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Oak Titmouse -- Small but Mighty

The little gray bird cocked its head sideways and regarded me with a curious, almost saucy expression. I had just walked into my yard, and the bird was on the ground, allowing me to come up close before flying off into a nearby tree. Before it disappeared into the branches, I noted the distinctive short crest and stubby bill characteristic of a titmouse.

The Oak Titmouse (*Baeolophus inornatus*) is found most commonly in dry oak woodlands from southwest Oregon to northwest Baja. It can also be found in well-wooded suburbs, where it may visit backyard feeders for sunflower seeds. The species name, *Inornatus*, means plain, presumably for its unmarked warm gray plumage, but dowdy and drab in personality it is not. These active and vocal birds are said to be 'the voice and soul of the oaks.' (Marin County Breeding Bird Atlas, David Shuford, ed.) Usually seen in pairs or family groups, you will often hear them call to each other from the treetops with a raspy, scolding 'chick-a-dee' 'pee-chew,' or 'tsay-tsay-tsay,' noisily defending their territory. Smaller than a sparrow, this acrobatic bird flits from tree to tree or forages on the ground for acorns, pine seeds, catkins, berries or a variety of insects. When it finds a delicacy not easily pried apart by its stout bill, such as a large acorn, it pounds it against a branch until it breaks apart. You might also see it hanging upside down to probe under the bark for insects.

Titmice and their relatives the chickadees belong to the family Paridae, in the order Passeriformes. They nest in cavities, consume a variety of plant life and insects and employ similar vocalizations. The Oak Titmouse is drab-plumaged, save for its crest; the Mountain Chickadee has bold markings on its face and head. The Oak Titmouse mates for life and lives year-round in a territory staked out for the family; most chickadees pair up during nesting season but then spend the winter foraging with a larger flock and not necessarily a family group.

While it is the female titmouse that builds the nest, the male will feed her once the nest is complete and she is inside the nest incubating the eggs. Both male and female bring food to the nestlings once they are hatched, and both sexes vigorously defend their territory by raising their crest, quivering their wings and hurling invective from on high. That's a lot of personality and gutsiness wrapped up in so small a package.

So, the next time you encounter an Oak Titmouse, don't think 'plain,' think plucky.

Jane Glicksman



Oak Titmouse

© Karen Suarez

President's Perch

Maybe it's just me, but it can be very easy to scroll through one's newsfeed or read the morning newspaper or listen to the evening news and get just the tiniest bit discouraged. Every day, we are assaulted with events like attacks on the Endangered Species Act or protected wilderness being turned into oil fields or hundreds of thousands of acres of California chaparral being destroyed in the supposed name of fire safety. What's a birder to do?

I'm lucky, because Pasadena Audubon sent me to the National Audubon Convention in Milwaukee this past July, and there I learned how much good work Audubon is doing all over the country to help birds and bird habitat. The convention, entitled "Audubon for Everyone," inspired me to focus on ways we can get kids and youth even more involved with our mission, how to grow our board to live into our mission more fully, how to successfully advocate for positive environmental legislation, and how to make sure that our community knows that we truly do welcome everyone. Pretty powerful stuff.

I also heard again and again that one of the most powerful ways we can help birds is by planting native plants, and that engaging children and young people around issues like climate change is critical. I kinda knew that, but it was very inspiring to see example after example of just how powerful these actions can be.

Then, the weekend after Convention, we had those horrific massacres in Dayton and El Paso. I was almost paralyzed with despair. How do we move forward in a world that seems so broken? What is the answer?

The Tuesday after the shootings, Pasadena Audubon held its second volunteer work day at Washington STEM Elementary School to build the native plant garden/outdoor classroom. I didn't want to get up early and dig up weeds in the heat, but I did anyway. When I got to the school, our Program Manager, Lois Brunet, couldn't wait to tell me some remarkable news: several day laborers from the Pasadena Community Job Center had joined us to volunteer. They wanted to show the community that they care about children just as much as everyone else, that they're not here to take anyone's jobs, and that they're not criminals. Their heartfelt sincerity was deeply moving, and we are very grateful for the extremely professional help they provided. They even came back an hour a day for the next several days to dig trenches, move logs and dig out roots. On that Tuesday while we worked in the heat together, side by side, it occurred to me that this is how we deal with tragedies like the shooting in El Paso: We work with each other, growing something beautiful to help birds and children. (See more about the Native Garden on page 5).

We're Pasadena Audubon, and we are growing together.

Laura Solomon

MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS: UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mickey and Jon's Bird ID Quiz

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

7:30pm - 9:00pm

We'll usher in our fall season of meetings with Micky Long and Jon Fisher reprising their fast-paced evening of bird identification puzzlers. This year we will repeat our 'stump the experts' fun with a panel of PAS's birding celebrities. Get ready for fall migration by honing your ID skills and having some fun along the way.

Seabird Restoration on Anacapa Island

Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Presenter: Kate Faulkner

California's Channel Islands host an incredible diversity of plants and animals found nowhere else on Earth. The isolation that created this unique flora and fauna also created conditions that left these species vulnerable to extinction. The arrival of humans, and the associated invasive species brought with them, magnified these extinction risks. Kate Faulkner was the Chief of Natural Resources Management at Channel Islands National Park for 26 years. Her work focused on the protection of the rare and endemic species to be found on these incredible islands, and her talk will concentrate on the work undertaken by the NPS to restore Anacapa Island as a breeding site for Scripps's Murrelet and other seabirds.

Monthly chapter meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at Eaton Canyon Nature Center (1750 N. Altadena Drive in Pasadena). Refreshments and socializing begin at 7:00 pm and programs are presented from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Programs for youth begin at 6:45 pm

The Young Birders Club

The purpose of the Young Birders Club is to allow young birders (and their parents) to meet, learn and bird together while developing skills in leadership, peer mentoring, community involvement, conservation ethics and the opportunity to connect with other likeminded youth.

Young Birders Club meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month (September – November and January - May). Meetings are held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center from 6:45 PM to 7:30 PM. To find out more about the Young Birders Club meetings and upcoming events, please email the club leader, Susan Gilliland, at gillilandsusan@gmail.com



CONSERVATION

Not So Little Victories

Let's concentrate on the good news, shall we? On July 31 Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 307, which restricts water transfers from groundwater basins beneath the Mojave Desert unless an environmental analysis determines that such transfers will not harm the surrounding environments. This is a reaction to the proposed Cadiz water sale, specifically, but applies to any other such projects envisioned for the Mojave. This should slow or stop the harmful Cadiz project.

Also in July, the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy acquired title to three parcels on either side of the Glendale Freeway in the San Rafael Hills. This acquisition furthers their goal of a wildlife corridor from the Arroyo Seco through the San Rafael and into the Verdugo Mountains, and onward to Tujunga.

Regarding Hahamongna, our attorney has achieved a notable victory for Pasadena Audubon, the Arroyo Seco Foundation, and birds: a tentative decision issued in June by the judge in our lawsuit against Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and the Big Dig sediment removal project. The tentative decision notes violations of CEQA in the planning of the project and gives PAS significant leverage in ongoing settlement negotiations with LADPW to achieve our aims of lessening the more harmful impacts of the project and achieving a better balance between dam capacity and wildlife habitat in the years ahead. Although we can't undo the near-term damage to many acres of riparian habitat in the first nine months of the project, things are looking a little brighter for the future of Hahamongna Watershed Park.

Also at Hahamongna, PAS wrote a letter of support for the Berkshire Creek rehabilitation project, which is also supported by the Arroyo Seco Foundation. It got the green light from the Pasadena City Council. Despite some disruptive construction and habitat restoration, that corner of the park should soon be even more attractive and welcoming to birds.

Mark Hunter, Conservation Chair.

A BIRD FROM AFAR

A Big Year Stop in Southeast Arizona

I arrived at a rest stop outside Green Valley, Arizona, late on August 29th, 2017. I was living out of my truck and birding full time. I stretched my legs. It was still hot, but not nearly as bad as Los Angeles. Signs around the rest stop warned of poisonous animals like snakes and scorpions. A relief: if they were venomous, I may have been concerned. Good thing I was in no mood for a snack. I decided this would be a great place to rest for the night.

The next morning, I woke up early and drove to one of my favorite birding places: Madera Canyon. The shrubs and grasses on the way up were still green from the end of monsoon season, a noticeable contrast from the pale yellow that colored the vegetation when I was last there in early March. Almost as soon as I got down to Proctor Road in Madera Canyon, I was able to find the year's first Varied Bunting and a handful of Botteri's Sparrows. I spent the morning working my way up to the mountains to reacquaint myself with the birds of Southeast Arizona. Up Old Baldy trail, I ran into a Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher. Their call is described as rubber-ducky-esque, and I'd say it is an accurate description. The rubber ducks squeaked throughout the canyon as I made my way up the mountain to see Bridled Titmice, Mexican Jays and Olive Warblers.

The next morning, I drove to nearby Box Canyon to look for a Five-Striped Sparrow, a bird typically found in Mexico that occasionally nests in Southeast Arizona. I met a couple of other birders who had tried two times previously and missed it both times. After only an hour and a half of patient pacing back and forth, we finally saw it as it popped out of the scrub. We quietly high-fived in celebration. Third time's the charm!



Rufous-capped Warbler

© Lois Brunet



Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher

© Frank Gilliland

I decided that it was my lucky day too, so I drove down to Florida Canyon to see if I could find a Rufous-capped Warbler that I dipped on in the spring. Rufous-capped Warblers are another Mexican bird that occasionally strays to nest in the United States. There was a pair that had been hanging out in Florida Canyon for the better part of the year. Back in March, I managed to take the incorrect fork down the wrong side of the canyon despite a kind birder warning me with a cautionary tale. This time, instead of furiously running around Florida Canyon without service trying to figure out the right place to be from shoddily-remembered verbal directions, I got smart and downloaded a map from Tucson Audubon that told me exactly where to go. It's amazing what a little foresight can do.

Following the map, the correct trail led to an oak grove where the Rufous-capped Warbler seemed to be waiting just for me. The Rufous-capped Warbler is indeed rufous-capped and even rufous-cheeked, with a white eyebrow and a bright yellow chest. He looked at me with that bird-up-in-a-tree downward-side-eye (you know the look) and I looked back. The bird followed a pattern of hop hop, glean, hop hop, sing, until he disappeared out of sight. I was thrilled. If I hadn't been alone, I would've high-fived someone. The Rufous-capped Warbler is a gorgeous bird and I felt honored to see it, despite the wait. It's not everyday you can get a life bird just by reading a map correctly.

Story by Taylor Paez

Coastal Cleanup Day is September 21st.

Mark your calendars for this great community event. Pasadena Audubon will be pitching in at the Arroyo Seco. Every piece of trash we remove is one thing less that will end up in the ocean. Meet at the parking lot of the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center, 360 N Arroyo Blvd, Pasadena at 9 am. Wear closed toed shoes and be prepared for the heat with a hat, sunscreen and a reusable water bottle. Bring gardening gloves and buckets if you have them. Hope to see you there. For more information contact Lois Brunet, lbrunet@pasadenaudubon.org

Readers, if there's a Bird from Afar that you saw and loved, we'd love to hear about it.

Send your text and photos to the Editor at pas.wrentit@gmail.com.



FIELD TRIPS & MONTHLY BIRD WALKS

Piute Ponds & Vicinity

Sunday, September, 8 6:30 am -- early afternoon

By September, southbound migration will be in full swing. Join us at the Piute Ponds, a wetland oasis in the desert, where every year thousands of sandpipers and plovers stage on their way south. We should find over a dozen shorebird species, and we may see Baird's or Pectoral Sandpipers. We will also look for desert birds such as Bell's Sparrow and we have a chance for LeConte's Thrasher.

After Piute Ponds, we will visit nearby Apollo Park, where we will look for migrating songbirds such as warblers and flycatchers. Bring a spotting scope if you have one.

Mark Scheel, Dessi Sieburth

Note: Piute Ponds are located on Edwards Air Force Base, which has restricted entry. Space is limited, and Edwards needs advanced notice of participants, so it helps to sign up early. Please email Mark Scheel if you would like to attend. We will be meeting in the northern Antelope Valley at 6:30am; the meeting place will be arranged.

Fall Warblerama

Saturday, Sep 28, 7:00 am - 11:30 am

Join us as we look for warblers, flycatchers and other passerines during fall migration. We will start at DeForest Park in Long Beach, which tends to attract migrants: It is a green area with tall trees in an area that is mostly residential, and it is located adjacent to the L.A. River. We will also bird other nearby areas depending on recent reports of rarities or of large numbers of migrants.

Directions: From the southbound 710 freeway, exit south on Atlantic (same exit as the eastbound 91 freeway). Go south on Atlantic, then right (west) on 63rd street to the end, which is DeForest Ave. Go south on DeForest Ave and park in the parking lot on the west side of the street, opposite Harding St.

Mark Scheel, Janet Scheel

Kern National Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, October 13, 6:30 am - late afternoon

One of the advantages of ride sharing to birding locations is the exchange of information and ideas about birds. Kern National Wildlife Refuge is located about two hours and twenty minutes from Pasadena. The Refuge birds well from September through May and we want to bird before the hunters arrive, which is the following weekend.

We shall observe waterfowls such as Grebes, Coots, Mallards as well as passerines and raptors.

Meet at the Mayor's Discovery Park, 1800 Foothill Blvd, La Canada, CA, 91011. Bring lunch and water as there are no places to eat within miles of the refuge. For more information, contact Doug at (818) 957-0845 Work/Home; (818) 437-8806 Cell or email, Doug@dmfarr.com

Dam Birds

Saturday October 19, 7:00 am - 11:30 am

Santa Fe Dam is an interesting place to bird just about any time of year, given the expansive mix of riparian, alluvial scrub and weedy field habitats, not to mention the reservoir and adjacent park. Given the autumn timing of this trip, we'll take extra effort to look for the more uncommon migratory species that might be present -- rarities such as Longspurs are occasionally seen in October -- but we'll also walk through a variety of habitats to survey the full range of birds using this unique part of L.A. County. Mickey is *the* expert on the fauna and flora of Santa Fe Dam; Darren will work hard to find something that Mickey can't identify.

The main entrance to Santa Fe Dam is off Arrow Highway in Irwindale. We'll assemble at the parking area furthest to the west, south of the west end of the lake. There is a \$10 per vehicle entrance fee. Contact Darren (dowell.darren at yahoo.com) to be put into contact with others for carpooling opportunities.

Darren Dowell, Mickey Long

Peck Road Water Conservation Park

**First Saturday of the month, September to November
7:30 am - 10:30 am**

In 2019 the walk on the first Saturday of the month from spring through fall will be at Peck Road Water Conservation Park, which boasts a high species count (250+ over the years) due to its combination of lake, landscaped park, riparian and weedy habitats. This walk will start with easier terrain in the main park area, then may visit some of the areas within Peck that are more distant or more difficult to access later on. Depending on the season, we'll look for ducks, gulls, shorebirds, hawks, warblers, sparrows, exotic species and/or other passerines. Meet in the main parking lot off Peck Road in Arcadia (at the boundary with El Monte). The leader will bring one scope, and it would be helpful to have one or two more.

Darren Dowell

Magpie Bird Study Group

**Third Tuesday of most months
9:00 am until about noon**

Sept. 17, Legg Lakes. Meet in the Santa Anita parking lot
Oct. 15, Peck Rd. Water Conservation Park. Meet in the parking lot. We bird until 11:30 and then have a sack lunch and a short meeting. All PAS members welcome! No walks in July and August.

Julia Ray, Sid Heyman

L.A. County Arboretum

Second Saturday of every month 8:00 am - 10:00 am

This easy walk is for birders of all ages and experience levels. Meet on the steps leading to the entrance of the Arboretum. Admission is \$5 -- free for members of the Arboretum or Audubon, and free for children under twelve.

Katy Mann

FIELD TRIPS & MONTHLY BIRD WALKS

Eaton Canyon

Third Sunday of every month

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 Eaton Canyon for many years. This is a wonderful walk for birders of all levels. 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

Huntington Library

Fourth Sunday of every month, except for July and August

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 nonmember guest, space permitting. We thank our member and Huntington curator, Dan Lewis, for making these trips possible.

To reserve contact Mark at mark.hunter@pasadenaaudubon.org

Mark Hunter

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Raptor ID Workshop

Tuesday, October 1st, 2019, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Saturday, October 5th, 2019, 7:30am – 2:30pm

\$50.00, members; \$75, non-members (but will include membership in PAS).

Hawks can be challenging to identify, and for that reason there are numerous field guides aimed solely at unravelling the mysteries of Raptor ID. Join PAS board member and former professional hawkwatcher Luke Tiller for a two-part workshop looking specifically at this group of birds. We will look at how to identify hawks using plumage details as well as shape structure and flight style. Where possible we will look at aging and sexing birds, ascribing them to subspecies and contemplate color morphs. The workshop will involve an evening class and a field trip where we can put newly acquired ID skills into practice. Limited spaces guarantee instruction in a small group setting. Contact Lois Brunet, lbrunet@pasadenaaudubon.org, to sign up. Location of class and field will be provided to workshop participants.

PAS GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Three Young Birders, sisters Justina and Teodelina, ages 16 and 18, and 13-year-old Calvin, received scholarships to attend birding camps this summer. Justina and Teodelina spent a week at Camp Talon (Teen Adventures Learning Ornithology and Nature), in Epworth-by-the-Sea in Georgia, where they saw Roseate Spoonbills, warblers, alligators and more at St. Simon's Island, Sapelo Island and points beyond. Calvin spent his week at the American Birding Association's Camp Colorado in Estes, Colorado, birding at Rocky Mountain National Park, where he saw his life bird, an American Dipper, and taking in birding workshops in the afternoon. Read more about their unforgettable experiences in their own words on the Young Birder's website: <http://www.pasadenaaudubon.org/?q=youngbirders>



Roseate Spoonbill
© Justina Teodelina, age 16

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Washington Elementary Native Garden -- Our Work Continues, Thanks to You!

Volunteers ripped out bushes, shoveled mulch, dug holes for planting and got dirty, hot and sweaty. Shout out to the amazing day laborers from the Pasadena Community Job Center, the boys from the John Muir HS Football team and Coach Z and friends from Transition Pasadena. Our garden grows and will bloom from the love and energy of an amazing group of people dedicated to doing good things for children and our community!



CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update from the Advocacy Committee

The PAS Advocacy Committee has recently joined forces with our Conservation Committee to work more closely with CA Audubon and National Audubon on a broad range of issues. One of our members recently lobbied in Sacramento with CA Audubon to preserve and enforce the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (now California law) as well as working to pass SB 54, a state law aimed at reducing single use plastic in California. We are also exploring how our local chapter can join other chapters throughout the country to assist National Audubon's lobbying efforts to pass HR 3195 which is a \$900 million permanent fund dedicated to funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

On a more local level, we have begun to work with the City of Pasadena to develop a better protocol to minimize damage done to our nesting birds and their nests while the city continues their tree trimming work. At present the tree trimming schedules appear to take precedent over the legally required protection of existing nests. It is our hope to work cooperatively with city officials to remedy this situation.

If you are interested in joining our committee or want to learn more about what we are doing, please feel free to email either Mark Hunter, Chair of Conservation Committee, or Carolyn Murphy, Chair of the Advocacy Committee.










Carolyn Murphy

CALENDAR

September 2019

4	Wed 7:30 pm	Board Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Laura Solomon
7	Sat 7:30 am	Field trip		Peck Rd. Water Conserv. Park	Darren Dowell
8	Sun 6:30 am	Field trip		Piute Ponds	Mark Scheel, Dessi Sieburth
11	Wed 5:00 pm	Birds 'n Beers		Sena on Myrtle	L. Tiller, C. Hamilton, D.Bell
14	Sat 8:00 am	Field trip		County Arboretum	Katy Mann
15	Sun 8:00 am	Field trip		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Hill Penfold
17	Tues 9:00 am	Magpie Study Group		Legg Lakes	Julia Ray & Sid Heyman
18	Wed 7:00 pm	General meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Mickey Long & Jon Fisher
21	Sat 9:00 am	Clean Up		Arroyo Seco	Lois Brunet
22	Sun 8:00 am	Field trip		Huntington Gardens	Mark Hunter
28	Sat 7:00 am	Field trip		Warblerama	Mark & Janet Scheel

October 2019

1	Tue 7:30 pm	Workshop Raptor ID		Location to Be Announced	Luke Tiller
2	Wed 7:30 pm	Board Meeting		Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Laura Solomon
5	Sat 7:30 am	Field trip		Peck Rd. Water Conserv. Park	Darren Dowell
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Wrentit Club

The Wrentit Club is a special distinction for members who've seen 250 birds or more in L.A. County within the calendar year. The field trips designated WC are within

L.A. County. Any birds seen on these trips count towards the Wrentit Club distinction. See our website for a listing of current and past members. Good birding!

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Birds 'n Beers

Good food, good beverages, and good bird talk at this casual monthly gathering led by Luke Tiller, Catherine Hamilton and David Bell. Everyone is welcome! 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, the second Wednesday of each month, at Sena on Myrtle: 409 S. Myrtle Ave, Monrovia

WANTED

Used but serviceable scopes for our Bird Science Program. Scopes are much easier to use than binoculars for smaller children. If you wish to make a donation towards a scope for the program, please use the donate button on the homepage of our website or send your check to our mailing address (see back page). Please specify that your donation is for a BSP scope. Contact Lois Brunet with questions. lbrunet@pasadenaudubon.org

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