquarters.

To learn more go to: <http://kern.audubon.org/KRVSNF.htm>

Second Annual Point Reyes Birding and Nature Festival

Friday – Monday, April 29 – May 2

This event is sponsored by the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin, the area's leading environmental advocacy group.

Point Reyes and the West Marin area are home to one of the most diverse bird populations in North America. April is a great time to see and hear breeding birds and to admire shorebirds, waterfowl, and many other species on their way north.

The Point Reyes Birding and Nature Festival will be open for registration early in 2011. If you want to receive a notice when registration opens, please send an email to [Amaroq Weiss at aweiss@eacmarin.org](mailto:aweiss@eacmarin.org); she will put you on the notification list. We will NEVER trade, donate, or sell your email address. Nor will you receive any non-Festival related messages.

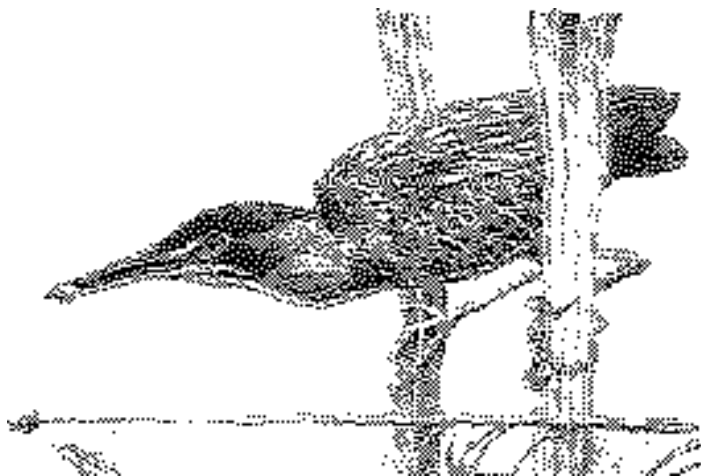
To make sure you get the walks and events you want to attend, you will need to get the notification that registration is open. Some of the trips will be fully subscribed very quickly, even within a few days! You can help make the festival successful by passing this message on to your birding and other friends with an interest in nature and the outdoors.

Heron Festival and Wildflower Brunch
Clear Lake State Park, Kelseyville, CA
Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1

A celebration of birds, wildlife, and springtime on beautiful Clear Lake!

Co-sponsored by Redbud Audubon and Clear Lake State Park, this event offers pontoon boat tours, close-up bird-life viewing, birding and nature walks, omelet brunch, children's activities, nature booth exhibits, environmental speakers, Pomo basket weaving, and much more.

For information and registration go to www.heronfestival.org or call 707-263-8030



Green Heron

Take a Mid-Winter Nature Break with the
Great Backyard Bird Count

Friday – Monday, February 18 – 21

Anyone who can identify even a few species can provide important information that will enable scientists to learn more about how the environment is changing and how that affects our conservation priorities. Everyone who participates in the GBBC – families, teachers, and young people – will get a chance to hone their observation skills, learn more about birds, and make a great contribution to the future.

For more information go to: <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sequoia Audubon Society New Volunteer Meeting

Looking for something to do for a New Year's resolution?

In late January or early February we will schedule a Volunteer Information Orientation meeting to provide information on ways that you can help Sequoia Audubon in your local area. Conservation, education, and outreach in San Mateo County will be highlighted. In addition we will present other opportunities to contribute a few hours per month to help Sequoia Audubon make a difference for our environment and our communities.

Join our yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SequoiaAudubon/> for future updates regarding date, time, and location of the orientation meeting. Meanwhile, for more information, email: sequoiaaudubon@yahoo.com.

Half Moon Bay State Beach: Annual Volunteer Training Workshop, Saturday January 22

Volunteers at Half Moon Bay have several opportunities available. Some choose to do habitat restoration or serve as beach monitors assisting with the protection of endangered species such as the Western Snowy Plover during breeding season. Docents participate in providing educational programs to visiting school groups and host the visitor center.

Call the park at 650-726-8819 to learn more about the many ways you can contribute.



Joe Morlan, a long-time member and supporter of Sequoia Audubon Society, has received the prestigious American Birding Association (ABA) Ludlow Griscom Award. This is an annual prize "given to individuals who have dramatically advanced the state of ornithological knowledge for a particular region."

SAS salutes Joe Morlan for his well-earned achievement and honors all he has done for birds

and bird-watching in San Mateo County and all of California. Perhaps the best way to appreciate Joe Morlan's contributions is to visit his own website: <http://fog.ccsf.edu/~jmorlan/>



YOUR CONSERVATION COMMITTEE AT WORK

by Nancy Arbuckle and Brent Plater

On November 18 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission, representatives of Wild Equity Institute, Center for Biological Diversity, Surfrider Foundation, Sequoia Audubon Society, and National Parks Conservation Association lodged a new 60-day notice with the SF Recreation and Park Commission regarding the illegal take of endangered species at Sharp Park. Along with the notice letter we provided copies of the most recent financial analysis of Sharp Park's losses and over 500 signatures in support of restoring Sharp Park.

Despite several years of controversy regarding this issue, the Commission was surprised to see us there, and the new Commission President, Mark Buell, offered to meet with us in an effort to head off the litigation. That meeting has not yet been scheduled but we expect it will be soon.

SAS has been formally involved in the effort to restore Sharp Park for about two years. As many of you know, we lead frequent field trips at adjacent Mori Point and have many active members in the area. We feel the weight of past Rec and Park decisions regarding Sharp Park has moved the process further away from real species protection and ecosystem restoration. It appears to us that the conversation is now around golf course preservation rather than endangered species recovery, not to mention the highest, best use of the Sharp Park site -- hence our participation in the potential litigation. We support the rule of law and we value the process the Endangered Species Act affords us. The process it outlines needs to be followed and when it isn't, it is our duty to invoke it.

SAS would like to see scarce Rec and Park dollars used to enhance birding and hiking opportunities. Our vision of Sharp Park encompasses restoration, species protection and recovery, and wider recreation opportunities. We will work with SF officials to make that happen.

A Little History

The [controversial Sharp Park Golf Course](#) is owned by San Francisco but located in suburban San Mateo County. The golf course receives [failing grades](#) from golfers in most categories measured by the National Golf Foundation, has [lost hundreds of thousands of dollars since 2004](#), and has, for decades, been killing two species protected by the Endangered Species Act, the [San Francisco Garter Snake](#) and the [California Red-legged Frog](#).

The new notice explains that the City of San Francisco continues to violate the Endangered Species Act by harming endangered species without permits. Although the City has produced a plan to protect the golf course from liability, the plan is routinely violated, and even if fully implemented would still require approval from state and federal wildlife authorities before it could be lawfully implemented. The notice provides San Francisco with 60 days to remedy these violations or litigation will commence.

What You Can Do

Send an e-mail to the [Board of Supervisors and the Mayor](#) of San Francisco and demand that the City stop subsidizing suburban golf in San Mateo County. Ask that they close Sharp Park Golf Course. Let them know you want San Francisco to partner with the National Park Service to build a better public park at Sharp Park that everyone can enjoy!

Contacts: Gavin.newsom@sfgov.org and Board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAS members in good standing who wish to nominate qualified members to the Board of Directors may do so by sending an email to the Nominating Committee in care of Sue Cossins sas-sue@earthlink.net.

The Executive Committee positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are one-year positions; therefore they will be open for nominations now. Current directors as well as new nominees may be nominated for Executive Committee positions. There are also two director positions that are up for nomination. These are three-year positions.

Elections will be held at the June 9 SAS General Meeting. Nominations must be received by February 21 and will be printed in the next issue of the newsletter.

SAS appreciates your tax-deductible donations which help fund the Chapter's education, conservation and ongoing activities

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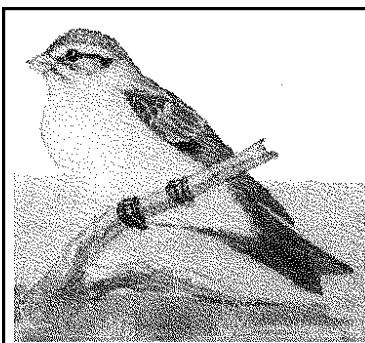
CALIFORNIA GARDENS: BEAUTY AND SUSTAINABILITY WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Saturday February 19, 9 AM – 6 PM

Foothill College, Appreciation Hall, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills, CA.

This one-day symposium on native plant gardening and design includes talks by California's leading horticulturists and designers: Bart O'Brien, Bernard Trainor, David Fross, Dr. Glenn Keator, Judith Lowry, Nevin Smith, and Paul Kephart. Also on hand will be plant and book sales, and more. The symposium is organized by the California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter; hosted by Foothill College Environmental Horticulture Department; and sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Water District and Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency. Space is limited. Early registration recommended.

For more information and registration: <http://symposium.cnps-scv.org>.



Brewer's Sparrow

THE BIRD BOX
RARE BIRD ALERT
415-681-7422

Principles of Birding Ethics

Everyone who enjoys birds and birding must always respect wildlife, its environment, and the rights of others. In any conflict of interest between birds and birders, the welfare of the birds and their environment comes first.

To read the complete American Birding Association Code of Birding Ethics refer to the SAS website: www.sequoia-audubon.org.

Mission Statement

The mission of Sequoia Audubon Society is to participate in environmental education and conservation, and in the restoration, preservation, protection and enjoyment of our native natural resources with emphasis on birds and their habitats.