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## General Membership Program

We hope you will join us for our informative programs. CLICK HERE, to register and receive a Zoom link to the event.

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Our Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2026. Join us as we count birds for the world's longest-running community science bird project.

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## OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### Zoom

**Title: Columbia: South America's Birding Mecca**
**Speaker: Benny Jacobs-Schwartz, founder of Birds by BIJS**
**Thursday, October 22, 2026**
**6:45 p.m. Zoom site opens, 7:00 p.m. meeting begins**



The October presentation will be led by Benny Jacobs-Schwartz, founder of Birds by BIJS (pronounced Bee-Jus). Benny will speak about the regions in Colombia that support nearly 2,000 species of birds, including 80 endemic species (birds only found in Colombia). The company initially began in response to many requests for urban birding outings, and has grown to encompass local and international bird watching excursions. They promote low-impact ecotourism, natural history, and conservation.

The presentation will include birds and birding in Colombia's Western and Central Andes, and the Santa Marta and La Guajira region. These regions have a high amount of biodiversity and Santa Marta is home to the highest density of endemic bird species in South America. This includes the Santa Marta Parakeet and Black-cheeked Mountain Tanager. The Western and Central Andes regions have a diverse array of ecosystems like the Andean Cloud Forest and Pacific Dry Forest.

Benny was born and raised in California and his interest in the natural world dates back to some of his earliest memories. He became fascinated with birds during a college study abroad program in Costa Rica in 2011. Since graduating from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 2013, Benny has passionately pursued work as an avian field biologist, international bird guide, land steward, and wildlife photographer. He also pursues a variety of hobbies like surfing, mountain biking, yoga, leading outdoor outings for kids, and facilitating photography clinics.

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## Coyote vs. Roadrunner *By Alexander deBarros*

I would imagine you have all heard the news by now. You might have seen it on KTLA, in *The New York Times*, or in your social media news feed. I got to say, it's kind of weird—I've never gone viral before! I've now got Instagram followers as far away as Italy, Australia, and South Africa! If you haven't heard the news, let me be the first to tell you that after 77 years, innumerable failed plans, and an extraordinary amount of dynamite, the Coyote (*Carnivorous vulgaris*) has finally caught the Roadrunner (*Accelerati incredibilus*).

Given the longevity of the cartoon shorts, I just assumed that somebody would've gotten a photo years ago. A researcher, a birder, an animator, or any random person who got really lucky—literally anyone! I never could have imagined that lucky birder would be me.

All cartoons and jokes aside, Coyotes (*Canis latrans*) are one of the few species that have been observed hunting Greater Roadrunners (*Geococcyx californianus*), albeit rarely. Perhaps that's what inspired legendary animation director Chuck Jones to send Wile E. Coyote chasing after the Roadrunner in the first place.

*Coyote vs Roadrunner Photo by Alexander deBarros*



Here in the live action world, Coyotes run at double the speed of Roadrunners (40 mph vs. 20 mph), and are well-known for eating literally anything they can catch, scavenge, or browse. Only, they usually go after Ground Squirrels, Gophers, and other small mammals, with Roadrunners making up only a small portion of their diet. Despite only being 3/4 the length of a Roadrunner, California Ground Squirrels are roughly double their weight, and Ground Squirrels don't have two inch long, sharp beaks. Simply put, Roadrunners aren't worth the effort when easier prey is available. As a result, it seems that this behavior has never actually been photographed until now.

This photo was taken on Saturday, August 29, while I was leading a team of Sky Valley and SFVAS volunteers on our monthly survey of the Chatsworth Nature Preserve. We have been conducting these surveys for nearly two years to gather data on the wildlife using the preserve, and have documented 156 species of birds, mammals, and reptiles so far. Because the preserve is mostly open grassland and is not publicly accessible, it is perfect habitat for Coyotes, and one of the best places in L.A. to find Greater Roadrunners.



*Alexanders reaction to the image. Photo by Gale Smith*

We first spotted the Coyote on the road near the fence line, running away from our car with something in its mouth. At first, we assumed it was carrying a Ground Squirrel, but it seemed a little too large. Then, through my binoculars, I noticed long tail feathers—definitely not a Ground Squirrel. I told the team that it might be a Roadrunner, and we were very excited. We all love the cartoon, but there's no way we'd get lucky enough to see it in real life, right? As I got my camera ready, the Coyote disappeared into a little ditch. I knew there was a trail that went over the hill on the other side of the ditch, and sure enough, that's where the Coyote popped up again. It stopped to look at us, freshly caught Roadrunner on full display, and I snapped a couple of quick, overexposed and backlit pictures, only one of which ended up being fully in focus. The Coyote carried its food over the hill, and vanished as we all screamed with joy at seeing and photographing something so exciting. A predator with prey is always dramatic to see, but the added cultural cachet of the cartoons made it that much cooler. Certainly the coolest thing I've ever seen, narrowly beating out a fight between a Red-tailed Hawk and a Great Horned Owl I'd seen at the preserve two months earlier. Too bad there's no corresponding cartoon for that fight!

The first person I wanted to tell was my dad. It's not just that we're close, although we are. My dad is an animator, who moved from New York to Los Angeles fresh out of film school, to work on *Chariots of Fur*, which ended up being the final Coyote & Roadrunner cartoon to be directed by Chuck Jones. And then he reminded me that *Coyote vs. Acme* had just opened in theaters the day before. Talk about timing! You can't make up a coincidence like that—it's too perfect!

While the cartoon connection has made this story go viral, this is real scientific documentation. Coyotes have been observed eating Roadrunners, but to our knowledge, there has never been hard evidence like this before. No videos, no photos, not until now. If anyone has any old photos like this, please do share them. And please, keep doing science! Get out into the world, observe nature's harsh beauty, and document what you can when you can. You never know what you're going to see. You never know what will turn out to be groundbreaking. You might even find a rabbit quarreling with a duck.



*Red-tailed Hawk & Great Horned Owl*
*Photo by Alexander deBarros*

# Calendar of Events

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## OCTOBER 2026

**Sunday, October 4. Sepulveda Basin. 8:00—11:00 a.m.** Directions:



Exit the San Diego Freeway (I-405) on Burbank Blvd. Go west about one-half mile to Woodley Avenue and turn right (north). Travel about one-half mile to the second possible right turn (at sign for the Water Reclamation Plant and Japanese Garden). Turn right and go east about one-half mile to Wildlife Area parking at the end of the road. Park in the lot and walk past the low, rock-faced buildings to our meeting place on the other side of the buildings. Leader: Alexander deBarros, Alexander.deBarros@sfvaudubon.org.

**Thursday, October 8. Bird Sit with Nature Journaling, Placerita Canyon Park. 10:00—Noon.** If you would like to mindfully connect with



birds and nature, join us this month at Placerita Canyon Park. (Rain cancels and moves it to the 3rd Thursday.) What to bring: a cushion or a comfortable chair, a beverage/snack, binoculars, a journal, and something to write/draw with. This event is limited to 10 people. To reserve a spot, and directions to meeting location, contact Teri Carnesciali at teri.carnesciali@sfvaudubon.org. Co-leader: Mary Lou Sharp.

**Sunday, October 11. Beginner Birding. NOW Second Sundays. 9:00—11:00 a.m. at the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve.** (Note later start time) We welcome beginning birdwatchers, families, and groups by arrangement. This is a great opportunity to learn how to identify birds, their behaviors, and needs. You will also learn about the outstanding and currently challenged wildlife reserve. Each walk will vary with the interests of the participants. Binoculars are available to borrow. Please do not bring any pets. Wear sturdy shoes, layered clothing, and hat with a brim. Water and sunscreen suggested. Directions: Driving on Woodley Ave. north from Burbank or south from Victory Blvd., go ½ mile and turn east at the sign for the Japanese Garden. Continue straight (don't turn into the garden) and drive past the cricket fields and around the tree in the middle of the road, continuing to the parking lot at the end of the road. Meet at the small amphitheater which is on the on the south side of the rock-faced buildings. GPS coordinates of parking lot: 34.179942,-118.472595. For more information, call Natalie Beckman-Smith at (818) 926–7825 or San Fernando Valley Audubon at (747) 237-3720. Heavy rain cancels. Please let us know in advance if you are bringing a group of people so we can provide enough leaders. If you have a large youth or special interest group we can try to arrange a walk at a different time to meet your needs.

**Sunday, October 18. Malibu Creek State Park. 8:00 a.m.** Meet at the second (lower) day-use parking lot. Entrance to the park is on the west side of Las Virgenes Road, just south of Mulholland Hwy. Entrance fee is $12 per car. Leaders: Katheryn Barton and David Barton. kathy.barton@sfvaudubon.org.



**Tuesday, October 20. Weekday Wander at O'Melveny Park, Granada Hills. 8:30—10:30 a.m.** Directions: Take the 118/Ronald Reagan Freeway and exit at Balboa Blvd. Turn north, driving two miles to Sesnon, turn left going west 0.6 miles, turn right at park entrance. Meet in the parking lot. RAIN CANCELS. Leader: Paula Orlovich, (747) 237-3720.

**Thursday, October 22. Zoom General Membership Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Title: Columbia: South America's Birding Mecca. Speaker:**

**Reminder: RAIN CANCELS birding events. Groups of six or more, please contact the leader.**



**Benny Jacobs-Schwartz. Founder of Birds by BIJS.** See page 1 for more information. Please ***CLICK HERE to register*** if you plan on attending via Zoom. You will receive an email with the link prior to the meeting.

**Saturday, October 24. Hansen Dam Birding. 8:00—10:00 a.m.** 10965 Dronfield Ave., Pacoima. Dronfield Ave. intersects Osborne St. approximately ½ mile south of Foothill Blvd. Turn into the park on Dronfield, and meet near the ranger station. Accessibility is good for this site which is mostly on a packed dirt road. Leader: Pat Bates, pat.bates@sfvaudubon.org.

**Saturday, October 24. Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve Habitat Restoration. 8:00–11:00 a.m.** SFVAS is continuing to work with our partners, the Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) and the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) on the ongoing Habitat Restoration efforts in the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve (SBWR). This group gathers every Fourth Saturday morning to work and weed. If you would like to get involved and get your hands dirty, this is for you! SFVAS offers an Audubon guided walk after the work. (Volunteer Walk Leaders always needed.) What is this all about? Please check the FoLAR website for latest details and sign up before attending this event.

## NOVEMBER 2026

**Sunday, November 1. Sepulveda Basin. 8:00—11:00 a.m.** Directions: Exit the San Diego Freeway (I-405) on Burbank Blvd. Go west about one-half mile to Woodley Avenue and turn right (north). Travel about one-half mile to the second possible right turn (at sign for the Water Reclamation Plant and Japanese Garden). Turn right and go east about one-half mile to Wildlife Area parking at the end of the road. Park in the lot and walk past the low, rock-faced buildings to our meeting place on the other side of the buildings. Leader: Alexander deBarros, Alexander.deBarros@sfvaudubon.org.

**Sunday, November 8. Beginner Birding. 9:00—11:00 a.m. at the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve.** We welcome beginning birdwatchers, families, and groups by arrangement. This is a great opportunity to learn how to identify birds, their behaviors, and needs. You will also learn about the outstanding and currently challenged wildlife reserve. Each walk will vary with the interests of the participants. Binoculars are available to borrow. Please do not bring any pets. Wear sturdy shoes, layered clothing, and hat with a brim. Water and sunscreen suggested. Directions: Driving on Woodley Ave. north from Burbank or south from Victory Blvd., go ½ mile and turn east at the sign for the Japanese Garden. Continue straight (don't turn into the garden) and drive past the cricket fields and around the tree in the middle of the road, continuing to the parking lot at the end of the road. Meet at the small amphitheater which is on the on the south side of the rock-faced buildings. GPS coordinates of parking lot: 34.179942,-118.472595. For more information, call Natalie Beckman-Smith at (818) 926–7825 or San Fernando Valley Audubon at (747) 237-3720. Heavy rain cancels. Please let us know in advance if you are bringing a group of people so we can provide enough leaders. If you have a large youth or special interest group we can try to arrange a walk at a different time to meet your needs.



**Thursday, November 12. Bird Sit with Nature Journaling, O'Melveny Park. 10:00—Noon.** If you would like to mindfully connect with birds and all of nature, join us at

O'Melveny Park—at the picnic tables near the bathrooms. (Rain cancels and moves it to the 3rd Thursday.) What to bring: a cushion or a comfortable chair, a beverage/snack, binoculars, a journal, and something to write/draw with. This event is limited to 10 people. To reserve a spot, contact Teri Carnesciali at teri.carnesciali@sfvaudubon.org. Co-leader: Mary Lou Sharp.

**Saturday, November 14. Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve Habitat Restoration. 8:00–11:00 a.m.** SFVAS is continuing to work with our partners, the Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) and the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) on the ongoing Habitat Restoration efforts in the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve (SBWR). This group gathers every Fourth Saturday morning to work and weed. SFVAS offers an Audubon guided walk after the work. (Volunteer Walk Leaders always needed.) NOTE: Start time may be subject to change. Please check the **FoLAR** website for latest details and sign up before attending this event.

**Sunday, November 15. Malibu Creek State Park. 8:00 a.m.** Meet at the second (lower) day-use parking lot. Entrance to the park is on the west side of Las Virgenes Road, just south of Mulholland Hwy. Entrance fee is $12 per car. Leaders: Katheryn Barton and David Barton. kathy.barton@sfvaudubon.org.

**Tuesday, November 17. Weekday Wander at O'Melveny Park, Granada Hills. 8:30—10:30 a.m.** Directions: Take the 118/Ronald Reagan Freeway and exit at Balboa Blvd. Turn north, driving two miles to Sesnon, turn left going west 0.6 miles, turn right at park entrance. Meet in the parking lot. RAIN CANCELS. Leader: Paula Orlovich, (747) 237-3720.

**Sunday, November 28. Hansen Dam Birding. 8:00—10:00 a.m.**



10965 Dronfield Ave., Pacoima. Dronfield Ave. intersects Osborne St. approximately ½ mile south of Foothill Blvd. Turn into the park on Dronfield, and meet near the ranger station. Accessibility is good for this site which is mostly on a packed dirt road. Leader: Pat Bates, pat.bates@sfvaudubon.org.

## Sepulveda Basin - LA28, Observation Decks, Lights, Plants, Trash, and More

*Pat Bates 9/9/2026*

Funding has been obtained from various sources, including $22,000,000 from the State of California thanks to the hard work of Assembly Member Gabriel and Senator Henry Stern to make a number of improvements in the Sepulveda Basin. Of immediate concern to SFV Audubon is funding for repairs to the collapsing observation decks at the wildlife lake. Additionally funds will be used for improved pedestrian accessibility at the north end of the basin, vegetation management, and other projects. Much more detail will be coming soon.



Councilmember Padilla is working on adding streetlights to the basin thoroughfares, sidewalks, and intersections, and has inquired about wildlife concerns. The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee (SBWASC) is reaching out for expert advice on this as to the type of light, direction, shielding, etc.. It should be noted that there are streetlights already along Victory, Balboa, and Burbank Blvd's, and Woodley Avenue but many have been vandalized and do not work. The lack of lighting in some of these areas has enabled illegal dumping and other unlawful and damaging activities.

The SBWASC received a presentation from LA28 on plans for 2028 Olympic events in the Sepulveda Basin—you may view the meeting and presentation using this link. The five Sepulveda Basin events will take place in the north-west section off the Woodley Lakes Golf Course and adjacent. The events are 3X3 Basketball, BMX Freestyle and Racing, Modern Pentathlon, and Skateboarding. It appears there will be significant restrictions on access to many basin locations and adjacent streets for the entire duration of the events. LA28 has reached out to the SBWASC for advice on possible impacts on wildlife and any protected trees in the area. We will be following up to ensure monitoring of wildlife and its habitat. This is also a good time to push for a permanent park ranger facility and more surveillance cameras in the basin!

Native plant restoration and invasive plant eradication activities continue in the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area—a cooperative venture between SFV Audubon, Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR), California Native Plant Society and our newest partner Recreate Educate Coadapt (REC). SFVAS will partner with REC for casual cleanups of Haskell Creek near the restoration site on October 3 and October 17, both from 8-10AM. FoLAR hosts the Great LA River Cleanup on October 10, 2026—sign up at FoLAR.org. The cleanup will be in the LA River west of Balboa Blvd. Earlier this year that area had a major clean out of debris and non-native trees and vegetation by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, so it will look much different than it has in past years!

# Sepulveda Basin Master Plan Revision

*By Pat Bates*

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is releasing the draft revised Sepulveda Dam Master Plan and Environmental Assessment on September 16, 2026. Please see the USACE Sepulveda Dam page for more information and to access the full revised plan when released.

From the USACE: "This draft is a revision of the 2011 Sepulveda Dam Master Plan and proposes updated classifications to federal lands within the Sepulveda Dam Flood Control Basin, outlines updated management and resource goals, describes the Flood Control Basin's ecological, environmental, demographic, and recreational context, and responds to comments received from the initial public comment period. All members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments and suggestions by October 30, 2026.



The Master Plan is intended to serve as a comprehensive land and recreational management plan with a life span of 25 years. It guides the stewardship of natural and cultural resources and the provision of outdoor recreation facilities and opportunities to ensure sustainability of federal land associated with Sepulveda Dam."

The USACE presented some aspects of the revised plan to the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee recently. One significant development is areas such as our Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve, which are currently classified as Environmentally Sensitive will be recategorized as Multiple Resource Management Lands - Wildlife/Vegetative Management. It also appears that the USACE is reclassifying the entire Los Angeles River, Hayvenhurst, Woodley, and the northern portion of Haskell Creeks and the entire "South Reserve" as Project Operations. Many of the basin areas which were previously classified as suitable for "Low Density Recreation" are now classified as "High Density Recreation" areas, which would allow for expanded commercial concessions.

Needless to say, SFV Audubon will be making comments on the draft Master Plan revision, including questions about some of the classification boundaries and the shift to High Density Recreation for so much of the area. We are concerned about maintaining the habitat value of as much of the basin as possible. The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area and the Bull Creek Restoration Area are of special concern to ensure the proposed Vegetation/Wildlife Management classification's permitted uses will support appropriate City of Los Angeles protection measures. There is also concern about continued accessibility to the Operations Areas for birding and other activities. Stay tuned for further information once we have the draft documents in hand, and certainly let us know your concerns.

## October 10, 2026

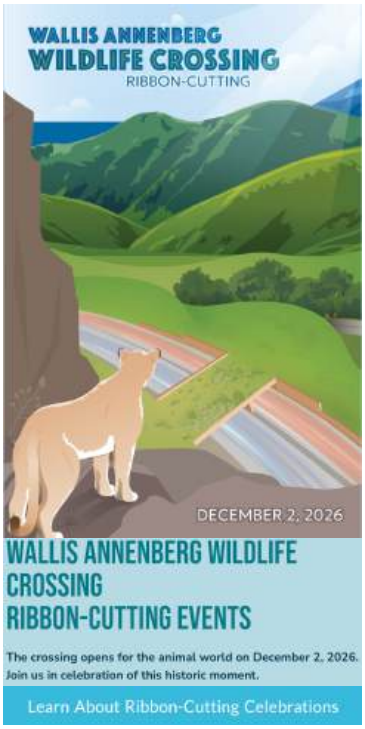
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5903 Balboa Blvd, Encino

9—11:00 a.m.

Register at FoLAR.org.

Join us at the Sepulveda Basin Athletic Complex, where wide fields meet one of the most important natural stretches of the River. This soft-bottom reach is home to tall willows, herons, egrets, and countless smaller species that depend on the Basin's wetlands. Working together, we'll clear trash and protect this unique urban refuge, helping ensure that the River's wildlife and the communities who come here to play, walk, and gather can share a cleaner, healthier space.



## Birds in the News

The birds of Southern California have certainly been featured prominently in recent national news stories. As chronicled elsewhere in this edition, our own Alexander DeBarros, while conducting a bird survey here in Los Angeles County, photographed an actual coyote carrying a deceased Greater Roadrunner, an encounter believed never to have been documented before. Taken on the day *Coyote vs. Acme* was released, the image and the story behind it intrigued both local and national media outlets.

Orange County drew its share of notice as well. A Purple Gallinule, a tropical wetland species more at home in Florida, the Caribbean, and South America than Southern California, attracted hundreds of birders to Irvine's San Joaquin Marsh. And when unusually large crowds of birders gather, reporters are rarely far behind. The sighting was covered not only by regional outlets such as the *Los Angeles Times* and *Orange County Register* but also was the subject of a two-minute iHeart audio report and a *CBS Evening News* segment.

But it was San Bernardino County's celebrated eagle nest in Big Bear Valley that dominated headlines for weeks. Here even the wildlife has a following. The best-known residents are Jackie and Shadow, although Kaydee is quickly joining the ranks of Big Bear's avian celebrities. Other familiar characters include Mr. B, Jolene, Fiona, and Freddie the Flying Squirrel.

Screenshots and livestream footage from the camera installed by the remarkable Friends of Big Bear Valley (FOBBV) in 2015 have long captivated audiences and journalists alike. Over the years, major outlets have featured the nest cam during snowstorms, hatchings, fledglings, and other dramatic moments. In 2026, the combination of a successful campaign to protect the eagle habitat, Jackie's sudden illness and death, and Kaydee's rapid rise to stardom generated unprecedented coverage.

The public response to Jackie's death was so extensive that Governor Gavin Newsom issued a statement of condolence, the California State Senate designated a day in her memory, and hundreds gathered in Big Bear Valley to celebrate the life of a bird they considered a family member.

Together, these stories demonstrate that the landscape of Southern California produces wildlife moments that capture the public imagination. Every rare visitor, nest cam, and unexpected encounter has the potential to spark curiosity and bring new birders to our pastime, our chapter, and our walks.—*Submitted by: Patricia A. Turner*

## Support our Los Angeles City Parks - Charter Amendment Measure PRK

*By Pat Bates 9/9/2026*

SFV Audubon endorses City Charter Amendment Measure PRK which will double baseline funding for our City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department (RAP) gradually over the next ten years. Most of us are aware of the issues with our parks—especially in relation to environmental protections, maintenance and enforcement issues. Our City parks are rated far behind those in other US cities, with billions of dollars in deferred maintenance, unfilled positions and lack of resources. How did we get here?

Nearly 90 years ago baseline funding for RAP of .0325% of the assessed value of all City property was mandated by the City Charter to ensure a protected and growing income stream. The rationale was as the value of all city property increased, the amount of funding for RAP would increase commensurately and park needs for an expanding community would be met. Two major factors have disrupted this scheme. First, in 1978 Proposition 13, which limits increases in assessed value to 2% annually, has resulted in a gradual but growing and significant disparity between aggregate assessed and fair market property values. The result of this is that the .0325% allocation has not kept up with inflation. Then came the great recession of 2008-2009. To help balance its budget the city began charging RAP a "General Fund Reimbursement" which is currently consuming approximately 50% of RAP's funding and has claimed over a billion dollars of baseline funding to date.



The Amendment Measure PRK increase in baseline funding is not a new tax, but rather a required payment the City must budget for. Measure PRK is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform our parks system to benefit park users current and future, improve and maintain infrastructure, rebuild its workforce including park rangers, and support habitat and wildlife. The measure will be on the November ballot - this is a choice that can make a real difference.

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Articles, letters, drawings, and photographs concerning conservation, ecology, birding, chapter activities, and articles of interest to the membership are welcome for publication in the *PHAINOPEPLA*.

Material from other newsletters or newspapers should include the source and date. Copy for the *PHAINOPEPLA* should be in the hands of the editor by the 3rd of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

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## Bird Sit Bulletin *by Teri Carnesciali*



Longtime chapter member Paula Orlovich has spent a lot of time at O'Melveny Park, participating in our monthly bird sit as well as leading a bird walk there the fourth Tuesday of the month. Whether someone is staying in one place for the bird sit or walking the trails on a bird walk, there's much to observe and enjoy there. Paula paints many of her observations and sometimes includes a poem. At the end of each session we share our journal entries, and that sharing is one of our favorite activities.



O'Melveny is our regular meeting place for our Bird Sit with Nature Journaling. In October we plan to meet up at Placerita Canyon Park instead. In November we'll be back at O'Melveny Park.

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