



# Madrone LEAVES

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## Egrets and Herons Return to W. 9th Street

by Susan Kirks

The 2013 spring nesting season saw a return of Great White Egrets, Cattle Egrets, Snowy Egrets, and Black-Crowned Night Herons to their nesting spot on W. 9th Street in Santa Rosa, near Lincoln Elementary School and the site of Madrone’s annual Bird Festival. Audubon Canyon Ranch biologist Sarah Millus monitored nests for the North Bay Heron and Egret Project.



Photo courtesy of Susan Kirks

Santa Rosa Bird Rescue volunteers began the rescue of fallen chicks. Volunteers monitored the area almost hourly from May to August. Community members also called Bird Rescue when they saw fallen chicks. Once stabilized at Bird Rescue, volunteers then transported the birds to International Bird Rescue in Cordelia, where Jay Holcomb and his incredible staff and volunteers provided rehabilitation at their waterbird facility. Jay also banded each bird, and when they were ready for release, this year, they were

returned to Santa Rosa. (In the past, the birds were released around the Bay Area.)

The rehabilitated birds returned via large carriers and, thanks to City of Santa Rosa biologist Denise Cadman’s astute sense of good habitat, were released at a site along the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Mary Ellen Rayner, Executive Director of the Bird Rescue Center, would share news with all of us on her email distribution list – the birds were returning.

We met in the parking lot of the Laguna Foundation Headquarters on Sanford Road. Tom Reynolds came to many of the releases and took some great photos. The Press Democrat also published an article about the W. 9th Street nesting site, including the rescue and rehabilitation process. For me, going to some of these early morning releases and seeing



Photos courtesy of Tom Reynolds

the birds emerge from carriers, then fly to nearby trees, put life into perspective – it was a moving experience.

At last count, nearing the ending season, Mary Ellen reported 125 birds had been rescued, rehabilitated, and released.

This year, the City of Santa Rosa approved Madrone Audubon’s new nesting support project for W. 9th Street. We installed

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### SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETINGS

Monday September 16, 7:00 PM (Please note time change)

First United Methodist Church

1551 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa

#### “The Mojave Desert”

Join local naturalist Michael Ellis on a journey through one of the most beautiful deserts on the planet. During this slide presentation and lecture, we’ll visit the Mojave Desert. This remarkable area includes some of the most fantastic scenery this side of Jupiter. Limestone caverns, eerie Joshua Tree forests, booming sand dunes, rugged mountains, volcanic craters, Golden Eagles, desert tortoises, chuckwallas, coyotes, and abundant desert wildflowers are all found here. Don’t miss it!

Michael Ellis has a small travel business, Footloose Forays, which he began in 1983 while still in graduate school at San Francisco State University. The business, located at 1275 4th Street #311 in Santa Rosa, has grown through the years and Michael takes people on various natural history outings, ranging from four-hour night hikes to three-week adventures in Ecuador.

**COMING OCTOBER 21:** Dr. Claudia Luke, Director of Field Stations and Nature Preserves at Sonoma State University, will talk about her sustainability research projects, involving students and the public at the Fairfield Osborn Preserve.

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# September 2013 calendar

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE** exchanges information by phone and email as soon as possible when an issue surfaces. Please contact Diane Hichwa at 785-1922 or dhichwa@earthlink.net.

**Wednesday September 4, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

**BODEGA BAY.** Bird Walk. From the center of the town of Bodega Bay, drive north on Highway 1. Turn left at East Shore Road (the Bodega Head turnoff), turn right at the stop sign, and continue 0.3 mile to the unpaved parking lot on the right. Bring lunch. Rain cancels. Information: Tom McCuller, sisyphus@sonic.net, 546-1812.

**Saturday September 7, 8:00 AM – Noon**

**RAGLE RANCH REGIONAL PARK.** Ragle Ranch Road, Sebastopol. Join us to look for early fall migrants, as well as a wide variety of our familiar county birds. Meet in the parking area near the dog park. There is a parking fee of \$7.00, if you don't use a Regional Park Pass. Leaders: Gordon Beebe, 583-3115 and Bill Doyle, 483-8773.

**Saturday September 7, 7:15 PM**

**JUNIOR AUDUBON.** "Vaux's Swift Viewing"—we will enjoy the fall migration of the Vaux's Swifts at the Rio Lindo Academy in Healdsburg. See page 4.

**Wednesday September 11, 7:00 PM**

**BOARD MEETING.** Sonoma County Environmental Center, 55A Ridgeway Avenue, Santa Rosa. For agenda information, contact Susan Kirks at susankirks@sbglobal.net.

**Thursday September 12, 8:30 AM – Noon**

**SHOLLENBERGER PARK.** Bird Walk. Search for migrating birds at the Shollenberger Park ponds and wetlands in Petaluma. From Santa Rosa, take the Highway 116 exit (Lakeville Highway), go left under Highway 101, turn right at the South McDowell traffic light, proceed to the City Park sign, and turn right into the park lot. Information: Tom McCuller, sisyphus@sonic.net, 546-1812.

**Monday September 16, 7:00 PM**

**GENERAL MEETING.** Michael Ellis takes us on a journey to the Mojave Desert. First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa. Please see the front page announcement. The public is always invited to attend these programs.

**Wednesday September 18, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

**POINT REYES.** Bird Walk. We will search for fall migrants, vagrants, and early wintering birds. Meet in the parking lot across from the Bear Valley Visitor Center, which is just west of Olema. Bring lunch. Information: Tom McCuller, sisyphus@sonic.net, 546-1812.

**Saturday September 21, 8:00 AM – Noon**

**SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK.** Bird Walk. Parking fee (\$7) for non-permit holders. From Summerfield Road in Santa Rosa, go east on Hoen Avenue, turn left onto Newanga Avenue, turn right inside the park entrance gate, and meet in the parking lot near the restrooms at the top of the hill. Rain cancels. Leaders: Gordon Beebe, 583-3115 and Bill Doyle, 483-8773.

**Saturday September 21, 8:00 AM – Noon**

**JUNIOR AUDUBON.** We will take a bird walk led by Gordon Beebe, 583-3115 and Bill Doyle, 483-8773. See page 4.

**Thursday September 26, 8:30 AM – Noon**

**SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK.** Bird Walk. Parking fee (\$7) for non-permit holders. See directions above to Spring Lake, dated September 21. Information: Tom McCuller, sisyphus@sonic.net, 546-1812.

**Saturday September 28, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE.** An extra, earlier trip to the Point to search for fall migrants (our regular trip is scheduled for October 5). Meet at the Whitehouse Pool parking lot, near intersection of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Bear Valley Road, at 8:00 AM. Bring lunch. Rain cancels. Leader: Gordon Beebe, 583-3115.

**Wednesday October 2, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

**BODEGA BAY.** Bird Walk. See directions above to Bodega Bay on September 4. Bring lunch. Information: Tom McCuller, sisyphus@sonic.net, 546-1812.

**Saturday October 5, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE.** Our annual trip to the Point to search for fall migrants. See directions above to Point Reyes, dated September 28. Bring lunch. Rain cancels. Leaders: Gordon Beebe, 583-3115 and Ken Wilson, 665-5127.

## Your Duck is Dead—

*submitted by a California Academy  
Sciences docent*

A woman brought a very limp duck to a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?" "Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet. "How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around, and left the room. He returned a few

minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room. The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill,

which he handed to the woman. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!" The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."

### Are you a National Audubon member?

Please consider joining  
our local chapter,  
Madrone Audubon.

(see membership form, back page)



## EGRETS AND HERONS

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temporary fencing in an oval-shape under the primary nesting trees and filled that area with rice straw mats. This included covering two, closed, asphalt traffic lanes. The rice straw cushioned the falls of young birds, and the fenced area made capturing the birds to take to Bird Rescue a wee bit easier for volunteers. Also this year, the City of Santa Rosa installed caution signage for the nesting birds. Madrone Audubon hopes to apply for a grant to expand the median under the primary nesting trees on W. 9th Street to facilitate the urban habitat area. We will watch next year to see where the birds land to nest.

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## Cliff Swallows – Protecting Their Nesting Sites

by Susan Kirks

We deeply appreciate all members and supporters who have donated to help defray Madrone Audubon's legal expenses as we pursue justice for the Cliff Swallows. You may have heard our coalition was unsuccessful in obtaining a Preliminary Injunction through the US District Court, 9th Circuit. Native Songbird Care & Conservation, Madrone Audubon, Marin Audubon, Golden Gate Audubon, and Center for Biological Diversity filed a lawsuit in May 2013 to try and achieve the injunction. By then, over 100 birds had died. Two of four criteria for an injunction were met, but Judge Tigar did not rule in our favor. His published decision, however, noted our legal team (Meyer, Glitzenstein & Crystal and Animal Legal Defense Fund) raised relevant questions regarding environmental review related to Cliff Swallows and the Petaluma bridges.

Thus, in July, our legal team amended our claim to require the Federal Highway Transportation Administration to perform additional environmental review for a Supplemental Environmental Impact

Statement (EIS). Interestingly on July 19th, the defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss our lawsuit. Given the amended claim we filed, however, the Federal Highway Transportation Administration then submitted a letter to our legal team, stating they decided to reevaluate whether or not a Supplemental EIS on the Cliff Swallows issue is required, and they invited our comments. The original Motion to Dismiss by the defendants now is no longer applicable, due to our amended claim filed in 9th Circuit Federal Court.

The Petaluma bridges portion of the highway widening project continues for two more years. We will also continue litigation with the goal to ensure Cliff Swallows, migrating from South America to nest, will not meet the same fate again.

For more information, visit our website, [www.audubon.sonoma.net](http://www.audubon.sonoma.net) and also [www.nativesongbirdcare.org](http://www.nativesongbirdcare.org).

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## River Otters: Back on the Bay Area Map!

The River Otter Ecology Project, [www.riverottterecology.org](http://www.riverottterecology.org), is one year into a scientific study of North American River Otters (*Lontra canadensis*) to determine their range, population, and seasonal prey habits.

An **OTTER SPOTTER is YOU**, a citizen scientist who observes river otters and submits the information to this ecology project. Once we gather hundreds of such observations we will assess all the data and the status and ecology of Bay Area river otters, of which nothing is currently known. As of March 2013, over 330 observations have been submitted from across the Bay Area.

Please submit sightings on our website, click the **OTTER SPOTTER** icon and the form will pop up. Check out the interactive map to see the many otter spots all over the Bay Area.

Megan Isadore, Co-founder River Otter Ecology Project  
[www.riverottterecology.org](http://www.riverottterecology.org)

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## We Need Your Help

Are you skilled with a computer and have a little time to dedicate? If so, then please consider becoming our new **Membership Chair**.

Our membership data is currently in an Access database; however, past Membership Chairs used Excel. In the distant past, pencil and paper management did the task (but no suggestions of that now). Due to the large number of National Audubon and local Madrone Audubon members we serve, some computer skills are necessary. The new Membership Chair can tailor the membership information management to her/his skills.

Duties include: recording and updating address and membership data, providing mailing labels/file for *Leaves* newsletter, and tracking new and renewing local membership.

It is time consuming, no question of that. For the right person, this is an important labor of love to serve our entire membership, responding to questions and researching membership information.

Another position we would like to fill is **Publicity Chair** to make the broader public aware of our programs and activities.

A crucial Board position is **Treasurer**. This post requires maintaining financial records, but our finances are good, and we contract with someone to file our taxes.

Might you be the volunteer we seek? Or do you know of a friend or colleague who would be a good fit? If so, please call or email today: Susan Kirks, [susankirks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susankirks@sbcglobal.net), 241-5548; Diane Hichwa, [dhichwa@earthlink.net](mailto:dhichwa@earthlink.net); or Gordon Beebe, [gdbeebe@earthlink.net](mailto:gdbeebe@earthlink.net).



## Science at Shollenberger Park

by Gerald Moore

The Petaluma Educational Foundation (PEF) gave a Major Impact Grant for 2013-2014, funded by the Petaluma Chapter of Realtors, to the Petaluma Wetlands Alliance. The goal of this grant is to offer every third grade class in the Petaluma area schools the opportunity to participate in the in-class and in-field wetlands science program. Eligible



Photos courtesy of Gerald Moore

students are the 1,500 students from 50 third grade classes in the Petaluma River Watershed. Currently over half of these students attend our program, which runs over two half-days and meets the California science teaching (curriculum) standards for third grade. Thank you PEF and Petaluma Realtors for your support.

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## JUNIOR AUDUBON

by Scott Campbell

### Vaux's Swift Viewing

Saturday 7 September, 7:15 PM

Come see these tiny birds that fill the sky in huge numbers when they come to roost in the chimney on the Rio Lindo Academy campus during their fall migration in September. Last year we saw a Merlin try to attack, but was driven off by the Swifts. There is no need to register for this event, but if you have any questions, contact Scott Campbell at campbesk@gmail.com.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Highway 101, exit at Old Redwood Highway/Healdsburg Avenue, south of the central Healdsburg exit. Go north to Bailache Avenue, turn right onto Bailache which becomes Rio Lindo Avenue, and follow it about three miles into the Academy's main entrance. Take a left at the first stop sign and another left just before the dormitory. After about a half block, turn right toward the rear of the campus. The chimney is on a side street west of the athletic field. (Dress in layers as the weather may become cool later in the evening.) Please be respectful of the Academy property.

### Spring Lake Regional Park

Saturday 21 September, 8:00 AM to Noon

A bird walk led by Gordon Beebe, 583-3115 and Bill Doyle, 483-8773. There is a parking fee (\$7) for non-permit

holders. From Summerfield Road in Santa Rosa, go east on Hoen Avenue, turn left onto Newanga Avenue, turn right inside the park entrance gate, and meet in the parking lot near the restrooms at the top of the hill. Rain cancels.

The *Madrone Leaves* is published six times a year: September, October/November, December/January, February/March, April/May, and Summer. Deadline for the October/November issue is 5 September. Maximum length of articles is 600 words, unless you have received an exception from the editor.

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## We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Madrone Audubon Society thanks all of you who made donations in 2012. Your contributions will make it possible for us to continue with our valuable local programs and conservation work.

Madrone Audubon is a respected voice of the conservation community. We are able to influence environmental decisions both locally and regionally. We sponsor many regular events, outings, and special events, such as our Bird Festival at Lincoln Elementary School in May. Junior Audubon connects young people with nature and helps expand their horizons. We endeavor to provide educational and entertaining general meetings, enriched by the sharing of our members' experiences. The Petaluma Wetlands Alliance, committee of Madrone, relies on your support to strengthen their innovative educational and stewardship programs. We deeply appreciate your support.

Susan Kirks  
*Madrone Audubon Society President*



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## OUT & ABOUT

### The Bats of Northern California

*Thursday September 5, 7:00PM*

Mary Jean Quirk, President of Northern California Bats, will dispel the myths about bats.

Blind as a bat is a myth! We are surrounded by a variety of bats that play a very significant role in our environment. There are 1,100 species of bats in the world, and we know very little about them. Millions of bats are currently dying in the United States. Come and experience live bats and learn about this amazing and mysterious gentle flying mammal. The lecture is a partnership with Sonoma County Regional Parks. Location: Veteran's Memorial Building, 126 1st Street West, Sonoma; \$5.00 at the door.

### Ninth Annual Monterey Bay Birding Festival, Watsonville CA

*September 12 - 15*

Festival headquarters and registration for all activities will take place at the City of Watsonville Civic Plaza, 275 Main Street, Watsonville.

September marks the peak of fall migration, with wintering shorebirds arriving en masse. Warblers and other passerines are doing the same, and we even start seeing the first appearances of wintering ducks and other waterfowl. Meanwhile at sea, jaegers, shearwaters, and alcids are all present in great numbers. There is no better time to visit the Monterey Bay area to see the greatest number of species or find a rarity.

Designed for both seasoned and beginning birders, as well as outdoor lovers, the festival offers a unique opportunity to explore, learn, and appreciate world-class habitats such as the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Elkhorn Slough National Marine Estuary, and Pinnacles National Monument. Specially designed field trips will take participants to Big Sur and the Ventana Wildlife Society to witness the return of

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the California Condors. Join a pelagic trip by Shearwater Journeys to one of the world's most productive regions for albatrosses, shearwaters, storm-petrels, and more. Jump into a kayak and get closer to nature or take a scenic ride at Elkhorn Slough Safari. All field trips are led by top quality, friendly leaders.

The keynote speaker on Saturday 14 September, 7:00 PM, is Sophie Webb-Ornithologist, Artist, and Author.

For more information, call 831-726-8052 or visit [www.montereybaybirding.org](http://www.montereybaybirding.org).

**Lend a Hand on California Coastal Cleanup Day**

*Saturday September 21, 9:00 AM – Noon*

Every year, on the third Saturday in September, people join together at sites all

over California to take part in the State's largest volunteer event, California Coastal Cleanup Day. In 2012, over 65,000 volunteers removed almost 770,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from California's beaches, lakes, and waterways. Families, friends, coworkers, scout troops, school groups, service clubs, and individuals come together to celebrate and share their appreciation of California's fabulous coast and waterways. The event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by the Ocean Conservancy, which is the largest volunteer event on the planet. During 2013, we are mobilizing people all along the California coast to cleanup debris that was washed away from Japan during the March 2011 tsunami.

Coastwalk sponsors the Sonoma County cleanup on over 15 beaches and 8 inland sites. Register today to pick your site. For seasoned Coastal Cleanup Day goers, con-

sider becoming a Beach Captain. To register for a site or more information, call the Coastwalk office at 829-6689 or visit [www.cleanup@coastwalk.org](mailto:www.cleanup@coastwalk.org).

**Oroville Annual Salmon Festival**

*Saturday September 28, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM*

Every September, the streets of Oroville between Historic Downtown and the Feather River Fish Hatchery burst with fish-flavored activities during the Annual Salmon Festival.

On this special day Oroville celebrates the thousands of spawning salmon that annually make their way from the ocean back up the Feather River. Environmental education, music, salmon tasting, tours of the hatchery, and fun for kids and adults highlight this free event.

For more information, call Oroville Chamber of Commerce at 530-538-2542 or email [info@orvillechamber.net](mailto:info@orvillechamber.net).

MADRONE AUDUBON SOCIETY											
FUNDS STATEMENT											
Twelve months ended June 30, 2013											
	BOARD DESIGNATED FUNDS								RESTRICTED FUNDS		Total
	Operating	Sanctuary	Les & Evelyn Bowen	Conservation and Education	Land Acquisition	Bently Smith	Memorial	Total	PWA	Stewardship Task Force	
<b>Balances -June 30, 2012</b>	1,927.80	6,285.10	1,297.39	64,446.91	2,228.29	1,625.74	5,315.76	83,126.99	34,031.71	22,951.39	140,110.09
<b>Revenues:</b>											
Friends dues	15,246.00							15,246.00	1,675.00		16,921.00
Donations	2,470.61			3,320.00				5,790.61	2,680.00		8,470.61
Burridge award gift				500.00				500.00			500.00
Bird-A-Thon				9,277.94				9,277.94			9,277.94
Grants								0.00	6,900.00		6,900.00
NAS Sharing	5,485.75							5,485.75			5,485.75
Breeding Bird Atlas								0.00			0.00
Docent manuals								0.00	100.00		100.00
Miscellaneous income	443.82			1,786.17				2,229.99			2,229.99
Merchandise sales	194.01							194.01			194.01
Investment income	60.80	76.52	17.48	703.49		21.90	71.61	951.80	570.83	18.46	1,541.09
	23,900.99	76.52	17.48	15,587.60	0.00	21.90	71.61	39,676.10	11,925.83	18.46	51,620.39
<b>Disbursements:</b>											
Christmas Bird Count	997.32							997.32			997.32
Conservation				23,019.65	2,228.29			25,247.94			25,247.94
Education				3,751.99				3,751.99		400.00	4,151.99
Leaves	11,689.34							11,689.34			11,689.34
Migratory Bird Day								0.00			0.00
MMAS		605.33						605.33			605.33
Outreach								0.00			0.00
Junior Audubon	40.00							40.00			40.00
General Meetings	2,276.14							2,276.14			2,276.14
Publicity	267.69							267.69			267.69
Walkabouts/Field Trips								0.00			0.00
Website	1,000.00							1,000.00			1,000.00
Breeding Bird Atlas								0.00			0.00
PWA								0.00	3,013.28		3,013.28
Stewardship Task Force								0.00		7,000.00	7,000.00
Administrative	3,198.45			338.88				3,537.33			3,537.33
Membership	1,086.79							1,086.79			1,086.79
Fundraising	716.09							716.09			716.09
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>21,271.82</b>	<b>605.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>27,110.52</b>	<b>2,228.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>51,215.96</b>	<b>3,013.28</b>	<b>7,400.00</b>	<b>61,629.24</b>
<b>Excess (Deficit) Revenue</b>											
<b>Over Disbursements</b>	2,629.17	-528.81	17.48	-11,522.92	-2,228.29	21.90	71.61	-11,539.86	8,912.55	-7,381.54	-10,008.85
<b>Interfund Transfers</b>	17.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.13	0.00	0.00	17.13
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>4,574.10</b>	<b>5,756.29</b>	<b>1,314.87</b>	<b>52,923.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,647.64</b>	<b>5,387.37</b>	<b>71,604.26</b>	<b>42,944.26</b>	<b>15,569.85</b>	<b>130,118.37</b>



## AUDUBON ADVENTURES - 3rd-5th Grade Schools, a Gift from Madrone

by Marcia Johnson

“Audubon Adventures” is a resource kit published by the National Audubon Society. For many years, our Chapter has offered these educational materials to all 3rd-5th graders in Sonoma County at no cost to the school. This kit can be used across the curriculum and offers correlations to national language, arts, and science standards, PLUS student assessment material. Last year’s resource kit was entitled “Sharing Our Earth.” No detailed information is currently available regarding this year’s (2013-2014) kit. In the past, four separate magazines of 32 per set have inspired students with beautiful photos and lively illustrations. Also included were four stand-alone Educator’s Guides.

As education budgets have been cut drastically in the past, funds for environmental education programs have been limited. Madrone has helped fill this need. If you know a teacher, or are a teacher who has not used this resource before, information will be sent to each school through your District Office via the Superintendent’s office by mid-late September. If you do not receive any information, please contact Marcia Johnson at owlsnesttwo@att.net before December 2 to request a kit for your class.

If you would like to contribute towards an “Audubon Adventures” kit, donations will be greatly welcomed. The cost of a kit for use in a classroom is \$45. Please contact Marcia for more information.

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## Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary

All walks will be led by Dave Self, Plant Ecologist, Ethno-botanist, and Audubon Canyon Ranch’s Naturalist for the Mayacamas Sanctuary.



### Early Morning Wildlife Watch (for deer season)

*Every Saturday and Sunday, 6:30-8:30 AM, through September 22*

We will start 6:30 AM at Rob Roy Flat, a big pull-out about 25 minutes up the hill, just before you cross under the big power-lines. We’ll walk to see early birds, animal signs, summer flowers, and views.

In prior walks I’ve seen a fox, heard coyotes howling, saw a ring-tail cat, found fresh bear scat full of manzanita berries (where are they finding these?), and I’ve often seen two does with twins. Also there’ve been lots of beautiful views, usually looking down on fog-filled valleys.

### Following Threads: Fiber Plants on the Mountain

*Sunday September 8, 9:00 AM to Noon*

The walk will start at Little Sulphur Creek Bridge, about 30 minutes up Pine Flat Road. We will see a few Fiber Plants, learn of their ecology & stewardship, and maybe tend some. We’ll also bring old stems so you can learn basic string making.

### Access Orientation

*Saturday September 14, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM (+ Optional Hike 10:30 AM to Noon)*

We will start 9:00 AM at Rob Roy Flat, a big pull-out about 25 minutes up the hill, just before you cross under the big power-lines. This session will introduce you to the preserve, our rules, and qualify you to hike independently on the Sanctuary. The orientation session is outdoors, bring a chair or cushion to sit on if you like. You are welcome to stay afterwards to hike independently or join an Optional, Guided Hike, 10:30 AM to Noon, to explore some nearby areas. If you’re staying to hike, you’ll want to bring a lunch and water.

### Ethno-Botany with a Heart(h)

*Sunday September 22, 9:00 AM to Noon*

This walk starts at Schoolhouse Flat, a big pullout about 30 minutes up the hill, just onto the edge of Pine Flat. We will see and tend a few “Fire-Making Plants”, plus some hands-on experience rekindling a bit of Paleolithic fire knowledge, skills, and wisdom for the future.

### Oaks, Acorns, and Ancient Agroforestry for the Future

*Saturday September 28, 9:00 AM to Noon*

We will start at the junction of Pine Flat Road and Red Winery Road, about a minute east onto Pine Flat Road from the Jimtown Store. A close look at the nine oak species of the Mayacamas Sanctuary, their acorns and management – past, present, and future. We may also collect some acorns, depending on the crop, and maybe may an acorn buzzer or a top.

These programs are offered by Audubon Canyon Ranch. No preregistration necessary, and all hikes are free. For questions on these hikes contact Audubon Canyon Ranch at david.self@egret.org or 813-1055 (Friday thru Tuesday) or visit the Friends of Mayacamas Meetup [www.meetup.com/Friends-of-the-Mayacamas-Mountains-Sanctuary/](http://www.meetup.com/Friends-of-the-Mayacamas-Mountains-Sanctuary/). The Friends of Mayacamas Meetup provides a forum for discussions, sharing photos, and for coordinating group activities, and is more exciting and engaging than a monthly email. In general, heavy rain cancels, light sprinkles/drizzle okay. Summer days can get very hot, but summer mornings are sometimes chilly! Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Last minute cancellations due to weather or such will be posted on the Meetup, as well as updates and photos from the hikes.

Hiking with PERMISSION ONLY - Either join one of our guided tours or attend one of our Access Orientations (offered once each month).



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