



The Kite Call

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Calendar

Aug 1 KITE CALL DEADLINE

Aug 4 BOARD MEETING
Evelyn's, Hayward

Aug 15 FIELD TRIP
Hayward Shoreline

Sept 1 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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BioBlitzing

Presenter: Jennifer Rycenga

Date: Sept 1 **Time:** 7:30PM

Location: Carlton Plaza
3800 Walnut Avenue
Fremont 94538

"BioBlitzing" what's that? Well, come and find out from Jennifer Rycenga, our speaker for the September 1st meeting. Jennifer is a past president of Sequoia Audubon Society, an avid birder, with a North American Life List of 701 species, and over 1300 species worldwide.

Jennifer Rycenga is Professor of Comparative Religious Studies at San Jose State University. (A more detailed meeting description, with directions, in next issue.)

FIELD TRIP

Hayward Regional Shoreline,
Leaders: Kathy Robertson & Rich Nicholson

Saturday August 15 8:30 AM
(rsn711@yahoo.com)

Meet at the Grant Avenue staging area in San Lorenzo for a walk along the canal to the shoreline and south to reach Oro Loma Marsh. We expect to see shorebirds such as Red Knots, Short-Billed Dowitchers, Ruddy Turnstones, and Black-Bellied Plovers as well as gulls and terns and maybe a resident Osprey. From I-880 south take the

Washington Avenue exit. Turn right on Washington and right on Grant Avenue. From I-880 north take the Hesperian Blvd. exit. Make a sharp left onto Hesperian and a right on Grant Avenue. In both cases continue west on Grant Avenue to the parking lot near the end of the road.

LATE BREAKING NEWS!

The Alameda County Planning Staff has recommended that the county **OPPOSE** the expansion of Carnegie SVA into Telsa Parkland! Stay tuned!

TEASER SEE THE
2015-2016 FIELD TRIP
SCHEDULE PAGES 3-4!!!!!!



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OAS BUDGET FY 2015-2016

Budget

INCOME

NAS DUES	2,712
CHAPTER DUES	6,100
SALES	400
CONTRIBUTIONS	7,863
DIVIDEND/INTEREST	75
TOTAL	
INCOME	\$17,150

EXPENSES

KITE CALL	4,200
MEMBER MEETINGS	2,500
PURCHASE MDSE	400
OPERATING EXP	2,950
CONSERVATION	3,600
EDUCATION	1,350
C'MAS BIRD COUNT	1,100
FUND RAISING	500
BW MEM GARDEN	200
SWALLOW FESTIVAL	250
SALES TAX	100
TOTAL	
EXPENSES	\$ 17,150

APPROVED 6/9/15

Welcome New Members

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RENEWING OHLONE MEMBERS!

Ohlone sends a warm welcome and thank you to the following new and renewing chapter members:

Kate Buddenbaum, Art Carey, Joanna Dixon, Denise Dugas, Don & Margaret Emery, Nancy Hartshorn, Jim Holland, Ruth Ann Hunt, Don & Roberta Lenkeit, Debra & Robert Lovendusky, Nancy Mendoza, Susan Mills, David Riensche, Vicki Robinson, Matthew Smith, Laurie Stover, Marilyn Sundberg, and William & Wilma Thomas



AND THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS!

Donations : Jim Holland, Ruth Ann Hunt, and Marilyn Sundberg

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

It was decided at the last board meeting that the time has come to increase our membership dues from \$20 to \$25 annually. This increase will be in effect commencing September 1, 2015. All new and renewing memberships after this date will be at the higher rate.



The OAS board felt we had to do this because of the increase in our operating costs. This increase will help us increase our level of conservation advocacy, additional educational activities, and continue our great programs.

If you have questions/comments please contact President Evelyn Cormier or any board member. (Contact info on last page).



Is it time to renew?

Look at your mailing label - it will tell you. For example: "Pd Thru 8/1/15" indicates that you are paid thru August 2015. A "**RENEW?**" indicates that /this is your last Kite Call! If you see a "**JOIN LOCAL?**" on your label this indicates that you have joined the National Audubon Society, but alas, **not** your **local Ohlone chapter**. Please consider joining us! To renew or join us please send a \$20 check (\$25 after 9/1/15) to Pat Gordon, Membership Chair, 1922 Hillsdale Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5428. Thanks!

OHLONE AUDUBON SOCIETY FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

2015-16

(SEE REVERSE FOR 2016)

2015

DAY & DATE	PLACE	LEADER(S)
SATURDAY, 8/15 LOW TIDE 8.06 AM 0.2'	HAYWARD SHORELINE -ORO LOMA MARSH (GRANT AVE. ENTRANCE)	KATHY ROBERTSON & RICH NICHOLSON
THURSDAY, 9/10	ALAMEDA SOUTH SHORE	JERRY STEENHOVEN & GAIL RYUJIN
SATURDAY, 9/19	VAUX'S SWIFTS MIGRATION - MCNEAR BRICKYARD, SAN RAFAEL	GAIL RYUJIN
SATURDAY, 10/3	HAWK HILL/RODEO LAGOON	PHIL & PAT GORDON
SATURDAY, 10/17	COYOTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK	JERRY TING & VICKI ROBINSON
SATURDAY, 10/24	PINE FLAT RD (HEALDSBURG)	RICH CIMINO
FRIDAY, 10/30	ARDENWOOD FARM	JERRY TING & VICKI ROBINSON
SATURDAY, 11/7	WARD CREEK (HAYWARD)	BRENDA SENTURIA & VICKI ROBINSON
SATURDAY, 11/14	PACIFIC COMMONS	RICH NICHOLSON & MIKE CHRISTOPHERSON
WEDNESDAY, 11/18	BERKELEY PIER & MARINA	JIM & LINDA HARGROVE
FRIDAY, 11/27 (DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING)	PINNACLES NATIONAL PK: CALIFORNIA CONDORS	PHIL & PAT GORDON
SATURDAY, 12/5	SANDHILL CRANES	BILL SCOGGINS & MARTY MORROW
SUNDAY, 12/13 HIGH TIDE 12:50 PM 7.9'	EDEN LANDING ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE	BRENDA SENTURIA & PAT GORDON
THURSDAY, 12/17	GARIN REGIONAL PARK	JERRY STEENHOVEN & VICKI ROBINSON
DECEMBER 18	EASTERN ALAMEDA CO.	CBC
DECEMBER 20	FREMONT-HAYWARD	CBC

2016

DATE & DATE	PLACE	LEADER(S)
THURSDAY, 1/7	PESCADERO	MONA BRAUER & STEPHANIE FLOYD
SATURDAY, 1/16	DON EDWARDS NWR	RICH NICHOLSON & MAGGIE CLARK
SATURDAY, 1/23	SHADOW CLIFFS REGIONAL PARK	STEVE HUCKABONE & KATHY ROBERTSON
SATURDAY, 1/30	PANOCH ROAD/MERCEY HOT SPRINGS	BOB TOLENO & JULI CHAMBERLIN
SATURDAY, 2/6	SUTTER BUTTES/GRAY LODGE: DON SCHMOLDT MEMORIAL	PHIL & PAT GORDON & SALLY WALTERS
SATURDAY, 2/13	QUARRY LAKES REGIONAL PARK	JERRY TING & RICH NICHOLSON
WEDNESDAY, 2/17	LAKE ELIZABETH	STEPHANIE FLOYD & SANDY FERREIRA
SATURDAY, 2/20	DEL VALLE SRA	STEVE HUCKABONE
SUNDAY, 2/28	SAN QUENTIN - MARIN SHORELINE	RICH CIMINO
SUNDAY, 3/6	HAYWARD SHORELINE - W. WINTON ENTRANCE	BOB TOLENO & JULI CHAMBERLIN
SATURDAY, 3/12	DON EDWARDS NWR - ALVISO	RICH NICHOLSON & VICKI ROBINSON
SUNDAY, 3/20	LAKE SOLANO COUNTY PARK	PHIL & PAT GORDON
SATURDAY, 3/26	BIRDING BY EAR AT COYOTE HILLS	BILL SCOGGINS & MAGGIE CLARK
SATURDAY, 4/2	NORTH LIVERMORE	RAY FONTAINE
SUNDAY, 4/10	MINES ROAD	RICH CIMINO
WEDNESDAY, 4/13	GARRETSON POINT	RICH NICHOLSON & STEPHANIE FLOYD
SUNDAY, 4/24?	SWALLOW WALK: LAKE ELIZABETH & COYOTE HILLS	SANDY FERREIRA & PHIL GORDON
SATURDAY, 4/30	DRY CREEK REGIONAL PARK	BRENDA SENTURIA & JERRY STEENHOVEN
WEDNESDAY, 5/4	SUNOL REGIONAL WILDERNESS	JERRY TING & VICKI ROBINSON
SATURDAY, 5/7	SAN JOAQUIN NWR	STEVE HUCKABONE
TUESDAY, 5/10	SIBLEY VOLCANIC REGIONAL PRESERVE	JIM & LINDA HARGROVE
SATURDAY, 5/14 - SUNDAY 5/15	CASWELL & DEL PUERTO	PHIL & PAT GORDON
WEDNESDAY, 5/18	LAKE CHABOT	RICH NICHOLSON & KATHY ROBERTSON
WEDNESDAY, 5/25	NILES HOTSPOTS	KATHY ROBERTSON & STEPHANIE FLOYD
SATURDAY, 6/4	FIELD TRIP PLANNING MEETING AT MONA'S	
JUNE 25-26	YUBA PASS	PHIL & PAT GORDON

Habitat Means Home

The following children participated in the 9th Annual **Habitat is Home** poster contest at Coyote Hills:

First Place

Hannah (Mission San Jose, Gr 3)



Third Place

Maya (Forest Park, Gr 3)

Hannah receives a pair of binoculars and field guides and her school, Mission San Jose, is awarded \$500; 2nd winner Aidan receives a \$50 gift certificate to use at the Coyote Hills gift shop, and \$25 goes to 3rd place winner Maya! All of the Honorable Mentions receive a \$5 gift certificate. Congratulations to all our young winners.

Honorable Mentions:

Anna-belle (Brookvale, Gr 1); Rishon (Mission Valley, Gr 4); Ella Jane (Parkmont, Gr 6); Viparansh (Mission Valley, Gr 4); Sanjana (Gomes, Gr 4); Ryan (Niles, Gr 5); Reva (Mission San Jose Gr 3); Christine (Mission San Jose, gr 4); Priyal (Mission Valley Gr 2); Praneetha (Mission Valley, Kinder); Kaashal (Gomes, Gr 3); Amrit (Bunker, gr 3); Gia (Gomes, Gr 1); Nathan (Brookvale, Gr 1); Bhavika (Mission Valley, Gr 1); Archisha (Oliveira, Gr 2); Maitreyi (Chadbourne, Gr 2); Aaron (Weibel, Gr 1); Audrey (Chadbourne, Gr 4); Kristii (Parkmont, Gr 6);



Second Place

Aidan (Weibel, Gr 3)

The theme of the poster contest is a celebration of the diverse habitats and species found at Coyote Hills Regional Park. The purpose of the contest is to provide educational outreach and to make sure students understand "habitat" is more than just an abstract concept - a "habitat" is "home" for plants and animals. The posters are judged for the students' ability to convey their understanding of a habitat, or habitat and species at Coyote Hills Regional Park, not only through artistic interpretation, but also through the students' written responses to questions that ask why they selected the species or habitat that they have, what they have learned, and why it is important to protect the habitat and/or species they have selected.

Many thanks and congratulations to Carin High for the success of this program! Carin serves as our Conservation Chairperson for the western area.



SILENT AUCTION

This original lithograph by J. Gould and HC Richter, "Sumatra Elegant Trogons," was donated to Ohlone several years ago. It was valued by Clars

Auction Gallery at \$200-400. The Ohlone Board has decided to sell it by a silent auction. The Silent Auction has been extended to September 1, contact Helen Sowers for more details. (Contact info last page)

Who are these guys?

Photo Bird-a-thon 2015

Many thanks to Jerry and Davor for their photo bird-a-thon and those of you who contributed to help us raise an incredible \$1360!

Jerry Ting has been an avid birder since 2007 and has become a well-known birder/bird photographer in the San Francisco East Bay Area in recent years. In pursuing well-documented images of Bay Area species, he has done Photo Big Years since 2010 and conducted several Bird-A-Thons since 2013. As a member of Ohlone Audubon Society, he leads field trips at Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont

where he has photographed over 220 species. A frequent contributor to local Audubon chapters and to online birding groups, his work has appeared in publications of the East Bay Regional Park District, Ohlone Audubon Society, Golden Gate Audubon Society, Santa Clara Audubon Society, Save the Bay, Bay Nature, and more. NBA Bay Area recently showcased Jerry's photographic work on the TV series, "Open Road with Doug McConnell."



Davor Desancic, originally from Bosnia, says "I loved the outdoors as a kid, so it's natural that you find me outside in many Bay Area parks today. My passion for bird and landscape photography started as a hobby in 2010 and quickly grew into more. I love the chase, and I love to find new

things I've never seen before. The feeling you get when you find a rare and photograph a rare moment is indescribable. Coyote Hills has recently become my favorite park to explore. I just want people to see the amazing things that are out there and maybe be inspired to get out there and see for themselves."



Thank you to the following for contributing to the Jerry and Davor's Photo Birdathon: Chris Bard, Maggie Clark, Evelyn Cormier, Janet Ellis, Stephanie Floyd, Phil & Pat

Gordon, Linda Hargrove, Leslie Harper, Carin High, Michael Karpinko, Helen Keating, Marty Morrow, Bill Scoggins, Peter Shen, Helen Sowers, Chingling Tien, Jerry Ting, and Gail West

Your support brought in donations of over \$1000! The top five donors will be honored with a private photo seminar with Jerry and Davor along with a photo of their choice from Jerry and Davor's marvelous collection.

Tree Swallows and Bluebirds at Lake Liz

By Ranger Sandy Ferreira

In 1994, Ranger Laurie and I installed six Tree Swallow nest boxes on Duck Island as part of our JR Ranger Camp program. These boxes were so successful the first year, we increased the number to thirteen. We knew this was a great idea because if we built the boxes, the birds would soon follow, plus it was a great way to teach the JR Rangers about birds, habitat, bird biology, and natural pest control - plus, we love swallows! Not only do Tree Swallows migrate here, we also have Barn, Cliff, Northern Rough-Winged, and Violet-Green Swallows. Over the years the Tree Swallow nest box program has expanded to include monitoring sites at Duck Island, Mission Creek, New Marsh and the Nature Learning Center. Not only do swallows use the boxes, but other species use them as well, including Western Bluebirds, Chestnut-Backed Chickadees, Bewick's Wrens, Oak Titmice, and an occasional

Nuttall's Woodpecker for a night roost. House Sparrows are discouraged and nests are quickly removed to encourage our native species. At the end of our nesting season we will have fledged almost 3000 swallows since 1994!

If you have birded the park lately and for the past couple of years, you may have seen Western Bluebirds around New Marsh, open space and near the soccer fields. In 2012, we had our first clutch of Western Bluebirds nest in boxes at New Marsh. In 2013, two more clutches of Western Bluebirds, and this year we have two more!! All nests successfully fledged bluebirds each year.

The next time you're in the park, stop by the Visitor Center, we'll be happy to share pictures or information about our latest sighting.



Western Bluebirds

All photos by Sandy Ferreira



Tree Swallows

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