The SKIMMER

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Monthly Meeting

Thursday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the Tecolote Canyon Nature Center, at the east end of Tecolote Road, off I-5.

Our annual Potluck. Bring your favorite Solstice Holiday treats; San Diego birds are noted for their ecumenical spirit! .Also bring your favorite nature slides, and if Pete can't come up with a speaker, we can show pictures at one another. He has a tentative program on female ducks lined up; keep fingers crossed.

Next month's meeting: Thursday, January 20, same time, same place. Program to be announced.

## SDFO New Years Day Pelagic Trip

Our annual New Years Day pelagic trip will be held Saturday, January 1, from 7:00 to 10:30 a.m. , from Seaforth Landing, 1717 Quivera Road, San Diego. Cost is probably $10.00, payable at the dock, but this may change. Contact Stan Walens at (619) 450-0258 for more details.

## Area Christmas Bird Counts

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| SAN DIEGO | Saturday, 18 December | Claude Edwards (619) 563-6695 |
| ANZA-BORREGO | Sunday, 19 December | Robert Theriault (760) 767-3312 |
| SOUTH SALTON SEA | Tuesday, 21 December | Roger Higson (909) 880-6010 |
| RANCHO SANTA FE | Sunday, 26 December | Robert Patton (619) 560-0923 |
| LAKE HENSHAW | Monday, 27 December | Claude Edwards (619) 563-6695 |
| OCEANSIDE AREA | Tuesday, 29 December | Dennis Wysong (760) 754-1264 |
| ESCONDIDO | Sunday, 2 January 2000 | Ken Weaver (760) 723-2448 |

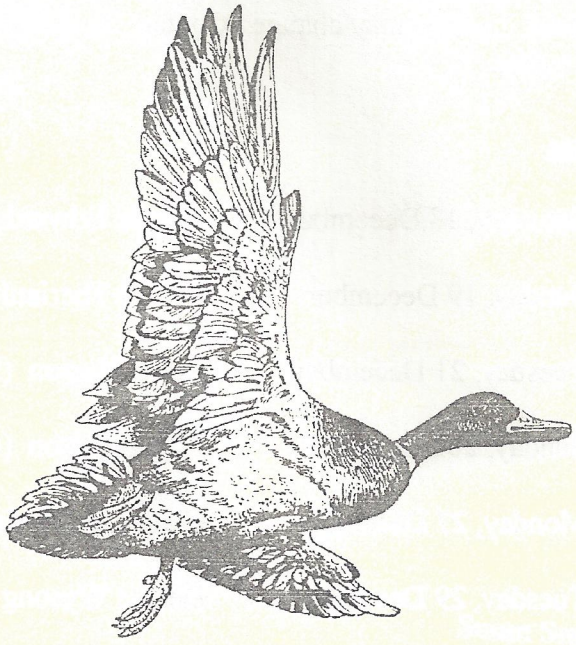
# UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU!

by Herb Young

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to conduct bird and nature walks at the Otay-Sweetwater Unit of the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge (that belongs to Uncle Sam).

The Otay-Sweetwater Unit wants to start up a bird/nature walk program on the refuge in the Jamul area (unfortunately, the refuge does not include the steel bridge--that is on a sliver of land pointing into the refuge that belongs to the State of California Dept. of Transportation or something). Can you conduct regular walks or be part of a team that rotates the duty? I know from my experience at Tijuana Estuary that it is very interesting to cover the same ground every week.

If you can be a regular or a substitute, call me, Herb Young, at home (281-6113) or at work (281-4343). When I get enough people, we will set up a meeting with the ranger Tom Roster at the Jamul office and work out a plan.



# MORE OCTOBER 1999 BIRD SIGHTINGS

## Compiled by Mike Evans

Due to a production error, last month's report of rare bird sightings was truncated. Here is the rest of the list.

| COMMON NAME | NO | PLUM | OBS DATE | LOCATION | REPORTER |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Green-tailed Towhee | 1 | | 10/9/99 | Pt. Loma Nazarene Univ., path, N of Dupont St. | Ginsburg, P. |
| Green-tailed Towhee | 1 | | 10/10/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., eucalyptus-wall (Sec E/O) | Worley, J. |
| Green-tailed Towhee | 2 | | 10/11/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., eucalyptus-wall (Sec E/O) | Worley, J. |
| Green-tailed Towhee | 1 | | 10/12/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., eucalyptus-wall (Sec E/O) | Worley, J. |
| Green-tailed Towhee | 1 | | 10/13/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., eucalyptus-wall (Sec E/O) | Conway, V. |
| Green-tailed Towhee | 1 | | 10/14/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., eucalyptus-wall (Sec E/O) | Willmann, P. |
| Green-tailed Towhee | 1 | | 10/22/99 | Pt. Loma Nazarene Univ., @ Garden St. fence Line | Worley, J |
| Tennessee Warbler | 1 | | 10/30/99 | Pt. Loma Nazarene Univ., gardener's shed, in Myopo-rum | Worley, J. |
| Northern Parula | 1 | | 10/31/99 | Lindo Lake Park, N-side E-pond, in willow trees | Unitt, Phil |
| Magnolia Warbler | 1 | M | 10/3/99 | Pt. Loma res. area, Silvergate Ave. | Worley, J. |
| Magnolia Warbler | 1 | | 10/8/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec. V | Ginsburg, P. |
| Magnolia Warbler | 1 | | 10/9/99 | Pt. Loma Nazarene Univ., gardener's shed | Worley, J |
| Magnolia Warbler | 1 | | 10/23/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., Sec D | Adams, Don |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | 1 | M | 10/2/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., eucalyptus-wall (Sec E/O) | Evans, M. |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | 1 | M | 10/3/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., eucalyptus-wall (Sec E/O) | Edwards, C. |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | 1 | M | 10/6/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., eucalyptus-wall (Sec E/O) | Foster, Brian |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | 1 | M | 10/7/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., eucalyptus-wall (Sec E/O) | Rogers, G. |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | 1 | F | 10/10/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec A-B | McCaskie, G. |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | 1 | F | 10/10/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec U/W | Richards, Dennis |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | 1 | F | 10/11/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec A-B | Worley, J. |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | 1 | F | 10/13/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec A-B | Rogers, G. |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | 1 | F | 10/17/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec A-B | Mulrooney, Brennan |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler | 1 | | 10/11/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E Dr., Sec. BM | Worley, J. |
| Palm Warbler | 1 | | 10/8/99 | Pt. Loma Nazarene Univ., path, S of Dupont St. | Johnson, Ginger |
| Palm Warbler | 3 | | 10/9/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec A-B | Coatsworth, J. |
| Palm Warbler | 1 | | 10/10/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec A-B | McCaskie, G. |
| Palm Warbler | 1 | | 10/13/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., Sec O | Ginsburg, P. |
| Palm Warbler | 2 | | 10/20/99 | Tijuana R. Vly, Myer's Rch | Rogers, G. |
| Palm Warbler | 1 | | 10/31/99 | Lindo Lake, West Lake, S-side, Lakeside | Mulrooney, Brennan |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | 1 | | 10/11/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec U | Coatsworth, J. |
| Blackpoll Warbler | 1 | | 10/9/99 | Pt. Loma res. area, Catalina & Garden/fig tree | Coatsworth, J. |
| Black-and-white Warbler | 1 | | 10/1/99 | Pt. Loma Nazarene Univ., gardener's shed | Evans, M. |

## More October Birds

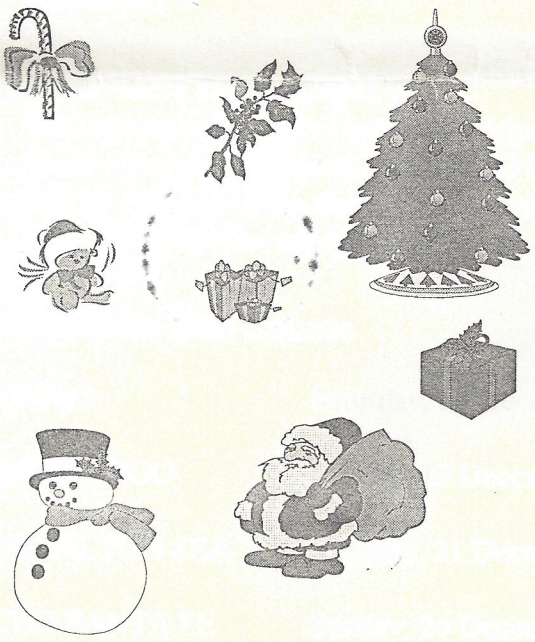
| COMMON NAME | NO | PLUM | OBS DATE | LOCATION | REPORTER |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Black-and-white Warbler | 1 | Imm | 10/2/99 | La Jolla, ca. Via Mallorca & Via Alicante | Parker, D. |
| American Redstart | 1 | fall | 10/2/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E Dr., Sec. G | Evans, M. |
| American Redstart | 1 | M (Im) | 10/7/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W-side, 3-4th Dr. S | Rogers, G. |
| American Redstart | 1 | ImM/F | 10/8/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec A-B | Ginsburg, P. |
| American Redstart | 1 | M, 1/f | 10/9/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec A-B | Coatsworth, J. |
| American Redstart | 1 | F | 10/9/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec A-B | Worley, J. |
| American Redstart | 2 | M,1/f | 10/10/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec A-B | McCaskie, G. |
| American Redstart | 2 | | 10/11/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec A-B | Worley, J. |
| American Redstart | 1 | | 10/13/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., eucalyptus-wall (Sec E/O) | Worley, J. |
| American Redstart | 1 | M | 10/16/99 | Guajome Reg. Park, post 9 | Ginsburg, P. |
| American Redstart | 1 | M | 10/24/99 | Salton Sea, ca/Wister Unit parking area | Revelas, Gene |
| Ovenbird | 1 | | 10/9/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec A-B | Coatsworth, J. |
| Ovenbird | 1 | | 10/10/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec A-B | McCaskie, G. |
| Ovenbird | 1 | | 10/12/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., Sec A-E | Worley, J. |
| Kentucky Warbler | 1 | M | 10/24/99 | Carlsbad Area | Ramswick, Ron |
| Canada Warbler | 1 | F | 10/12/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr. | Aguillard, D. |
| Painted Redstart | 1 | M | 10/16/99 | Pt. Loma Nazarene Univ., near Alumni Bldg., pines | Goldhammer, M. |
| Painted Redstart | 1 | M | 10/17/99 | Pt. Loma Nazarene Univ., S of entrance | Spain, John |
| Painted Redstart | 1 | M | 10/18/99 | Pt. Loma Nazarene Univ., S of entrance | Plunkett, Tim |
| Painted Redstart | 1 | | 10/19/99 | Pt. Loma Nazarene Univ., S of entrance, eucalyptus | Conway, V. |
| Painted Redstart | 1 | M | 10/20/99 | Pt. Loma Nazarene Univ., S of entrance, eucalyptus | Conway, V. |
| Yellow-breasted Chat | 1 | | 10/2/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E Dr., Sec. M | Evans, M. |
| Yellow-breasted Chat | 1 | | 10/6/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., eucalyptus-wall (Sec E/O) | Copper, E. |
| Summer Tanager | 1 | trans? | 10/21/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., Admin. Bldg. | Ginsburg, P. |
| Summer Tanager | 1 | | 10/23/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E Dr., Sec. BM | Adams, Don |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | 1 | F | 10/7/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., E-Dr., Committal Shelter | Rogers, G. |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | 1 | M/Im | 10/11/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W-Dr., Sec T | Ginsburg, P. |
| Baltimore Oriole | 1 | F | 10/10/99 | Ft Rosecrans N. C., W Dr., Sec. V | Richards, Dennis |
| Orchard Oriole | 1 | | 10/22/99 | Imperial Valley, ag. Fields??? | Zimmer, Jim |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | | banded | 10/30/99 | Lake Muarry, La Mesa | Barth, Joe |

## Where is the real page 6 and where are pages 7-9?

The management regrets to inform you that pages 6-9 containing the November bird sightings, were stolen by the Grinch along with the rest of Christmas. We hope to recover them and hand them out at the Christmas Party, December 16.

*(Or call Herb Young after the meeting, 281-4343–leave a message–and we will mail you one)*

Now for a Christmas Card from the Skimmer staff. We weren't sure what kind of Christmas you prefer, so you can choose your own card from the two samples below depending on your mood:



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