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## TRINIDAD-TOBAGO IN THE BOOKS

(Hal Benham)

The PAS Trinidad and Tobago trip is in the books! Beverly Warburton, Gail Smith, Joan Buddenhagen, Sandy Bates, Penny Hernandez, Doug and Mickey Nail, Arne and Sunny Christiansen and Hal and Dianne Benham spent eight wonderful days viewing almost two hundred species of birds. Trinidad and Tobago is an English-speaking country comprised of two main islands just south of Grenada in the lesser Antilles. Christopher Columbus encountered Trinidad in 1498. The country's official language is English, but the main spoken language is Creole English, which reflects the Spanish, African and European heritage of the nation. We encountered truly lovely people on our trip and will always remember their courtesy and obvious pride in their beautiful land.

The trip began with the long flight to Port of Spain, the capitol. The group assembled at a hotel close to the airport and was met on Jan 7<sup>th</sup> by our guides, David and Mukesh, who would accompany us throughout our stay in Trinidad. We spent the morning traveling to the Asa Wright Nature Center where we would stay. Stopping along the way to look at birds, we spent time in lowland farm country and the surrounding countryside seeing mostly grassland and scrubland birds including Striped Cuckoo, Little Cuckoo, Yellow-headed Caracara and Black-crested Antshrike.

The Asa Wright Nature Center was to be our home for the next five nights. We arrived at lunch time and had the afternoon off to sit on the veranda observing birds at the feeders and to explore the grounds. The feeders were always packed with birds. Examples were the white-necked Jacobin, tufted coquette, copper-rumped hummingbird, violaceous euphonia, silver-billed tanager, little hermit and a host of others. The veranda also overlooked a beautiful forested valley where we could observe many other species as they flew across our field of view. A flock of crested oropendolas was building nests in a tree right over our cottages as well and we were never far away from the raucous calls of the orange-winged parrots in the mornings and evenings.

That evening we ventured out to the same farmland we had visited during the day, but what a difference it made!

The incredible calls of night insects, thousands of fireflies, common potoos, white-tailed nightjars, paraques and tropical screech owls made this evening really an experience to remember!

The next two days saw us birding the highlands with David and Mukesh as expert guides. We filled out our hummingbird list quite nicely with species not usually associated with feeders such as the green-throated mango, green hermit and long-billed starthroat. We saw the white-tailed trogon and the collared trogon as well. Can't forget the white-bearded manakin and the golden-headed manakin and fifteen species of flycatchers! And then there was the bearded bellbird....an amazing sound, like hitting a steel pipe with a hammer is the closest one can come to the call of this species. The call travels for long distances and could sometimes be heard from the veranda at Asa Wright as well.

On January 11<sup>th</sup> we were led to the oilbird roost. Oilbirds are the only nocturnal birds that feed exclusively on fruit. They have huge eyes and a wide wingspan. They roost in colonies in caves, and in this case, a narrow, steep walled gorge. It was fairly difficult to get to, but well worth it, as this species was a life-bird for all of the group. We got excellent views of this unique bird, which made the long climb back to the lodge worth it.

That same evening, the group traveled to the Caroni Swamp, a saltwater mangrove forest. Traveling by boat, we journeyed to a mangrove island, arriving in late afternoon, just before dusk. There we witnessed the incredible sight of thousands of scarlet ibis coming in to their roost. It was a perfect evening: blue sky, pink clouds bright green mangrove foliage and absolutely stunning BRIGHT RED ibis streaming overhead. It was an amazing sight, a truly moving experience—one that none of us will ever forget.

Early on Jan 12<sup>th</sup> we departed the Asa Wright Center and drove back to the airport for the 20-minute flight to Tobago. We arrived in a torrential downpour an hour

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## A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

*Doug Nail*

**W**ow, that Trinidad-Tobago Trip was really fantastic! Thanks to Hal and Dianne Benham for all they did to make this trip so rewarding. 190 species, beautiful scenery and good food and lodging made this trip really special. The local guides were fantastic. If you want to hear and see more, come to our next meeting on February 24 and I will give you all the specifics about the places, people and above all, the beautiful birds we saw. Bring a friend, it's free!!



I want to take a minute here to express my thanks to Gill Moreland for all the work she has done with and for Palomar Audubon. Gill has volunteered her services as "the person" in charge of getting Band Tales folded and mailed for the last ten years. She put together a team of folks who have undyingly gotten Band Tales out the door...on time every time. The Palomar Board unanimously approved a gift of an Apple I-Touch and some birding software so Gill can continue her birding as now she will have a "little" more time to do what she loves.

The first thing I did when we got back from Trinidad was to check SDbirds for what we might have missed. There are a lot of good birds over-wintering in San Diego County this year. There have been reports of Black-throated Blue, Hermit, Black-throated Green, Yellow-throated, Chestnut-sided, Palm and Prairie Warblers, American and Painted Redstarts, Hepatic, Summer and Western Tanagers to name most. I'm not sure it is because there really are more birds around or we have so many good birders out there looking and finding all these birds. Anyway, I hope you all will take some time and get out there and see some of them.

Just a reminder we are looking for a Program Chair, Merchandizing Chair and Education Chair. If you'd like to play a more active role in Palomar Audubon, please give me a call at 760-451-9370.

Good birding!

*Doug*



### *TRINIDAD-TOBAGO, from Page 1*

earlier than scheduled and had to wait under the overhang for our driver and guide, Gladwyn, to arrive. He was to drive us to the Blue Waters Inn and guide us as well. The rain did slacken and we were able to get in a couple of pretty good days of birding viewing white-cheeked pintail, ruby topaz hummingbird (a stunner!), scrub greenlet, blue-backed manakin and white-tailed sabrewing to name a few. Our hotel, the Blue Waters Inn, was excellent, with an ocean view from all rooms, a lovely beach and good food as well. We were well taken care of!

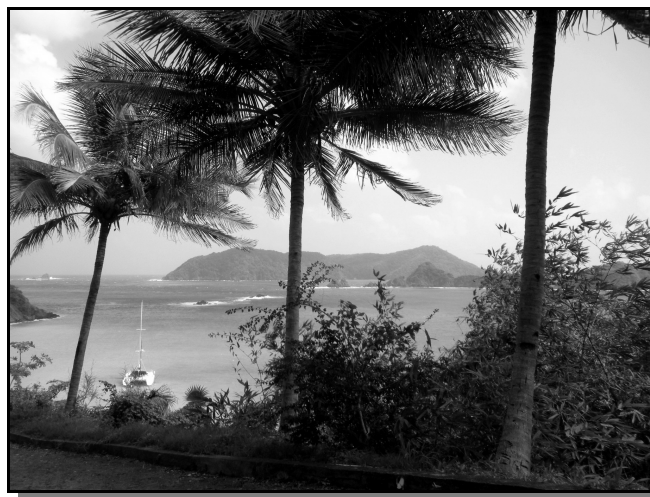
Our last day in Tobago involved traveling by small boat to Little Tobago Island located about ½-mile offshore from our hotel. The water was fairly rough and it was a bit windy, so several people stayed onshore.

Disembarking from the boat was, to say the least, a real challenge as the boat rocked and swayed against an old pier on the island. However, all of the group made it safely and commenced a short but steep climb to the high vantage point where we could do our observation. The view was just incredible, with scores of red-billed tropicbirds, frigatebirds and brown and red-footed boobies (3 color morphs!). Our guide showed us a nesting tropicbird just off the trail as well. Quite a show, for sure! And then, we had to get back on the boat—just as hard as getting on! But we all made it.

After lunch Gladwyn drove us back to the airport for our trip back to Trinidad. After our flight, we spent a final night at the Holiday Inn Express and jetted home on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

And finally, the top 5 birds as voted upon by the group: 1) Scarlet Ibis (overwhelming choice), 2) Tufted Coquette, 3) Red-tailed Tropicbird, 4) Blue-crowned Motmot and 5) Blue-backed Manakin.

It was a truly memorable trip. Lots of lifers, lots of fun with our friends. To see the entire bird list, visit the PAS website. There will be a link to a YouTube video of the trip as well.



(left: T&T group; right: view of Little Tobago Is. from Blue Waters)

## IT'S RIGHT THERE... IN THE GREEN TREE!

(from an article by Chuck Almdale & Lillian Johnson,  
birders from the Los Angeles Area.)

**For many of us birding is both fun and art.** As with any art, the better you get, the more you enjoy it and vice versa. But like any art, there are certain techniques you can learn that will enhance both your enjoyment and ability to share that enjoyment with others. Many of these techniques and skills are covered in field guide introductions or magazine articles. Neglected - until now - is the skill of getting others onto the bird you've found. The joy of finding a new, interesting or beautiful bird increases when you share it with others. But you can't share the joy if you can't help others find the bird. In our years of birding, we have personally made and witnessed others make every single error mentioned below, and we find the five suggested techniques to be the most useful and easily learned.

### Five Basics Points

**Scope:** If you have a scope, it's easy to put it on the bird and let others look through it. This works well with birds like shorebirds, ducks or resting raptors which don't move around quickly; it's nearly useless with birds flitting through foliage. When the bird is cryptic, partially hidden or distant and small, give useful additional hints: look in the upper left portion of the field of view; behind that vertical snag, at the base of the red rock. Knowing which part of the scope's view contains the bird can quickly ensure a useful look.

**Make sure they are looking in the same direction as you are:** If possible, just glance around. Birders are often looking in completely different directions while arguing about what they're seeing. This happens so frequently that it's a standing joke. A quick, "Stand behind me and look where I'm looking," can at least get them into the general area.

**Clock face:** In many situations, using a clock face can aid speedy location. In an open area, twelve o'clock is always straight ahead, six is directly behind, three and nine are 90 degrees right and left, respectively. Other hours fall in between. For a vertical object such as a tree, twelve is the top, three is 1/2 way down on the right side, and so on. On a boat or in a car (or line of cars), twelve is always straight ahead down the road, six is straight behind down the road, and so on. It should go without saying (but won't) that 12 o'clock is *not* simply the direction in which you happen to be looking at that moment. If you're young and don't know how to read an analog clock, now is a good time to learn.

### What Not To Say

There's no end to the list of unhelpful, frustrating and irritating directions one might give. And - like speaking to someone in a foreign language - emphasis, raising your voice and waving your arms around does little more than scare away the bird.

Here is a small sampling: It's right there. Just look. Over there. *IT'S RIGHT THERE!* There! No, there! Are you blind? It's right behind the green leaf. Some useless directions are situation specific. For example: out there in the grass (in a large grassy field); on the phone wire (in a city forest of wires); on the pole (with dozens of phone poles stretching off to the horizon); on the bush (in the chaparral); on the water (from the beach). And the ever-favorite classic, frequently heard in the forest: it's in the tree, the *green* tree. You get the idea.

Getting into details of distance and size can mislead. "A foot high bird on a 100-foot boulder 500 yards away," can be really misleading when the bird is really a Rock Wren 50 yards away on a car-size boulder.

When your knowledge of vegetation, rocks, soil, clouds and so forth is better than average, it's easy to assume your audience knows what you know. "It's in the *Phalanopsis* growing by the *Dichrodendria* next to that crumbled intrusion of frantitactic gneiss," can be as useless as saying "over there" to the person who cannot identify those objects. Common English is best.

And if you want to *really* irritate your birding mates, just give a lengthy description of the bird before giving *any* clue as to where you're looking. Make sure you pop in such exclamations as, "Oooh....Wow...what IS that?... It's soooo beautiful....Pleease tell me what it is!", *ad nauseam*, finishing up with "well...it's....geee...how can I - whoops!, it just took off! You missed it? Are you blind? It was right there...in the green tree!"

*I'm definitely guilty of this one! (ed: and who amongst us isn't?)*

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## PAS PICNIC'S A-COMIN'!

**(NOTE CHANGE FROM NEWSLETTER!!)**

The Annual Palomar Audubon Society Picnic is fast approaching. Put **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar now so you don't miss this year's bash. Bert and Sharon Kersey have generously offered their wonderful home as this year's location. **This is one not to be missed.** Additional information will be included in the next issue of Band Tales, but save this date NOW!

# FIELD TRIPS

*Jim Beckman*

Whether a seasoned birder or a beginner, you are welcome to join us. For more information call the trip leader shown below. Heavy rain cancels trips. Locations in Thomas Guide Coordinates are shown in parenthesis as (Page-Column Row). Ratings: 1=easy, suitable for all levels, 2=moderate, a bit more walking and possibly some hilly terrain, 3=challenging, longer hikes and may involve some steep terrain.

Saturday, March 5

## San Diego Bird Festival – No Field Trip

Saturday, March 12, 8:30 a.m.

### Santee Lakes

Santee

**(1231-A5) Rating: 2**

From I-15 go east on Highway 52. Exit at Mast Boulevard. Continue east on Mast Boulevard to Fanita Parkway. Turn right and continue south to the entrance to Santee Lakes on your right. Car entry fee is \$5.

**OR** from Mast Boulevard, turn left on Fanita Parkway and continue north to Lake Canyon Drive. Turn right, park and walk in the open gate for free. Meet in the parking lot by the General Store between lakes 4 & 5.

Leader: Jeff Ebright

858-484-3932

Saturday, March 19, 8:30 a.m.

### San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Riverside County

**(RC 749-B4) Rating: 2**

From San Diego County take I-15 north to I-215. Exit at the Ramona Expressway right (east). Continue east to Lakeview (a small town) At the traffic signal turn left (north) on Davis Road. Proceed on the asphalt and gravel road for three miles to the SJWA headquarters parking lot on the right. From Escondido allow 75 minutes drive time.

Leader: Sally Sanderson

760-749-6995

Saturday, March 26, 8:30 a.m.

### Whelan Lake Bird Sanctuary

Oceanside

**(1066-F7) Rating: 2**

From Highway 78 west, exit north on El Camino Real and continue to Douglas Drive. From I-5 north exit east on Highway 76 and continue to the Douglas Drive exit. Take Douglas Drive north approximately 1 mile and turn left on North River Road to the entrance gate at the end. Ignore the no trespassing signs. Continue west on the dirt road to the caretaker's house and the parking area.

Leader: David Mathis

760-754-5215

Saturday, April 2, 8:30 a.m.

### Lake Hodges

Del Dios

**(1149-E4) Rating: 2**

From I-15 in Escondido exit at Via Rancho Parkway and drive west to Lake Drive. Turn left and drive about 1/2 mile. Meet at Del Dios Park across from the Country Store. We should see waterfowl, shorebirds and a whole host of local residents.

Leader: Jeff Ebright

858-484-3932

Saturday, April 9, 8:30 a.m.

### Tijuana Estuary & 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Imperial Beach

**(1349-F1) Rating: 2**

Travel south on I-5 from San Diego and exit west on Coronado Avenue, which becomes Imperial Beach Boulevard. Turn left on 3rd Street to Caspian Way and then right to the Visitor Center parking lot. We'll bird the Estuary and then check for additional species at 7<sup>th</sup> Street on South San Diego Bay.

Leader: Jim Beckman

858-205-2819

Saturday, April 16, 8:30 a.m.

### Old Mission Dam

San Diego

<http://www.mtrp.org/park.asp>

**(1230-F6) Rating: 2**

Take Highway 52 east to the Mast Boulevard exit in Santee. Turn north/east onto Mast Boulevard. and then right at the 1st traffic signal (West Hills Parkway). Take West Hills Parkway to Mission Gorge Road and turn right. Take Mission Gorge Road 0.2 miles and merge right onto Father Junipero Serra Trail. Proceed 0.7 miles down Father Juniper Serra Trail to the Old Mission Dam parking lot, located on the right. This should be prime time for spring migrants.

Leader: Penny Hernandez

760-746-8315

Saturday, April 23, 8:30 a.m.

### Big Morongo Canyon Preserve

Morongo Valley, San Bernardino County

<http://www.bigmorongo.org/>

**(SB 616-J5) Rating: 1**

From Escondido, proceed north on I-15 for approximately 36 miles to the I-15/I-215 split in Murrieta. Change to I-215 north and continue about 30 miles to Highway 60 east. Take Highway 60 east then continuing east on I-10 to Highway 62, approximately 40 miles. Go north on Highway 62 to Morongo Valley (a small town), about 12

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miles. About a mile or two into town, look for signs for Big Morongo Canyon Preserve. Turn right (south) on East Drive, a dirt road, to the Preserve. The parking lot is just beyond that. Picnic tables and restrooms are available. In the caretaker's yard, several hummingbird and seed feeders will attract many birds for your enjoyment. This location is always a spring hot spot and favorite PAS field trip. Bring a lunch for an after birding picnic at the bird feeders. Allow 2 hours travel time from Escondido.

Leader: Doug Nail  
760-451-9370

Saturday, April 30, 8:00 a.m.

**(Note new Spring/Summer start time)**

**Dairy Mart Pond/Tijuana River Valley**

San Diego

**(1350 – D5) Rating: 2**

From North County, take the I-15 south and merge with the I-5 south to the Dairy Mart Road Exit. Turn right on Dairy Mart Road (south). Meet just past the concrete bridge next to the large pond on the west side of Dairy Mart Road. We will also caravan a short distance to the TJRV Park Headquarters (public restroom and bird feeders) and then visit the nearby Bird & Butterfly Garden, where there is a chance of seeing the elusive Black-throated Magpie Jay.

Leader: Jim Beckman  
858-205-2819

Saturday, May 7, 8:00 a.m.

**Daley Ranch**

Escondido

**(1110-C3) Rating: 2**

From I-15 in Escondido, exit at El Norte Parkway and drive east approximately 3 miles. Look for the "Daley Ranch/Dixon Lake" signs and turn left on La Honda Drive. Continue north toward Dixon Lake and on to the free Daley Ranch parking area on your left. Meet at the trailhead kiosk.

Leader: David Mathis  
760-754-5215



## PROGRAMS

*Please join us for our interesting monthly program and refreshments at the Remington Club, 16916 Hierba Drive, Rancho Bernardo. There is a social period beginning at 7:00 pm with the meeting and program getting under way promptly at 7:30 pm.*

Thursday, March 24

**SARA MOTHERAL**

**"Cactus Wren Habitat Restoration Project"**

Sara Motheral, Research Technician in Applied Plant Research at the San Diego Zoo, will discuss and show slides of the habitat restoration project underway at the San Diego Wild Animal Park. Sara and her colleagues, along with a group of volunteers, have been in the process of re-establishing the cactus habitat destroyed by fires several years ago in and around the Wild Animal Park. They are also diligently working on assessing the Cactus Wren population in this area to see what the consequences will be to the Cactus Wren population in the future. Please join us to hear more about this intriguing program and the progress they are making. Remember, it's free!



Thursday, April 28

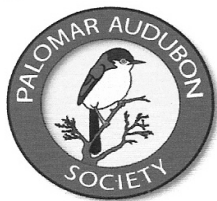
**Dave Bittner**

**"Tracking Golden Eagles"**

Dave Bittner, Executive Director of the Wildlife Research Institute, will be our guest speaker. Dave, a good friend of Palomar Audubon, will speak to us about tracking Golden Eagles using satellite telemetry to gain even more knowledge of the distances covered by Golden Eagles as they define and defend their territories on a daily basis and as some migrate long distances. Dave's commitment to defending habitat for the preservation of raptors, especially Golden Eagles, is unmatched.

Dave will connect his group's efforts to WRI's mission and hopefully to Palomar Audubon's donations to the Wildlife Research Institute. Please come and meet Dave and listen to his knowledge and enthusiasm for what he and his group are so diligently working on.





## Palomar Audubon Society

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Dear Members and Friends,

This has been a great year for Palomar Audubon Society! **What has made it great is the support of our members and friends.** We look forward to an even more successful year in 2011. For this, **we need your continuing help.** As an organization, we would like to encompass additional events, projects and people. The best way to do this is to present programs that will appeal to the interests of a wide variety of members.

**Some of our accomplishments in 2010 and plans for 2011 are:**

**BIRD WALKS** – We had 48 Saturday bird walks with over 900 participants. On average over 50 bird species were observed on each walk and all areas of San Diego County were visited. We continue to look for new areas to bird and to develop new walk leaders.

**PROGRAMS** – We had 7 programs on a variety of subjects presented at monthly membership meetings. Presenters ranged from experts in their field to PAS members.

**SCHOLARSHIP** – Kenny Kimbrough was the recipient of the PAS 2010 Scholarship Award. Kenny attended the week long ABA Young Birders' Conference in June in Colorado. Kenny found the conference enriching and shared his experience with our membership at an informative program. We plan on continuing the scholarship for 2011 and have identified a worthy recipient for a camp in Arizona. If possible we would like to sponsor a second child this year to one of the four available camps.

**BIRD COUNTS** - We participated in the Escondido Christmas Bird Count to gather yearly census information. The count in December was very successful with a high level of participation. PAS provided lunch for all the participants.

**PUBLICATIONS** - We continue to publish "Band Tales", our newsletter, which keeps our membership informed of our meetings, programs, weekly bird walks and items of environmental interest. We are now providing an online copy of "Band Tales" at our website.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT** - We donated to the following organizations in 2010: Wildlife Research Institute in Ramona, San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, and Escondido Creek Conservancy. For the Wildlife Research Institute, we sponsored the purchase of a GPS device to track a Golden Eagle. We plan on making similar donations in 2011. We are also exploring ways we can provide additional non-monetary support to these worthy organizations in our community.

**BIRDING TRIPS OUTSIDE COUNTY** – We plan to continue offering these birding trips to our members. We had a very successful trip to Trinidad/Tobago this past January.

We are successful as an organization only with your help. The **MAJOR** support for all of our programs and activities comes through your generous donations. If each one of our members donates only \$10, we would meet our financial goals and be able to continue to provide a vibrant and interesting organization for your enjoyment. We hope we have made our case and you will respond using the enclosed envelope. Please make your check to Palomar Audubon Society. We are a 501(c)3 organization, so your gift qualifies as a charitable donation.

**Thank you for your support.**

The Board of Directors, Palomar Audubon Society

## Palomar Audubon Society Chapter-only Membership

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## CONSERVATION NOTES

*Char Glacy*

### SOME GOOD NEWS FOR OPEN SPACE IN ESCONDIDO

The California Wildlife Conservation Board granted the Escondido Creek Conservancy \$3.5 million to purchase 418 acres on Bottle Peak. This area at the headwaters of Escondido Creek is a pristine landscape that will be preserved for generations to come. The Escondido Creek Conservancy will be responsible for the ongoing management of the property.

In 2010, we made a donation to support the efforts of the Escondido Creek Conservancy and as a member of Palomar Audubon, I am proud to see our continued support of organizations that work successfully for conservation. They now have an opportunity to leverage contributions since an anonymous donor through the San Diego Foundation committed to match donations up to \$100,000.

As you think about your future donations to Palomar Audubon know that they do make a difference to conservation in our local areas including Escondido and the Ramona Grasslands.

### THANK YOU "BAND TALES" FOLDERS

*Gill Moreland*

As a last hurrah I'd like to thank everyone, and especially the more regular "folders" for their loyalty. We gathered around the table sixty times including three at Ann Wier's home. All numbers are approximate -- I have no records for June & August 2005!!

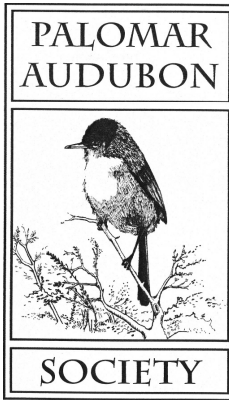
For coming 25+ times thanks to - Leah French, Delores Grant, Dale Swank, Ann Wier, Ilene Littlefield (cookie lady), Joan Buddenhagen; 10+ Eugenia Palmer, Ruth Hummel, Marjorie Miller, Pat Jensen; AND others who came at least once -Barbara Anderson, Jean Meadowcraft, Mary Lou Kaae, Jan Owen, Peggy Keifer, Tina & Don Somers, Char Glacy, Orval Carter, Bob Jones, Leroy & Linda Stewart, Verla Scambler, Helen Borchelt, Joyce Weidling, Elizabeth Pappageorge, Hazel Thielin, Maria van Zanen, Carl Mitchell, Kim Ronin, Wayne Pray, Joyce Richards, Ron Grant, Arne Christensen, Orval Carter, Alvin Friedman, Jean & Chuck Bogner, June Keibler, Don Moreland, Rosalyn Fish, Marjorie Allen and Moira Perritt - all the way from Scotland. PAS Members and Friends alike. Some, sadly, are no longer with us, but thanks to everyone for getting the job done well and making it fun. See you at the meetings and field trips!



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### Board of Director's Meeting

*Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7<sup>th</sup>*

**7:00 p.m. at the Remington Club**

**16916 Hierba Drive  
 Rancho Bernardo**

*Note: All Palomar Audubon Society members are welcome at  
bimonthly Chapter Board meetings.*

### QUICK CALENDAR

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| <b>March</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>Board of Director's Meeting</b>                      |
| <b>March</b> | <b>5</b>  | <b>San Diego Bird Festival – No Field Trip</b>          |
| <b>March</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>Santee Lakes Walk</b>                                |
| <b>March</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>San Jacinto Wildlife Area Walk</b>                   |
| <b>March</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>General Meeting: Cactus Wren Habitat Restoration</b> |
| <b>March</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>Whelan Lake Bird Sanctuary Walk</b>                  |
| <b>April</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>Lake Hodges Walk</b>                                 |
| <b>April</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>Board of Director's Meeting</b>                      |
| <b>April</b> | <b>9</b>  | <b>Tijuana Estuary &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> Street Walk</b> |
| <b>April</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>Old Mission Dam Walk</b>                             |
| <b>April</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>Big Morongo Canyon Preserve Walk</b>                 |
| <b>April</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>General Meeting: Tracking Golden Eagles</b>          |
| <b>April</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>Dairy Mart Pond/Tijuana River Valley Walk</b>        |
| <b>May</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>Daley Ranch Walk</b>                                 |