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## Review of Feral Cat Impacts on Birds

American Bird Conservancy (ABC) has published a new report, *Impacts of Feral and Free-ranging Cats on Bird Species of Conservation Concern: A Five-State Review of New York, New Jersey, Florida, California, and Hawaii*, which, for the first time, analyzes the effects that cats are having on some of America's most at-risk bird species at cat predation hotspots.

The five-state review illuminates troubling threats to endangered species such as the Florida Scrub-

Jay, Piping Plover, and Hawaiian Petrel, and other key birds such as the Painted Bunting, Least Tern, and Black Rail.

The report highlights the growing trend of so-called "managed" feral cat colonies that use Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) techniques, and their effects on birds, particularly at State and Globally Important Bird Areas. The evidence is clear: free-roaming cats are bad for birds. The report draws other important conclusions, perhaps most significantly that state and federal resources for controlling feral cats must be significantly increased in order to achieve the goals identified in Endangered Species Recovery Plans and State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies.

The report is available for download in pdf format from the

Cats Indoors! section of ABC's Web site, along with a host of other educational tools such as brochures, fact sheets, posters, a teacher's guide, print and radio public service announcements, and more. These materials are designed to be used in efforts by the public to educate neighbors, friends, clients, and others that cats and wildlife are safer when cats are kept indoors, and that humane, permanent removal of cats is needed to protect our native wildlife.

State and federal wildlife agencies, conservation and animal welfare groups, veterinarian associations, wildlife rehabilitators and thousands of individuals have supported ABC's Cats Indoors! Campaign since its inception in 1997. The report was made possible through a generous grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

For more information on the report or the Cats Indoors! Campaign, please contact Linda Winter, Director of ABC's Cats Indoors! the campaign for safer birds and cats, at 202-234-7181, ext. 201.

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## Welcome New Members

We extend a warm welcome to all new members. Subscribers to Audubon Magazine from our area are automatically enrolled in our chapter and receive the Chaparral Naturalist at no additional charge. You are welcome to all our events.

**Alta Loma:** Betty Balint, Jennifer Bailey, Donald Rowson, Joanne Tarbell

**Baldwin Park:** Charles Hardman, Maria Casillas Ramba, Dong Ring

**Chino:** James and Elizabeth Frie, Terry Reeser

**Chino Hills:** Alisa Wilson, Niles Rasmussen

**Claremont:** Mary Ann Barkey, Julius Calhoun, Jeannette Chapman, Gloria Cortez, Thelma Geller, Beth and Ken Higbee, Cynthia Kayer, Richard Smith, Tonya Wagstaff

**Corona:** Marta Harris

**Covina:** Barbara Blunden, Claudias Garden,

**Etiwanda:** Gale Steele

**Glendora:** Mickey Bjorklund, Angie Brooks, Diane Campbell, Bess Mechalas, Gene Miller, Mary Withers, Helen Wiebe

**La Verne:** Catherine Fugitt, Marion Hoyle, Peter Lee

**Mira Loma:** Melvin Bristol, Jeanne Kenlon

**Mount Baldy:** Angel Acuna

**Norco:** Louise Blondin, Mary Dowell, Susan Williamson,

**Ontario:** Loren Eldridge

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**Pomona:** V. Alvarado, Grace Baker Inge Miller, Luanne Myers, Madla Prochazka

**Rancho Cucamonga:** Michael Ayotte, Deborah Bagby, Gladys Fowler, Bobby Fox, Jill Coumoutso, Debra Salmi, Kathie Shimansky

**San Diego:** Joe and Nona Powers

**San Dimas:** Ann Randall, Nancy Williams

**Upland:** Ellen Brodie, Ronald and Susan Hoffman, Ardys Hunter, Miranda Wise

**Walnut:** Amber Brewer, Peter Chang, Han Hung

**West Covina:** Joe Lona, Audrey Lynberg, Florence Villasenor, Cesar Zamudio

## LOCAL DUES

Members of National Audubon receive our local newsletter, the Chaparral Naturalist, free. If you are not a National Member, your mailing label will have a red X on it and you should pay local dues of \$10/year to cover the newsletter cost. Dues are for our activity year of Sept. through June.

## President's Message

Each year in August we need to fill out the forms for our chapter's recertification as a member of National Audubon. We are to list our activities and accomplishments for the past year and present a Strategic Plan which indicates what we expect to do in the coming year. Since this is a good listing of our activities and conservation efforts, I thought it would be informative to share this with you. Remember, our chapter is run entirely by volunteers, which means your participation is what makes our chapter effective. You can support our efforts by

- ✓ Bringing aluminum cans, bottles and recyclable plastic to our general meetings
- ✓ Volunteering to supply cookies at our general meetings

We are also still lacking someone to greet members at our general membership meetings and hand out name badges, and someone to assume responsibility for setting up refreshments at these meetings. Both positions are essential to the success of our meetings. I hope to see you at our meetings and field trips this year.

Dan Guthrie



### HIDDEN VALLEY: The Song Sparrow

by Marcyn Clements

The fields are alive  
with the song of  
Melospiza melodia,  
defining his turf,  
proclaiming from the willow,  
from the wild radish, from  
the golden-headed mustard:  
All this is mine! And ladies,  
for just a small deposit,  
this prime piece of real estate,  
this divine view  
could also be for you!

## 2006 Flock Leader Award

### **Marcyn and Rick Clements** by *Karlene Campo*

Rick and Marcy have been Audubon members for 27 years. During those years they have participated in many chapter events in a variety of ways.

For many years, Marcy was a leader for Pomona Valley Audubon's beginner bird walks at Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens. She had a special rapport with people who were new to bird watching, sharing not only her enthusiasm for the pastime, but also her abundant knowledge of bird identification and behavior. Quite a few people active in our organization today got their introduction to bird watching by going on these walks with Marcy. She inspired people to learn more about birds, nature and conservation.

Marcy also worked as a preparer of bird skins and skeletons for many years at the Claremont Colleges. Many of her skins are still used as loans to teachers in the area.

Marcy is a published poet. Her poems have appeared in *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *Appalachia*, *Flyway*, *Eureka Literary Magazine*, and others. Many of her poems have been featured in our own newsletter, the *Chaparral Naturalist*. Her poems are often about bird walks she has taken and how she sees the natural world around her.

Rick gave of his time and energy to our organization by holding several positions. Over the years he was at various times a Board Member, Treasurer, and Field Trip Chairman. He has a tremendous knowledge of birds, and was always ready to share it with the people on the field trips he led.

Often he and Marcy would lead two or more trips a month. Rick has an easy-going way imparting his knowledge to you. Being on a field trip with Rick was like being in a fun outdoor ornithology/nature class; you really learned a lot about not only the birds, but almost everything you were seeing.

Rick also co-led trips of Pomona Valley Audubon members with Dan to Arizona and Texas. For many years Rick conducted a Breeding Bird Route along the Glendora Mt. Road. He also helped conduct our Christmas Census and surveys of endangered species along the Santa Clara River.

Rick wrote many interesting and thought provoking articles for the *Chaparral Naturalist*. He often wrote about the birding/camping trips he and Marcy took. Besides sharing with the reader the many birds, insects and wild flowers seen on the trip, he would write about the conservation of the area and what could or should be done to keep the area in a natural state, or how the area was being impacted and what the outlook was for the species there.

Today, Rick and Marcy continue to enjoy and study the outdoors. They've expanded their birding activities to also include butterflies, dragonflies and wild flowers.



### **June Potluck Recap** by *Bruce Strang*

On Friday, June 2, 2006 the PVAS Annual Potluck Dinner was held at the Alexander Hughes center in Claremont. Forty-eight members and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening which included a silent auction, the drawing for the spotting scope, the announcement of this year's Flock Leader Award and a beautiful slide show presented by our members.

The 2006 Flock Leader Award was presented to longtime PVAS members, Marclyn and Rick Clements. We were glad Rick could attend the dinner to accept this honor.

Mr. Lee Agee was the lucky winner of the Alpen Spotting Scope Package valued at \$500.00. We appreciate Alpen Optics of Rancho Cucamonga for helping us make this fundraiser drawing a success.

This year's Silent Auction was the most successful one ever! Karlene Campo collected and organized many interesting items, which found new homes with the generous winning bidders. Thanks to Karlene for all her work on this project and also to Hank Feilen and Nancy Strang for helping out at the auction table.

Gloria Slosberg and Liza Aldridge did a lovely job of decorating the tables and arranging for the door prizes won by several fortunate attendees.

Many members, including Kathy and Mayf Reaves, Susan Greene, Pam Kling, Dan Guthrie, Bruce Strang and Neil Gilbert all helped to make this an enjoyable event for everyone.

Please join us at next year's Annual Potluck Dinner!

# Pomona Valley Audubon Strategic Plan for 2006-2007

## Continuing Activities, Projects

- ✓ offer 10 membership meetings and programs on local conservation and natural history topics
- ✓ offer 3-5 field trips per month
- ✓ continue two beginners birdwalks each month, one at the Botanic Garden and one at Bonelli Park.
- ✓ conduct a birdathon in the spring
- ✓ conduct a Christmas bird census
- ✓ continue to supply owl pellets and information on owls to local school teachers
- ✓ continue offering our newsletter, with articles on conservation issues, with 5 issues/ year.
- ✓ continue working with the Endangered habitats League to protect southern California habitat
- ✓ continue sponsoring bluebird box trails in our area
- ✓ continue participation in a Statewide burrowing owl breeding survey

- ✓ continue to offer introductory bird classes at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
- ✓ continue sponsorship of a fund raising booth at the Claremont Street Fair, Village Venture
- ✓ continue aluminum, glass and plastic recycling at meetings to provide funds for Wild Wings, a local wildlife rehabilitation center.

## New Activities for 2006-07 Changes for 2006-07

- ✓ Develop bird lists for Mt Baldy Ranger Station and for Dalton Canyon.
- ✓ revitalize our web page to be up to date, and put our newsletter on line.
- ✓ reissue members address list and email list to members.
- ✓ seek additional volunteers for chapter activities.

## BINOCULATION

by Rick Clements

Binocular is defined as that moment when the image of a bird is coupled with the visual receptors in the eye via the instrument of coupling - the binocular. For many birders, it is the supreme moment of exhilaration, the consummation of all his efforts, the flash of ecstasy that climaxes the birding experience. For others, it is merely icing on the birding cake; a deliriously wonderful icing to be sure, but not required for satisfaction.

Binocular takes many forms. Perfect binocular is a crystal clear image in flawless focus at reasonably close range that affords accurate identification and immense gratification. It is the quintessential paradigm of binocular. In contrast, fractional binocular, that situation when a bird is in focus for something less than a fraction of a millisecond, represents the nadir of birding particularly if the bird in question is thought to have been a Bachman's warbler. Dysfunctional binocular is that embarrassing circumstance when an otherwise perfect binocular is misidentified. Among the commoner birds, Lincoln's sparrow is responsible for a disproportionate share of dysfunctional binoculars. Simultaneous binocular is, or course, when two birders achieve



binocular at the same time. While this experience can be a pleasant nuance, its fervent pursuit can be self-defeating. Group binocular is a shockingly common practice. During particularly lively group binocular, as when binocular with swans, it is not unusual for one binocular to obstruct the view of another in an act known as binocular interruptus. A common and most frustrating experience is partial binocular which seems to occur far

too often, particularly with warblers, when constant activity and intervening foliage permits only glimpses of individual anatomical portions. While partial binocular can be frustrating, it is the only reliable method of adding elusive tropical species such as antbirds, wrens, and tapuculos to one's life list. This accumulation of partial binoculars of various body parts is called composite binocular and can be extremely satisfying albeit time-consuming.

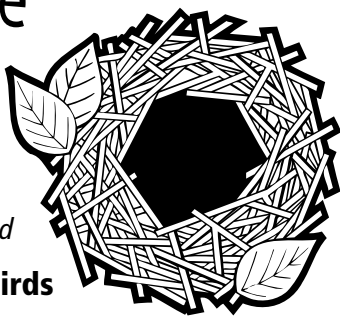
Several truths are associated with binocular. Everyone, save the visually impaired can, with a little practice, achieve binocular. Multiple binocular is a common experience for both sexes. In fact, I recall, with a trace of exhaustion, the last Birdathon when I attained in excess of 160 binoculars with Kathryn, Kathi, and Suzanne. Premature binocular can occur but, happily, is never

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# Birding Etiquette

(Adapted from the American Birding Association "Code of Birding Ethics")

*For beginning birders and long-birders alike, it's good to review some principles of birding ethics and*



## 1. Promote the welfare of birds and their environment.

- Support the protection of important bird habitat.
- Avoid stressing birds or exposing them to danger – exercise restraint and caution during observation, photography, sound recording, or filming.
- Limit the use of recordings and other methods of attracting birds.
- Before advertising the presence of a rare bird, evaluate the potential for disturbance to the bird, its surroundings, and other people in the area.
- Stay on roads, trails, and paths where they exist; otherwise keep habitat disturbance to a minimum.

## 2. Respect the law, and the rights of others.

- Do not enter private property without the owner's explicit permission.
- Follow all laws, rules, and regulations governing use of roads and public areas, both at home and abroad.
- Practice common courtesy in contacts with other people. Your exemplary behavior will generate goodwill with birders and non-birders alike.

## 3. Ensure that feeders, nest structures, and other artificial bird environments are safe.

- Keep dispensers, water, and food clean, and free of decay or disease.
- Maintain and clean nest structures regularly.
- If you are attracting birds to an area, ensure the birds are not exposed to predation from cats and other domestic animals, or dangers posed by artificial hazards.

## 4. Group birding, whether organized or impromptu, requires special care.

- Respect the interests, rights, and skills of fellow birders, as well as people participating in other legitimate outdoor activities. Be especially helpful to beginning birders.

### Group Leader Responsibilities [*amateur, professional trips, and tours*].

- Be an exemplary ethical role model for the group. Teach through word and example.
- Keep groups to a size that limits impact on the environment, and does not interfere with others using the same area.
- Ensure everyone in the group knows of and practices this code.
- Learn and inform the group of any special circumstances applicable to the areas being visited (e.g. no tape recorders allowed).
- Acknowledge that professional tour companies bear a special responsibility to place the welfare of birds and the benefits of public knowledge ahead of the company's commercial interests.

## Binocularation *by Rick Clements*

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a source of shame or embarrassment. In fact, it can be quite satisfying. For example, a while back we heard that an American redstart had been found in the parking lot of Cabrillo National Monument and we headed in that direction. Upon arrival, a flash of yellow in one of the ornamental trees enabled us to achieve perfect binocularation without even turning off the ignition.

From time to time everyone experiences the heartbreak of binocularation failure. I remember a certain humiliating episode concerning California's second record of red-headed woodpecker. Three times we went to Santa Barbara and three times we failed to achieve binocularation. Everyone I knew had seen the bird and a growing sense of panic was overtaking me. I was so ashamed of my failure that I even snuck off to Santa Barbara by myself a few times in hopes of regaining my binocularation ability. Alas, more failures. Then one day we tried again and for some reason I was relaxed and not making a big deal out of this woodpecker and it just happened--- perfect binocularation. Binocularation failure had happened before and will happen again (probably with increasing regularity as I grow older) but I know that worrying about it and placing an inordinate amount of importance on it, just makes the situation worse and that the important lesson is that there is a lot more to birding than binocularation.

# Field Trips (Continued from pg. 8)

**Sunday, September 24, 2006**

## **Bonelli Park Monthly Hike**

Meet at the Bonelli Park headquarters on Via Verde near the 57 freeway at 8 a.m. Leader: Rod Higbie

**Sunday, October 1, 2006**

## **Beginner's Bird Walk, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden**

Join us for our monthly (first Sunday, Sept. through June) bird walk at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens. Bring binoculars if you have them. Adults and children welcome. The walk is flat and slow and takes about two hours. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the front entry gate (north end of College Ave. north of Foothill Blvd. 1500 N. College Ave.) Leaders: Fraser Pemberton (909) 624-6451.

## **Tuesday, October 3 Prado Regional Park**

A half day trip to nearby Chino for fall migrants, returning water birds and vermilion flycatcher. Meet at Memorial Park at 7 a.m.. Leader: Dan Guthrie (909) 607 2836

**Saturday, October 14**

## **Galileo Hill**

A trip to our northern desert for migrants, vagrants and the beginnings of wintering birds. Meet at Memorial park at 7 a.m. and bring a lunch. Leader: Dan Guthrie (909) 607-2836.

## **Sunday, October 22 Bonelli Park Monthly Hike**

Meet at the Bonelli Park headquarters on Via Verde near the 57 freeway at 8 a.m. Leader, Rod Higbie



## **Saturday, October 28 Village Venture, Claremont Street Fair.**

Come and visit the Pomona Valley Audubon booth

### **PVAS FALL FIELD TRIPS 2006**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Sunday, Sept. 3 – Beginner's Bird Walk, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

Tuesday, Sept. 12 – Midweek Trip to Glen Helen Park. Leader, Dan Guthrie

Saturday, Sept. 23 – Piute Ponds and Antelope Valley. Leader, Dan Guthrie

Sunday, Sept. 24 – Bonelli Park Monthly Hike. Leader, Rod Higbie

#### **OCTOBER**

Sunday, Oct. 1 – Beginner's Bird Walk, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

Tuesday, Oct. 3 – Prado Regional Park. Leader, Dan Guthrie

Saturday, Oct. 14 – Galileo Hill. Leader, Dan Guthrie

Sunday, Oct. 22 – Bonelli Park Monthly Hike. Leader, Rod Higbie

Saturday, Oct 28 – Claremont Village Venture. Visit us at the Pomona Valley Audubon booth.

*One day and half day trips start at Memorial Park, Indian Hill Blvd at 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Claremont. Weekend trips usually meet at the destination on Saturday morning. Bonelli Park trips meet at park headquarters on Via Verde, just off the 57 freeway.*

#### **NOVEMBER**

Sunday, Nov. 5 – Beginner's Bird Walk, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 4-5 – Morro Bay Weekend Field Trip. Leader, Dan Guthrie.

Tuesday, Nov. 7 – Santa Fe Dam, Irwindale. Leader, Dan Guthrie

Tuesday, Nov. 14 – Bolsa Chica Preserve. Leader, Dan Guthrie

Saturday, Nov. 18 – Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena. Leader, Valerie Wheeler

Sunday, Nov. 26 – Bonelli Park Monthly Hike. Leader, Rod Higbie

#### **DECEMBER**

Sunday, Dec. 3 – Beginner's Bird Walk, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

Wednesday, Dec. 13 – Bonelli Park Pre-Christmas Trip. Leaders, Bruce and Nancy Strang

Thursday, Dec. 14 – Claremont Parks Pre-Christmas Trip. Leader, Dan Guthrie

Saturday, Dec. 16 – Annual Christmas Census

Sunday, Dec. 24 – Bonelli Park Monthly Hike. Leader, Rod Higbie

*Morro Bay*  
**Winter Bird Festival**  
 January 12 through 15, 2007



Every January, the Morro Coast Audubon Society, in collaboration with other local agencies, hosts the Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival. Field trips will take participants to a wide variety of habitats, including pelagic, oak woodland and riparian, wetland and estuary, and the unique grassland habitat of the Carrizo Plain. Workshops will cover a vast array of topics ranging from beginner birding classes to gull identification. Outstanding evening speakers will make presentations on Saturday and Sunday. A variety of vendors will be present with nature related artwork, books, field equipment and attire, and local merchant wares.

For more information about the Festival, check out our website at [www.morrobaybirdfestival.org](http://www.morrobaybirdfestival.org). Registration opens on October 1, 2006 and early registration is encouraged.

**2007 San Diego Bird Festival**  
**February 7-12, 2007**

The San Diego Audubon Society is sponsoring the 11th San Diego Bird Festival at the Marina Village Conference Center in Mission Bay. We have planned dozens of events including field trips, classes, workshops and vendor product displays. Our banquet keynote speaker will be Kevin Karlson, photographer and author of many books and articles and an active member of New Jersey Audubon.

For more information or to download the registration packet, please visit our website at [www.sandiegoaudubon.org/birdfest.htm](http://www.sandiegoaudubon.org/birdfest.htm).

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# Calendar and Field Trips

## Membership Meetings

Thursday, September 7, 2006

**Herb Clarke**

### ***"Birding Thailand"***

Olga Clarke's latest tour for Los Angeles Audubon was to Thailand. Her husband, **Herb Clarke** is scheduled to give a well illustrated talk about this trip. This should be an excellent introduction to the sights and special nature of this lovely country.

Thursday, October 5, 2006

**Nina Karnovsky**

### ***"Asking the Arctic Auks about Climate Change"***

**Nina Karnovsky**, a faculty member at Pomona College will present an illustrated talk on her work. This will be an excellent review of some of the latest climate change indicators and what they mean for our bird life.

Thursday, November 2, 2006

**Dan Guthrie**

### ***"Birding Southern Africa"***

President **Dan Guthrie** will present an illustrated talk about his trip last fall to South Africa. This should be a good introduction to the wildlife and conservation efforts in this country.

*Meetings are held in Bauer Forum of Claremont McKenna College. The evening begins with a bird identification session at 7 p.m. followed by refreshments, a short business meeting, and our evening program.*

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