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Encounters

With Mississippi Kites in Palos Verdes

By Steve Wolfe

wasn't really expecting to see anything "special": It was July 10, 2015, during the summer doldrums, and the South Coast Botanic Garden offered the usual suspects of Spotted and California Towhees, Allen's and Anna's hummingbirds, Black Phoebes and Hooded Orioles if you were lucky.

I was sitting at one of the water fountains, hoping to see some bathing birds, when I saw a falcon-like raptor on the other side of the main road running the perimeter of the garden. I stared hard, thinking, "No, it can't be," then looked through my binoculars and shouted, "Holy Toledo!" — okay, maybe something a little stronger.

What I was looking at was a "First Summer" Mississippi Kite, and I only recognized it because I had "discovered" another Mississippi Kite, also a "First Summer" bird, at the garden in late May 2007. But I needed a photo, because no one would believe me without one ("Yeah, right, you were the first to see two Mississippi Kites at the Garden?").

However, in my excitement I knocked over my camera with its long 500mm lens. With the Kite flying around, I tried to take a photo — but the camera jammed from the fall. Another colorful oath ensued, and by the time I got the camera working, the Kite was way over on the other side of the garden. I legged it over as fast as I could run with a 13-pound camera and lens, yet by the time I got there, it was gone. Oath time again!

So I headed for the exit, thinking I missed my chance and darned if it didn't show up again! This time I was ready, and I got a photo of the Kite with an insect in its right talon (shown at right).

Armed with a few photos, I went to the garden's front office and used a computer to report the finding on a Los Ange-



Mississippi Kite

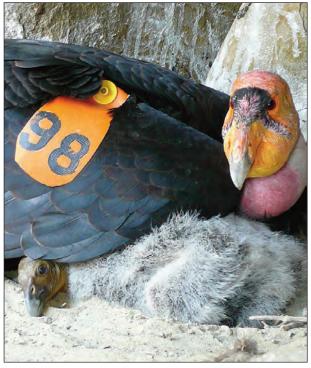
Photo by Steve Wolfe

les County bird list — and so began a mini-stampede of birders, photographers and the just plain curious.

o, you may be wondering what's so special about Mississippi Kites (or MIKIs). Well, for one thing, they're really not seen west of the Rockies, except for an isolated population in Arizona; they're more of a central and southern U.S. bird. MIKIs winter in southern Brazil, and migrate up through the eastern coast of Mexico. There have been only seven recorded sightings of Mississippi Kites in Los Angeles County — they're rare enough to be recorded with the California Rare Birds Committee — and three occurred at the South Coast Botanic Garden: in 2003, 2007 and now 2015.

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'California Condors'



Above is a male Adult Condor and his chick. Learn more about Condors from Vince Gerwe and Rod Lang of the Friends of the California Condor, who will be featured at the Chapter's Nov. 17 meeting set for 7 p.m. at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center.

Photo by Joseph Brandt, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

'Diatoms of San Gabriel Streams'

Presented by Dr. Brynne Bryan, CSUDH Tuesday, October 20, 7 p.m. Madrona Marsh Nature Center

The Chapter's October speaker, Dr. Brynne L. Bryan, will present a program on diatoms from San Gabriel streams. High-mountain streams have unique communities of diatoms, many of which are adapted to living in clean water. Southern California diatoms must be adapted to drying out for long periods of time as well. Dr. Bryan will show us some of the diatoms that inhabit these streams, as well as those that encrust the rocks in dry streambeds, waiting for the next snow-melt.

Dr. Bryan is currently a professor at CSUDH, teaching ecology, biology and various biology topics, from the freshman to the graduate level. Prior to this, she spent five years working for the U.S. Forest Service in Puerto Rico, studying the response of diatom communities to changes in land-use intensity along a river. She earned a Ph.D. at the University of Puerto Rico, conducting similar work across the entire island.

In addition, she received an M.S. from the University of North Texas, where she studied a community of diatoms and other microscopic aquatic organisms and found them to be indicators of good health for the Trinity River.

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MIKIs are insect eaters, catching and eating bugs and dragonflies "on the fly," unlike the White-tailed Kites more commonly seen here in areas of California and Oregon which hover-hunt, dropping down to the ground to nab their prey.

hat made the 2007 and 2015 Kites really special was that they were "First Summer" birds, with plumage that was turning into that of an adult. But the fact that they were here at all, and in our "backyard," gave watchers the opportunity to see a bird they would otherwise have to travel over a thousand miles to see, so many added the Kite to their Life Bird or State Bird lists.

Alas, the July 2015 MIKI only stayed a few days, and we can only hope it's now winging its way to its true summer grounds.

In August I will be much closer for a more commonplace Mississippi Kite encounter, as I'll be moving to Portal, Arizona, gateway to the fabulous Chiricahua Mountains. Perhaps I'll see you when you come to visit my new backyard, which is ready for bird feeders.



A "Faranuf View" at the gateway of the glorious Chiricahua Mountains in Arizona.

Photo by Steve Wolfe

Until then, happy birding, and don't forget to scan the skies, for there just may be a Mississippi Kite or another rare bird in your future.

Update on Audubon YES

By Tracy Awad

he past few months have been pretty eventful! Audubon YES lobbied in Sacramento on Birds Matter Day, helped in restoration efforts and participated in Bird Day L.A. as well as Earth Day events and award ceremonies Now we are in the process of planning even more opportunities for conservation and exploration.

Spotlight on Alison Hong

For this issue of *Hummin*', we also wanted to highlight one of our bright young activists, Alison Hong, whose actions embody what Audubon YES is all about. She is such a determined person, and we are so proud of all that she has achieved through Audubon YES as well as all of the work she will continue to do as she starts University at Claremont College this fall.

This past year has been incredibly meaningful and inspirational for her as she was able to participate in and lead so many amazing projects and campaigns. One of her ongoing projects is the Gnatcatcher habitat restoration at Lunada Canyon. Over the past year she has seen her sage seeds grow into full sage plants at the nursery. They are now planted at Lunada Canyon along with mature sage from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy.

Not only did she get to experience the satisfaction of seeing her ideas come to fruition, but she also was able to track her progress and accomplish some real-world research through focusing her senior year capstone project on her Gnatcatcher project. We couldn't be more proud of her research and restoration efforts and we know that she will go on to accomplish so much at university and beyond!

Alison will continue to be actively involved with Audubon YES and the Audubon Society through the Gnatcatcher project but also through the book that she is in the process of creating. We wrote about her ideas for this

book in a previous issue of Hummin' and Alison has made even more progress.

About a year ago Alison went to Nicaragua with her family for a surfing vacation and spent some time volunteering at a local elementary school. She developed such a strong connection with the kids there and was inspired by their connection to the land. She realized that growing up in the city, it takes an effort to be in touch with nature, but these children's lives are intertwined with nature and the environment every day in a very tangible and pure way.

Alison asked the kids to draw her pictures of how they view their environment, and she was blown away by the beautiful depictions of nature and environmental protection. She was so moved by these drawings that she wanted to share them with the world by putting together a book showcasing the

children and how nature, conservation and stewardship converge to influence their young lives. Alison explained that what makes

this project so special is that it isn't just her perspective on what she saw, "but the kids get to tell their own story." She has put together a prototype of the book and is in the process of working on the design and format of the final version, which she plans to complete by the end of the year. We hope to have the book sold in local bookstores. All proceeds will go toward buying supplies for the children's elementary school.

This past March, Alison and Audubon YES Director Marcos Trinidad participated in Birds Matter Day, where representatives from local Audubon Chapters from throughout California went to Sacramento to lobby on behalf of the birds.

The advocates were split into



Alison Hong is shown, at top, planting sage at her gnatcatcher habitat in Lunada Canyon, above.

Photos courtesy of Alison Hong

groups of five and then met with California State Senators and their staff to discuss legislation and bird advocacy. They discussed the California Senate's Climate Change Package, which includes plans to reduce gasoline use, increase energy efficiency and increase

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LIFE IN A DRY LANDSCAPE

By Jess Morton

he world around me is dry. The rains have been infrequent, fitful in their inconstancy with the things that depend on them. There is still life here, but it seems muted, quiet and waiting. The hillsides are gray green with parched sagebrush and the sere browns of annual grasses long gone to seed, emptied husks of wild oat clinging to dry stalks in the cool west wind of morning, looking like so many pennants flying from the lance tips of a miniature army, one that will never advance from here nor return home.

On this dewy morning, the funnel webs of grassland spiders no longer cast their silver coating over the ground.

Rather, the webs are far apart, scattered bits of lace, sparse as the rains themselves. And though there is dew from the humid air driven north by a storm off the Mexican coast, the rain, if it comes at all, will do no more than moisten this ground.



Fall has come early to the parched hillsides.

Photos by Jess Morton

The cactus wrens are going through the motions of nest building, but there may be no eggs laid this year for food is

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the use of renewable resources.

As we know, climate change has had a profound effect on bird species, and climate change mitigation is an important part of the process to save more birds from extinction. And good news— the Climate Change Package passed in June of this year! The day was especially exciting for Alison because she was able to present her research to the whole group of Audubon Chapter representatives. As the youngest person at the Birds Matter Day, Alison demonstrates the importance of creating youth stewards.

Alison said that this was such a great experience, she is motivated to help pass more laws in the future that help to save our birds and the environment. Both Alison and Marcos were excited about Birds Matter Day becoming a yearly event because it is so impor-

tant for conservationists to be involved in policy making and to create connections with our policy makers. The work that we do is so important, but when we can create national, state and even local policies that aid conservation and environmental efforts, we can create widespread and sustainable change.

Bird Day L.A. 2015

On May 2 more than 30 events in L.A. County celebrated birds and biodiversity. Los Angelenos were given the opportunity to learn about the birds living in the city, which also gave them a new perspective on Los Angeles and the nature that does still exist in our city. In fact, Los Angeles County is known as the "birdiest county" in the country!

Marcos Trinidad brought YES students from Simon Tech to White Point Nature Center and the Magic Johnson Park to participate in Bird Day L.A. In a beautiful video put together by Erik Friedl, Kimball Garrett from the Natural History Museum explained that he would consider the day a great success if the people who participated could now name three or four birds, because that might spark curiosity and a desire to learn even more.

We were very happy that David Yarnold, president and CEO of National Audubon, came out to celebrate and participate, along with Andrea Jones, director of bird conservation at Audubon California.

Coming Up

We're excited to participate in various conservation and volunteer efforts this summer with Madrona Marsh and the PVP Land Conservancy. We are also in the process of planning field trips to Owens Valley as well as an awards ceremony in October, so stay tuned!

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scarce. A gnatcatcher appears out of nowhere over a wren, hovering, trying to chase it off. Perhaps the gnatcatchers have managed to bring off their brood this year in spite of the drought. Though few, the fence lizards and rabbits find enough to eat — for now. Two-inch holes dot the trail and lead up the hill where gopher runs have caved in, but there is only a handful of freshly dug earth here and there. The red-tailed hawks will be hungry this summer.

Ashy-leaf buckwheat has seemed to run through its blooming cycle quickly this year. It is still June, yet the flower heads already show tinges of the brick red hue they will take on in another month. This morning, there is only a scattering of insects on these flowers, mostly honey bees, syrphid flies and a lone bee fly, but this is as much a matter of no sun as little left that flies.

Three chimney bees fight briefly for access to the one bloom on a cactus pad. The flower is beautiful: a rosylipped yellow cup lush with its filling of bright stamens and central pistil, but it is the only cactus blossom visible from where I stand. The emergent holes in the ground suggest a moderate population of bees will fly this year, probably fewer than last year, but unless more cacti come into flower soon, they will be hard to find next year.

Scarcity is the theme, and its shadows lie everywhere on the landscape. They will remain there for a long time to come.



The flags of wild oats fly in the breeze.

Birds of Patagonia

On a trip to Patagonia, Argentina, the beautiful local names of the birds seemed as lovely as their calls to Audubon member Bob Caplan and he composed a poem of the names. Bob said he used Carl Orff's choral work. Carmina Bu-



Andean Condor

rana, to guide the meter and lack of inflection with which the poem should be read.

Topa Topa, Caracara

Chilco, Notro
Mata negra
Topa topa
Quinchi-malí
Sene-cio sene-cio
Arvejilla
Argy-re-us
Lenga, Nire
Pan de indio
Orquídea amarilla.

Carpintero,
Hajoncito
Badur-ri-a
Specularis
Macá comun
Pato, Pato
de tor-rente
Caracara
Rayadito

Cisne cuello Cuello negro Dormilona

[Fade voice as one reads these last three stanzas, as if the bird is flying away from the reader]

Condor, Condor Condor, Condor Condor, Condor El andino

Condor, Condor Condor, Condor Condor, Condor El andino

Condor, Condor Condor, Condor Condor, Condor El andino...

— Bob Caplan El Chaltén, Argentina

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Already Planning for Next Year



By David Quadhamer

very year our chapter holds an Annual Planning Meeting. This gives us an opportunity to talk about what we would like to accomplish in the next 12 months. Everyone is invited to attend, so if you would like to get involved with our chapter, this is an ideal opportunity. The

meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center.

There are several Executive Officer positions that are open and need to be filled. We are looking for a Vice President, a Treasurer and a Secretary. The Vice President helps the President with chapter business and runs meetings when the President is unable to attend. The Treasurer collects and disburses chapter funds, provides financial reports at board meetings and prepares an annual report. The Secretary takes minutes at board meetings and other meetings as required. Check our website for more details.

In addition to the Executive Officer positions, we are also looking to fill some vacant positions on the Board of Directors. The Board meets six times per year, usually on the first Wednesday of even numbered months at 7 p.m. at Madrona Marsh. The August Board meeting will be replaced by our Annual Planning Meeting. There are also other committee chairs that we are looking to fill. They can be found on the last page of this newsletter. If you are interested in joining, please let me know or come to our planning meeting. Your participation is what makes our chapter work.

f you haven't heard, Martin and Eileen Byhower have moved out of state. Both have
been very active Palos Verdes/South Bay
Chapter Audubon Board members for a long
time. Their contributions to our chapter are
greatly appreciated, and they will be missed.
Thank you both for all of your hard work!
While serving as our VP, Martin also has filled
most Executive Board positions over the
years. He was instrumental in getting the
Proposition O funding for Ken Malloy Harbor
Regional Park and the Harbor City Greenway,
formerly known as the Wilmington Drain.

The Harbor City Greenway is now open. The city did a wonderful job of restoring the area and creating habitat for the Least Bell's Vireo. Sediment was removed from the stream bed, along with invasive vegetation, to make room for native plants. Continued vigilance

will be required to keep all of the non-native invasive weeds out of the newly restored area. Hopefully, Least Bell's Vireos will be nesting in the Harbor City Greenway in the next year.

The restoration going on at Harbor Park is on schedule for an April 2017 opening. As of the end of June, the construction is about 40% complete. The lake dredging is about 60% complete and is expected to be completed by the end of 2015. Some 140,000 cubic yards (over 9,000 truckloads) of lake sediment have been hauled from the site, out of of the 239,000 cubic yards to be removed. The lake bottom will be capped with an AquaBlok bio-layer cap. Improving the water quality of the lake is a primary goal of the restoration at Harbor Park.

ur 35th annual butterfly count was held on July 11, and the numbers for this year look great! I covered Trump National Golf Course, Terranea and Torrance Beach, where I found an Anise Swallowtail, Western Tiger Swallowtails, Gray Hairstreaks, Western Pygmy Blues, a Fatal Metalmark, a Mourning Cloak and some El Segundo Blues, among others. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the 2015 count. If you would like to participate next year, we can use your help. And no experience is required.

Our next meeting will be in September, and attendees will gain new insight into spiders from speaker Dr. Lenny Vincent. In October Dr. Brynne Bryan will give a presentation on diatoms, and in November Vince Gerwe and Rod Lang will give a presentation on California Condors. We also offer a number of bird walks each month throughout the South Bay, so be sure to check the *Hummin* 'calendar and come out to participate in at least one event. Hope to see you!



Your Backyard Habitat



By Dr. Constance M. Vadheim CSU Dominguez Hills

Western columbine Aquilegia formosa

hade plants are a welcome sight and this year they are particularly beautiful. One that's blooming right now

is the Western columbine, Aquilegia formosa.

Western columbine grows in moist areas of the West, including the San Gabriel and Liebre Mountains. It's a pleasant surprise to happen upon them in the wild. But they are equally enchanting in the garden, where their flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Seed-eating birds also eat their seeds.

Aquilegia formosa is a drought-deciduous perennial that dies back in summer or fall (keep it green in summer with water). At two to three feet tall and wide, it's an ideal size for even a small garden. The foliage is pale green and clustered

mostly at the base. The taller flowering stalks are erect, open and many-branched. The flowers grow at the tips of the flowering branches. And, oh, what blooms they are!

Western columbine flowers are smaller than the common garden cultivars; but their bright red and yellow color scheme makes them a standout in any garden. Who can resist photographing these beauties in late spring or early summer? The flowers are highly modified to provide quality nectar to long-tongued pollinators (primarily hummingbirds).

Columbines grow in most local soils. They require shade — the dappled shade under trees or bright shade on the north side of a wall or building is ideal. They like plenty of winter water and prefer a moist soil until they've finished flowering. Cut back the dead stems in fall.

Individual plants are short-lived (three to four years) but they produce many seeds and often reseed naturally. If happy, they may form a cluster of plants under trees, imparting a woodsy look to any garden.

It is vital to note that *all parts of this plant are mildly toxic if eaten*. Roots and foliage have a history of medicinal use, but proper dosage and preparation are absolutely critical.

To learn more about this plant, visit: http://mother-natures-backyard.blogspot.com/ 2015/05/plant-of-month-may-west-ern-columbine.html.







For more information on growing and purchasing this plant, visit the Madrona Marsh Nature Center. You can also learn about local native plants at the "Out of the Wilds and Into Your Garden" series on the first Saturday of each month at the center.

MEET, LEARN, RESTORE, ENJOY

Chapter Calendar

Events

Saturday, Aug. 15, 9–12pm: PV/South Bay Audubon Strategic Planning Meeting at Madrona Marsh. All Audubon members and friends are welcome.

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.:
Audubon Third Tuesday GetTogethers. Our speaker for the
night will be Dr. Lenny Vincent,
whose presentation is simply titled
"Spiders" (see opposite page).
Come to Madrona Marsh to socialize with friends and to enjoy the
bird quiz, raffle and prizes from
Wild Birds Unlimited.

Field Trips

Important change: Due to construction at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park, all second Sunday bird walks there are cancelled indefinitely.

Tuesday, Aug. 4, 8:30 a.m.: "Tour de Torrance." Join Audubon leader Ron Melin and friends on a ramble around a great local birding area. Meet at Madrona Marsh Nature Center.

Wednesday, Aug. 5: "Birding with Bob." Audubon leader Bob Shanman leads bird walks to different destinations every first Wednesday of the month. Visit www.torrance.wbu.com and click on "Birding with Bob."

Saturday, Aug. 8, 9 a.m.: PVPLC
Natural History Walk to Cabrillo
Beach Shoreline. See coastal native
plants, learn about the history of the
harbor and feel free to follow up with a
trip to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium for



Black-crowned Night Heron

Photo by Evi Meyer

a great summertime family activity. For details, visit www.pvplc.org.

Sunday, Aug. 9, 8 a.m.: Bird walk at South Coast Botanic Garden.

Audubon leaders Steve Dexter, Manuel Duran and Ed Griffin will lead this walk through the garden, located at 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. in Palos Verdes. There is a minimal charge for nonmembers of the SCBG Foundation, or you can become a member at the box office.

Sunday, Aug. 9, 8 a.m.: Fieldtrip to Bolsa Chica with Eric and Ann Brooks. For details, call 323-295-6688 or e-mail motmots@aol.com.

Wednesday, Aug 12, 8 a.m.: Bird Walk at Madrona Marsh with Audubon leader Bob Shanman. Meet

at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center.

Sunday, Aug. 16, 8 a.m.: Bird walk at Ballona Wetlands with Bob Shanman. For details, visit www.torrance.wbu.com.

Tuesday, Aug. 18, 8:30 a.m.: "Tour de Torrance." See Aug. 4 for details.

Saturday, Aug. 22, 8:30–10:30 a.m.: Bird Walk at Madrona Marsh with Audubon leaders Tracy Drake and Dinuk Magammana. Meet at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center.

Saturday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m.: Los Serenos de Point Vicente Natural History Walk to the Lighthouse and Vicente Bluff

Reserve. Join us for a tour of the Point Vicente Lighthouse, the PVIC museum, the native garden and a walk along the spectacular bluff top at the Vicente Bluff Reserve. Easy. Visit

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m.: "Tour de Torrance." See Aug. 4 for details.

www.losserenos.com/pvic.htm

Wednesday, Sept. 2: "Birding with Bob." Bob Shanman leads bird walks to different destinations every first Wednesday of the month. For details, visit www.torrance.wbu.com and click on "Birding with Bob."

Sunday, Sept. 6, 7:30 a.m.: Fieldtrip to Piute Ponds with Eric and Ann Brooks. For information, e-mail motmots@aol.com or call 323-295-6688.

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 8 a.m.: Bird Walk at Madrona Marsh with

'Spiders'

Presented by Dr. Lenny Vincent Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m. Madrona Marsh Nature Center

Dr. Lenny Vincent will tantalize Chapter meeting attendees this September with a discussion and presentation of images of spider biology, including web building, predation techniques, defense against enemies, molting, births, growth, courtship, reproduction, external and internal anatomy, and various uses of silk.

He will also touch on the topic of dangerous spiders and which ones are common here in Southern California with his guide to identification, which can be referenced in his web-



Male and Female Brown Widow Spiders

Photo by Lenny Vincent

site: ocspiderguide.com. The presentation will also illustrate how spiders differ from other arthropods.



Dr. Vincent is a professor at Fullerton College whose courses include General and Human biology as well as the Biology of Insects and Spiders. He received his B.A. in biology from California State University, Northridge; his master's in entomology from UC Davis; and his Ph.D. in entomology from UC Berkeley. He is on the Board of Directors of Laguna Greenbelt, Inc., which is a grassroots organization dedicated to the preservation of Orange County's wilderness and open space.

He has active membership in the International Society of Arachnology, the American Arachnological Society, the British Arachnological Society and the Pan-Pacific Entomological Society. He is extensively published in scholarly journals of arachnology and entomology. Dr. Vincent is well known as a teacher and a presenter of factual, as well as humorous, programs. We know this is a program you won't want to miss!

Audubon leader Bob Shanman. Meet at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center.

Saturday, Sept. 12, 3 p.m.: PVPLC Natural History Walk to Bluff Cove. Descend to one of the most beautiful coves on the Peninsula, taking a shoreline hike down to the tide pools. Explore a beach where professional surfing was introduced to the area in the 1920s while learning about the ambitious early plans for the Palos Verdes Project. Moderate. For details, visit www.pvplc.org.

Sunday, Sept. 13, 8 a.m.: Bird walk at South Coast Botanic Garden. See Aug. 9 for details

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 8:30 a.m.: "Tour de Torrance." See Aug. 4 for details.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 9–12 p.m.: International Coastal Clean-up Day & Natural History Walk from Los Serenos de Point Vicente to Abalone Cove Shoreline Park. Bring the family to help clean the beach. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. For details, visit www.losserenos.com/pvic.htm

Sunday, Sept. 20, 8 a.m.: Bird walk at Ballona Wetlands with Bob Shanman. Visit www.torrance.wbu.com.

Saturday, Sept. 26, 8:30–10:30 a.m.: Bird Walk at Madrona Marsh with Audubon leaders Tracy Drake and Dinuk Magammana. Meet at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m.: "Tour de Torrance." See Aug. 4 for details.



NOTE: PV/South Bay Audubon field trips are generally free, but donations are much appreciated to support programs of the chapter.

Please visit the Chapter website at www.pvsb-audubon.org. or www.southbaycalendar.org. Area youth and their families are encouraged to visit www.pvsb-audubon.org/Audubon YES.html.

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