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The Gulf Oil Spill

The mission of the El Dorado Audubon Society is the conservation of native birds and their habitats. The society provides leadership in conservation and educates its members and the community, so that they may appreciate birds and participate in the society's conservation efforts.

El Dorado Audubon Society is a California chapter of the National Audubon Society serving the communities of Artesia, Avalon, Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Cypress, Hawaiian Gardens, La Palma, Lakewood, Long Beach, Los Alamitos, Paramount, Rossmoor, San Pedro, Seal Beach and Sunset Beach.

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Welcome back to a new season of Audubon. When I last wrote, the Gulf oil disaster was just happening. Now the good news is that the well has been "killed" at last. Join me in reading about the bird rescue efforts as told by Nature Center Naturalist and El Dorado Audubon Board Member-at-Large Erin Kellogg. Aa

From the Beach to the Bayou... My Memories of the Gulf Oil Spill

By Erin Kellogg, Member-at-Large

It was a seemingly perfect summer's day in Long Beach. Standing on the sand near the Belmont Pier one Saturday, with the cool breeze on my face, a pod of at least thirty dolphin swimming by, and dozens of Brown Pelicans diving for food, I couldn't help but contemplate the comparisons and contrasts of my experiences over the past several months.

My work in wildlife rehabilitation and my involvement with El Dorado Audubon has made me keenly aware that as beautiful as it appears, there are issues affecting wildlife, especially birds, on our coast. These animals that are such a familiar part of our local landscape face many obstacles everyday including loss of habitat and fishing line entanglement.

It can be overwhelming sometimes to think about these things. That is why I feel so strongly about the work that we all do as members of Audubon. It's my way of giving back to this area that I call home.

Recently, I had another opportunity to give back--to my other home. Being born and raised near New Orleans, and having most of my family still there, the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill became intensely personal. Due to my past experience as Assistant Manager with International Bird Rescue Research Center and my training in oiled wildlife rescue, I was privileged to be asked to help in the response efforts. I was stationed in Southeastern Louisiana at the Fort Jackson Rehabilitation Clinic, helping with the stabilization, washing and release of hundreds of birds affected by the oil. Veterinarians, experienced staff and volunteers treated Brown Pelicans, Northern Gannets, numerous tern and gull species, and various shore and wading birds throughout the day. They were long, hot days, but it was all worth it when we were able to release the birds back into the wild. When I left, we had a ninety percent success rate!

Back on the sand in Long Beach, it is seemingly a thousand degrees cooler, and I'm not in a Tyvek suit chasing after oiled pelicans. However, I am faced with

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Chapter Happenings

Program: September 16th, 7:30p.m.
**Birding in Southeastern
Arizona & Northwestern
Mexico**

Presented By Sheri Williamson

Our featured speaker is Sheri Williamson of the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory. Sheri is the author of Peterson's "A Field Guide to Hummingbirds of North America" and other books. Join us for a spectacular slide show and program about one of the "hot spots" that birders flock to!

About the speaker: SABO Naturalists/Directors Tom Wood and Sheri Williamson, a husband and wife team, came to Arizona from Texas in 1988 to manage The Nature Conservancy's Ramsey Canyon Preserve. During their seven and a half years living and working in Ramsey Canyon, Tom and Sheri came to know and love the area's wildlife and became increasingly concerned for its future. Both independently and as representatives of TNC, they contributed to a variety of conservation projects, including rare species research and ecotourism development. Over time, the need for a grassroots conservation organization focused on science and education became apparent. Inspired by the work of the Cape May Bird Observatory, they left Ramsey Canyon Preserve in January 1996 to found the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory. Visit their website at: www.sabo.org Sheri is excited to visit Southern California and anxious to meet as many birders as possible!

Join us on Thursday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St., Long Beach (between Los Alamitos Blvd. and Studebaker Rd.)

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Field Trips:

De Forest Park, L.A. River & Mason Regional Park

By Greg Cook, Field Trip Chair

Weekday Trip:

De Forest Park & L.A. River
Long Beach
Wednesday, Sept. 8th, 8:30 a.m.

The fall migration for shorebirds should still be going strong in September, so please join us on Wednesday, September 8th for a trip to the LA River via De Forest Park in North Long Beach. We will meet at the tennis courts at 8:30 a.m. for a walk on the park's modest nature trail and then go up to the river's edge for a look at some of the shorebirds winging their way to their wintering grounds. When we did this in 2008, we saw Least, Pectoral & Baird's Sandpipers, Red-necked Phalaropes, as well as a Warbling Vireo, a Yellow-green Vireo, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, and a Purple Martin. We will also have the option to caravan to the Dominguez Gap for Green and Great Blue Herons, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Nutmeg Mannikins and Orange Bishops.

Directions: Exit the 91 Fwy at Atlantic Avenue and head south to E. South Street. Turn right (west) and follow it to where it ends at De Forest Ave. Turn right and continue for a couple of blocks. The tennis courts will be on your left. Hope to see you there!

Weekend Trip:

Mason Regional Park
18712 University Avenue
Irvine
Saturday, Sept. 18th, 9:00 a.m.

Please join us Saturday, September 18th at Mason Regional Park in Irvine for a hike through a wonderful mix of plant communities, including grassland, coastal sage scrub, southern willow woodland, and mulefat scrub. These areas provide habitat for various warblers, Ruby-crowned Kinglets and endangered species such as the California Gnatcatcher and Least Bell's Vireo.

To carpool, please meet at the south end of the El Dorado branch Library, on Studebaker Rd. just south of Spring St. **at 8:15 a.m.** Otherwise, meet at the Park at 9:00 a.m.

Directions: To reach the Park, take the 405 Fwy (South) to the Culver Avenue exit. Head south on Culver Avenue. Head south on Culver to University Drive. Turn right on University and make a left turn into the park entrance. Take the first left after entering the park and continue to the first parking lot on the left. We will meet there at 9:00 a.m. There are picnic tables, so feel free to bring a lunch! Aa

Field Trip Report:

By Carolyn Vance

Our last trip of the year to the Idyllwild area was a great success! Not only did the weather cooperate, we also got our target birds. The first stop at Lake Fulmor was a little quieter than expected but for one of our group the Western Tanager was a lifer. Add to that Mountain Chickadees, Stellar Jay, Western Bluebirds, Anna's Hummingbirds and Dark Eye Juncos and we were off to a good start.

Next stop was Idyllwild Park where we got our target birds of White-headed Woodpecker and wonderful looks at Band-tailed Pigeon as they flew over us, showing off the white band on the end of their tail. The woodpecker was a lifer for our new Treasurer, Joe Rosenthal. We also saw a Robin and watched as a mama Pygmy Nuthatch fed her baby. He would pop out of a tree cavity upon her return, snatch up lunch and go right back inside.

Hurkey Park added Wrentit and Spotted Towhee to our count but it was the 4 hummingbirds feeders filled with Anna's that really caught our attention. We had never seen Anna's cooperate like that and feed together!

We did 18 field trips this year and had a total of 147 people attend. I would like to thank each and every one of you for making it such a successful year. I look forward to the 2010 - 2011 year to see what our new Field Trip leader, Greg Cook, has lined up for us! Come out and see what you've been missing. Aa

Book Review:

California Rocks!

By Katherine J. Baylor

Published by Mountain Press

Reviewed by John Fitch

I'm not a rock person. At times earlier in life, I've dug gems & fossils, but that's the extent of my interest in rocks. What caught my attention with this book was that I've been to well over half the locations it covers. It turned out to be quite an interesting book.

The book covers 65 sites, all within California. It begins by explaining about tectonic & volcanic activities as a whole and then as they relate to the California sites, explaining terms, formations and the mechanics of geology. Two examples follow:

Brea is a tar that has oozed out of a formation after it has accumulated sand debris and such, and then hardened. The best known example are the La Brea tar pits. The tar from the pits was originally used in roofing the buildings of the burgeoning city, until paleontologists discovered the fossils that had been trapped in the tar. They estimate that just 10 animals per decade were enough to account for the wealth of fossils at the site.

Pinnacles National Monument is the northern half of a group of eroded volcanic spires that were split by the San Andreas Fault. The southern half of the group is located 195 miles south at Neenach, which is near Lancaster. That's quite a distance, even considering it only took 23 million years.

I found this book fascinating and would recommend it to anyone who travels through our state. I might add that all the sites included are also excellent spots to bird, but the interesting & fun geologic tidbits make this guide worthwhile. Aa

Mexican Spotted Owl Critical Habitat Designation Stands

Taken from June 2010 *Bird Calls*, magazine of the American Bird Conservancy

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld a decision to set aside 8.6 million acres as Critical Habitat for the Mexican Spotted Owl. The decision had been challenged by the Arizona Cattle Growers Association, who claimed that the designations should be reversed as no owls were present in large areas of the designated habitat. However, the court declared that the law did not require the species to be continuously present for an area to be classified as "occupied". The judges also dismissed arguments that the federal agency had not properly considered economic impacts when making the decision. Aa

Bird

Seal Beach NWR

By John Fitch, Refuge Liaison

Preliminary tern report :

This season was marked by record breakers.

First, we had over 270 nests, which blew away the old record of 206. At least 11 of those had 3 eggs each, another record. There were so many chicks the first time we went to measure, weigh & band them that it looked more like a buffalo stampede. We actually ran out of bands that first week.

Second, was our coverage for Eyes on the Colony. We had more coverage than ever, filling nearly every time slot during the season. That meant that during the day, we had very few losses. The terns helped too, mobbing potential predators and driving them off before they could take any chicks, far better than in years past. Coordination with the small arms range was exceptional, the best it's ever been. My feeling is that overall, there were over a hundred chicks fledged.

But we lost a lot of chicks also. A pair of Great horned Owls arrived at night & took a significant number of chicks. And late in the season, there were many eggs that didn't hatch.

All in all, however, it was a very successful season for the terns at the Seal Beach NWR, and especially considering the results of the other Southern California sites. Aa

AOU Changes:

Fifteen new species are being added to the *Check-list of North American Birds* this year following recent decisions by the [American Ornithologists' Union's](#) Committee on Classification and Nomenclature for North and Middle America. The additions bring the total number of species on the list to 2,070. The 51st Checklist supplement announced the addition of 4 orders, 11 families – including Pandionidae (Ospreys) – and 6 genera. Here are the highlights. To see the full report, go to www.aou.org.

Splits: Black Scoter was recognized as distinct from Common Scoter of Eurasia;

Whip-poor-will was split into Eastern Whip-poor-will and Mexican Whip-poor-will;

Pacific Wren was split from Winter Wren; both were split from Eurasian Wren;

Kauai Elepaio and Oahu Elepaio were separated from Hawaii Elepaio;

In the Caribbean, Greater Antillean Oriole was split into Bahama Oriole, Cuban Oriole, Hispaniolan Oriole, and Puerto Rican Oriole.

Recent sightings and two old specimens led to the addition of eight species based on new distributional information:

Swinhoe's Storm-Petrel, Little Bittern, Purple Heron, Eurasian Spoonbill, Collared Pratincole, White-crested Elaenia, Rufous-

tailed Robin and Yellow-hooded Blackbird.

In addition, several genera have been reorganized or split, producing new scientific names for 25 species, most of which are found in the United States and Canada:

Canyon, White-throated, California, and Abert's Towhees have been moved to the genus *Melospiza*;

Five-striped Sparrow has been transferred to *Amphispiza*;

Brown Jay's genus is now *Psaltriparus*;

Cinnamon-tailed, Rufous-winged, Stripe-headed, Black-chested, Bridled, Botteri's, Cassin's, and Bachman's Sparrows are now in the genus *Peucaea*;

Tennessee, Orange-crowned, Nashville, Virginia's, Colima, Lucy's, Flame-throated, and Crescent-chested Warblers are now in the genus *Oreothlypis*;

Northern and Louisiana Waterthrushes have been split into their own genus: *Parkesia*; McCown's Longspur is now in its own genus: *Rhynchophanes*.

Higher-level taxonomic changes include the addition of four new orders that have been split from existing orders:

Phaethontiformes (Tropicbirds)

Suliformes (Frigatebirds, boobies, cormorants, darters, and allies)

Accipitriformes (Hawks, kites, eagles, and allies)

Eurypygiformes (Sunbittern and

Upcoming Events:

Egrets Not Regrets!

Environment and Music Festival
Saturday, September 18, 1:00 p.m. –
6:00 p.m.
Gaslamp Restaurant
Pacific Coast Highway & Loynes Dr.
Long Beach

El Dorado Audubon needs you! We could use a few people to help out at our information table for an hour or so each. It promises to be a light-hearted, fun afternoon. Please call Eleanor Palmer at 562-596-0832 or send an email to eldoradoaudubon@yahoo.com.

Check out event sponsor Egrets Not Regrets! at www.egretsnotregrets.com for information on our local wetlands and Colorado Lagoon.

5th District Neighborhood Festival

Good Neighbor Park
El Dorado Park on Studebaker near the park offices and recreation center
Saturday, September 25, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Elm Street Band from noon to 2 p.m.

Stop by El Dorado Audubon's table and say hello. We will be there until 2:00 p.m. We invite those who can, to help out for an hour or so as we share our passion for wildlife with the community.

Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center 5K Walk/Run

Saturday, Sept. 11th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information, go to: www.wvccoc.org

Prop 21: A LEGACY FOR CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

Did you know that 52 Audubon California Important Bird Areas are at least partially owned by California State Parks, totaling 156,000 acres?

Audubon California, The Nature Conservancy, Save the Redwood League and California State Parks Foundation are sponsors of The State Parks & Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act ("State Parks Initiative") appearing on the November 2, 2010 statewide ballot as Proposition 21.

Prop 21 works like this-

Vehicles registered in California will get a free, year round day use admission to all California state parks in exchange for a new annual \$18 vehicle license fee, a considerable savings if you go to more than two State parks in a year.

The funding will provide a stable, reliable and adequate source of funding for the state park system, for wildlife conservation and for increased and equitable access to those resources for all Californians.

The parks budget will no longer be subject to cuts by the legislature or the Governor, the Trust Fund cannot be borrowed from or raided, and our state Parks can begin work on acquisitions and deferred maintenance once the funds become available.

The passage of this proposition is a conservation legacy that all of us Audubon members in California

can leave to future generations!

But the proposition faces opposition. YES ON 21 needs volunteers to organize campaigns in cities, towns, neighborhoods and communities.

If you can give any volunteer time to the campaign please go to <http://yesforstateparks.com/> and GET INVOLVED.

Save our State Parks and help pass Proposition 21 in November! Aa

HELP WANTED:

We have a need for a Membership Chair.

Right now there are plenty of volunteers helping with the usual duties, but the piece that is lacking is someone who likes to go to community events. We did 4 last year and probably will do the same again.

You wouldn't have to do this alone. But we ask that you be willing to coordinate things. So attending a few Board Meetings and/or having access to email would be part of the expectations.

Please contact President Donna Bray or another Board member if you can help. Thanks! Aa

Conservation News

By the Conservation Committee

Birds Matter!

The summer of 2010 has been busy with Conservation Committee members speaking on behalf of wildlife and wildlife habitat. As one friend of ours often says, "If Audubon won't speak for the birds, who will?"

We responded to a number of calls for support of state and national issues from Audubon. Audubon continues to respond to the Gulf Oil Spill. If you are someone who uses information from the internet, check out Audubon.org and you will find easy steps to take action for protection of the Artic National Wildlife Refuge, Save Coastal Louisiana and more. To receive Audubon Action Alerts, go to www.Audubonalerts.org. To receive Conservation information between newsletters or explore ways you can work with a great group of people to help the birds and the wildlife, please e-mail eldoradoaudubon@yahoo.com.

El Dorado Audubon's Stewardship Agreement with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority --

We continue our monthly walks in Gum Grove Park, Avalon St. entrance on the second Saturday of the month (see back page for details). We are also continuing our stewardship partnership with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority, sharing the wetlands with the public and developing a bird checklist which will be posted on our website and linked to LCWA website in the near future. We are

also planning a special tour/event for the public, tentatively set for Saturday, October

16. For information on weekday and weekend walks, please e-mail: eldoradoaudubon@yahoo.com.

Los Cerritos Wetlands -- Will there be 100 More Acres in Public Ownership? The Wildlife Conservation Board has put the acquisition of 100 acres of the Hellman property on its agenda once again, this time in late August. If all goes well, the sale could be completed in the fall. This is the land that we see when we walk in Gum Grove Park in Seal Beach. The WCB is part of the state of California's Fish and Game Commission.

Bolsa Chica -- Attorneys for the Bolsa Chica Land Trust have filed a petition for writ of mandate challenging the City of Huntington Beach approval of "The Ridge" housing development with the County of Orange today.

The Bolsa Chica Land Trust believes the City Council action of July 6, 2010 violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The approved development if it goes forward would have significant adverse impacts on the Bolsa Chica wetlands ecosystem. The City Council's action

- Changed the Land Use Designation from Open Space- Park to Residential
- Violated the Coastal Element of the City's General Plan
- Subdivided the approximately 5 acre site into 22 single-family residential to accommodate homes with 2-3 car garages.
- Granted concessions because it will allegedly be the City's first "green" project.

- Permitted construction on a site with greater than a three foot grade differential
 - Reduced the ESHA buffer approved by the California Coastal Commission
 - Will destroy a 9,000 year old archaeological site of international significance
- Allowed for flexibility in accommodating the total number of required parking spaces in PUD development
- Contact:
www.bolsachicalandtrust.org

Restoration of Colorado Lagoon is one step closer with alternatives for the next phase going before the Parks and Recreation Commission. We support alternative #4, the final result is not known as this issues goes to press. www.friendsofcoloradolagoon.org.

LB Parks Director Announces Retirement -- Mr. Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation & Marine announced that he will be retiring effective October 2010. El Dorado Audubon's Board of Directors has been working with Mr. Hester and his staff for about 10 years to protect wildlife in our parks. During this time we teamed up with the California Dept. of Fish and Game to prevent problems and work toward solid solutions. We have continued in that spirit ever since. We have enjoyed working with Phil as he is a true leader in his field. All the best wishes to Phil and his family in future endeavors! Aa

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the similar reality of marine pollution. Our oceans and beaches, and the lives contained therein, are so vulnerable--but there is hope. I've seen it in the dedication of community members protecting local habitats; I've seen it at local outreach events and beach cleanups; I've seen it in the tired, but smiling, faces of the volunteers at the clinic in the Gulf. When you look through the brown sludge and the plastic bags, it's there--people who are willing to work hard to protect a natural resource that is vital to local communities for livelihoods and leisure. It is a difficult task, but an immeasurably important challenge that I am so proud to be a part of, in both of my homes. Aa

CA Coastal Clean Up Day
Saturday, September 25th,
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

One person can really make a difference!

Participate in California Coastal Clean Up Day 2010! Every year millions of pounds of trash flow to the oceans through storm drains, rivers, streams and creeks. Often, this trash originates in neighborhoods many miles away. This not only affects how our beaches look, but also the health of the plants and animals that live there.

All you have to do is show up at one of the 6 sites between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 none on Saturday, September 25th.

Bags and gloves will be provided for you. Everyone who participates in CA Coastal Clean Up Day will need to sign a liability waiver. Anyone under 18 must have a parent or

guardian's signature. Please call Erin at 562-570-4876 for the waiver. It is best to fill it out before the day of the event to save time, especially if you are part of a group. Please bring the waiver to any site the day of the Clean Up.

This year's theme for the cleanup is "**Bring Your Own...**" You can bring water in a re-usable container and bring a bucket or bag from home to pickup trash with. This will help us limit the amount trash we create. We want to cut our use of plastic trash bags by 50% this year! Last year Long Beach volunteers picked up almost 3 tons of trash in three hours! Join us this year and make a big impact in our community.

Clean Up Sites are:

Alamitos Beach
Ocean Boulevard at Alamitos Avenue
Belmont Plaza Pool
4000 East Olympic Plaza

Bluff Park
Ocean Boulevard, between Redondo and Cherry Avenue

Colorado Lagoon
East Appian Way at Colorado Street

Mother's Beach
E. Appian Way under the 2nd St. Bridge

Pier Point Landing
200 Aquarium Way

Hope to see you there! Aa

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Parking if free and refreshments will be served. **Remember to bring your recyclable aluminum cans and plastic bottles** to support chapter activities.

Join us. Aa

Save the date:

Join El Dorado Audubon Society!

Every membership supports Audubon's vital efforts to protect birds, wildlife and natural habitats. As a member, you will become an important part of our dynamic chapter and receive a host of benefits including:

A 1-year subscription (10 issues) of our chapter newsletter, *California Least Tern*

Automatic membership in National Audubon Society, and a 1-year subscription (4 quarterly issues) of *Audubon*, its award-winning magazine.

Admission to Audubon Centers across the country.

A 10 % discount on products at select Audubon Nature Stores

Yes! I want to join today!

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(Make check payable to El Dorado Audubon for either of the above 2 memberships)

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September Calendar of Events

- 6 **Board Meeting**, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Donna Bray's home. (Note the change)
- 8 **Field Trip**, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to De Forest Park (See article on page 2 for details)
- 11 **Bird Walk**, Saturday at **Gum Grove Park**, 8:00a.m. Meet at the Park, Avalon St. near Catalina St. in Seal Beach.
- 12 **Bird Walk**, Sunday 8:00 a.m. at El Dorado Nature Center. Meet in the parking lot (\$7.00 parking fee). All skill levels welcomed!
- 16 **Program/General Meeting**, Thursday at 7:30 p.m., El Dorado Nature Center. Free parking and refreshments will be served. **Remember to bring your recyclable aluminum cans and plastic bottles (with caps removed)! (See article on page 2 for details)**
- 18 **Field Trip**, Saturday, 8:15 a.m. to Mason Regional Park, Irvine (See article on page 2 for details)
- 25 **Refuge Tour**, Saturday, **Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge** at 8:30 a.m.. Reservations required no less than 48 hours in advance by calling 562-598-1024 and leaving your name and number in party. Identification (adults only) will be required for admittance. A \$5 donation to the Friends of the SBNWR is requested.

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El Dorado Audubon Society, Inc. assumes no responsibility for injuries, personal or otherwise, incurred while attending meetings or field trips sponsored by the society.

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