Welcome to the San Diego Bird Festival

It is our pleasure to welcome you to beautiful San Diego. As always, we are celebrating the wild birds and habitats of our county, which truly offers some of the best birding in the U.S. The Festival supports the education, conservation and sanctuary programs at San Diego Audubon Society, so by joining us, you get to see the birds and help them too. We thank you for your support, and hope to meet you at the Festival!

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Think Like a Bird: How to Understand Bird Behavior

Birds are fascinating to watch, and not just because they are beautiful. Did you ever see a bird do something funny and ask yourself, “Now why did that bird do that?” Understanding bird behavior can be tricky, but Kevin will provide us with a framework to help comprehend and appreciate why birds do the things they do. Birds aren’t tiny little flying people, and they don’t have the same needs and motivations that we do. But, the way they accomplish their own goals can be amazing. Can you think like a bird?

Kevin McGowan is a professional ornithologist and avid birder. He is currently the project manager for Distance Learning in Bird Biology in the Education program at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. He is the author and instructor for the courses “Ornithology: Comprehensive Bird Biology,” “Investigating Behavior: Courtship and Rivalry in Birds,” “Think Like a Bird: Understanding Bird Behavior,” and the Be a Better Birder series of courses and webinars on bird identification, offered through the Lab’s Bird Academy website. Kevin was the co-editor and primary author for the book, The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State, one of the creators of the Cornell Lab’s All About Birds website, and the former curator of the bird and mammal collections at the Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates. Kevin received his Ph.D. in Biology from the University of South Florida. He has studied the behavior and biology of the American Crow in central New York for 30 years. He has followed the life stories of more than 2,500 individual crows, some for over 19 years. He is interested in spreading the appreciation of birds to all possible audiences, through all possible avenues.

The World Series of Birding – Stories behind the story, now it can be told

On May 29, 1984, thirteen teams of crack field birders set out to make bird watching history and turn the birding world on its head. Not only were they determined to crack the 200 species barrier—200 bird species in 24 hours, these upstart teams were going to accomplish this feat in, of all places, New Jersey. Pete will recount the stories of his team (Bill Boyle, Pete Bacinski, a young journeyman birder named David Sibley and 87 year-old Roger Tory Peterson) on their quest to achieve a record-breaking Big Day. Pete Dunne recounts the hilarious and incriminating back stories behind the planet’s greatest natural treasure hunt.

Pete Dunne, a.k.a. “The Bard of Birding,” is author of nearly twenty books treating birds, birding, natural history and conservation including TALES OF A LOW RENT BIRDER, THE FEATHER QUEST, HAWKS IN FLIGHT, PETE DUNNE ON BIRDING and most recently (with Kevin Karlson) GULLS SIMPLIFIED. The retired director of the Cape May Bird Observatory, a post he held for 40 years he is perhaps best known for his years spent counting hawks at Cape May NJ and for founding the World Series of Birding. As an instructor at National Audubon’s Hog Island Camp, leader for Victor Emanuel Nature Tours and workshop instructor in Cape May, he has brought thousands of birders to higher levels of acumen and awareness. Now 67, living in the Bayshore town of Mauricetown, New Jersey with his photographer wife Linda, he and friend Kevin Karlson are now completing a book treating NORTH AMERICAN BIRD FAMILIES.
COASST: What we can Learn from Beached Birds

The Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST) is a 19 year old citizen science program with approximately 1,000 active participants collecting monthly data on beached birds and marine debris. Almost 500 data collection sites are spread across the west coast from Mendocino County, CA north to Kotzebue, AK. COASST data create a rigorous “baseline” - the normal pattern of beaching in space and time - against which change can be measured. These beached bird data have been used to assess the impacts of an increasingly warm ocean (the northeast Pacific marine heatwave), document the effects of harmful algal blooms, and reveal which species are especially sensitive to oil spills. Participants quickly become highly accurate and knowledgeable data collectors who value science, and want to communicate to others about program findings. COASST, and citizen science more broadly, has shown people that science is fun and useful, connected them to their local natural environment, and brought communities together to share and protect meaningful places and ecosystems.

Julia K. Parrish is the Lowell A. and Frankie L. Wakefield Professor of Ocean Fishery Sciences at the University of Washington, where she also serves as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of the Environment. A marine biologist, a conservation biologist, and a specialist in citizen science, she directs the award-winning Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST). This citizen science program has trained more than 5,000 participants to collect data on the identity and abundance of beach-cast birds from northern California to the Arctic Circle and to the Commander Islands in Russia. In 2013, Julia was recognized at The White House Office as a Champion of Change for her work with COASST.

The Language of Birds

All around us, the birds are constantly telling us who they are and what they are doing. In this talk for any audience, Nathan Pieplow unlocks the secrets of their language. You’ll listen in on the private conversation of a pair of Red-winged Blackbirds, and learn the secret signals that Cliff Swallows use when they have found food. You’ll learn how one bird sound can have many meanings, and how one meaning can have many sounds—and how, sometimes, the meaning isn’t in the sounds at all. This talk from the author of the Peterson Field Guide to Bird Sounds is an accessible, entertaining introduction to a fascinating topic.

Nathan Pieplow is the author of the Peterson Field Guide to Bird Sounds, published in two volumes, Eastern (2017) and Western (2019). An avid bird sound recordist and videographer, he is the author of the bird sound blog Earbirding.com, an author of the Colorado Birding Trail, and former editor of the journal Colorado Birds. He teaches writing and rhetoric at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Help us do the right thing for wildlife and the planet!

The San Diego Bird Festival has a deep commitment to the environment and wishes to stand as a leader in modeling conservation practices. To that end, we will not be providing plastic straws, single use water bottles, or non-recyclable/returnable containers during the Festival.

Please bring your own refillable water bottles.

Water refill stations will be available on full-day trips and in selected locations at the Festival. For those who forget to bring a water bottle, we will have a limited number of refillable bottles available for purchase. THANK YOU!
San Diego 100 Big Day
Sponsored by Redstart Birding Optics

Explore the bird life of San Diego County on this big day with a goal of observing at least 100 species. Locations are up to your leaders, but may include canyons of coastal chaparral, the oak woodland of the foothills, the inland lakes that attract many species of wintering ducks, and the coast. It’s a whirlwind of hot spots and secret patches. A boxed lunch is included (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free)

Capacity: 17-18 per trip
Cost: $135

T01  Feb 27, 2020  6:00 AM -  3:00 PM
Eitan Altman is a San Diego native who has been birding for over a decade.
Paula Theobald has been fascinated by birds since a child in Kentucky. She has seen over 400 birds in San Diego County since the early 1990s.
Raymond VanBuskirk will join us from Redstart Birding.

F01  Feb 28, 2020  6:00 AM -  3:00 PM
Sam Fellows is a Milwaukee native who recently graduated with his Masters from San Diego State University’s Evolutionary Biology program and since begun his PhD at UC Merced.
Anitra Kaye is a lifelong activist who has been leading regular bird walks in Tecolote Canyon Natural Park for over 10 years.
Raymond Van Buskirk will join us from Redstart Birding.

Sa02  Feb 29, 2020  6:00 AM -  3:00 PM
Kathryn Wendel is a local birder and Wildlife Biologist alum from Humboldt State University. She lives locally in San Diego.
Michael Hilchey is a field biologist and guide living in San Diego.
Wendy Clark is the director of BirdWatcher’s Digest.

Su01  Mar 1, 2020  6:00 AM -  3:00 PM
Rick Grove is a long-time birder who leads regular bird walks at Agua Hedionda and other hotspots in North County.
Catherine Hamilton leads birding and field sketching tours around the globe, and gives keynote speeches and workshops at birding festivals in the U.S. and abroad.
Raymond Van Buskirk will join us from Redstart Birding.
Birding the Border

This trip into the Tijuana River Valley along the Mexican Border will explore legendary birding hotspots like Dairy Mart Ponds, The Bird and Butterfly Garden, Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge and the J Street Marina. A boxed lunch is included (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free)

Capacity: 18 per trip
Cost: $135

T02  Feb 27, 2020  6:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Kathryn Wendel is a local birder and Wildlife Biologist alum of Humboldt State University. She enjoys birding the urban canyons and neighborhood creeks of East San Diego when not keeping up with her two young children.
Bruce Aird has been a birder in Southern California for 23 years and leads many field trips annually for the Sea and Sage chapter of the National Audubon Society, of which he is now twice past President and current Executive Board member.

F03  Feb 28, 2020  6:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Eitan Altman is a San Diego native who has been birding for over a decade.
Rick Grove is a long-time birder who leads regular bird walks at Agua Hedionda and other hotspots in North County.

Sa03  Feb 29, 2020  6:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Robert Patton and Elizabeth Copper are longtime birders in our area and biologists working with the Least Tern recovery program.

Su02  Mar 1, 2020  6:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Gjon Hazard is a life-long birder and ornithologist, specializing in the identification of western birds by sight and sound. He is a biologist, currently working with US Fish and Wildlife where he specializes in endangered species topics.
Autumn Turner is a local birder and wildlife biologist. She currently works right off our coast on nearby San Clemente island in wildlife conservation.
Pelagic Bird ID

Pelagic trips can seem daunting: a moving vessel, distant dots zooming past. Identifying anything seems difficult. But whether this is your first pelagic trip or your fortieth, you can learn important tricks of the trade. Brush up before going on one of our famous pelagic trips!

Stan Walens has spent over three decades studying the ocean off La Jolla, amassing an extensive knowledge of San Diego’s rich seabird life.

**Pelagic Birding Trips**

*Sponsored by Swarovski Optik*

Join us aboard a large sportfishing boat for an excursion in the productive waters just off San Diego. Each trip will have a number of helpful, knowledgeable leaders who know the local area and its seabirds and marine mammals. We will visit areas such as the 9-Mile Bank and the Coronado Escarpment, and will see birds not usually visible from shore. Each boat has roomy inside seating, a galley, and seating on-deck. The boat and crews are well-versed in getting us into position to see our quarry. Multiple leaders will be on board to help you spot, photograph, and identify birds.

The group will walk to Marina after a short meeting. Bring cash for lunch in ship galley, if desired.

**T17**  Feb 27, 2020  2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Capacity: 40  
Cost: $10

**F05**  Feb 28, 2020  7:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
**Sa05**  Feb 29, 2020  7:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
**Su03**  Mar 1, 2020  7:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Capacity: 55  
Cost: $135

And don’t miss our post-festival Pelagic Trip into Mexican Waters. See page 25 for details!
Coastal Refuges

San Diego Coastal Wildlife Refuges are located at the south end of San Diego Bay and near the border with Mexico. During the winter season, a diverse variety of land and water birds can be observed at the protected areas south of San Diego Bay and the Tijuana Slough NWR. This trip includes “behind the gates” access to the “Salt Works” in South San Diego Bay, and to the mouth of the Tijuana River. This trip includes a stop at the Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center and surrounding trails where in most years we have been very successful locating the endangered Light-footed Ridgway’s Rail. $10 fee covers the cost of the sack lunch (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free)

TO7  Feb 27, 2020
7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Sa10  Feb 29, 2020
7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Capacity: 22 per trip
Cost: $10

Inland Refuge

The San Diego National Wildlife Refuge is the inland and upstream counterpart to San Diego’s Coastal National Wildlife Refuges. The willow and oak riparian corridor of the Sweetwater River and its adjacent sage scrub, chaparral, and grasslands support year-round resident species and winter visitors. Be prepared to walk a minimum of 1 mile at the first stop and 0.75 miles at the second stop, over uneven terrain. There will be time to rest between the two stops. $10 fee covers the cost of the sack lunch. (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free)

F04  Feb 28, 2020
6:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Capacity: 22
Cost: $10
The Romance of Grebes

Photographing Rushing Grebes Workshop and Field Trip

This workshop and field trip will concentrate on photographing the Rushing Grebes at the Lake in Escondido. Once we arrive at the Lake we will set up and wait for action. In the classroom part Krisztina will be teaching and giving tips on what to look for in the moments before the rush so photographers are much more prepared. Birders are also welcomed to this workshop, however the workshop will be photography oriented. Long telephoto lens, tripod suggested. Various lenses will be available for loan from Krisztina (Cannon mount). A boxed lunch is included (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free) Field trip group will receive sack lunch during break.

Krisztina Scheeff is a professional wildlife and nature photographer and owns KS Nature Photography. She is an avid birder who has spent months studying grebes on the lakes near her home. She leads regular photo tours in San Diego, Scotland, Costa Rica and Galapagos.

T11  Feb 27, 2020  9:00 AM -  4:30 PM
Capacity: 12
Cost: $90

Photographing Rushing Grebes Workshop only

Just the workshop.

T11W  Feb 27, 2020  9:00 AM -  11:00 AM
Capacity: 12
Cost: $10

Grebes and Wine

A lovely day observing the rushing grebes in Escondido, followed by a picnic lunch and wine tasting at Orfila Winery.

Krisztina Scheeff will be joined by Ranger Dave, who has worked in the San Dieguito Wildlife Corridor and around Lake Hodges area for close to 25 years and is the San Dieguito River Parks trails manager. He is also a professional photographer and wildlife expert that has led wildlife and nature tours around Lake Hodges and in Scotland and Ireland with KS Nature Photography.

F12  Feb 27, 2020  9:00 AM -  3:00 PM
Capacity: 20
Cost: $135

Dancing with Grebes

With over 100 different bird species that either live at the Lake permanently or just pass through, the lake in Escondido is a dream location for birders. Especially beautiful are the Western, Clark’s and Eared Grebes as they perform their courtship displays. A boxed lunch is included (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free)

Krisztina Scheeff and Ranger Dave lead.

Sa06  Feb 29, 2020  7:00 AM -  12:00 PM
Su04  Mar 1, 2020  7:00 AM -  12:00 PM
Capacity: 20
Cost: $90
California Roundup

Sponsored by Sabrewing Tours

This fun trip focuses on our local birds with “California” in their name, such as California Thrasher, California Gnatcatcher, California Scrub Jay, California Towhee, California Quail, California Gull, and other California birds that may not have California in the name but are endemic to the region and not so easily found outside Southern California.

TO6    Feb 27, 2020    7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Catherine Hamilton leads birding and field sketching tours around the globe, and gives keynote speeches and workshops at birding festivals in the U.S. and abroad. Luke Tiller is the tour committee chair for the Hawk Migration Association of North America. Eric Ripma will join us from Sabrewing Nature Tours.

F07    Feb 28, 2020    7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Paula Theobald, Catherine Hamilton and Eric Ripma lead.

Su05    Mar 1, 2020    7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Eitan Altman, Luke Tiller and Eric Ripma lead

Capacity: 18 per trip  Cost: $90
Kayaking with Ocean Connectors  
**sponsored by Port of San Diego**

Explore South Bay’s birds by kayak! Kayaking is a relaxing and fun way to encounter wildlife, with close-up views of birds going about their day-to-day activities. On this Eco Tour with Ocean Connectors and Chula Vista Kayak, you’ll journey across the shallow South end of the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge. If the conditions permit, you’ll venture into the Chula Vista Wildlife Reserve. Kayaks, binoculars, field guides, sunscreen, visors and life vests are provided. No previous kayaking experience needed.

**T08**  Feb 27, 2020  8:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Patrick Levin and Melissa Tu lead.

**F08**  Feb 28, 2020  8:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Patrick Levin leads.

**Sa13**  Feb 29, 2020  8:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Patrick Levin and Jim Peugh lead.

**Su08**  Mar 1, 2020  8:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Patrick Levin and Ron Forster lead.

Capacity: 12 per trip  
Cost: $70

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**Bicycle Birding**

Enjoy Southern California birding around Mission Bay by bicycle. The flat route is entirely on bike paths and pedestrian walkways, beginning and ending at Marina Village. The pace is slow with many stops.

Hannah Buschert was first exposed to birds and birding during a required ornithology course at Oregon State University and she quickly caught the birding bug. Her husband Erik Ostrander quickly followed suit. Now managing a family motel and filling every spare second with birding, they host a birding podcast: “Hannah and Erik go Birding” where they share their adventures and birding experiences with whoever will listen.

Fee includes bicycle and helmet. Bring cash for lunch at a food truck.

**T10**  Feb 27, 2020  9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
**F11**  Feb 28, 2020  9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
**Sa14**  Feb 29, 2020  9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
**Su09**  Mar 1, 2020  9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  

Capacity: 10 per trip  
Cost: $55
Rolling Hills and Mountains

Laguna Mountains

The Laguna mountains rank among the highest elevation ranges in San Diego county, and are home to many montane specialists such as pygmy nuthatch, mountain chickadee, purple finch, band-tailed pigeon, red-breasted sapsucker and more. This half day trip goes directly to Mount Laguna for a light to moderate hike around the pine forests and montane meadows of our local mountains with lunch at our last birding site before returning back to the festival. A boxed lunch is included (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free)

**Sa09**  Feb 29, 2020  7:30 AM - 1:30 PM
*Autumn Turner and Catherine Hamilton* lead

**Su06** Mar 1, 2020  7:30 AM - 1:30 PM
*Lead by Kathryn Wendel and Sam Fellows*
Capacity: 18  
Cost: $135

Hawk Alley

This field trip takes us to see the avian apex predators of several Southern California habitats: coastal sage scrub, agricultural lands, live oak woodlands, chaparral, and grasslands.

Turkey Vulture, Golden Eagle, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned and Cooper’s Hawk, Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, Zone-tailed Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine and Prairie Falcon. Sometimes this trip sees Harris’s Hawk and Ferruginous Hawk. And many non-raptors.

A boxed lunch is included (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free)

**T03**  Feb 27, 2020  6:30 AM - 4:30 PM
*Jimmy McMorran* is a wildlife biologist based out of San Diego, CA, and conducts a variety of avian surveys throughout southern California and beyond. He is a leader on southern California pelagic trips, and always birding whether he is at work or not. *Fred Sproul* has lead Hawk Alley and Ramona bird trips for over 20 years. *Steve Hoffman* joins us from Merlin Birding Tours

**Sa04**  Feb 29, 2020  6:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Capacity: 18 per trip  
Cost: $135
**Wednesday**

**Wednesday Early Bird Check-in**
We invite you to come early and enjoy an evening of socializing and entertainment. Check in early and stay for a walk, some refreshments, and a free program by Kevin McGowan of Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Drop in to the Nautical Room anytime from 3-6 to check in.

**Estuary Walk**
Take a walk to the San Diego River mouth and along the marina. Local leaders as well as representatives from Redstart Birding and Swarovski Optik will show the way. Meet in courtyard 10 minutes prior to start of walk.

**Opening Refreshments at the Bird Feeder Cafe**
Appetizers will be served in the Dockside room. Drop in to the Dockside room anytime from 4-6.

**Uncommon Saloon sponsored by Vortex**
Join us for a drink in the Exhibit Hall, and meet our exhibitors. Beverages are just $1 each! Drop in to the Bayview room anytime from 4-6.

**Thursday**

**Thursday Breakfast at the Bird Feeder Cafe**
Breakfast is served daily in the Dockside room. Drop in during open hours and grab yourself an apple, a hard-boiled egg, or other breakfast nosh. Coffee and tea, too!

**San Diego 100 Big Day**
*Sponsored by Redstart Birding Optics*

**T01**  Feb 27, 2020  6:00 AM -  3:00 PM
See page 5 for full description.

**Capacity:** 18  **Cost:** $135

**Birding the Border**

**T02**  Feb 27, 2020  6:00 AM -  3:00 PM
See page 6 for full description.

**Capacity:** 18  **Cost:** $135

**Hawk Alley**

**T03**  Feb 27, 2020  6:30 AM -  4:30 PM
See page 12 for full description.

**Capacity:** 18  **Cost:** $135

**Camp Pendleton/North County**
Explore one of the largest continuous expanses of California coastal chaparral located around the Marine Base Camp Pendleton and surrounding areas. This area supports one of the largest populations of the threatened California gnatcatcher as well as other chaparral specialists such as Spotted Towhee, California thrasher, Bushtits, Bewick’s wrens, Lesser Goldfinch and wintering White-crowned Sparrows. Peter Ginsburg leads. A boxed lunch is included (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free)

**T04**  Feb 27, 2020  6:30 AM -  2:30 PM

**Capacity:** 18  **Cost:** $90

**Cabrillo National Monument**
At the tip of the Point Loma Peninsula, Cabrillo National Monument is a wonderful place to bird in a variety of different landscapes. Cabrillo hosts the endangered Coastal Sage Scrub plant community and Maritime Chaparral plant community, as well as the Rocky Intertidal Zone on the coast. Expect to see scores of seabirds, shorebirds, songbirds, and raptors including the iconic California Thrasher, American Kestrels, Black Oystercatchers, Osprey, and even the endangered California Gnatcatcher.

Sam Wynns is a biologist and science educator with the National Park Service. She loves all creatures, great and small (yes, even spiders), but has a special affinity for birds and leads terrestrial bird surveys, Peregrine Falcon surveys, and shorebird surveys at Cabrillo National Monument.

**T05**  Feb 27, 2020  7:00 AM -  12:00 PM

**Capacity:** 12  **Cost:** $90
California Roundup  
*Sponsored by Sabrewing Tours*

T06  Feb 27, 2020  7:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
See page 10 for full description.  
Capacity: 18  Cost: $90

Coastal Refuges  

T07  Feb 27, 2020  7:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
See page 8 for full description.  
Capacity: 22  Cost: $10

Kayaking with Ocean Connectors  
*sponsored by Port of San Diego*

T08  Feb 27, 2020  8:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
See page 11 for full description.  
Capacity: 12  Cost: $70

**Bird Academy Workshop and Field Trip with Kevin McGowan and Cornell: Shorebirds!**

Explore shorebirds with Kevin McGowan!  
*Kevin McGowan* is a professional ornithologist and avid birder. He is currently the project manager for Distance Learning in Bird Biology in the Education program at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Kevin was one of the creators of the Cornell Lab's All About Birds website, and the former curator of the bird and mammal collections at the Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates. A boxed lunch is included (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free)  

T09  Feb 27, 2020  8:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Capacity: 12  Cost: $90

**Photographing Rushing Grebes Workshop and Field Trip**

T11  Feb 27, 2020  9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
See page 9 for full description.  
Capacity: 12  Cost: $90

**Photographing Rushing Grebes Workshop only**

Just the workshop.  

T11W  Feb 27, 2020  9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
See page 9 for full description.  
Capacity: 12  Cost: $10

**The Birds of Southern Portugal**

This presentation begins with a short film about the birds of Southern Portugal, followed by a presentation with slides showing the key regions to visit, the habitats, and birds one may see there. See why Portugal is a wonderful birding destination.  
*João Jara* has led many field tours in Portugal, Spain and abroad, for his own birding tours company, Birds & Nature Tours Portugal.  

T12  Feb 27, 2020  11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Capacity: 25  Cost: $0

**Upgrading Your Binocular? Asking the Right Questions**

Swarovski Optik will help you understand what you should know when considering an upgrade to your optics.  
*Swarovski Optik* will guide the way.  

T13  Feb 27, 2020  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
Capacity: 30  Cost: $0

**Bird Brains**

Insightful and humorous looks at the antics, behaviors and idiosyncrasies of wild birds. Featuring vivid photographs embedded with engaging videos, these tales provide inside looks at bird lifestyles. Each story comes from bird behavior Budd has observed during his 45 years of roaming hills and dales, prairies and pastures, swamps and shorelines of our remarkable planet.  
*Budd Titlow* is a professional wetland scientist (emeritus) and wildlife biologist, an international/national award-winning nature photographer and widely published author.  

T15  Feb 27, 2020  1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
Capacity: 25  Cost: $10

**What is Falconry**

T16  Feb 27, 2020  1:30 PM - 2:30 PM  
Capacity: 30  Cost: $0

**Bicycle Birding**

T10  Feb 27, 2020  9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
See page 11 for full description.  
Capacity: 10  Cost: $55

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### Pelagic ID

**T17**  
Feb 27, 2020  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
See page 7 for full description.  
**Cost:** $10

### The Restoration of Lake Apopka

While living and working in Florida, David Walker had the opportunity to oversee an important restoration project at Lake Apopka. Just over 20 years ago, this area was 20,000 acres of farmland. The North Shore Restoration Area is now the number 1 eBird hotspot in the state of Florida with 353 species. **David Walker** is a docent at Torrey Pines and a member of the SD Audubon Conservation Committee.

**T18**  
Feb 27, 2020  
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
**Capacity:** 25  
**Cost:** $0

### Estuary Walk

**Feb 27, 2020**  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
See page 13 for full description.  
**Capacity:** 40  
**Cost:** $0

### Uncommon Saloon  
**sponsored by Vortex**

**Feb 27, 2020**  
3:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
**Capacity:** 125  
**Cost:** $0

### The Southeastern Arizona Birding and Wildlife Festival

**T18A**  
Feb 27, 2020  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
**Capacity:** 30  
**Cost:** $0

### Thursday Buffet

**Feb 27, 2020**  
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
It’s Greek Night in the Bird Feeder Cafe! Tickets required for this event. Drop in between 4:30 and 6:00 pm  
**Capacity:** 100  
**Cost:** $20

### Parrot Party Bus

San Diego is home to thousands of parrots, with 13 parrot species that have been seen throughout Southern California. On this trip, we’ll spend some time at a popular parrot roost, where we will see evening behaviors as the parrots wind down and prepare for bedtime. Here’s an opportunity to practice your digiscoping and observe social behaviors of parrots.  
**SoCal Parrot** leads.  
**T19**  
Feb 27, 2020  
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
**Capacity:** 20  
**Cost:** $50

### The World Series of Birding – Stories behind the story, now it can be told with Pete Dunne

**T20**  
Feb 27, 2020  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
See page 3 for full description.  
**Cost:** $25

### Owling Tips, Tricks and Trip

Owls are among the most mysterious and sought-after families of birds in the world, but heading out in the dead of night to find them can be an intimidating challenge to undertake. Not to worry! **Michael Hilchey** will teach you the skills you need to know to make your next night out a night to remember.

**T21**  
Feb 27, 2020  
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
**Capacity:** 18  
**Cost:** $90

### Owling Tips and Tricks

**Just the workshop.**  
**T21W**  
Feb 27, 2020  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM  
**Capacity:** 40  
**Cost:** $10

### Friday Breakfast at the Bird Feeder Cafe

**Feb 28, 2020**  
5:30 AM - 8:30 AM  
**Capacity:** 150  
**Cost:** $0

### San Diego 100 Big Day  
**Sponsored by Redstart Birding Optics**

**F01**  
Feb 28, 2020  
6:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
See page 5 for full description.  
**Cost:** $135

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*Photo credit: David Arkin*
Otay Valley Regional Park
Discover Otay Valley Regional Park, the birding paradise in the South Bay Community. From lakes and ponds, the bay and a 13-mile river corridor, this reserve provides rich habitat for birds. This trip includes a boxed lunch (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free)

Christine Harvey is a senior biologist for Leopold Biological Services and an active member of the San Diego birding community for over 30 years.

Richard Griebe is a life-long birder and volunteer. He leads several bird nest box projects for the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department.

F02 Feb 28, 2020 6:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Capacity: 18 Cost: $90

Birding the Border
F03 Feb 28, 2020 6:00 AM - 3:00 PM
See page 6 for full description.
Cost: $135

Inland Refuge
F04 Feb 28, 2020 6:30 AM - 1:30 PM
See page 8 for full description.
Cost: $10

Pelagic Trip
F05 Feb 28, 2020 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM
See page 7 for full description.
Cost: $135

Rocky Shores
Rock jetties, breakwaters and natural rocky cliffs, some of San Diego’s most spectacular coastal scenery, are inhabited by a select and fascinating variety of birds. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. This trip features easy walking. A boxed lunch is included (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free)

Stan Walens Stan has spent over three decades studying the ocean off La Jolla, amassing an extensive knowledge of San Diego’s rich seabird life.

João Jara has led many field tours in Portugal, Spain and abroad, for his own birding tours company, Birds & Nature Tours Portugal.

F06 Feb 28, 2020 7:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Capacity: 20 Cost: $90

California Roundup
Sponsored by Sabrewing Tours
F07 Feb 28, 2020 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
See page 10 for full description.
Cost: $90

Kayaking
F08 Feb 28, 2020 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
See page 11 for full description.
Cost: $70

Bird Academy Field Trip with Kevin McGowan and Cornell: Waterfowl!
Explore waterfowl with Kevin McGowan! Kevin is a professional ornithologist and avid birder. He is currently the project manager for Distance Learning in Bird Biology in the Education program at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Kevin was one of the creators of the Cornell Lab’s All About Birds website, and the former curator of the bird and mammal collections at the Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates. A boxed lunch is included (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free).

F09 Feb 28, 2020 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Capacity: 12 Cost: $90

Bird Academy Workshop with Kevin McGowan and Cornell: Waterfowl!
Just the workshop.
F09W Feb 28, 2020 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Capacity: 20 Cost: $10

Wild Bird Photography
A basic workshop designed for the beginner or intermediate wild bird photographer. Topics will include equipment, techniques, camera settings, locations, resources and ethics. After class, we’ll take a quick lunch break and embark into the field to try our new skills. Please meet in G7 Classroom at 9:00 am. Field trip group will receive sack lunch during break (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free) We will board the bus at 12:00 pm

Ernie Cowan is a noted photographer, lecturer, instructor and author. He pens Backyard Bird Watching, a monthly column in the San Diego Union-Tribune newspaper.

F10 Feb 28, 2020 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Capacity: 12 Cost: $90

Wild Bird Photography
Just the workshop.
F10W Feb 28, 2020 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Capacity: 12 Cost: $10
Bicycle Birding  
F11 Feb 28, 2020  9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
See page 11 for full description.  
Cost: $55

Grebes and Wine  
F12 Feb 28, 2020  9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
See page 9 for full description.  
Cost: $135

Identifying Western Raptors  
Have you ever wanted to sharpen your raptor identification skills? Raptor expert Steve Hoffman will provide a detailed discussion of the identification and natural history of all common raptor (e.g., hawks, eagles, falcons, etc.) species inhabiting the western U.S. Steve’s presentation will include a discussion of plumage variations (including subspecies and color morphs, as well as age and sex variations) of the more common and observable species. Helpful behavioral clues will also be incorporated.

Steve Hoffman founded HawkWatch International (1986), and has authored more than 40 publications on raptor migration, ecology and conservation, as well as endangered species management and conservation.

F13 Feb 28, 2020  11:30 AM - 12:30 AM  
Capacity: 40  Cost: $0

Importance of Migration Monitoring  
Luke Tiller is the tour committee chair for the Hawk Migration Association of North America. He will discuss how counting birds on their migrations can help us understand how birds differ from one another, the needs of birds, where they spend their time, and which areas we need to protect.

F15 Feb 28, 2020  12:30 PM - 1:30 PM  
Capacity: 25  Cost: $10

Famosa Slough  
This field trip will take you to one of San Diego’s best kept secrets. Jim and Barbara Peugh, who have been involved in its conservation, will lead.

F16 Feb 28, 2020  1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Capacity: 12  Cost: $90

Seashells: Jewels from the Ocean  
Based on the book of the same name, “Seashells” features the intricate structurally beauty and complex physiology of our ocean’s molluscan masterpieces. Using close-up photography and video, this program features the morphology, habitats, distribution and feeding behaviors of an array of stunning seashells. The program includes a forthright discussion of the ecological threats to mollusks and what we can do to better protect them from harm. With author Budd Titlow.

F19 Feb 28, 2020  2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Capacity: 25  Cost: $10

Travel that Gives Back with Holbrook Travel  
When presented with the opportunity to develop a tourism industry, some countries are eager to reap the benefits, often razing their most precious resources to build hotels and attractions, and ultimately destroying the one thing that made them unique in the first place. The Audubon International Alliances Program was created to help people in communities situated within areas of conservation need to build relationships and skills to grow their eco-tourism industry in a sustainable way. Find out how countries like Belize, Colombia and Guatemala are benefitting from this program, and how you can help. With Debbie Jordan.

F20 Feb 28, 2020  2:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
Capacity: 125  Cost: $0

Community Science, Cell Phones, and You  
Most of us explore nature to unplug and disconnect, but did you know your phone can do some real good? We will discuss apps and technology that you can use as community scientists to further understanding of our world. And a few case studies of what we do have because of community science. Hannah Buschert and Erik Ostrander will lead the discussion.

F21 Feb 28, 2020  3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Capacity: 30  Cost: $10

Estuary Walk  
Feb 28, 2020  3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
See page 13 for full description.  
Capacity: 40  Cost: $0
### Pete Dunne Birds of Prey
*Sponsored by Zeiss*

Hear his riveting and poetic descriptions of the natural histories of our North American raptors. **Pete Dunne** is well known for his storytelling and his knowledge of birds of prey.

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### Uncommon Saloon
*Sponsored by Vortex*

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### Parrot Party Bus

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### The Healing Power of Birding

We love birds for many reasons. Some people are drawn to birds for their beauty. Others enjoy classification systems and identification. We love the challenge of puzzling out a difficult ID. Wendy Clark of BirdWatcher’s Digest will discuss how our love of birds can help us in times of struggle in this program with stories and music. **Wendy Clark** and friends.

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### Friday Buffet

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### COASST: What we can Learn from Beached Birds with Julia Parrish

See page 4 for the full description. **Cost:** $25

### Saturday Breakfast at the Bird Feeder Cafe

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### Salton Sea

Spend the day in the strange and beautiful landscape of the Salton Sea. All meals are included including a boxed breakfast (various), boxed lunch, snacks, and dinner at a Mexican restaurant in Brawley. This trip starts before our breakfast area opens and before our shuttle service begins at the Dana. Please contact hajj@sandiegoaudubon.org if you need transportation from the Dana.

**Kurt Leuschner** is President of Western Field Ornithologists. **Bruce Aird** leads many field trips annually for the Sea and Sage chapter of the National Audubon Society, of which he is now twice past President and current Executive Board member.

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### San Diego 100 Big Day
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# Chronological Listing of Programs

## Birding the Border
**Sa03**  Feb 29, 2020  6:00 AM - 3:00 PM
See page 6 for full description.
**Cost:** $135

## Hawk Alley
**Sa04**  Feb 29, 2020  6:30 AM - 4:30 PM
See page 12 for full description.
**Cost:** $135

## Pelagic Trip
**Sa05**  Feb 29, 2020  7:00 AM - 3:00 PM
See page 7 for full description.
**Cost:** $135

## Dancing with Grebes
**Sa06**  Feb 29, 2020  7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
See page 9 for full description.
**Cost:** $90

## The Birds of San Diego Zoo
Spend the morning birding at the world famous San Diego Zoo, located in Balboa Park. The Zoo has an impressive collection of birds, featuring three large, beautifully landscaped walk-in aviaries as well as many smaller enclosures for birds. Experience world-class showcase of exotic birds and rarities that you might never have a chance to see in the wild, as well as a variety of native, migrant and seasonal resident birds. Zoo admission is included. With **Ed Henry**.

**Sa07**  Feb 29, 2020  7:30 AM - 1:00 PM
**Capacity:** 12  **Cost:** $90

## Balboa Park and behind the scenes at the NAT
Balboa Park is a unique urban park, an oasis for wildlife within the city landscape. Phil Unitt of the San Diego History Museum will take the group for some birding in the park, and then for a behind-the-scenes peek at the museum’s avian collection, including a fascinating demonstration of a bird skin preparation. Admission to the Nat is included. With **Philip Unitt**.

**Sa08**  Feb 29, 2020  7:30 AM - 1:00 PM
**Capacity:** 12  **Cost:** $90

## Laguna Mountains
**Sa09**  Feb 29, 2020  7:30 AM - 1:30 PM
See full description on page 12.
**Cost:** $135

## Coastal Refuges
**Sa10**  Feb 29, 2020  7:30 AM - 3:30 PM
See page 8 for full description.
**Cost:** $10

## A Shared Vocabulary for Bird Sounds
Most attempts to teach bird sound identification rely primarily on memorization. This workshop takes a different approach. Just as beginning birders learn the different parts of the bird and how to distinguish colors like “buff” and “rufous,” we will study the different parts of a sound and how to distinguish tone qualities like “burry” and “polyphonic.” Once we have a common vocabulary for describing bird sounds, we can apply these skills to bird sound identification in the chaparral.

With **Nathan Pieplow**. **Geoff Rogers** will join for the field trip.

**Sa11**  Feb 29, 2020  7:30 AM - 12:00 PM
**Capacity:** 12  **Cost:** $90

## A Shared Vocabulary for Bird Sounds Workshop only
Just the Workshop.

**Sa11W**  Feb 29, 2020  7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
**Capacity:** 10  **Cost:** $10

## Beached Birds ID and Field Trip With Julia Parrish
Join **Julia Parrish** for a fascinating workshop on identifying “beached birds.” Scientists can learn valuable information by studying what has washed up on the shore. The workshop will be followed by a walk along one of San Diego’s beaches to see what we can find.

**Sa12**  Feb 29, 2020  8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
**Capacity:** 12  **Cost:** $90

## Kayaking with Ocean Connectors
*Sponsored by Port of San Diego*

**Sa13**  Feb 29, 2020  8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
See page 11 for full description.
**Cost:** $70

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**Reduce-Reuse-Recycle**
Please help birds by reducing waste. Bring your own reusable water bottle and reusable coffee mug to the Festival.
Bicycle Birding
Sa14  Feb 29, 2020  9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
See full description on page 11.
Cost: $55

Do-it-Yourself Travel Planning
Are you a birder on a tight budget? Are you interested in birding internationally but wary of paying for an expensive tour? Jim and Debbie are the “do it yourself” tour people. They are not rich, but still like traveling to exotic places. Learn how to put your own trips together, from lodging and transportation to guides and meals. Jim and Debbie Babbitt will share their secrets.
Sa18  Feb 29, 2020  12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Capacity: 25  Cost: $10

Birding Outfitters: Hire Local Birding Guides
Birding Outfitters (https://www.birdingoutfitters.com) is an online marketplace platform where professional birding guides can post their private birding tours and birdwatchers can find and book birding tours; a little bit like Airbnb but with private birding tours instead of private homes. Their mission is to encourage support for conservation in the local communities by helping local birding guides get hired more often and with better pay. In this program, Phoenix Kwan will show you how to search for and book tours on their website, in addition to other features of their website.
Sa19  Feb 29, 2020  1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Capacity: 125  Cost: $0

Paul Abravaya Photography Workshop and Field Trip
Improve your bird photography! Join Paul Abravaya for a photography skills workshop followed by time in the field to apply what you have learned. A boxed lunch is included. (choice of Turkey, Vegetarian or Vegan/Gluten Free) Please meet in G7 Classroom at 9:00 am. Field trip group will receive sack lunch during break. We will board the bus at 12:00 pm
Paul Abravaya is a naturalist and award-winning photographer.
Sa15  Feb 29, 2020  9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Capacity: 12  Cost: $90

Optics with Redstart Birding
Raymond Van Buskirk will walk you through the world of optics. What’s new and how do you choose the best for you?
Sa16  Feb 29, 2020  11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Capacity: 125  Cost: $0

California Native Plants and the Birds Who Love Them
sponsored by Opticon
Native plants are better suited for our climate and wildlife. Find out more about what works in Southern California, and what it might attract if you plant it!
Teresa Everett and Jerry Martin, Wild Birds Unlimited
Sa17  Feb 29, 2020  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Capacity: 125  Cost: $0

The River of Raptors Project in Veracruz River with Merlin Birding & Nature Tours
Steve Hoffman will tell the story of the Veracruz River of Raptors project, co-founded by HawkWatch International, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and Pronatura Veracruz in 1991. This long term project monitors the largest raptor migration on Earth (4-6 million birds of 25 species every autumn). Steve will present the key findings of the project and highlight his upcoming fall 2020 birding tour to Veracruz.
Sa18  Feb 29, 2020  9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Capacity: 125  Cost: $0

Photo credit: Jane Mygatt
Birding Iberia

A photographic presentation with an emphasis on why the Iberian Peninsula is such a special region in Europe and in the world, from a bird and wildlife point of view. Other than nature, there are also numerous other interesting facets to explore in this fascinating region.

With João Jara.

Sa21 Feb 29, 2020  2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Capacity: 25  Cost: $0

The Magic of Arctic Birding: Barrow and Nome, Alaska with Sabrewing Nature Tours

At over 300 miles into the Arctic Circle, Barrow (now known as Utqiagvik) is the northernmost city in the United States. During the summer, birders can enjoy virtually non-stop viewing as the sun never sets over the tundra.

Five hundred miles south of Barrow lies Nome, where a completely different yet equally incredible birding opportunity awaits. The mountains and taller vegetation are home to many species not found as far north as Barrow.

Join Tyler Ficker from Sabrewing Nature Tours as he takes you on a photographic journey through these incredible locations!

Sa22 Feb 29, 2020  2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Capacity: 125  Cost: $0

Birding Beaumont

Great birding and food await you in beautiful Beaumont! Christina Majdalani will tell you all about Beaumont, Texas, where birding and tourism opportunities are plentiful.

Sa23 Feb 29, 2020  3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Capacity: 125  Cost: $0

Estuary Walk

Feb 29, 2020  3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
See page 13 for full description.
Capacity: 40  Cost: $0

Digiscoping Simplified with Robert Wilson

Sponsored by Kowa

Tips and tricks to take beautiful photos using your spotting scope. Robert Wilson instructs.

Sa24 Feb 29, 2020  3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Capacity: 25  Cost: $0

Uncommon Saloon sponsored by Vortex

Feb 29, 2020  3:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Capacity: 125  Cost: $0

Antarctica: The Tour of a Lifetime

This personalized program uses excellent photos to take you along on a tour of the otherworldly Antarctic Continent, the sublime Falkland Islands and the scenic South Georgia Islands. Ric Zarwell of Rockjumper Worldwide Birding Adventures will be your guide on this virtual journey.

Sa25 Feb 29, 2020  4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Capacity: 30  Cost: $0

Tips and Tricks for Birding Here and There

Hannah and Erik are millennials that love to travel and bird, home and abroad. They’ll go through some helpful tips and tricks for making the most out of your time and budget from planning and packing to arriving back home.

With Hannah Buschert and Erik Ostrander.

Sa26 Feb 29, 2020  4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Capacity: 20  Cost: $15

Parrot Party Bus

See full description on page 15.

Sa27 Feb 29, 2020  4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Capacity: 20  Cost: $50

Saturday Buffet

It’s Italian Night in the Bird Feeder Cafe! Tickets required for this event. Drop in between 4:30 and 6:00 pm

Feb 29, 2020  4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Capacity: 100  Cost: $20

Spotting Scope Photography vs. Telephoto Lens - Which is Better and Why?

Swarovski Optik looks at the differences between photography through a spotting scope and photography through a camera.

Sa28 Feb 29, 2020  5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Capacity: 25  Cost: $0

“The Language of Birds” with Nathan Pieplow

Sa29 Feb 29, 2020  6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
See full description on page 4.  Cost: $25

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Sunday

Sunday Breakfast at the Bird Feeder Cafe
Mar 1, 2020  5:30 AM -  8:30 AM
Capacity: 150  Cost: $0

San Diego 100 Big Day
sponsored by Redstart Birding Optics
Su01  Mar 1, 2020   6:00 AM -  3:00 PM
See page 5 for full description.
Cost: $135

Birding the Border
Su02  Mar 1, 2020   6:00 AM -  3:00 PM
See page 6 for full description.
Cost: $135

Pelagic Birding Trip
Su03  Mar 1, 2020   7:00 AM -  3:00 PM
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Cost: $135

Dancing with Grebes
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California Roundup
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Laguna Mountains
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Cost: $135

A Shared Vocabulary for Bird Sounds
Su07  Mar 1, 2020   7:30 AM -  12:00 PM
See page 19 for full description.
Capacity: 12  Cost: $90

A Shared Vocabulary for Bird Sounds Workshop only
Su07W  Mar 1, 2020   7:30 AM -  9:00 AM
See page 19 for full description.
Capacity: 10  Cost: $10

Kayaking with Ocean Connectors
sponsored by Port of San Diego
Su08  Mar 1, 2020   8:00 AM -  11:30 AM
See page 11 for full description.
Capacity: 12  Cost: $70

Bicycle Birding
Su09  Mar 1, 2020   9:00 AM -  1:00 PM
See page 11 for full description.
Capacity: 10  Cost: $55

Tecolote Canyon
Tecolote Canyon is a well-known birding gem of San Diego, it is one of the largest continuous canyons in the urban heart of San Diego, located near Old Town and it’s name “tecolote” means “little owl.” Tecolote Canyon is home to many coastal chaparral specialist species as well as many other local birds, expect to see California thrasher, Spotted and California towhees, wrentit, Nuttall’s woodpecker and red-shouldered hawks.
Anitra Kaye leads.
Su10  Mar 1, 2020   9:00 AM -  12:00 PM
Capacity: 12  Cost: $90

Reduce-Create-Recycle
Please help birds by reducing waste. Bring your own reusable water bottle and reusable coffee mug to the Festival.
Family Day
at the San Diego Bird Festival

March 1, 2020

Free, educational activities! Live bird programs!
Exhibits featuring local non-profits! Guided walks! Hands-on art projects!
Fun for all ages and abilities. Brought to you by SDG&E.

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM .............. Family Visual Scavenger Hunt

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM .......... Guided Estuary Walk

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM .......... Choosing Kid-friendly Optics with Redstart Birding

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM .......... Free Flight: Parrots in your Living Room?

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM .......... The Parrots of San Diego County with SoCal Parrot

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM .......... How Birds Fly with Cabrillo National Monument

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM .......... Birds of a Feather with Zovargo

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM .......... Birds of Prey with the Raptor Institute

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM .......... Bird Call Contest

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM .......... Birding is for Everybody! with Jason Ward

Marina Village Conference Center
1936 Quivira Way in Mission Bay

All Family Day programs are free and open to the public! No pre-registration necessary, but sign up at www.sandiegoaudubon.org for detailed descriptions of our programs and schedule updates.

Jason Ward is an all-around bird nerd. He was born and raised in The Bronx, NY, not usually considered the ideal place someone thinks of when they think of birds. Yet his love for wildlife, especially birds, has paved the way to where he is today. He currently works for National Audubon, leads bird walks for Atlanta Audubon, and hosts his very own web series; “Birds of North America,” which has gained popularity on YouTube. His goal is to blaze trails for all people, to impact and inspire them to pursue careers in conservation. Jason will talk about how and why he came into birding and how it has opened doors for him in his adulthood.
Post-Festival Pelagic Trip!

Monday, March 2, 2020 • 6:15 AM - 3:00 PM

A rare treat, we are offering this day trip to Mexican waters to see the Coronado Islands. Close to San Diego and the Mexican coast line, these islands feel worlds away. Shrouded in mysterious lore of pirates, these islands have an interesting natural history. Each of the Islands has it’s own unique geology and plant life. The four islands and several rocks hold breeding populations of seabird, such as Brown Pelican, Brandt’s Double-crested and Pelagic Cormorants, Western Gull, Scripp’s Murrelets, Black, Ashy and the Chapmani race of Leach’s Storm-Petrels. Black and American Oystercatcher. Also of interest is a recently established breeding colony and roosting site of Brown Booby, rarely seen off San Diego prior to the year 2000. Marine mammals present include California Sea Lions, Harbor Seal, and occasionally Elephant Seals. Gray Whales use the Coronados as a way-point on their south-bound migration.

$175 includes your travel permit.
Passport required.
Sign up at www.sandiegoaudubon.org

EXPLORE THE BEST OF

Baja!

Birds and Gray Whales in Mexico’s Baja Peninsula
with SAN DIEGO AUDUBON SOCIETY

March 2 - 9, 2020
from $3,340*

Join fellow birders on this post-festival trip as you immerse yourself in the region’s picturesque desert landscapes and natural beauty.

- **GO BIRDING** in search of resident and migratory species.
- **ENJOY** unforgettable gray whale encounters.
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*Price is per person in double occupancy. Does not include international airfare. See website for details.

Post-Festival Pelagic Trip!

Monday, March 2, 2020 • 6:15 AM - 3:00 PM

A rare treat, we are offering this day trip to Mexican waters to see the Coronado Islands. Close to San Diego and the Mexican coast line, these islands feel worlds away. Shrouded in mysterious lore of pirates, these islands have an interesting natural history. Each of the Islands has it’s own unique geology and plant life. The four islands and several rocks hold breeding populations of seabird, such as Brown Pelican, Brandt’s Double-crested and Pelagic Cormorants, Western Gull, Scripp’s Murrelets, Black, Ashy and the Chapmani race of Leach’s Storm-Petrels. Black and American Oystercatcher. Also of interest is a recently established breeding colony and roosting site of Brown Booby, rarely seen off San Diego prior to the year 2000. Marine mammals present include California Sea Lions, Harbor Seal, and occasionally Elephant Seals. Gray Whales use the Coronados as a way-point on their south-bound migration.

$175 includes your travel permit.
Passport required.
Sign up at www.sandiegoaudubon.org
Frequently Asked Questions

How do I Register?

Registration opens November 11, 2019. We prefer you register online using our secure online registration system at www.sandiegoaudubon.org. The deadline for online registration is Feb 20, 2020. We cannot guarantee that you will receive a name tag or a tote bag if you attempt to register after this date.

Can I just drop in?

Online registration is the preferred method of registration and you may register for any available event up until the registration deadline of Feb 20, 2020. Drop-ins are welcome in the Exhibit Hall and Family Day events, and the SDAS Bookstore.

What does my registration fee cover?

Full Registration fee: $30 per person
Single Day Registration fee: $15 per person

Your registration fee covers the costs of online registration and technical support during the registration process. It also helps cover the costs of food and programs for our free Wednesday night events: drinks, refreshments and keynote speakers; breakfast and coffee; shuttle services from the Dana Resort; and Family Day programs. A Single Day Registration fee has been added for attendees who only attending a single day and are unlikely to participate in the free events. Participants attending two or more days should register using the Full Registration category.

The registration fee is non-refundable.

Which events are free with my registration?

The following events are free with your Full Registration fee. Single Day Registrants are able to take advantage of all of the free events taking place on the day of their registration.

Wednesday Check-in Activities

4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Come on down to the Festival Headquarters on Wednesday, February 26 and get yourself checked in. Socialize, nibble, and meet some of the amazing talent we are featuring in the 2020 Festival.

3:00 PM Check in table opens for business
4:00 PM Check out the Vortex Optics Uncommon Saloon in the Bayside room for drinks ($1 per beverage) and the Kowa Bird Feeder Cafe in the Dockside room, where appetizers will be served.
6:00 PM Hear Kevin McGowan’s keynote talk, Think Like a Bird.

Exhibit Hall hours

Feb 26, 2020 ................................. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Feb 27, 2020 ................................. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Feb 28, 2020 ................................. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Feb 29, 2020 ................................. 11:00 AM - 6:00 AM
Mar 1, 2020 ................................. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Vortex Optics Uncommon Saloon Hours

Daily from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (drinks are $1 each)

Kowa Bird Feeder Cafe Hours

Breakfast Daily from 5:30 AM - 8:30 AM
From 8:30 to 4:00, the room will be open to use as a lounge.
Dinner from 4:00 PM -6:00 PM (tickets required)

Can I get Festival or SDAS memorabilia?

Typically, we offer festival t-shirts with the cover art, long-sleeved Denim shirts, Baseball caps and SDAS Water bottles in the SDAS Bookstore located in the Nautical Room. These items can be pre-ordered using the festival registration system. We typically order extra for those who are undecided at the time of registration.

The trip I want is full. Is there a waiting list?

Yes, if an event is full, the registration system will give you the option of joining the waiting list, which will accept three names. If an opening becomes available, that opening will be filled from the waiting list, in the order in which people added themselves to the waiting list. Registered participants will not be charged the trip fee on a wait-listed trip unless a seat becomes available and they are confirmed on the trip.
I am having trouble with registration.  
Who can help? 
Please call the Registration Help Line at (801)671-9505 during the office hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Pacific Time.

Where is the Festival Site? 
The 2020 San Diego Bird Festival will take place at the Marina Village Conference Center in Mission Bay, located at 1936 Quivira Way. We will be using all of the rooms around the central courtyard.

How do I get around? 
The festival does not provide shuttle service between the Airport and hotels.
Uber and Lyft are easy to use and plentiful in San Diego. Be sure to have these apps installed on your smartphone prior to coming. This may be a cheaper alternative to renting a car.
The Dana Resort provides shuttle service between the resort and Marina Village in the mornings only, and can take you to the Festival Headquarters for your morning field trips. They can be called for pickups in the afternoon and evening. Shuttle hours will be sent to festival participants as the festival nears.
Bird Scooters and Lime Bikes are also available near the festival grounds.

Where do I stay? 
The Dana Resort on Mission Bay (www.thedana.com) is our official Festival hotel. The Dana is a ½ mile walk from the Festival headquarters. To reserve a room directly with the Dana, call toll free (800)445-3339 or locally (619)222-6440. Be sure to mention you are with the 2020 San Diego Bird Festival. The Dana has graciously offered a reduced nightly rate, a reduced resort fee, and free parking to festival attendees, if you sign up before January 29, 2020.

Can I camp? 
Yes. Campland on the bay is the closest campground, about 5 minutes away by car. It has RV hookups. It is located at 2211 Pacific Beach Drive, overlooking the Kendall Frost Preserve. Contact by phone at (800)433-9386

Where do I eat? 
Plan to have breakfast with us prior to your field trips. Breakfast is sponsored by Kowa Optimed and served in the Bird Feeder Cafe in the Dockside room.
Some field trips include a sack lunch. This is indicated in the description of the field trip. You are welcome to bring your own food on any field trip. Pelagic trips do not include lunch, but there is a galley on the boat. They accept cash. Refreshments will be served at the Wednesday night check-in social, and Dinners are available Thursday - Saturday in the Bird Feeder Cafe. Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance.

How do I check in? 
Registration check-in is located in the Nautical room at Marina Village. We recommend you attend the check-in social on Wednesday, but if you can’t, you may check-in 30 minutes prior to the start of your first scheduled event.

What if it rains? 
Though San Diego tends to be well known for its sun, rain occasionally happens in the spring. All trips proceed, rain or shine. Please dress accordingly, and be prepared for wet weather. Trips will only be canceled under the circumstances that weather events have rendered the trip unsafe (e.g. flooded roads, lightning strikes, choppy seas) and alternatives are not possible.

What is the cancellation and refund policy? 
If you are unable to attend an event for which you have registered, use the online registration system to remove yourself from the trip and obtain a refund. Call the Registration Help Line if you need assistance. If you make changes before the cancellation deadline of Feb 10, 2020, all but the registration fee will be refunded to you. Cancellations after the deadline are not eligible for refunds except in the case of a documented personal emergency.
The Festival reserves the right to cancel any Festival activity. If we must cancel a Festival event, registered attendees for that event will be notified via email. Attendees will be offered the following options: Register for substitute activities of the same value, donate registration and session fees to SDAS conservation and education programs, or full refund.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I contact the San Diego Bird Festival? 
Mailing address: 4010 Morena Blvd, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92117  
General information about SDAS: call (858)273-7800  
Specific information about SDBF: call (801)671-9505  
Register online at www.sandiegoaudubonsociety.org  
Email: Jen Hajj, Festival Coordinator  
hajj@sandiegoaudubon.org
Become a Friend of San Diego Audubon today and enjoy these many benefits:

- Subscription to Sketches, our member magazine (six colorful and informative issues a year)
- Access to free local birding trips
- Exclusive guided walks at our two nature sanctuaries
- Discounts on nature guidebooks and other merchandise
- Access to a wide variety of volunteer opportunities
- Discounts on special workshops about birds, native plants and all things nature
- Invitations to special events like our holiday party and volunteer celebration
- Email newsletter updates, including advance notice of events

While San Diego Audubon is a chapter of National Audubon Society, we are an independent not-for-profit organization. We encourage you to become a Friend of San Diego Audubon to directly support our local conservation and education programs.

It only takes a couple of minutes to sign up at www.sandiegoaudubon.org or over the phone at 858-273-7800. Feel free to visit our office for a brochure.
San Diego Bird Festival is a celebration of the birds and habitat of San Diego County. With its extensive bird checklist, mild weather, and recreational opportunities, you’ll find San Diego is a great place to bird. We are dedicated to bringing you a positive and comfortable birding experience. We’ve assembled a skilled cadre of professional and semi-professional field trip leaders, exhibitors and speakers to help you see everything there is to see, and learn new things to enrich your future birding experience. We hope you’ll join us.

Registration opens November 11, 2019

Registration is as easy as 1-2-3:
1. Look in the catalog and decide what you would like to do.
2. Keep track of your interests using the handy worksheet (see brochure insert)
3. Go to www.sandiegoaudubon.org and follow the instructions to register.

When you are done with this catalog, please pass it on to someone who might enjoy it.