

# Lagoon Flyer

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Jón Baldur Hlíöberg



## Homeschool Mom and Daughters

### Doing something great for themselves and their community!

The Woods family (pictured above from right to left), Lena, Teresa and Carley were regular visitors at the Nature Center as part of their homeschool program. They found it to be a great place to study their science lessons. Now they are learning more than science. The three of them have become volunteer hosts at the center. With Teresa looking on, the girls open the center, greet visitors and make sales from the gift shop. Teresa said the responsibility is a great learning experience for the girls. When there are no visitors, the three work on science lessons. They have recently studied owl pellets. Lena and Carley carefully removed all the bones from a pellet and used a chart of bones to determine what the owl had consumed. Lena said it's a great place to study because, with the displays and library, everything she needs is right there.

Homeschool parents interested in volunteering should contact Annette Schneider, Nature Center Manager, at 760-439-2473.

## May General Meeting

### URBAN TROPICANA: THE PARROTS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Speaker: Larry Allen

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

Social 7pm; Lecture 730 pm

(Note that this is the LAST Wednesday in May, not our usual 4th Wednesday of the month evening meeting)

When you think of parrots do you envision lush tropical rainforests? The Australian outback? How about suburban Southern California? In fact, SoCal is home to more than a dozen naturalized species of parrots and parakeets. Larry will discuss the origins of the local flocks, the biological factors that help them succeed here, and the identification of those species that breed here. A handout will supplement the lecture.



Red-crowned Parrot by Julie Zickefoose

Larry Allen is Project Coordinator for the Los Angeles Breeding Bird Atlas and a member of the California Parrot Project. He conducts annual gull workshops for Los Angeles Audubon Society and the Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival. His research interests include gulls, psittacids, and desert birds.

Dennis Huckabay, President and Program Chairperson (Julie Zickerfoose, Nature Artist and Writer, provided the beautiful red-crowned parrot image. See more of Julie's work at <http://www.juliezickefoose.com/>.)

## OPEN HOUSE AT THE NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2PM

Bring the family and come enjoy a fine  
Spring afternoon at the Nature Center.

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**OPEN HOUSE  
AT THE NATURE CENTER  
SATURDAY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2PM**

Meet Don Everett, owner/manager of Wild Birds Unlimited in Carlsbad, who will show us how to attract - and keep - birds in our backyards.

Learn how the Nature Center got certified as Backyard Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. Learn how you too can get your yard certified as a welcoming, nurturing home for birds. Una Tyler of Anderson's La Costa Nursery will be on hand to advise about plants for you to choose which will attract birds and butterflies.

Take an insect walk around the Nature Center with enthusiastic entomologist Dave Dyer, and stroll through our native plant garden - in full bloom now - in the company of members of the Buena Vista Native Plant Club.

If you haven't visited the Nature Center for awhile, or even if you have, come on down and see what's happening. It will be an enjoyable and informative afternoon - birds in our backyards.

**June Elections to the National Audubon Society's Board of Directors**

Nine of the 36 members of the National board are elected as regional members. Three candidates are standing for election in our region (California, Hawaii and Guam). The candidates' statements and information about the election can be found in a file on display in the Nature Center workroom and at [www.audubon.org/nas/board/regional/elections/2006/westernElection\\_2006.html](http://www.audubon.org/nas/board/regional/elections/2006/westernElection_2006.html) (this link can be accessed from our website, [www.bvaudubon.org](http://www.bvaudubon.org).)

Based on our membership (1154 members), BVAS gets three votes. Any BVAS member wishing to support a candidate should express his/her interest to a BVAS board member. After hearing from BVAS members, the board will cast its three votes at the June board meeting and forward them to National Audubon.

Dennis Huckabay, President

**Friends of BVAS**

BVAS extends our sincere appreciation to the following "Friends" for their recent contributions. Because of your generous support, we are able to continue to offer our programs to thousands of visitors each year. Thanks for your support! We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

*Be sure to identify yourself as a "Friend" to receive tax free purchases from the Nature Center gift shop.*

Susan Lawson	Patricia Lowry
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**BUENA VISTA AUDUBON PRESENTS**

**Kids Art & Nature  
Camp 2006**



**Camp Ruddy Duck**

Ages 5 - 6

July 10 - 14

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Paper mache raccoons, plein air watercolor painting, blob bugs, banners and drawing, plein-air painting activities, docent-led nature talks along with lagoon exploration walks.

Camp Fee - \$60 Plus a \$7 materials fee

**Camp Crowdad**

Ages 7 - 8

July 17 - 21

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Paper mache turtles, dragonfly paper sculptures, polymer clay bugs, drawing and plein-air painting activities, docent-led nature talks along with lagoon exploration walks.

Camp fee - \$75 Plus a \$7 materials fee

All camps are taught the Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center located at 2202 S. Coast Hwy, Oceanside. Registration begins on April 11, 2006. Deadline is June 30, 2006. Class size is limited, so reserve your space early. Additional information and registration forms are available at the Nature Center or available for download from [www.bvaudubon.org](http://www.bvaudubon.org)

Buena Vista Audubon Society

760-439-2473

**Ruddy Duck Club Welcomes  
More Charter Members**

BVAS is excited to announce the following charter members of the Ruddy Duck Club. We send out thanks to them for supporting our community through their support of BVAS and its Nature Center and educational programs. We urge our members to support these businesses and to thank them for supporting BVAS!

**ANDERSON'S LA COSTA NURSERY**

[www.andersonslacostanursery.com](http://www.andersonslacostanursery.com)

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## *May Field Trips*

**Sat - May 6 - 8:00 am - Whelan Lake Monthly Bird Count.** - I-5 to 76. Turn left at Douglas and continue to light at North River Rd. Turn left and meet at end cul-de-sac by entrance gate. Leader: John Haddock, 760 941-7842

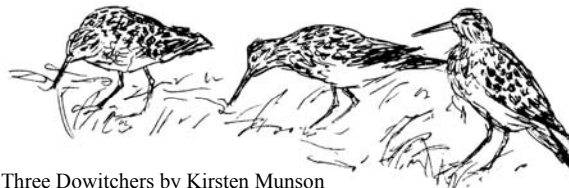
**Sat - May 6 - 8:30am - Palomar Mountain.** This trip is open to all interested. We hope the Beg. Bird class will use this opportunity to see birds of the mountain habitat. (Anyone who would like to see the eagle's nest at Lake Henshaw afterward is welcome to join me to see how the younguns are doing.) If you want to carpool, meet at the BVAS center at 7:30am. Otherwise, directions are as follows: East on 76 to South Grade Rd./S6. It forks left off 76 and goes up the mountain. At the top, turn left onto S7 (just before store & restaurant) and go to Palomar Mt. State Park entrance - \$2.00 fee - Follow signs to Doan Pond where we will meet. Restrooms available. Picnic tables for those interested in bringing sandwiches after birding. Leader: Andy Mauro. For carpooling or questions, contact Mary Ellen 760-918-6622.

**Sat - May 13 - 9:00 am - San Elijo Lagoon.** I-5 to Lomas Santa Fe. West to N. Rios Ave. Turn right and proceed to end of road. Leader: Andy Mauro, 760-753-1266

**Sun - May 21 -10:00 am - Silverwood Sanctuary.** Due to the fire of 2 1/2 years ago, some different birds and plants have shown up at Silverwood. Possible sightings could be Lazuli Buntings, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Ash-throated Flycatchers, Hooded Orioles, Black-chinned Sparrows, and Costa & Rufous Hummingbirds. Directions: Hwy 52 east to Santee. Take Mission Gorge Rd, east (left) until it becomes Woodside Ave. Continue to 67 north. Take 67 to exit at Mapleview east. Mapleview to Ashwood, and turn north (left). Ashwood will become Wildcat Canyon Rd. Approx. 4.8 mi. further watch for yellow mail box on right and turn into entrance and drive to parking area. Those interested in carpooling should meet at BVAS center at 8:45am. Questions: Mary Ellen 760-918-6622

**Sat - May 27 - 8:00 am - Buena Vista Lagoon Count.** I-5 to 78 East. Exit Jefferson. Turn right and take another immediate right onto Lagoon View Dr. Leader: Joan Fountain 760-729-1379

**Sat - Mar 27 - 8:30 - 10:30 am Basic Birding Class at the Buena Vista Lagoon Landing.** I-5 to 78. Exit Jefferson. Turn right and go to stop light. Turn right and park in Landing parking lot on the right hand side of road. Contact person: Tom Troy 760-967-6915.



Three Dowitchers by Kirsten Munson

*Heavy rain cancels field trips.*

### *Field Notes...*

Our WHELAN LAKE trip on April 1<sup>st</sup> was a success despite a couple of light showers. The thrill of the day was the Barn Owl that flew overhead. The perching Purple Martin and perching Merlin both gave us great looks through the scope. The Wood Ducks seem to be making a good recovery this spring. At SAN ELIJO LAGOON on April 8<sup>th</sup>, we were treated to 50 different species. From the shorebirds and ducks to the ground feeders and songbirds, our binoculars and scopes were in constant action. The Warbling Vireo flitted, the Hermit Thrush scratched, and the California Thrasher sang its heart out. What a wonderful day of birding!

*Mary Ellen Marquand*

### **Nature Storytime for Preschoolers Monday, May 22 - 10am BVAS Nature Center**

Many thanks to Renee Racine for filling in for me at April's storytime. I understand that Little Bear isn't quite ready to wake up from his hibernation...must be all the rainy weather we had. I would also like to thank Mary Doris Powers for her consistent help with our storytime. The children love all those great nature tee shirts you wear, Mary Doris! If you have a preschooler between 3-5 yrs., please join us on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:00am.....Mary Ellen

## BUENA VISTA NATIVE PLANT CLUB

The Buena Vista Native Plant Club, whose mission is to support the cultivation and enjoyment of native plants within northwest San Diego County and to provide community education on the benefits of native plants, meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at the Nature Center at 2 pm. The public is invited to join us and learn about native, drought tolerant landscaping. For more info, contact the Buena Vista Native Plant Club at [BVNPC@sbcglobal.net](mailto:BVNPC@sbcglobal.net).

The gardens around the Nature Center are now in bloom. Stop by and experience the beauty of California natives!

### Monthly Nature Center Grounds Cleanup

Join us on the first Saturday of every month from 8-10am. We will do hand weeding and pick up trash around the Nature Center and along the trail. Bring your hat, gloves, sunscreen and hand gardening tools. We'll look forward to seeing you on May 6, 2006.

*For more information on any Native Plant Club events, call the Nature Center and leave*

## **BVAS Website Update** **[www.bvaudubon.org](http://www.bvaudubon.org)**

We continue to add new features to our website. Some recent additions include downloadable forms for membership, gift memberships, donations and memorial and living gifts. These can be accessed by clicking on the Join/Donate button on the left side of the BVAS home page. Also recently added is the new Ruddy Duck Club page listing businesses supporting BVAS Nature Center.

The newsletter is published on the website each month as soon it goes to the printer – almost two weeks before you receive your copy in the mail. Be sure to check it out for early notice of field trips and other upcoming events for the next month.

If you have not already done so, take a few minutes and become familiar with the site. It offers current information about plant club events, field trips, local conservation issues (including BVAS position papers) and BVAS special events. Add the site to your favorites list and check it often!



### **RUDDY DUCK CLUB**

*The following businesses are supporters of BVAS through their membership in the Ruddy Duck Club. Help us show our appreciation by stopping by and saying "Thanks for Supporting BVAS".*

- Anderson's La Costa Nursery
- Bob Baker Volkswagen/  
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- Cream of the Crop
- Jón Baldur Hlíðberg
- North County Radiology  
Medical Group
- Scott T. Woods Contracting  
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*If you are would like to become a member of the Ruddy Duck Club, please contact Tom Troy at 760-967-6915*

### **BVAS OFFICERS, BOARD AND CHAIRS**

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\* Board Members

### FRIENDS OF BUENA VISTA AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

As a Friend of BVAS, I will receive the chapter newsletter, be invited to special events just for Friends and receive a discount on BVAS Gift Shop purchases. 100% of my contribution will go to support the BVAS Nature Center and its educational programs. Minimum donation required - \$20

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## Conservation Corner

### Washington Cherry Blossoms

Several weeks ago I had the opportunity to participate in a special Audubon Advocacy Workshop on the Endangered Species Act. The workshop was led by staff at the National Audubon Society office in Washington, DC, and you would all be proud to know the truly talented and dedicated people we have representing the environment for us back in our Nation's capital. Following an intense weekend of training, we neophyte advocates each set out to meet with our states' congressional delegations. There were three of us from California, and we had arranged meetings with key staffers from the offices of Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer.

I'm pleased to report that our message was well received, and Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer both support a strong Endangered Species Act. They appear ready to challenge those in Washington who would change the law and severely undermine current protections for our threatened and endangered wildlife. We didn't need to change any minds, but we let our Senators know once again how important the environment is to California, and how much we appreciate their support. Since our return, the Senate has unanimously passed a bill introduced by Senator Feinstein declaring May 11<sup>th</sup> as "**Endangered Species Day**", to help educate the American public about the importance of protecting endangered species and their habitat. A "Dear Colleague" letter has also been sent by twenty-nine senators, including Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein, urging increased funding for programs of the Endangered Species Act. It now appears that changes in the Endangered Species Act will not be enacted by this Congress.

This is all good news. I know there will be more battles ahead, but I also know that a lot of Americans do care. Polls today show that 86% of voters nationwide support the Endangered Species Act, and fully 90% believe they owe it to their children and grandchildren to be good stewards of the environment. For now, I'm just going to enjoy a small victory, and cherish my memories of Washington's cherry blossoms in bloom.

--Andy Mauro, Conservation Chair

### Volunteers Needed For Post-Burn Bird Banding Study

The U.S. Geological Survey, Western Ecological Research Center, San Diego Field Station is looking for persons who would like to participate in a local bird monitoring project. We are looking for volunteers to assist with four bird banding stations from May until early August of 2006. We prefer volunteers with some banding experience, but the minimum requirements include knowledge of western birds and the abilities to start before dawn, work long days outside in hot or cool temperatures, and do some light to moderate hiking. Our banding stations are located in Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve and Santa Ysabel Open Space Preserve. Please contact Melanie Madden-Smith (mmaddensmith@usgs.gov or 619-225-6457) for more information.

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## QUICK CALENDAR

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| May 1   | Nature Guides 10 am   |
| May 5   | Board Meeting 9 am  |
| May 6   | Whelan Bird Count 8 am                                      |
| May 6   | Garden Clean-up Day 8 am                                    |
| May 6   | Palomar Mt. Bird Walk 8:30                                  |
| May 13  | San Elijo Walk 9 am   |
| May 20  | Open House at the Nature Center 2 pm                        |
| May 21  | Native Plant Club 2 pm                                      |
| May 21- | Silverwood 10 am  |
| May 22  | Nature Story Time 10:00 am                                  |
| May 27  | Buena Vista Lagoon Count - 8 am                             |
| May 27  | Basic Birding at the Landing - 9 am                         |
| May 31  | General Membership Meeting<br>Social 7 pm / Lecture 7:30 pm |

## Open House at the Nature Center

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## ***Kids Art & Nature Camp 2006***

*Details inside.*

## **THE PARROTS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

May 31, 2006

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