**Calendar**

*October 3.* Pelagic trip/ Santa Cruz Island for Island Scrub-jay. See article at right for information.  

*October 10.* Beginner bird walk at Sycamore Canyon. Meet at the Sycamore Canyon trailhead at 7:00 AM. The trail is located adjacent to Rose Hills Cemetery gate 17, but note that the trail is not in the cemetery! The entrance to Sycamore Canyon is a driveway just southwest of the entrance to the cemetery. Larry Schmahl leads. Rain or recent rain cancels.  

*October 15.* Monthly meeting and program 7:30 PM at the Whittier Community Center. Colleen McKay, Regional Park Superintendent, will be back by popular demand with her "animal ambassadors." Whittier Area Audubon will feature live animals and birds on Thursday, October 15, at 7:30 PM. The program takes place at the Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave. in Whittier.

*October 17.* Field trip to the Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge. Details not available in time for publication here, so keep an eye on the web site for information. Target bird for the trip will be the elusive California Condor. Jay Oberholtzer will lead.

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**Santa Cruz Island**

By Linda Oberholtzer

Whittier Area Audubon will be exploring Santa Cruz island and its birdlife and wildlife on Saturday, October 3. The Island Scrub-jay is the target bird. Last year the group saw an Island Fox as well. The boat will leave Ventura Harbor at 9:00 AM, arriving at Prisoner's Harbor at 11:00. There is a short ladder to get on and off the boat on the dock. Our group will take an easy stroll around the island. The boat departs at 3:30 PM and arrives back in Ventura at 5:00. Bring your own water and food. *There is no water* at Prisoner's Harbor, although there are bathrooms. **You must book your own individual trip through Island Packers.** Phone is (805) 642-1393. Their web site is at https://reserve.islandpackers.com. *Be sure you book for both coming and going or you won't have a seat on the way back. Santa Cruz Island Prisoner's Cove is the destination.*  

Prices are $29.50 each way for adult, $27.00 each way for seniors (55+), and $20.50 each way for children (3-12). Larry Schmahl is the leader.

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**September Meeting & Program**

By Linda Oberholtzer

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Superintendent McKay has been stationed at Whittier Narrows Nature Center since December 2005, as well as serving in various capacities at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Placerita Canyon, among others. Please come for a fun time! Light refreshments will be provided. The program is free.

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**Bitter Creek NWR Field Trip**

Our October field trip will be to Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge. Details not available in time for publication here, so keep an eye on the web site for information. Target bird for the trip will be the elusive California Condor. Jay Oberholtzer will lead (greatly diminishing chances of Condors, of course :).
Join Whittier Area Audubon Society!

Every membership supports Audubon’s vital efforts to protect birds, wildlife, and natural habitats. For $30 per year you can support Whittier Area Audubon and our local projects and events.

To join our local chapter, make your check payable to Whittier Area Audubon and send it to Whittier Area Audubon, P.O. Box 548, Whittier, CA 90608-0548.

To join National Audubon, make your check payable to Audubon and send to National Audubon Society Inc., 225 Varick Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY, 10014. Attn: Chance Mueleck. Please include a letter with your contact information you wish to share (e.g., email address, phone number) along with Whittier Area Audubon Society’s code, C4ZC170Z. As a member of National Audubon, you will receive Audubon’s bimonthly magazine.

Bring Your Cans!

Reminder: Bring your aluminum cans to our monthly meetings. We can raise funds by recycling your cans.

Whittier Area Audubon’s web site is located at http://www.whittieraudubon.org. Our Yahoo group is called whittieraudubon. And we’re on Facebook...search for Whittier Area Audubon!

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