

San Diego Flyway Cities Coalition
2009 Events

AUGUST 2009

Date: Saturday, August 22

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Location: Otay Valley Regional Park

NatureScape Workshop: Water Conservation/Native Plants/Xeriscaping. Take part in the opportunity to learn how to identify plants native of California. Find out how to help preserve the Otay River Valley and learn about nature-friendly and sustainable gardening and landscaping for you own yard. This event is in collaboration between City of Chula Vista Conservation Department, OVRP and WiLDCOAST.

For more information call Michelle Castagnola at (619) 409-5955.

JULY 2009

Date: Sunday, July 26

Time: 1:00 - 3:00pm

Location: Durango/Lozana Trailhead, Crest Canyon in Del Mar

Join the San Diego Valley River Conservancy for their next work party to remove invasive non-native plants to enhance native coastal sage scrub habitat in Crest Canyon. Work will consist of removing invasive non-native plants to enhance native coastal sage scrub habitat. Tools, gloves and refreshments provided! Please bring water, sun protection and wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes.

Reservations required - contact volunteer@sdrvc.org or (858) 674-2275 x12 for directions and to reserve a space.

To learn more about Crest Canyon and our work in the watershed, visit the Current Projects page at www.sdrvc.org!

JUNE 2009

June 28, Sunday, 1:00 - 3:00pm

INVASIVE NON-NATIVE PLANT REMOVAL IN CREST CANYON

LOCATION: Racetrack View Trailhead, Crest Canyon in Del Mar

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June 27, 2009, Saturday, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

FREE GUIDED TOUR

LOCATION: 47th Street Canyon

Enjoy a morning walk as you learn about the canyon's native plants, animals, invasive plants, and water quality. Find out what you can do to help care for this important place! Please wear sturdy closed-toed shoes and sun protection. Bring water. The walk will be held rain or shine – unless it is pouring.

MEETING POINT: the trailhead at the end of the road

DIRECTIONS: From the I-805 go north-east on Home Ave. Home Ave. becomes Euclid Ave. Turn left onto Myrtle Ave. Turn left on 47th St. and go to the end of the road.

CONTACT: Brian Moehl, (619) 698-1437, brian@sdcanyonlands.org

June 27, Saturday, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM (late arrivals welcome)

VOLUNTEER WEEDING AND WATERING

LOCATION: Cottonwood Creek

Weeding and a bit of watering. Tadpoles are starting to get their legs. Wear clothes suitable for gardening and sun protection. Water and oranges will be available. If you can't make it this time, our usual date is the third Saturday each month, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

DIRECTIONS: We meet at the trail entrance just up from the southeast corner of B St. (extension of Encinitas Blvd. west of Coast Highway 101) and Third St., 2 blocks west of Coast Hwy. It's just up from the pump station on that corner. There is parking on the street or in the big Moonlight Beach parking lot at the top of the hill on Third Street.

CONTACT: Brad Roth, Project Manager Cottonwood Creek Conservancy
(760) 436-2632

Cell: 402-6215 (only on as necessary)

June 27, Saturday, 10:00 AM until Noon

VOLUNTEER WATERING AND WEEDING OF NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

LOCATION: Rose Creek (Pacific Beach)

Watering and weeding the Native Plant Garden. Easy one to two hours project - great for children of all ages. However, due to liability concerns, all minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the event. Perfect for community service credit hours. Please wear sunscreen, closed-toe shoes, and a hat. Volunteers should bring water and heavy-duty work or gardening gloves.

DIRECTIONS: Meet behind the Rose Creek Cottage 2525 Garnet Ave in Pacific Beach. Park on Fogg Street just South of Garnet.

CONTACT: Billy at 619-785-1333

June 20, Saturday, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

FIELD MEETING

LOCATION: Normal Heights Canyons

The Friends of Normal Heights Canyons invite you to learn about native plant restoration in Normal Heights Canyons. Discussions will cover the fall native plant restoration projects. Learn more about the Eugene Place Open Space. You can provide input, sign up to help with the fall restoration, or just tour the canyon!

DIRECTIONS: Meet at the end of Eugene Place

CONTACT: For more information, email – kevinjohnston1972@yahoo.com

MAY 2009

San Diego Flyway Cities Coalition Week, May 9 - 16, 2009

We invite you to attend one of our partner events during the Flyway Cities Coalition Launch Week, held in recognition of the Coalition and International Migratory Bird Day. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about local wildlife, habitat issues and what local organizations are doing to make San Diego more 'flyway friendly' for both wildlife and people. We look forward to seeing you there!

Restoration Event at a Flyway City Hotspot, Famosa Slough

When? Saturday, May 9th, 9am – noon

Where? Famosa Slough, meet along West Point Loma Boulevard, about 200ft east of the Famosa Boulevard intersection

What? We'll be restoring this important stopover by removing weeds, improving trails, picking up trash, etc.

Host: Friends of Famosa Slough, Jim Peugh, 619-224-4591, peugh@cox.net

Website: www.famosaslough.org

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day at the Tijuana Estuary

When? Saturday, May 9th, 9am – 2pm

Where? Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center; located at 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, CA 91932

What? We'll feature the roles that birds play in the native cultures along the Pacific Flyway. Kumeyaay wildcat singer Stan Rodriguez will regale us with his native songs and stories and there will be other fun activities for the whole family. FREE!

Host: Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve; for more info call 619.575.3613

Website: <http://www.tijuanaestuary.org/>

Stroll for the San Diego River

When? Sunday, May 10, 8:30am

Where? Meet at Mapleview and Channel Road

What? Come and stroll the San Diego River trail, and see parts of the trail not yet open to the public.

Host: Lakeside's River Park Conservancy, Robin Rierdan, 619-443-4770

Website: www.lakesideriverpark.org

Learn to be Flyway-Friendly at the Chula Vista Home Depot

When? Saturday, May 16th 11am-1pm

Where? Chula Vista Home Depot - 725 Plaza Court, Chula Vista CA 91910

What? Learn about the Flyway Cities Coalition and Chula Vista's own NatureScape program. Staff will be on hand to explain the FCC, talk about wildlife-friendly plants, teach you how to reduce water use in your yard, and how to certify your yard as a Certified Wildlife Habitat.

Host: Chula Vista City of Env. Services; Michelle Castagnola, 619-409-5955,

mcastagnola@ci.chula-vista.ca.us

Website: <http://www.chulavistaca.gov/clean/SpecialEvents/Default.asp>

Learn to be Flyway-Friendly at the Eastlake Home Depot's Five Year Anniversary

When? Saturday, May 16th 11am-5pm

Where? The Home Depot Eastlake – 1320 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, CA 91915

What? The Home Depot Eastlake is holding their 5 year anniversary with a community celebration, hosting community partners. The City of Chula Vista, Department of Conservation and Environmental Services will be having an information display booth. Learn about the Flyway Cities Coalition and Chula Vista's own NatureScape program. Staff will be on hand to explain the FCC, talk about wildlife- friendly plants, teach you how to reduce water use in your yard, and how to certify your yard as a Certified Wildlife Habitat.

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Help Restore an Important Stopover for Migratory Birds

When? Saturday, May 16th 9am - noon

Where? San Diego River

What? We'll be restoring this important coastal dune/strand habitat by removing invasive plants and picking up trash.

Host: San Diego Audubon Society; Shannon Dougherty, 619-682-7210,

dougherty@sandiegoaudubon.org

Website: <http://www.sandiegoaudubon.org/events.htm>

San Elijo Lagoon Day & BioBlitz

When? Saturday, May 16, 10am - 3pm

Where? At the new San Elijo Nature Center, 2710 Manchester Avenue (for directions:

www.SanElijo.org/naturecenter.html)

What? Fabulous fun for the family is on the order at San Elijo Lagoon Day, a free public celebration, where scientists will race against the clock to find and identify as many different plants and animals as possible in only 24 hours, while visitors enjoy free guided walks, children's crafts, exciting exhibits, interactive games, face painting, storytelling and much more.

Host: San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, Ralph Achenbach, 760-436-3944, info@SanElijo.org

Website: www.SanElijo.org/bioblitz

Enjoy a free guided tour of Shawn Canyon!

When? Saturday, May 16th 9-11am

Where? Shawn Canyon, meet at the gate at the end of Shawn Ave; From I-15, exit I-15 at Friars Rd. and take it west. Turn right (north) onto Mission Village Dr. Turn left (west) on Shawn Ave. The road dead-ends at the canyon.

What? Enjoy a morning walk in this Serra Mesa canyon. Learn about some of the canyon's native plants, animals, invasive plants, and water quality. Find out what you can do to help care for this important place!

Host: San Diego Canyonlands; Brian Moehl, 619-593-1437, brian@sdcanyonlands.org

Website: www.sdcanyonlands.org

Migratory Bird Day Festivals – North County

The events below are part of a multi-lagoon Migratory Bird Festival being offered by all 3 Carlsbad lagoons, through a collaboration known as CLAW – Coastal Lagoons and Wetlands.

Agua Hedionda Lagoon

When? Saturday, May 9th 10am – 4pm

Where? Agua Hedionda Discovery Center; located at 1580 Cannon Road in Carlsbad, at the intersection of Cannon and Faraday. Exit I-5 at Cannon Road and go 1.3 miles east to Cannon Road.

What? Join us as we explore the fascinating life of these world travelers and learn about their unique adaptations and the difficulties they face on their annual migrations. The festival will offer a variety of hands-on activities and crafts for both children and adults. We will also have live hawks and owls and an amazing bird-caller who can mimic over 150 different bird calls. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Host: Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center; for more information call (760) 804-1969.

Website: <http://www.aguahedionda.org/>

Buena Vista Lagoon

When? Saturday, May 9th 8am – noon

Where? Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center; located at 2202 S. Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054

What? We will be hosting a Birding Workshop and field trip for new and renewing Friends of Buena Vista Audubon Society. The 4-hour event is designed for beginning birders and will be a moving workshop that starts at 8:00 am at the Nature Center and will carpool around the lagoon stopping at 5 locations. The suggested donation is \$25/person, which provides a 1-year Friends membership and subscription to the Lagoon Flyer newsletter.

Host: : Buena Vista Audubon Society; for more information or to reserve a spot call the Nature Center at (760) 439-2473

Website: <http://www.bvaudubon.org/>

Batiquitos Lagoon

When? Saturday, May 9th 8:30am – 3pm

Where? Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center; 7380 Gabbiano Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011

What? A variety of family-friendly events will highlight Flyway Cities Coalition themes, including a docent-led public bird walk.

Host: : Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation; 760-931-0800 or info@batiquitosfoundation.org

Website: www.batiquitosfoundation.org

May Training Opportunity: Become a NWF Habitat Steward!

When? 4 Saturdays in May (2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th) from 8:30am-3:00pm

Where? Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve; 2437 Hutchinson Street, Vista CA 92084

What? If you'd like to learn more about how to create wildlife habitats in your yard and community, sign up for the National Wildlife Federation's upcoming Habitat Steward training. You will learn how to help local wildlife, create habitat, and teach others how to build habitats for wildlife using native plants and sustainable gardening practices. You'll be provided with a

comprehensive training manual, practical training from local conservation professionals, and a hands-on, garden-based learning experience.

Cost: : FREE, we just ask that you make a commitment of providing 30 hours of service to NWF within a year of completing the training

Host: Register Today! Space is limited to the first 30 people. To sign up, call or email Becky Wilbanks, Habitat Steward Host, at beckywilbanks@cox.net or (760) 295-1548.

Website: <http://www.nwf.org/volunteer/>