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Photo: Jon Fisher

Merlin — Our Winter Falcon

Merlins winter in Southern California. Never very common, they're one of the more exciting possibilities during local field trips. In October through December, 2011, eBird observers reported a few dozen sightings throughout Los Angeles County and vicinity.

Peregrine Falcons prey on other birds using spectacular vertical dives. If you are watching a flock of shorebirds and they flush suddenly for no apparent reason, it's sometimes due to the presence of a Peregrine high above. Merlins, midway in size between Kestrels and Peregrines, tend to hunt horizontally instead, using speed and concealment to surprise and overtake their targets. That speed can make a Merlin challenging to identify as it streaks past. Like accipiters, falcons attack initially with their talons but unlike accipiters, they kill with a bite to the neck with a notched beak. Merlins were seen this November and December by PAS members Deni Sinnott, Norm Vargas, Denis Callet (with a nice photo), Darren Dowell, and Will and Lois Fulmer, among others. John Garrett posted this about a visitor to his backyard on December 28th:

"A Merlin flying south high overhead was a surprise, but even more surprisingly it later circled back from the south low into my yard, chasing everything away and snatching a Mourning Dove in midair! It came back again a few minutes later, still clutching the dove and giving an interesting squeaky noise while being divebombed by a crow."

Mark Hunter

Looks even better in color! Check out www.pasadenaudubon.org

President's Perch

Join the 15th Annual Backyard Bird Count!

National Audubon and Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology are again hosting the popular Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) - your chance to count the birds you see in your own backyard, or local park, and share that info with others on a national level. This is a family-friendly, educational activity that is lots of "bird-watching" fun and costs nothing. The bird count period is February 17 – 20, 2012. You can enroll as a participant at www.birdcount.org to

join the tens of thousands in the U.S. and Canada that participate each year. As a participant you will have access to the data on the GBBC website sorted by species and location, so you can see where the birds are and how your area compares with other areas. Did I mention it is fun and free?

Good Birding!

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February Program

The Cactus Wren of Southern California

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Dan Cooper

Perhaps the most imperiled resident bird on the coastal slope of Southern California has no legal status in Los Angeles County, but growing numbers of biologists and volunteers are joining together to study and protect fragile populations of the Cactus Wren anyway!

We will examine places where these fascinating birds are found around the Southland, with an emphasis on Los Angeles County, take inventory of the forces that seem to be aligned against the wrens, and finish by reviewing conservation strategies that are being devised and implemented to give these tenacious birds a fighting chance.

Dan Cooper is the founder of Cooper Ecological Monitoring Inc. and is the author of *Important Bird Areas of California*.

March Program

Shakespeare's Birds

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Dr. Martin Hyatt

Birds have magical qualities. They fly, they sing, and they anticipate the seasons. They have inspired artists and writers in every age and society. Shakespeare filled his works with bird imagery, drawing upon renaissance, medieval, Roman, Greek, and biblical sources, as well as his own experience, mentioning over 60 different species. At the start of Shakespeare's career, he was labeled an "upstart crow", and after his death, he was eulogized as the "swan of Avon". Understanding the literary traditions involving birds leads to some surprising discoveries about Shakespeare and his works. Dr. Martin Hyatt is a biologist who has tracked radio-tagged homing pigeons from a small plane and chased down gorged albatrosses from an inflatable boat. Now, he pursues Shakespeare's birds.

April Program

Birding Among the Beasts

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Susan & Frank Gilliland, Mark & Janet Scheel, Kathy Ellsworth, Lance Benner, Jon Feenstra, Marilyn Morgan, Larry Allen, Russell Kokx

With its unique animals, East Africa has long been part of every traveler's dreams. The large mammals are easily summoned to mind (big scary cats anyone?). But Tanzania is also a land of vast landscapes, rolling grasslands dotted with acacia and baobab trees and endless horizons. It is also home to one of the seven summits, Mount Kilimanjaro, and to Lake Victoria, the second largest lake in the world.

And did we mention that there are more than 1000 species of birds?

Join Pasadena's Pride as they share photos from one of the best places in the world for nature and bird watching.

General meetings are held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center (address on back cover). Socializing begins at 7:00 pm and programs are presented from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

AFC Seeks to Preserve La Crescenta Wilderness

The Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy, a local environmental nonprofit, is working to preserve a crucial wilderness area in La Crescenta. Located at the top of Rosemont Ave., the land would provide the first access to the wilderness that surrounds La Crescenta from within the town.

"We have a great need for open space in La Crescenta," said AFC board member and La Crescenta resident Paul Rabinov. "The community members we've spoken with so far have really embraced the opportunity to preserve this land."

The 7.75-acre property nestled in the mouth of Goss Canyon offers habitat for a variety of wildlife species, including mule deer, mountain lions, bobcats, bears, coyotes and Arroyo toads. It also offers terrific opportunities for birders. In a 75-minute visit to the property this fall, Pasadena Audubon Society's own John Garrett identified 31 bird species.

The total project cost is \$450,000. AFC has raised \$361,000 of that so far, including a commitment of \$350,000 from the office of L.A. County Supervisor Michael Antonovich. The conservancy is working to raise the remaining funds required from the local community and AFC supporters.

For more information about the project, or to donate, visit www.arroyosfoothills.org/rosemont.

Laura Garrett & Sean Howell

Class: Birding 101

Sponsored by Pasadena Audubon and Eaton Canyon Nature Center

Birding provides enjoyment and challenge throughout life, getting you outdoors on your street or around the world.

This is your opportunity to explore the world of Birding in a classroom environment.

This class is designed for beginners, but all are welcome.

We will cover the basics of identification, optics, field guides, note-taking, habitats, birding ethics, and many other topics.

Our goals are to help class participants become familiar with local birds and to be comfortable on birding field trips. Class size is limited so don't delay!

Classroom sessions: Tuesdays, March 20, 27, and April 3, 2012, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Field trips: Sunday, March 25 and Saturday, March 31, 2012, 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Participants should attend all classes and field trips.

For reservations and more information, contact birding101@pasadenaudubon.org. Cost: is \$40 for Pasadena Audubon members, \$60 for non-members (which will include membership in Pasadena Audubon). This fee will cover all three classes and two field trips. Payment is payable to "Pasadena Audubon Society" and is due at the first class session.

Trip Reports & Sightings

The Wrentit Club, 2011

In its second year of existence, the Wrentit Club gained in popularity. Here are the folks who submitted their counts of the number of birds seen in Los Angeles County in 2011:

Finches (50-99 Species): None!

Rails (100-149 Species): Pam Dong, Mark Hunter, E.J. Remson, Deni Sinnott, Ed Stonick

Vireos (150-199 Species): Lew Hastings, Beatrix Schwarz, Dessi Sieburth, Grace Wong

Owls (200-249 Species): Lance Benner, Brendan Crill, Kathi Ellsworth, Lois Fulmer, Will Fulmer, Mickey Long

The Wrentit Club! (250+ Species): Elaine McPherson 251, Laura Garrett 258, Julia Ray 268, Norm Vargas 271, Jon Fisher 279, Nancy Strang 281, Ron Cyger 297, Darren Dowell 308, Janet Scheel 314, Susan Gilliland 316, Frank Gilliland 318, Jonathan Feenstra 322, John Garrett 328, Mark Scheel 329

Christmas Bird Count Wrap-up

The Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley CBC was unremarkable in that well over 160 species were recorded, including over 20 scarce to rare birds—both continuing and newly discovered. These figures have become typical of counts in recent years. Yet that number of species and variety of vagrants is remarkable for any landlocked CBC.

We all stayed dry this year, and our energized participants covered nearly all regular count areas from just after midnight to after dark on count day to find an impressive total 167 species. The variety of habitats and good birding areas within the circle are a big factor in our success. Our participants are the other half of the equation that makes this such a successful count.

As we've come to expect, a few key areas—Santa Fe Dam, the Whittier Narrows area and the San Gabriel River—produced the majority of our good finds. But good birds were found in other places too. Here's a look at the highlights:

A Snow Goose at Santa Fe Dam looked impossible to record as it made itself at home by the lake just outside the count circle. Defying expectations, the bird took off and flew west into the count circle and then back to the lake as observers looked on. Elsewhere, a Ross's Goose and Cackling Goose along the San Gabriel River were more expected but still of note.

Quite rare away from the coast and our larger lakes and reservoirs was a wayward Horned Grebe that turned up at Legg Lake.

Virtually unheard of in winter until recently, a Swainson's Hawk over San Gabriel was the first record of this species for the count. Elsewhere in the county several more were found this winter, marking a significant change in the status and distribution of this bird.

The usual hot spot for gulls—the drop below Valley on the San Gabriel River—didn't pay off this year, but a Mew Gull and Herring Gull found at Legg Lake added some variety to the Western, California and Ring-billed Gulls that are common on

Saw Wet Owl

Number 241 on Elaine MacPherson's Wrentit Club list came on a rainy November afternoon in La Canada, when a Long-Eared Owl showed up completely unexpectedly on a suburban clothesline. Number 240 was a Rose-breasted Grosbeak that same morning, also at a private residence in La Canada. Quite the rarity day for that little town, and the birds didn't continue for long. Read more about Elaine's Wrentit Club adventures in the April issue of the *Wrentit*.



Photo: Stuart MacPherson

the count.

Resident, but often hard to find, a Spotted Owl in Big Santa Anita Canyon was a nice bird to have on the count. A few Western Screech-Owls were recorded as well.

A species we often miss was a Red-naped Sapsucker discovered at the Arboretum. Also newly found was a Gray Flycatcher at Santa Fe Dam. Continuing for the count was a Tropical Kingbird spending its second winter at Legg Lake.

Cassin's Vireos, scarce in winter, were found along the San Gabriel River and at the Huntington Gardens. More common, but still scarce, was a Plumbeous Vireo at Hahamongna Watershed Park.

Three species of swallows were recorded, with Northern Rough-winged Swallows at Legg Lake, Tree Swallows at Peck Pit., and Violet-green Swallows at Santa Fe Dam.

A California Gnatcatcher was picked up at Whittier Narrows Nature Center area and several Mountain Bluebirds continued through count day at Santa Fe Dam.

A very rare wintering Northern Waterthrush returned for its second year along San Jose Creek. Even more unusual in winter, and a first count record, was a MacGillivray's Warbler in the Kewen Canyon section of Pasadena. More regular was a Hermit Warbler in the same area. Continuing at Legg Lake were a Chestnut-sided Warbler, a Northern Parula and Black-and-white Warbler. Lastly, a Palm Warbler continued at Santa Fe Dam.

The only notable "sparrow" was a Green-tailed Towhee, rare at any time on the coastal slope, along the San Gabriel River.

Encompassing an area that is home to the Rose Bowl, the Rose Parade, the Mt. Wilson Observatory and many other historical sites, the Pasadena count rightfully also has a long history behind it—65 years, to be exact. Naturally, the count has evolved over the years and attracted many new participants who continue to find great rare birds as well as record the more common ones. The 20 years I've been compiling the count have been rewarding and a great learning experience. I'm already looking forward to the 2012 count.

Jon Fisher

Field Trips

Legg Lake & San Gabriel River



Saturday, February 4, 2012

7:30 am — 11:30 am

These trips will cover some consistently good lake and park birding areas. Legg Lake has lots of water and scattered trees and has produced good waterfowl numbers and varieties as well as an impressive list of migrants and wintering birds. Time permitting we'll include the Pico Rivera spreading grounds or some other river locations, based on what's around. An excellent trip for beginning and young birders.

Meet in the Santa Anita Ave. parking lot, closest to the 60 freeway. Take the Santa Anita exit and turn south from the off-ramp (going south). The lake and parking lot will be on your right.

Ed Stonick

Big Santa Anita Canyon



Saturday, February 11, 2012

3:00 pm — 7:30 pm

Come join us for a late afternoon and early evening hike in Big Santa Anita Canyon. We're going to look for diurnal species before sunset and then owls after it gets dark. We intend to hike above Sturtevant Falls for up to six miles round-trip, including a steep climb out of the canyon at the end.

Meet at Chantry Flat at 3 pm. Parking may be limited, so please carpool. Bring lights, warm clothing, food, and an Adventure Pass. We'll return to Chantry Flat by about 7:30 pm. Rain cancels.

Lance Benner

Santa Fe Dam



Saturday, February 25, 2012

7:30 am -- noon

Santa Fe Dam hosts an interesting variety of habitats, including a lake, coastal sage scrub, grassy areas, and a park. This attracts many wintering birds as well as local residents. Waterfowl, Loggerhead Shrike, White-tailed Kite, Rock Wren, and wintering warblers are often found.

Take Irwindale Ave. south 1.5 miles from the 210 Freeway and turn right on Arrow Highway and watch for the park sign and entrance on your right in half a mile. After paying the entry fee at the kiosk, continue straight through the intersection at the bottom of the hill. Turn left into the parking lot closest to the northeast corner of the lake, where we will meet.

Mark and Janet Scheel

Quail Lake & Northwest L.A. County



Saturday, March 10, 2012

7:30 am — afternoon

For those doing a Wrentit Club list, this trip will get us to the extreme northwest corner of Los Angeles County. We should have a good selection of waterbirds and other winter visitors. Along with possible Bald and Golden Eagles, there have been a Rough-legged Hawk and White-winged Scoter hanging about this winter. We will meet at Quail Lake, then proceed to other hot spots in the area.

Meet in the parking lot at the west end of Quail Lake. To get there, take the I-5 Freeway north, then take the Hwy 138 off-ramp east for about a mile. Quail Lake is on your left. Bring food, water, and warm clothes along with your optics (scopes recommended). It takes about 1.5 hours to get to Quail Lake from Pasadena, so please don't drive alone. Also, keep in mind that there are very few gas stations in the area.

Ron Cyger

Field trips continue on page 6!

Eaton Canyon Monthly Walk



Sunday, February 19, 2012

Sunday, March 18, 2012

Sunday, April 15, 2012

8:00 am — 11:00 am

Pasadena Audubon and Eaton Canyon Nature Center are cosponsoring monthly walks at Eaton Canyon. The walks are led by Hill Penfold, who has been leading them at ECNC for many years. Hill is wonderful with birders of all levels and Eaton Canyon is one of the best locations to learn the birds of the Pasadena area.

The walks are held on the third Sunday of each month. Meet at the flagpole: bring water, binoculars, hats, but no dogs.

Hill Penfold

Hahamongna Monthly Walk



Saturday, March 3, 2012

Saturday, April 7, 2012

7:30 am — noon

This monthly bird walk is for birders of all ages and experience. A good variety of birds should be in residence. Bring binoculars, birding guide, water and wear walking shoes. No dogs.

Exit the north 210 at Berkshire and make a right, then a left at Oak Grove. The Hahamongna Watershed Park entrance is on the right at the next stop light. Take the first left after entering Hahamongna, and park by the ballfield.

Mark Hunter, Deni Sinnott, Lance Benner, et al

Huntington Library Monthly Walk



Sunday, February 26, 2012

Sunday, March 25, 2012

Sunday, April 22, 2012


8:00 am — 11:00 am

A special benefit for Pasadena Audubon Society members is the chance to bird the Huntington Library grounds. Attendance is by reservation only and limited to 15 participants. Members may bring one non-member guest, space permitting. We thank our member and Huntington curator, Dan Lewis, for making these trips possible.

Contact Elaine by email (preferred), putting "Huntington" in the subject line to avoid inadvertent deletion or by phone.

Elaine MacPherson

Calendar
 Submit material for the next Wrentit by March 1st





 = Wrentit Club!

February 2012

1	Wed	7:30 pm	Board Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	
4	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		Legg Lake	Ed Stonick
11	Sat	3:00 pm	Field Trip		Big Santa Anita Canyon	Lance Benner
15	Wed	7:00 pm	General Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Cactus Wren
19	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
21	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Study Group		TBD	Madeline West & Sid Heyman
25	Sun	7:30 am	Field Trip		Santa Fe Dam	Mark and Janet Scheel
26	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Huntington Library & Gardens	Elaine MacPherson





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March 2012

3	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		Hahamongna	Mark Hunter & Deni Sinnott
10	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		Quail Lake	Ron Cyger
13	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Study Group		TBD	Madeline West & Sid Heyman
18	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
20	Tue		Class		Birding 101 begins	See page 2
21	Wed	7:30 pm	General Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Shakespeare's Birds
24	Sat	7:00 am	Field Trip		Orange County Migrants	Jon Feenstra
25	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Huntington Library & Gardens	Elaine MacPherson

(PAS members only)

April 2012

4	Wed	7:30 pm	Board Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Will Fulmer
7	Sat	7:30 am	Field Trip		Hahamongna	TBD
14	Sat	8:00 am	Field Trip		Tejon Ranch	Ron Cyger
15	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
17	Tue	9:00 am	Magpie Study Group		TBD	Madeline West & Sid Heyman
18	Wed	7:00 pm	General Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Tanzania
21	Sat	7:00 am	Field Trip		Hansen Dam	Mark and Janet Scheel
22	Sun	8:00 am	Field Trip		Huntington Library & Gardens	Elaine MacPherson

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Four Worthy Causes Receive PAS Funding

Pasadena Audubon issues calls for grant applications twice yearly. The Board of Directors, in their January meeting, reviewed applications and funded four of them.

Santa Clara Valley Audubon, along with the Sierra Club and Save Panoche Valley, filed suit to challenge an environmental impact report that would permit the construction of a solar energy farm with 5 million panels, destroying a significant amount of habitat. Panoche Valley is an Audubon-designated Important Bird Area of international significance. It is one of those corners of California where time has stood still for 200 years, has two roads, and approximately 20 residents. It is the winter home to a significant percentage of the world's population of Mountain Plovers, PAS funding will help defray the legal expenses of pursuing this suit.

Melissa Grunst, a doctoral candidate at University of California, Riverside, is researching how animals adapt to the stress of urban environments. Ms. Grunst's focus is variation in adrenocortical stress hormone levels during breeding in Song Sparrows (*Melospiza melodia*) occupying urban habitat in Riverside, California. PAS is supporting her research.

Point Reyes Bird Observatory requested funding to help complete the first ever statewide surveys of colonial waterbirds (grebes, pelicans, cormorants, egrets and herons, ibis, and gulls and terns) in California in 2012 in service of the conservation of these iconic birds. These California surveys are part of a comprehensive inventory of breeding waterbirds in 11 western states in 2009–2012 coordinated by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. To date, surveys have been conducted on a region-by-region basis. Fieldwork in 2012 will focus on southern California, including the coastal slope where many colonies of herons and egrets are located. PAS is supporting this project.

Dr. Walt Sakai of Santa Monica City College requested funding to purchase mist nets. Dr. Sakai runs a bird banding operation in Zuma Canyon in Malibu, the only permanent banding operation in Southern California. He has helped hundreds of people become better birders and scientists through classes, the banding station, and field trips. PAS is supporting his work.

Below: the first "Foothill Birding" class, on their January field trip to Malibu Creek with instructors Ron Cyger and Mark Scheel. Photo by Susan Gilliland.



Field Trips, continued

Orange County: First Migrants

Saturday, March 24, 2012

7:00 am — noon

Coastal Orange County holds some of the best known migrant traps in Southern California. Though March is not the time to be searching for vagrants, it is the time to witness the “changing of the guard” as wintering birds are replaced by migrants and summer arrivals. It is a time of great avian diversity and excitement as we welcome back species we haven't seen since they left in the fall. Come along as we visit Huntington Central Park, Mile Square Park, and Mason Regional Park to see what's dropped in.

Meet at the parking lot for Huntington Central Park on the east side of Goldenwest Street near the Park Bench Café.

Jon Feenstra

Tejon Ranch!

Saturday, April 14, 2012

8:00 am—afternoon

We have an exciting opportunity to visit the Tejon Ranch. The Ranch, at 422 contiguous square miles, is the largest piece of privately held property in California. The Ranch also came to an agreement with major environmental organizations (including the National Audubon Society) regarding conservation and development. You can visit www.TejonRanch.com for more information.

A quick eBird check for the Ranch lists California Condor, Burrowing Owl, Lewis's Woodpecker, Scott's Oriole, and Lawrence's Goldfinch among the many species we may see that day.

The Ranch is private property and is only open for visits by reservation. If you would like to visit the Ranch on this trip, please send an email to ron@cyger.org with the following information for each person: Name, Address, Telephone Number, and Email Address. I will then send further information on meeting place, time, etc.

Trip size will be limited and is open to Pasadena Audubon members only. Hope to see you at the Ranch!

Ron Cyger

Hansen Dam

Saturday, April 21, 2012

7:00 am—11:00 am

Hansen Dam is a fantastic birding location that includes riparian habitat, parkland, a lake, and a seasonal pond. Over 280 bird species have been recorded here. Among the birds we will look for are Bell's Vireo, Lawrence's Goldfinch, Yellow-breasted Chat, Blue Grosbeak, and Rock Wren.

It is a moderately long walk through the large park, so bring appropriate footwear. Meet at the Hansen Dam Recreation Center parking lot, along Foothill Blvd. just southwest of the Osborne/Lake View Terrace exit off the 210 freeway (this is NOT the parking lot off of Dronfield Ave).

Mark and Janet Scheel



Git Yer T-Shirts!

Pasadena Audubon Society is offering a new t-shirt design...available in both men's and women's styles. The shirts are 100% pre-shrunk cotton available in a couple of color selections for both men and women.

Please see the insert in this month's *Wrentit*. Once you have decided what to get you can email your order to denisinnott25@gmail.com or send the order form to Pasadena Audubon Society at the address on the back cover.

Payment is due when the t-shirts are delivered, in about 4 weeks. If you have any questions please email me.

Deni Sinnott



Magpie Bird Study Group



The group meets the third

Tuesday of each month. We bird 9:00 am to about 11:30 am, have a sack lunch, and have a short business meeting. *All PAS members welcome!* For meeting times and locations, contact Madeline West at (626) 574-0429.

Birdathon is Coming!

Save the dates: April 27-29. Look for detailed coverage in the April issue of the *Wrentit*.

A Word from the Editor

In the September 2011 issue I talked about the members who have stepped up to create the public face of Pasadena Audubon — the meetings, classes, field trips, and so forth.

But all of that needs a strong foundation. There are a surprising number of regulatory hoops to be jumped through, even for a small non-profit. PAS needs to do things by the book when it comes to board meetings, grants, finance, and relationships with other organizations. Much of that responsibility falls on our President, Will Fulmer, and Vice-President, Linda Moore. Our secretary, Kathi Ellsworth, keeps the board's decisions organized through minutes of the meetings. Our Membership chair, Lois Fulmer, keeps the dues flowing in and the newsletters going to the right places. Grace Wong, our Treasurer, keeps the books balanced and helps the board establish yearly budgets. Eileen Burton audits our books. Our Publicity chair, Deni Sinnott, attracts new blood to PAS. Our Hospitality committee (Mary Jane Macy, Linda, again, and Grace, again) works in advance of each event to make sure that PAS presents a warm welcome. Elaine MacPherson handles our phones, including all those calls about "abandoned" young birds. Janet Scheel runs the web site. Our board members-at-large (see page 8) help with the decisions that the board faces in each of its eight meetings per year.

It doesn't happen by accident. Lots of people work to make PAS so successful. Give them your thanks — even join their ranks!

Mark Hunter

PAS Elections

Each April at the general meeting PAS makes nominations for its four officers: President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. Elections are held at the May meeting and the slate of officers begins their term in June. Nominate somebody!

DONATIONS TO PAS

These PAS members and friends have recently made donations to our chapter: Frank Burrows, Garry George, Don & Scarlett Hibner, Cecilia Lowenthal, Bev McKenzie, Elena Seto, Bob & Jan Stull. Thank you!

Become a Chapter-only Member of PAS

Local chapters of the National Audubon Society, such as Pasadena Audubon, receive only a small share of NAS membership dues. In order to finance our programs and services, including publication of *The Wrentit*, PAS offers Chapter-only memberships.

When it's time to renew your National Audubon membership, we invite you to instead become a Chapter-only Member of the Pasadena Audubon Society, or make a donation to our Chapter to support our programs. Chapter-only dues are \$20 per year or \$15 for seniors and students, all of which remains with our local chapter to fund our programs. We thank you all for your support!

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If you're high in the mountains and a large number of large, noisy birds fly into a nearby pine (14 before the photo was taken, 9 in the photo) that's your ID right there. Clark's Nutcracker, eastern Sierra, photo by Lois Fulmer.



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