



Whittier Area Audubon Society

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We have some opportunities for action to protect our local environment. See Page 2 for Chapter Action Items. Check our website for updates

- **General Meeting: Whittier Dam Modification**
- **Bird Walk:: Sycamore Canyon**
- **Field trip: Anzo Borrego**

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Audubon GENERAL MEETING

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March Program: Whittier Dam Modification Plan and Its Effects on Critical Habitat
Thursday, March 17, 2022
HYBRID MEETING

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Our own Dr. Kathleen Barry will be presenting our hybrid in-person/virtual program of the Whittier Area Audubon Society on Thursday March 17, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. on the "U.S. Corps of Engineers Whittier Narrows Dam Safety Modification program."

The in-person part of the program will be held at the Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave., (not to be confused with Washington Blvd.) Whittier, CA. 90602. It is across the street from the Whittier Public Library Central Branch at the corner of Mar Vista St. and Washington Ave. It is next to a softball field. The

program is free. You can also join virtually if you wish to attend that way.

Dr. Barry is the Whittier Area Audubon's Conservation Chair and has been a member of the Whittier Area Audubon for over 30 years.

She is a medical doctor, with a B.A. from UCLA and a medical degree from University of California at Irvine.

The program is open to the public and is free. Please visit our website to get a link to the virtual meeting.

Field Trips



Beginning Bird Walk, Sycamore Canyon

Every second Saturday of the month (except July and August,)

March 12, 2022, 7:00am

We are back in Sycamore Canyon for our Beginning Bird Walks! The entrance is on Workman Mill Rd. just south of Rose Hills Gate 17. Be prompt as we are required to lock the gate behind us.



Overnighter to Anzo Borrego Field Trip

Friday evening, March 18, 2022 to Sunday afternoon March 20, 2022, Jay Oberholtzer leads

Anza Borrego State Park is a huge place. If we hit the Spring migration right, there are lots of desert oddities. One of our major goals is to catch sight of the Swainson's Hawks as they migrate through. They come in to feed on the bugs that happen during the Spring bloom. If we hit this right, the place will be covered in desert blooms. The weather is the big variable. If we guessed right, the place will be covered in desert blooms. If not, it can be a "little warm" (Ok. More like a desert hell hole) Over the years, I have been treated to Mountain Quail and Long Eared Owls. At this point in the season, it is too hard to predict. Plan on arriving Friday evening. (cont P2)



Anzo Borrego (from Pg 1)

We will start bright and early Saturday morning. Bring water, sack lunches for Saturday and Sunday and your bird watching stuff. Some of the places we will go to will be on dirt roads. The condition of those roads really depends on the winter weather. We will probably cram into SUV's for the Saturday places.

GET YOUR ROOMS RESERVED

NOW. The place seems to be filling up fast. There are lots of motels in Borrego Springs. Many of us stay at Stanlunds Resort Inn & Suites, 2771 Borrego Springs Road, Borrego Springs, 92004 760-767-5501. We will probably meet there each morning. Watch this website for times.

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February Field Trip

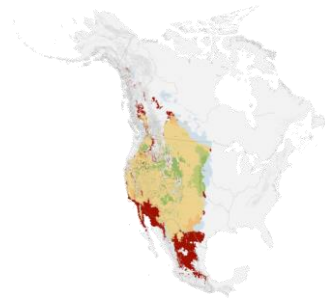
Linda LeRoy reports: I led our field trip to Madrona Marsh. 14 Whittier Area Auduboners participated and we were assisted by a very welcoming, knowledgeable Marsh employee Johathan Nakai. We got in early, we got to go into the sump area, and we even took a route through the marsh that was the best thanks to his assistance. Auduboners Pat and John also joined us for the 1st time in a couple of years. We saw good birds as soon as we got to the north pond. A Sora and a Wilson's Snipe were spotted and seen by all. We saw out 1st of the season Northern Rough-winged Swallow too. There was a lot of water in the marsh at this time of year and we got to see a good selection of water birds, passerines, grassland birds and raptors. Western Meadowlarks were spotted in the prairie area on the way to the sump. We got to see the 6 Hooded Mergansers that have been continuing in the sump for a while. Another highlight was back in the willows area, we saw a raptor fly right away from us. It turned out to be a big female Coopers Hawk, and it stood and was drinking water for about 5 minutes before it flew away. We saw about 44 species, had a perfect weather day, and a good walk and finished up looking at

the feeders, where the American Goldfinches were getting their breeding plumage. It was a very nice February walk.

SPRING MIGRATION WILL BEGIN ANY DAY!!

Are your gardens and feeders ready for the influx of birds passing through, or even arriving? My feeders are full of residents going crazy with feeding up and pair bonding. Let us know what vagrants you are seeing. Check out our Facebook Page Whittier Area Audubon Society

from Audubon: Birds on the Brink



As the climate changes, so will the places birds need. Audubon scientists took advantage of 140 million observations, recorded by birders and scientists, to describe where 604 North American bird species live today—an area known as their "range." They then used the latest climate models to project how each species's range will shift as climate change and other human impacts advance across the continent.

The results are clear: Birds will be forced to relocate to find favorable homes. And they may not survive. If we take action now, we can improve the chances

for hundreds of bird species. By stabilizing carbon emissions and holding warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, 76 percent of vulnerable species will be better off, and nearly 150 species would no longer be vulnerable to extinction from climate change.

https://www.audubon.org/climate/survivalbydegrees

Greater! CHAPTER ACTION ITEMS

Homeless Encampments In The Narrows

UPDATE: We have been informed by the Corps that they have met with LA County Parks and Rec, but have not shared any information about what was discussed or resolved.

We are still waiting to find out the outcome of this meeting that took place.

There was a stakeholders presentation at the Whittier Narrows Nature Center, but members that attended felt that there was not much new information shared.

Our most important concern is the Dam Repair at Whittier Narrows.

UPDATE:

The Army Corp of Engineers STILL HAS NOT responded to our comments. We have sent further communications requesting a timely response. We have been assured that a response is being prepared.

KATHLEEN BARRY WILL BE ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE AT OUR MARCH GENERAL MEETING