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Guest Editorial:

A Tale of Two Salt Ponds

By David Lewis, *Special to The Daily News*

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It was the best of times last month for the ongoing effort to restore critically needed wetland habitat to San Francisco Bay, at least at one end of the Bay. Along the Napa River north of Vallejo, diked ponds where Cargill once harvested salt from the Bay were reconnected to the tides by state wildlife managers, bringing restoration of 1,300 acres of tidal marsh for fish and birds, public recreation and protection against sea level rise.

But just 50 miles south, on 1,430 acres of nearly identical ponds in Redwood City, Cargill is pushing an unprecedented scheme to build a new city of 30,000 people. Why are two such similar parts of the Bay being treated so differently?

In 2003, Minnesota-based Cargill, the largest private company in the U.S., sold its Napa River crystallizers, along with 15,000 acres of South Bay salt ponds, to state and federal wildlife agencies. Salt-making had ceased at the crystallizers a decade earlier, and scientists determined they could be returned to tidal marsh as part of the regional effort to re-establish 100,000 acres of wetlands and make the Bay healthier.

But in Redwood City, Cargill dreamed of huge profits, asking more than twice the price for one-tenth the acreage, even though city zoning prohibits development there. When the federal government would not pay the inflated price, Cargill teamed with Arizona builder DMB Associates and mounted a multimillion-dollar public relations campaign to build on the ponds.

Even though public outcry halted building in San Francisco Bay decades ago, these developers seem stunned by the broad regional opposition to their Bay-fill project. More than 150 Bay Area elected officials are fighting the project and its devastating impacts as the opposite of smart growth. In addition to destroying restorable habitat, housing on the site would be vulnerable to sea-level rise and encroach on the adjacent Port of Redwood City's heavy industry. New residents would snarl Highway 101 traffic, and require importing drinking water from Bakersfield.

Desperate to counter the backlash, Cargill and DMB are intensifying efforts to mislead the public about the site. They call these ponds "an industrial facility," "a factory without a roof" and "inhospitable to man or beast," even though the federal government ruled they are legally protected waters, just like those in Napa.

While Cargill officials celebrated the

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General Membership Meeting

"Our Birds and Baja"

with Jess Morton

Palo Alto Arts Center

Newell & Embarcadero Rds

Wednesday, November 17th

Doors open 7:30; program 8:00*

Imagine having the ability to step back in time 200 years, then to preserve the abundant wildlife and natural values of a pristine San Francisco Bay, as it was then, in perpetuity. Impossible, of course, but such is the dream today for another vast wetland on which our birds depend, Mexico's Bahia San Quintin.

In tonight's program, Jess will describe the work of the National Audubon Society, its California chapters, and other organizations with which he works on these issues. Of special interest is Audubon's International Alliances Program (IAP). In the town of San Quintin, a local constituency is being built to carefully steward the vast biological and economic resources of their wetlands.

*SCVAS members Debi Jamison and Steve Patt will introduce a new birding software program, Birdwatcher's Diary, 15 minutes prior to the program. A portion of the proceeds from Birdwatcher's Diary will go towards SCVAS' conservation and education programs.

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Nov.-Dec. '10 Field Trips

(Full details for all of our Field Trips are also available online at www.scvas.org)

Please carpool if possible; bring binoculars, field guides, layered clothing.

LO = Lunch optional; RC = Heavy rain cancels; NF = No facilities available

Wednesday Nov. 3, 12:00 PM

City of Sunnyvale Landfill

One hour. Leaders: Freddy Howell, Elaine Gould and/or Allen Royer. Contact organizer Silviana Ruiz (408) 730-7545 to attend. Donald M. Somers Water Pollution Control Plant, junction of Borregas and Caribbean. Meet at trailhead at north end. Birding geared toward beginners. Bring binoculars; loaners also available. **RC**

Saturday Nov. 6, 8:00 AM

Alum Rock Park

Half day. Leader: Rich Page (408) 377-1092. From Hwy 101 or I-680 take McKee Rd. northeast toward the hills then left on Toyon Ave. then right on Penitencia Creek Rd and continue on into the park. Drive under the bridge and meet at the far end of the parking lot. Expect a moderately strenuous 3-4 mile walk, looking for resident birds (possible Rufous-Crowned Sparrow, and American Dipper if we are lucky), migrants and early wintering birds. Possible entrance fee, **LO, RC**

Sunday Nov. 7, 9:00 AM

Charleston Slough

Half day. Leader: Dick Stovel (650) 856-6105. Meet at Terminal Way at the end of San Antonio Rd. north off Hwy 101 in Mountain View. This is a trip that is geared toward the beginning birder but all are encouraged to attend. Bring a scope if you have one, friends and non-members are always welcome. **Note:** Daylight Savings Time change for 2010, fall back or be an hour early for this trip.

Wednesday Nov. 10, 9:00 AM

Los Gatos Creek Park/Oka Ponds

Half day. Leader: Allen Royer. (408) 288-7768. From Hwy 17 exit San Tomas Expwy; go south on Winchester (toward Los Gatos); left on E. Hacienda; left on Dell; right into Park. Meet by restrooms. Possible fee. **LO, RC**

Saturday Nov. 13, 8:00 AM

Uvas Creek Park Preserve

Half day. Leader: Bob Reiling (408) 253-7527. From Hwy 101 in Gilroy go west on

Tenth Street about a mile where it turns right and becomes Uvas Parkway. Turn left at Miller Ave, drive over Uvas Creek and turn left into Christmas Hill Park and park in the first isle to the right. Trip is a fairly easy but long walk. Note: Low water conditions in the creek may require an alternate birding destination in the Gilroy area. **LO, RC**

Sunday Nov. 14, 8:00 AM

Western San Francisco

Half day. Leader: Alan Hopkins (415) 794-0281. From I-280 take 19th Ave. to Golden Gate Park. When you enter the park on 19th Ave. be in the left lane and take Crossover Dr. to 25th Ave. to Geary Blvd. then left on Geary. At 39th Ave., Geary becomes Point Lobos Ave. continue west on Point Lobos past the light at 48th Ave. and turn right into the new Merrie Way parking lot. **LO, RC**

Saturday Nov. 20, 8:00 AM

Alum Rock Park

Half day. Leader: Kirsten Holmquist (408) 747-0988. For directions see the write-up for Nov. 6th. Possible entrance fee, trip is a moderately strenuous 3-4 mile walk. **LO, RC**

Sunday Nov. 21, 8:00 AM

Oka Ponds

Half day: Leader: Jim Johnson (408) 996-3506. From Hwy 17 in Los Gatos take Lark Ave exit west. Turn right on Oka Rd, left on Mozart Ave and an immediate right on Oka Lane. Meet at gate, **RC**

Friday – Saturday Nov. 26 – 27, 9:00 AM

Sac'to Valley Wildlife Refuges, Gray Lodge, Sutter Buttes

Full day and a half. Leader: Mike Mammoser (408) 578-2429. Meet at Sacramento NWR headquarters on I-5 approx. 20 miles north of Williams. (It's recommended that people meet and carpool from McDonald's 2nd parking lot in Williams as carpooling and use of FRS radios, set to Ch 11, will allow for best viewing possibilities on this trip). Take Road 68 exit east (towards Princeton) from I-5, then immediately north on frontage road to Refuge. Bring spotting scope, full tank

of gas. Allow for a three-hour drive from the South Bay. Highlights include ducks, geese, swans, cranes, and raptors. Trip is highly recommended for beginning birders. (No children under 12 please.)

Wednesday Dec. 1, 12:00 PM

City of Sunnyvale Landfill

One hour. Leaders: Freddy Howell, Elaine Gould and/or Allen Royer. Contact organizer Silviana Ruiz (408) 730-7545 to attend. See write-up for Nov 3rd for more information.

Saturday Dec. 4, 8:30 AM

Charleston Slough

Half day. Leader: Dave Cook (408) 292-4613. For directions see the Nov 7th write-up.

Sunday Dec. 5, 8:00 AM

Sunnyvale Water Treatment Facility

Half day. Leader: Frank Vanslager (650) 961-1505. From Hwy 101 take Hwy. 237 east, exit North on Caribbean Dr., turn right on Borregas Ave. then left to the parking area. A great place to study ducks and scopes are highly recommended. Trip is a fairly easy but can be a long walk, **RC**

Wednesday Dec. 8, 8:30 AM

Lake Cunningham Park

Half day. Leader: Phyllis Swanson. (408) 274-2349. From Hwy 101 in San Jose, exit Tully Rd. Go east on Tully to the entrance to Lake Cunningham Park, 3 mile past Capitol Expwy. Turn left into park and left again at the entrance booth. Park in the Marina parking lot. **LO, RC**

Saturday Jan. 1, 7:30 AM

County Chase

Half day. Leader: Bob Reiling (408) 253-7527. Get a head start on your 2010 County Year List with some vagrant chasing. Bring a full tank of gas, lunch, and field guides as we attempt to track down some of the unusual birds seen on the Christmas Bird Counts in Santa Clara County. Meet near the entrance to the Alviso Marina parking lot. From Hwy 237 in San Jose take Gold St. North to the end, bear left on Elizabeth St. and then right on Hope St. to the Marina parking lot. Be prepared to car pool as parking may be limited at some sites. **RC**

Sunday Jan. 2 - No trip, Mt Hamilton CBC

Field Trips *continued*

Saturday Jan. 8, 8:00 AM

Panoche Valley

Full day. Leader: Clay Kempf (831) 761-8260. Meet at Paicines Store on Hwy 25 approx. 11 miles south of Hollister. This is one of our better "out of the county" field trips traversing oak woodland and open grassland via back roads into a unique habitat. Targeted

species include Phainopepla, Mountain Bluebird, Prairie Falcon, Ferruginous Hawk and Golden Eagle; other possibilities include Mountain Plover, Bald Eagle, Vesper Sparrow, Greater Roadrunner and Chukar. Bring lunch and a full tank of gas, carpooling is strongly recommended due to limited parking on the narrow roads. **Note:** Do not expect to use the restrooms at the Paicines Store, as their use is limited to paying customers (we encourage patronage of local businesses).

Lifting Our Wings

Fashion Show • Art Show & Sale

*A Benefit for
Louisiana Bird Habitat Restoration
after the Gulf Oil Spill*

**November 20th
5-8 pm**

Celebrating art and nature with Silk Artist Natasha Foucault



Cajun Food
Live Music • Raffle
Flamenco Dancers

Oshman Family Jewish
Community Center
Schultz Cultural Hall
3921 Fabian Way
Palo Alto, CA, 94303
www.paloaltojcc.org

to purchase tickets, contact:
Natalia Tsvibel
ntsvibel@paloaltojcc.org
650.223.8621

Audubon Members:
\$15 in advance, \$18 at the door
General Public:
\$18 in advance, \$20 at the door
www.natashasilkart.com

*Join us for
an evening of
Art • Fashion
Food • Fun!*

More information on Facebook: "Lifting Our Wings"

IT'S FOR THE BIRDS

Like many of us, fiber artist Jeanne-Michele Salander was deeply saddened by the Gulf Coast oil spill's terrible impact on bird habitats. She is presenting the benefit "Lifting Our Wings" on November 20th from 5 to 8 pm.

Some SCVAS folks remember Jeanne-Michele Salander's years of devotion to our Conservation Committee, which led to her ten years of boots on the ground as a leader with the Ulistac Natural Area Restoration and Education Project in Santa Clara.

Jeanne-Michele envisions this benefit evening as a rich collaboration which brings together her passion for environmental stewardship, community involvement, art, and fashion. "I want to inspire the community to attend a fundraiser which increases awareness of the long term plight of the severely damaged Important Bird Areas of the Louisiana Coast. My goal is to send National Audubon a healthy donation for their outstanding Gulf Coast Initiative," says Jeanne-Michele.

If you would like to volunteer at this event, contact jeanne-michele@sbcglobal.net

SCVAS Events Calendar:

Tues. 11/2
ELECTION DAY
Don't Forget to VOTE!



Wed. 11/3, 7:30-9PM
The Bay Area Bird Photographers Meeting - Lucy Evans Baylands Interpretive Center - East Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto
Speaker: Tom Merigan - "Best Shots From My Travels Over the Last 5 Years"

Tues. 11/9, 9:30AM
Eve Case Bird Discussion Group
- meets at the home of Pat Dubois, 17150 Buena Vista Ave., Los Gatos (408) 395-4264
Topic: Sage Grouse

Thur. 11/11, 2:30-7PM
(Alternate Date: 11/12)
Fundraiser Mailing Party
McClellan Ranch Park
Contact us at 408-252-3740 for more information or to help out

Wed. 12/1, 7:30-9PM
The Bay Area Bird Photographers Meeting (Topic TBA)
Lucy Evans Baylands Interpretive Center - East Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto

Sat. 12/4, 10-2 PM
Holiday Open House
McClellan Ranch Park
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Tues. 12/14, 9:30AM
Eve Case Bird Discussion Group
See details from 11/9
Topic: Pacific Slope Flycatcher

Christmas Bird Counts (CBC's) Need your Help!!
See page 11 or go to our website (www.scvas.org) for more details:

Sun. 12/19
San Jose CBC

Mon. 12/20
Palo Alto CBC

Sun. 12/26
Calero-Morgan Hill CBC

Sun. 1/2
Mt. Hamilton CBC

Conservation Corner

by Shani Kleinhaus

SCVAS Environmental Advocate (EA)

Here are some of the projects that our EA and Environmental Action Committee are working on:

Panoche Valley Solar Development

The final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) found that the development of a 4800-acre PV Solar power plant at Panoche Valley would have no unmitigable impacts to the biological resources of the valley. Panoche valley is designated an Audubon Important Bird Area of global priority, and encompasses parts of the core recovery area for several endangered species. This final EIR was approved by San Benito County on October 12th. SCVAS and our partners are considering appropriate next steps.

Creek Corridors

Despite designated buffers and setbacks along streams in our county and in our communities, development continues to encroach and narrow creek corridors throughout the county. Our environmental community failed to prevent the approval of residential developments in the riparian setbacks of Guadalupe River in San Jose, and on Ross Creek in Los Gatos. We are now facing a new proposal to build a global village for Heifer International on one of the last meadows in the riparian corridor of Adobe Creek in Hidden Villa. SCVAS has respect and appreciation for both organizations, and we hope that they will re-evaluate the situation and come up with better alternatives for the project.

Burrowing Owls

- Mountain View's City Council has recently re-iterated its recognition of the intrinsic value of the remaining population of burrowing owls of Shoreline at Mountain View to the City's quality of life. The city is working on proper mitigations for sport fields in the vicinity of Shoreline, on creating and improving nesting and foraging habitat, and on a new burrowing owl preservation plan for Shoreline.
- SCVAS continues to advocate with Santa Clara County and with the City of San Jose to implement the recommendations of the Habitat Conservation Plan.
- Our volunteers also continue to survey and monitor Burrowing Owl population throughout Santa Clara County. We also write letters and occasionally participate in community or public meetings. We need your help!! To join the volunteers who monitor the owls, or our Burrowing Owl Advocacy notification list, please contact shani@scvas.org.

A personal note: In the last couple of months we lost two eminent environmental leaders, who personally taught me secrets of perseverance, how to retain optimism and replenish my spirit in the tough reality of environmental advocacy. John Wilkinson advocated for our state parks and helped guide my first steps in the fight to save Panoche Valley. Mary Davey gently proposed that I must remain optimistic, that things always turn out well. I will miss both John and Mary.

Volunteer Ventures

by Toby Goldberg

Programs Coordinator

I used to say that the Fall was our busiest time of year, but we've become so popular with educational programs, field trips, and community events, that we're pretty much kept hopping the entire year! That is why we appreciate our volunteers so much - they are what keep us thriving!

As you think about the holidays, vacations, and time to rest and relax, consider looking into some of the many opportunities to support and strengthen our chapter. Even a few hours once in a while can make a huge difference in our efforts to connect with the community, and achieve our mission of connecting people with nature. Whether you are someone who enjoys being outdoors, working with children, talking to members of the community, or even working on the computer, we have an opportunity to fit your interests, schedule, and energy!

Nature Shop Assistants – We are still in need of a few more volunteers to give some time in the Nature Shop. Specifically, we are looking for additional help with our Saturday coverage - either one Saturday a month (from 10-2) on the third Saturday of each month, or floaters (who can sub if needed). No previous experience needed - we'll train you in everything from inventory to point-of-sale. (Go to www.scvas.org - click on "Volunteer" - for more opportunities and information).

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The Kadakia family - recipients of the 2010 Young Audubon Summer Adventures Scholarship - enjoyed a fun (and educational!) activity at the Coyote Creek Field Station with our friends at the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory

The Cavity Nesters Recovery Program Wraps-up Its 14th Season

As always, the year ended with some noteworthy triumphs: for example, this was the first significant year for monitored American Kestrels and Western Screech Owls under this program, and a banner year for insect-loving Western Bluebirds. And of course, there were some disappointments too - the Arastradero OSP trails had more nest failure than was hoped for, and we had several monitors move out of the area, leaving unattended trails. But after 14 nesting seasons, SCVAS is understandably proud of our record in helping local cavity nesting species. Special thanks to all of our monitors and coordinators for helping to keep this program alive!

For detailed results, go online to www.scvas.org/cnrp.

Adult Education Classes

The following classes are sponsored by the SCVAS Education Committee. To register please call the office at (408) 252-3740. All cancellations require 72-hour prior notification for refunds. Information about our upcoming classes is also available on our website at www.scvas.org.

Winter Birding California's Central Valley with Lisa Myers

Winter is a spectacular time of year to be a California birder and the Central Valley provides valuable habitat for the millions of birds that migrate here each fall. This class will focus on the many beautiful species that flock to California's Central Valley each winter - from swans, geese and ducks to the wintering cranes, raptors and passerines. Beginning birders are most welcome as well as any who wish to bone up on their wintering species.

Dates: Classes: Mon. 11/1, 11/8, 11/15; 6:30-8:30PM. Field Trips: Sat. 11/6; 8AM-12PM; Sat. 11/13, 7:30AM-4PM.

Locations: Classes: McClellan Ranch Park, Cupertino. Field Trips: 11/6 - Local Hot Spots; 11/13 - Central Valley Hot Spot.

Fee: \$70 members; \$80 non-members.

Class size limited to 20.



Sandhill Cranes © Tom Grey

Special Audubon Field Workshop: Southeastern Arizona with David Wimpfheimer and Bob Power

Madera Canyon, Cave Creek, the Huachuca and Chiricahua mountains, Patagonia Roadside Rest area, and enough specialty birds to satisfy the most avid birders; in short, one of the top birding destinations in North America. We'll immerse ourselves in the mountains, canyons, and desert lowlands as southeastern Arizona comes alive with the songs and calls of birds ready to start the nesting cycle. Join us to seek all of the area's specialty birds from Elegant Trogon to Red-faced Warbler, on the birding trip of a lifetime!

Dates: May 13th - May 22nd, 2011. **Fees:** \$1895/person, double-occupancy. \$450 single supplement. Deposit: \$300

Ten participant minimum, 12 participant maximum.

Interested participants should sign up for this workshop by contacting the Programs Coordinator at 408-252-3740, but additional information about the actual trip can be obtained by contacting Bob Power at bob@scvas.org or 408-252-3748.

Bird Photography in the Field with Ashok Khosla, Tom Grey, and Bill Walker

If you love birds and want to capture those kodak moments - join a team of experienced bird photographers and get the personalized coaching you need to take better pictures of your birding experiences. Curious about places to go for bird photography? Trying to decide what gear to buy? Then join us and learn how to improve the drama of your photos and bring home more keepers. The class has three parts - an evening class to discuss bird photography techniques - a morning session in the field, and a lunch session to review the groups work. All levels of photographic skills are welcome to join, as are digiscopers.



Wood Duck
© Ashok Khosla

Dates: Class (Orientation): Wed. 11/10; 7PM (refreshments at 6:30PM); Field Trip: Sat. 11/13; Time TBD.

Locations: Class: McClellan Ranch Park. Field Trip: TBD (most likely Shoreline Park in Mountain View or Radio Road Ponds in Redwood City), with post-field trip wrap-up at Ming's Restaurant in Palo Alto. **Fee:** \$50 members; \$75 non-members
Class size limited to 15

David Wimpfheimer is a naturalist and a biologist with a passion for the birds and natural history of the West. During his twenty years of expeditions, in addition to local classes for the Point Reyes Field Seminars, Marin Agricultural Land Trust and the California Academy of Sciences, he has led numerous tours to Mexico, Alaska, Scotland and other regions for groups including the Smithsonian Institution, Wild Wings, and Elderhostel. Although the majority of David's field trips are geared toward teaching and interpreting the language of the avian world, he is just as experienced teaching the rich diversity of the natural world. From wild birds to wildflowers, David will make every visit to the natural world memorable and enjoyable.

Bob Power is the Executive Director for Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS). Bob has taught birding classes for Palo Alto Adult School and SCVAS for the past five years and delights in helping field trip participants not only find birds but confidently identify them. Bob and David have been co-leading field trips for five years and strike a wonderful balance between exhilarating birding and general enjoyment of the natural world.

Outside Event of Note:

Nov. 18-21, 2010

The 14th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium
Stockton Grand Hotel, Stockton CA

Attend workshops with birding pros Jon Dunn and Joe Morlan (and more). Evening programs include authors and photographers Paul Bannick ("Owls and Woodpeckers of the West") and Moose Petersen ("California's Threatened and Endangered Birds"). For more info, check the website at www.cvbs.org, or contact Frances Oliver at hummer52@sbcglobal.net or (209) 369-2010.

Field Notes

(August-September 2010)

by Bill Bousman

Geese through Falcons

Greater White-fronted Geese made a major push along the California coast at the end of September. This included a flock of 100 birds over the Almaden Valley on 29 Sep (JPa), 19 birds at Shoreline Park and 75 more overhead on 30 Sep (DLSu). A flightless **Brant** in heavy molt was found in closed refuge ponds on 26 Sep (MMR, RGJ, MJM), our first since 2007.

We wonder where it summered. We occasionally find one or two **Cackling Geese** in September so one at the South County Regional WasteWater Authority (SCRWA) treatment ponds in Gilroy on 30 Sep (JMy) is not surprising, although it is possible that it's the same bird seen there at the end of July. A female **Blue-winged Teal** in Adobe Creek on 19 Aug and an eclipse male and female in the Sunnyvale WPCP on 25 Aug (both WGB) were uncommon August records.

One to two in Adobe Creek 22-25 Sep (LMy et al., MMR et al.) and a male and two females at the SCRWA treatment ponds on 30 Sep (JMy) were more typical for late September. The first **Redheads** of the season were two males on Pond A11 in Alviso on 26 Sep (MMR, RGJ, MJM). **Brown Pelicans** were found more widely in August and September with a high count of 37 along the Alviso Slough Trail on 8 Sep (WGB). Adult **Bald Eagles** included one seen on Chesbro Reservoir on 2 Aug (JPa), two in San Antonio Valley on 10 Aug (WGB) and one there on 4 Sep (CVR), and one west of Calaveras Reservoir on 8 Sep (DWe). These may all be resident birds. Two **Swainson's Hawks** were found on their fall migration, one over Zanker Road in Alviso on 30 Aug (ER) and a juvenile at Sunnyvale Baylands Park on 3 Sep (RKe). Two **Prairie Falcons** were about typical for this period. An adult was at the SCRWA ponds in Gilroy on 26 Aug (RWR, FV) and a juvenile was at the end of Marsh Road on 17 Sep (ER).

Shorebirds

Snowy Plovers continued in New Chicago Marsh through 30 Aug (m.ob.) with a high count of 16 birds and four precocial young on 15 Aug (MMR). Snowies appear to move elsewhere once nesting is over and none were found again until 26 Sep when 11 were on Pond A13 (MMR, RGJ, MJM). **Solitary Sandpipers** appear in fall in about one year in four. Two were found this fall: one in a Lockheed Martin pond on 28-29 Aug (FV, RWR) and one along the Guadalupe River channel below Almaden Lake on 1 Sep (AV, v.ob.). Two juvenile **Wandering Tattlers** were seen

A summering Brant mysteriously appeared in September. Eastern vagrants were topped by a Bobolink and two each of Tennessee and Blackpoll Warblers.

on closed refuge ponds on 29 Aug (MMR, RGJ, MJM). This coastal shorebird is generally found here only one year in three and two together is rare indeed. August and September is the peak of the **Lesser Yellowlegs** migration and birds were found widely near the Bay. High counts were 17 birds in a drained pond on the Shoreline GC on 8 Sep (DSt) and 16 on the Lockheed Martin ponds on 28 Aug (MMR). The only inland records were five to six birds in the SCRWA ponds in Gilroy 26-31 Aug (RWR, FV, WGB). **Red Knots** were found once again at the Stevens Creek mouth on 30 Aug (RWR, FV) and at least a few remained through 6 Sep (v.ob.). The high count was of 25 birds on 2 Sep (MMR). The only **Sanderling** for the period was a single bird on Pond A12 on 8 Sep (WGB). A few juvenile **Semipalmated Sandpipers** were found, following the adults seen in July. One was in New Chicago Marsh on 7 Aug (MDo et al.), a second on closed refuge ponds on 29 Aug, and a third in New Chicago Marsh that same day (both MMR, RGJ, MJM). It has been a poor season for

the larger Calidrid sandpipers. The only **Baird's Sandpipers** were three juveniles found on closed refuge ponds on 29 Aug (MMR, RGJ, MJM). In strong flight years we might expect one or two birds to linger into October, but that doesn't seem likely this fall. The only **Pectoral Sandpipers** seen so far were three juveniles on the North Pond of the Palo Alto FCB on 6 Sep (WGB) and three juveniles on Pond A12 in Alviso on 26 Sep (MMR, RGJ, MJM). This species is a later migrant, so we may still find some birds in October. After a **Wilson Phalarope** drought in July, birds were mostly back to normal in August (most were probably juveniles). The high count was of 610 at the Sunnyvale WPCP oxidation ponds on 8 Aug (MMR). The **Red-necked Phalarope** migration appeared normal, the high count was of 3,706 birds at the Sunnyvale WPCP oxidation ponds on 25 Aug (WGB).

Gulls through Woodpeckers

A nice find by an "outsider" from England was an immature **Franklin's Gull** at the Palo Alto Baylands on 12 Sep (DSp), we are envious. **Least Terns** continued to stage at Pond A23. The peak count of the period was 25 birds on both 3 Aug (RWR, FV) and 16 Aug (WGB). The last birds were three there on 3 Sep (WGB). A mostly alternate **Black Tern** was in the northwest corner of Pond A16 on 15 Aug (MMR). Interestingly, chasers found a basic bird there 16-17 Aug (DWe, RWR, FV, v.ob.), a local occurrence of the "Patagonia Picnic Table" effect. An adult and juvenile bird were on closed refuge ponds on 29 Aug (MMR, RGJ, MJM). Another juvenile was seen on Pond A9 in Alviso on 26 Sep (MMR, RGJ, MJM) and an adult was on Pond A4 in Sunnyvale on 28 Sep (DWe). **Elegant Terns** showed up on the



Brant
by Tom Grey

Field Notes *cont'd*

Alviso ponds with two birds there on 8 Sep (WGB). At least 16 birds were seen on ponds from Sunnyvale to Alviso on 26 Sep (MMR, RGJ, MJM). Subsequently, 1-2 birds were on Pond A4 in Sunnyvale on 28-29 Sep (FV, DWe, RWR, PLD) and Pond A2E on 28 Sep (WGB). A juvenile **Common Murre** was found at the Stevens Creek mouth on 3 Sep 10 (WGB). It swam upstream to about the Stevens Creek Tidal Marsh and then returned to the Bay (MMR, RWR, FV). **Greater Roadrunners** were seen along the front of the Diablo Range, one off Hellyer Avenue on 5 Aug (BJu) and another near the corner of Piercy Road and Hellyer Avenue on 10 Sep (LMy). There were moderate numbers of **Vaux's Swifts** in the period, tapering off toward the end of September. High counts included 24 at Almaden-Quicksilver CP on 14 Aug (JPa), 24 at the Alviso Marina CP on 28 Aug (PLaT), and 25 at the Sunnyvale Baylands Park on 29 Aug (KSc). Fall **Black-chinned Hummingbirds** included at least six birds along the Diablo Range front in a Morgan Hill yard 22 Aug-7 Sep (SCR) and a female-type at the Sunnyvale Baylands Park on 3 Sep (WGB et al.). Single **Lewis's Woodpeckers** were found at three locations along Mines Road on 10 Aug (WGB).

Flycatchers through Goldfinches

The first fall **Willow Flycatcher** was banded at the Coyote Creek Field Station on 15 Aug (*fide* MMR). About 20 birds were encountered through the end of September (m.ob.). This may be an irruptive winter for **Red-breasted Nuthatches**. One heard at Monte Bello OSP on 9 Sep (GHa) may be a nearby breeding bird, but singles along San Francisquito Creek on Stanford land on 10 Sep (RFu) and near Pruneridge and Wolfe in Cupertino on 21 Sep (RGJ) were on the valley floor. A **Rock Wren** was seen on closed refuge ponds on 26 Sep (MMR, RGJ, MJM). It's not clear how sedentary our resident birds are, but it seems likely that this bayside bird was from more distant areas where the winters are harsher. Two different **Tennessee Warblers** were found at the Sunnyvale Baylands Park. The first one was seen on 26 Sep (RFu) and then a paler bird was found on 30 Sep (RKe,

PKe) and seen into early October (v.ob.). So far this fall, **Nashville Warblers** have been scarce. The first was at Sunnyvale Baylands Park on 23 Sep (RKe, PKe). This or another bird was seen there 25-29 Sep (v.ob.). **Blackpoll Warbler** was the other star warbler and again two birds were seen. The first was found at the Sunnyvale Baylands Park on 24 Sep (SCR et al.) and the next was along the Guadalupe River Trail north of Blossom Hill Road on 27 Sep (JPa). **MacGillivray's Warbler** is slightly more common in fall than in spring, but not this year. Only one was found, a bird along Stevens Creek near La Avenida on 26 Aug (MMR). Three **Chipping Sparrows** were seen at Jeffrey Fontana Park on 30 Sep (JPa), a small winter flock has been found there every winter since late 2007. With luck we run into a fall **Blue Grosbeak** in one year out of two, so the female-type at the Sunnyvale Baylands Park on 23 Sep (PKe, RKe) was a good find. A male **Indigo Bunting**, molting into its basic plumage, was seen along Stevens Creek above Crittenden Lane on 7 Sep (MMR) and was refound on 14, 20, and 28 Sep (MMR, RGJ). Another male Indigo, with blue on its head, nape, and back was seen there on 24 Sep (WGB). A **Bobolink** was briefly seen over Alviso Marina CP on 25 Sep (MMR). This great find was the first since 2007 (a spring bird) and the first fall bird since 2000. An adult **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was seen flying over Guadalupe Slough on 23 Aug (WGB), most of the birds we find are in the spring. Six **Pine Siskins** were seen over the Stanford Dish on 30 Aug (RFu). One or two birds were over Monte Bello OSP on 10 and 12 Sep (GHa). Maybe this will be a good winter for this species locally. There were a few scattered observations of **Lawrence's Goldfinches**. A female was seen at Monte Bello OSP on 4 Aug (GHa). Fourteen birds were attracted to the water flowing in Colorado Creek along Mines Road on 10 Aug (WGB). Two females or immatures were seen along Smith Creek on 11 Sep (JTh).

Observers: Bill Bousman (WGB), Matthew Dodder (MDo), Peggy Don (PLD), Rob Furrow (RFu), Garth Harwood (GHa), Richard Jeffers (RGJ), Bob Juhl (BJu), Roland Kenner (RKe), Pat Kenny (PKe), Pete LaTourrette (PLaT), Mike Mammoser



(MJM), Jean Myers (JMy), Lisa Myers (LMy), Janna Pauser (JPa), Bob Reiling (RWR), Mike Rogers (MMR), Edward Rooks (ER), Steve Rottenborn (SCR), Ken Schneider (KSc), Darryl Spittle (DSp), Dick Stovel (DSt), David Suddjian (DLSu), Jim Thomas (JTh), Frank Vanslager (FV), Ann Verdi (AV), Chuq Von Rospach (CVR), and Dave Weber (DWe).

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Salt Ponds

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August restoration of the North Bay's salt-encrusted crystallizer ponds, the developer's spokesman said restoring Redwood City's identical ponds would be an "ecological disaster." Perhaps in the corporate board rooms in Minnesota and Arizona, they do not realize the tide has turned on a century of destroying the San Francisco Bay. Our region is now united to restore Bay tidal marsh for people and wildlife. We won't let Cargill pave our Bay.

In the past 20 years, every private, restorable Bay shoreline parcel offered at a fair market price has been acquired by public resource agencies and land trusts, and are being restored using federal funds, state resource bonds and private donations from generous philanthropists. Cargill need only declare it is a willing seller, and the Redwood City ponds can join that celebrated list.

David Lewis is executive director of Save The Bay, which is spearheading efforts to halt the Redwood City Saltworks project.

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday, Jan 19th 2011

NEW LOCATION in 2011:

Cubberley Community Center
Palo Alto - Middlefield Rd

(Directions available online at www.scvas.org)

Panama Wild! By Bob and Sue Cossins

Located between Costa Rica and Colombia, Panama is 48 miles across at its narrowest and 118 miles across at its widest with miles of coastline and great forests in both the lowlands and highlands. Its biodiversity equals that of Costa Rica and many similar superb species, such as Resplen-

dent Quetzels, are a huge attraction. In March of 2010 Bob and Sue Cossins from Burlingame joined Jim Danzenbaker with local guides and a small group of birders to travel through Panama's best bird habitat for 19 days. The lodges stayed in included (in order) Canopy Tower, Canopy Lodge, Los Quetzales, Finca Lerida, Nattur Eco-lodge, and Cerro Azul, which served as bases for exploring the surrounding areas of rain forests, coastlines, coffee plantations and the canal zone to name a few. Bob took over 3,000 images, which have been greatly reduced in number to a manageable Powerpoint presentation of about an hour. Bob and Sue certainly hope you can come to enjoy this show and to help them relive their remarkable journey. To see a sampling of Bob's Panama images click on the "Photo Gallery" on the Sequoia Audubon Society's website home page: www.sequoia-audubon.org. Various other images are also viewable at www.bobcossinsphoto.com.



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Reversing the Trend The Fight To Save Santa Clara County's Burrowing Owls 2011 Calendar

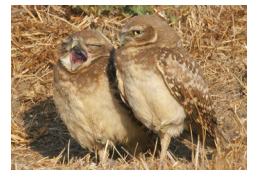


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To celebrate the release of our chapter's Burrowing Owl documentary and in support of our Burrowing Owl advocacy efforts, 13 photographers have offered the use of one exquisite image each for the creation of this one-of-a-kind tribute to the Burrowing Owl.

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birdwalker.com

Pre-orders are being taken at 408-252-3747. \$25+tax.

Pick-up will be from Saturday December 4th through Thursday December 23rd, Monday through Saturday, at McClellan Ranch, Cupertino. Calendars picked up during our December 4th Holiday Open House (see page 10) receive a 20% discount.


SANTA CLARA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
Comparative Statements of Income, and Balance Sheet
For the Years Ended May 31, 2009 and 2010

	5/31/09	5/31/10
STATEMENTS OF INCOME:		
Revenue: Includes Nature Shop Net Sales, Investment Income and Program Revenues	\$ 67,480	\$ 40,063
Less Realized and Unrealized Capital Gains and Losses	\$ -161,770	\$ 121,006
Total Revenue	\$ -94,290	\$ 161,069
Support: Gifts and Memorials, Bequests, Grants and Other Program Support	\$ 246,208	\$ 241,642
Total Revenue and Support	\$ 151,918	\$ 402,712
Expenses:		
Program Expenses	\$ 176,796	\$ 225,543
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 20,428	\$ 21,962
General and Administrative Expenses	\$ 65,956	\$ 58,402
Total Expenses	\$ 263,180	\$ 305,907
NET INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$ -111,262	\$ 96,804

BALANCE SHEETS:		
ASSETS: Money Market Funds and Investments (at Market)	\$ 955,278	\$ 1,031,035
Fixed Assets, Inventory and Other Assets	\$ 66,387	\$ 96,164
Total Assets	\$ 1,021,665	\$ 1,127,199
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS: Liabilities - Accounts Payable	\$ 3,142	\$ 2,221
Surplus:		
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 1,129,784	\$ 1,018,522
New Income (Loss), Current Year	\$ -111,262	\$ 96,804
Balance, End of Year	\$ 1,018,522	\$ 1,115,326
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$1,021,664	\$ 1,127,199
	5/31/09	5/31/10

Financial Report

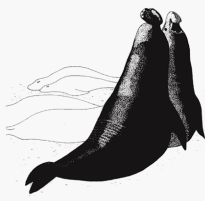
As a service to our membership, the SCVAS Board of Directors presents this summary of our organization's financial position as of the conclusion of the fiscal year. Our balance sheet continues to reflect a strong financial position. Our surplus acts as a flexible fund in that most of it is designated by the Board of Directors to meet long-term needs, and the earnings generated from the investment of the surplus are used to pay for current operating expenses. If you have any questions or wish a copy of the financial report, please contact the SCVAS office.




Winter 2011 - Young Audubon Adventures Return!

Winter Whale Watching
in Monterey Bay
MLK Weekend*
Monday, January 17th
Ages: 3-years-old and up



Elephant Seal Walks
at Año Nuevo State Park
President's Day Weekend
Monday, February 21st
Ages: 7-years-old and up





Don't miss either of these fun and exciting activities designed for children and families!
Space is limited for each activity, so be sure to sign-up early!

*More details are available on our website, www.scvas.org, and in the Jan/Feb issue of the Avocet.

Scholarships available for families in need!

Holiday Open House!

Saturday, December 4th;

10:00 AM until 2:00 PM

- Enjoy Holiday refreshments and a special one day discount.
- Browse through our books, jewelry, ornaments, and other bird related gift items.
- Enjoy a special display of paintings and photography by local artists.

- Visit with Staff

- Live bird presentation!

Pick up your Burrowing Owl Calendar for a 20% discount!

All proceeds go to our education and conservation programs

For more details, please contact Susan at (408) 252-3747 at the SCVAS Office and Nature Shop

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The Christmas Bird Counts are Almost Here!

Join us for another year of fun, adventure, and excitement as we help add to the body of bird research and knowledge throughout the country! Contact the compiler of the region you are interested

in (see below). Participants are asked to provide \$5 to help cover the charge of the national CBC publication.

SAN JOSE Region

Yes, it is almost that time of year again ... time to celebrate the existence of all things winged. The San Jose Christmas Bird Count will be held this year on Sunday, December 19th. Birders of all experience levels are welcome and needed. Bird identification skills are great but other skills are important too, such as:

- 1) spotter, able to point and say "Bird!", and
- 2) tally-man, able to make small marks on increasingly grubby bits of paper.

We are blessed with habitats to suit anyone's fancy: shoreline, oak woodlands, lake-side, or riparian, we can accommodate you. So, come have fun and contribute to an important, on-going biological census.

The countdown dinner will review all birds seen for the day. The Leininger Center in Kelley Park is the host location. There is a \$5 charge to cover the cost of the national CBC result publication. If you are interested in participating in the count, please contact Kirsten Holmquist before December 10 at 408.747.0988 or via email at kirsten.holmquist@comcast.net.

PALO ALTO Region

Make your plans now for a day of birding on Monday, December 20, as we count birds from the bay to Skyline Drive. Our count circle, centered near Stanford, covers a wide variety of habitats, offering something for everyone. The circle is divided into eight regions, and an experienced team of leaders for each region is poised, with your help, to comb the mudflats and the mountains for rarities and resident birds.

In addition to the better known birding locales of the region, we also cover many urban areas of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, so we welcome birders from all over the mid-peninsula and beyond.

Christmas bird counts are for everyone, the skilled and the novice. If you have participated in this count in the past, you may wish to contact your region coordinator and confirm your availability and territory. If you are new to the area or the count, please contact the count coordinator Jack Cole at 408-996-0434 or SNOYOWL@YAHOO.COM, and we will find a spot suitable to your skill level, time commitment and our coverage needs. Join the count - make your day!

CALERO-MORGAN HILL Region

The Calero-Morgan Hill CBC will be held on Sunday, Dec 26, 2010. This is our only local CBC whose count circle is entirely within Santa Clara County. Areas covered include suburban Almaden Valley, Quicksilver CP, Santa Teresa CP, Coyote Valley, Coyote Creek riparian, South County reservoirs. Besides our expected wintering species, some unusual birds found on this count have included Snow Goose, Solitary Sandpiper, Greater Roadrunner, American Dipper, Townsend's Solitaire, and American Redstart. You are invited to join us as we explore a variety of habitats - suburbia, rural farm land, valley grassland, woodland, riparian and portions of the Diablo Range and Santa Cruz Mountain range. For any questions and/or to sign up for the count, please contact the count coordinator by email at wodu10@aol.com or phone 408-266-5108.

Thank you, and hope you can join us!

MT. HAMILTON Region

Mark your calendars for January 2nd! We hope to have a great count again through the Mt. Hamilton and San Antonio Valley area. Count leaders are especially needed. Contact Bob Hirt - 408-821-2732 (cell) - as soon as possible to participate.

David McIntyre Resigns from SCVAS Board: 1995-2010

The Avocet archives have been researched, and David McIntyre's name pops up on the Director's list for the first time in May of 1995. Co-directors were a who's who of environmental education, advocacy, and birding in the south bay: Nick Yatsko, Rob Colwell, Clysta Seney, John McLemore, Bobbie Handen, Grant Hoyt, Heather Rottenborn, and Steve Shunk.

David served as President, Vice-president, and on many, many committees over the years. The entire current staff of SCVAS were hired by David through his careful and thoughtful work on our personnel committee. David's value to the Board and the organization could be discerned as any important Board discussion where David wasn't present would be put on hold until "we need to hear from David on this one."

An avid birder, David scored a mega-sighting during the San Jose CBC in December 2000 with Santa Clara County's first record of Black-backed Wagtail (only the 10th state record).

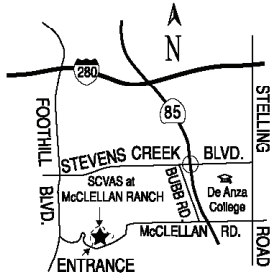
Fifteen year's of service on our Board is an extraordinary accomplishment. We are certain David's keen interest and phenomenal support of our education programs and environmental advocacy efforts will continue. David's insights, intelligence, and strategic thinking will be missed. But we know where to find him.



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