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Jeff Maxwell and his Parrot, George

Sunday, November 6th, 2:00 PM on ZOOM



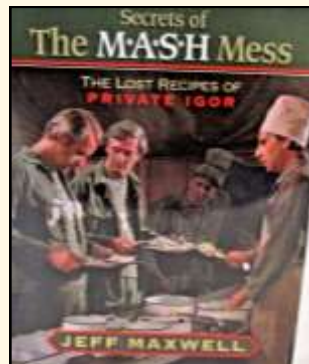
One of SBBS's favorite speakers, Jeff Maxwell, who played the chef "Igor" on the hit TV show M*A*S*H, will have a ZOOM presentation with his Amazon parrot named, George.

We will hear about his nine years as a cast member on the show, if there were any other animal lovers in the cast and how the Amazon parrot, George, came into his life and more.

The Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Hall is not available in November due to the national election, so we will see and hear Jeff from his home with his beloved double-yellow headed Amazon parrot via ZOOM.

Go to: www.meetup.com/Redondo-Beach-Birds-Meetup/ for the ZOOM link and to RSVP.

M*A*S*H



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The Ecology of Local Native Habitat

Speaker Ann Dalkey on Monday, October 3rd, 7:00 PM

By Patte Fisher

It finally happened!!! We had our 3rd in person meeting this year and our last opportunity to be together until 2023. It was quite a warm evening. All of the doors were open and we were glad for a slight cooling breeze. We had 15 members and guests present. Light refreshments were served and enjoyed by all.

We were missing a few of the board members; those of us who were able to attend tried our best to fill in. Our President, Janet Ragonesi, was off enjoying a family visit; our vice-president, Diane Sivas, was unable to attend due to a previous commitment, but she was on scene. She opened the building for the rest of us and returned after the meeting to lock everything up at the meeting's end.

Gala Burkholder stepped up as our emcee for the evening and did an excellent job of keeping us engaged and entertained. She set up and monitored all the audio and video equipment with the skilled assistance of David Benjamin. Gala asked each of us to tell a bit about ourselves, our companion birds and any other pets or hobbies we have. David also did his usual amazing job putting our meeting on the internet for the enjoyment of those who were unable to be with us in person. We had four people who joined us on ZOOM!

Our knowledgeable guest speaker, Ann Dalkey, is a retired marine biologist and is the President of the Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society. She also worked for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, where Ann became an expert on the native flora and fauna of the South Bay, and about saving the El Segundo blue butterfly.

She spoke to us about the importance of native plants and the damage that invasive species are doing to our local populace of native species of plants and animals. We learned the bluffs from El Segundo to Palos Verdes are having invasive plants such as acacia, freeway and crystalline ice plant and Russian thistle removed. In their place, native plant species such as lemonade berry, salt bush and sea cliff buckwheat are being planted. These plants will support our local birds, lizards and butterflies. Members were invited to volunteer. Ann told us that aggressive urbanization has resulted in our area becoming a biodiversity "hot spot" which has been the cause of a major loss of wild habitat. Everyone wants to live here at the beautiful beach!!!

(You can see a listing of the volunteer opportunities for fall rehabilitation going on in the local area on page 9 under "South Bay Land Conservancy" and "Palos Verdes Land Conservancy." Copies of Ann's handouts on the El Segundo blue butterfly are on pages 14 and 15).

("October 3rd Meeting Summary" continued on page 3)

Ann Dalkey in Palos Verdes



David Benjamin, Yolanda Keh & Marie Calleja



Ann Dalkey outlines her presentation



Volunteers removing invasive ice plant at Esplanade Bluffs

("October 3rd Meeting Summary" continued from page 2)

June Baker did a marvelous job setting up and running the raffle table and selling raffle tickets to our members. We had a wonderful raffle, with all participating members winning prizes.

We had a member who renewed his membership and a guest who made a monetary donation to our bird society. We even had another guest who saw our meeting posted on the social media site, Nextdoor. A good time was had by all!

Many thanks to Marie Calleja and Yolanda Keh, both of whom arrived early and helped to set up the chairs and tables. Thanks to all of you who helped us put everything away after the meeting. *(Editor's note: Patte Fisher wore multiple hats to help make this meeting a success. She coordinated the setting up and taking down of the tables and chairs, provided the light refreshments, oversaw the membership table by signing in those who attended the meeting, took notes to provide a summary of this meeting, assisted with the raffle and more).*

Several of our members brought their birds. **It was just like old times! Here's hoping the world will soon return to (mostly) normal so we can return to enjoying each other's company!**

Thank you Ann for sharing your expertise with us and letting us know how we can help support the El Segundo blue butterfly and other wild life species.



June Baker

Scott, Byington, Carol Segal- (Nextdoor guest), Susan Sullivan & her grandson



Patte Fisher didn't have to roll up her sleeves to help make the meeting a success!



El Segundo blue butterflies on their favorite native plant, sea-cliff wild buckwheat



Ann shares how we can help

Kahlia, the Amazon parrot, was happy to see everyone after a 2 1/2-year break!



El Segundo blue butterfly



ZOOM with Jeff & George!

Just a reminder: next month on Sunday, November 6 at 2 PM, we will be ZOOMING with Jeff Maxwell from the hit TV show M*A*S*H and his Amazon parrot named George.

The President's Notes *By Janet Ragonesi*



Greetings
SBBS MEMBERS,
SPONSORS AND FRIENDS,

Janet



Given my absence from the October in-person meeting with speaker Ann Dalkey, I would like to thank each board member and volunteer that stepped-up to make this meeting successful.

I was happy to hear there were fifteen members and guests that attended the meeting and another four who joined via ZOOM. This was our first in-person, inside meeting since February, 2020, when the pandemic restrictions began. I understand this meeting was like a family reunion or a flock that came back together.



Yes, rain, rain come again to our thirsty state! We certainly had a show in the skies with thunder and lightning. I realize some of the burn areas had weather watch flood warnings.



Thank you to all that volunteer your time to the South Bay Bird Society. This includes tasks from coordinating the newsletter and sending out various announcements, to proof-reading the newsletter and keeping up with the web maintenance and postings. Our board of directors, the many volunteers, and our sponsors all make the South Bay Bird Society the success that it is!



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER & AUCTION

Donations for the auction have been coming in. We still need more donations and are looking for more bird-related items—a favorite among the bidders! “32 Auctions” will once again host the fundraiser with us. **The auction dates are Thursday, December 1 starting at 5:00 pm and ending on Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 pm.**



Our goal is for everyone to be able to participate in some way with the auction to help fund our club. Currently, members and sponsors can **donate** a variety of goods, gift cards and certificates for services. If you don't know what would make a great auction donation, a list of possible items are on page 6. You can help by **telling your friends and family about the auction**. During the actual four days of the auction, anyone can participate by **bidding on the many auction items which help support the South Bay Bird Society's activities throughout the year**. Details about accessing the auction will be provided next month.

Delivery dates for donations to my home are between 12 noon to 3 PM: Saturdays, October 29 and November 12; Friday, November 4; Sunday, November 13; Monday, November 14; and by appointment. Please call Janet at (424) 247-4447 to confirm your delivery date and time.

More detailed information about our annual fundraiser and auction is listed on page 6.

PLEASE SHOP OUR SPONSORS

Our sponsors have remained open and made safety accommodations for us during the past two and a half years. They have continued to make donations to SBBS for our raffles and our annual auction. Please give them your business, whether it be for a bird product or service for yourself or for a donation for our auction.



SHOPPING ON AMAZON USING “SMILE”

amazon smile

The holiday shopping season is nearly upon us. Whenever you are ordering items from Amazon, please log on to “Smile Amazon” and select “The South Bay Bird Society” as your charity. Our club will get a percentage of the sale. Thank you!

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(“President’s Notes” from page 4)

HALLOWEEN BIRD SAFETY

Please keep your birds indoors during Halloween. Seeing excitable children at the door in scary masks can be unsettling for your parrot. So, it is better to keep them away from the front door in a separate room.



Remember, chocolate and sometimes their wrappers are harmful to birds. Treat your birds with unsalted and unbuttered popcorn or Nutri-Berries instead!

NOVEMBER 6TH MEETING AT 2 PM:

JEFF MAXWELL, FROM THE HIT TV SHOW, M*A*S*H, WITH HIS PET BIRD NAMED GEORGE

One of SBBS’s favorite speakers, Jeff Maxwell, from the hit TV show M*A*S*H, will have a ZOOM presentation with his Amazon parrot named George. Jeff and George are a great team and will share a bit of M*A*S*H history and talk bird with us!



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SBBS 2023 UPCOMING MEETINGS

We already have several fantastic guest speakers scheduled for 2023! Some of the local speakers will be in-person and others who are out of the area will make presentations to us through ZOOMING! **If you have topics or speakers you are interested in for 2023, please contact us!**

AVIAN FLU IS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

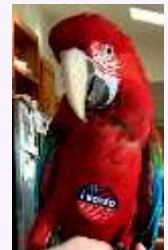


This highly infectious bird influenza has been found in Los Angeles County and elsewhere in Southern California. **Be sure to read the updates on pages 16 and 17. Please follow the precautions listed with your own flock and with the wild birds to keep them safe.**

MEMBER’S QUESTION ABOUT PET TRUSTS

Information about **PET TRUSTS** was a question I received several days ago from one of our members. I explained that pets are considered property in the State of California. They need to be included in our trusts in advance of a personal emergency. We cannot assume our family or friends would step up, unless they have agreed to do so prior to an emergency such as hospitalization, illness or passing. Our conversation included how would someone contact another’s lawyer or arrange for caring or pet rehoming. When does one decide it is necessary to give up their flock or other pets? An endowment, vet check and placement into a new home need to be a part of the plan. We will address these vital issues in a future newsletter.

Please VOTE by November 8th



“May my heart  always be open to little birds who are the secrets of living”
~ e. e. cummings



CHEERS,

SBBS President,
Janet Ragonesi &
My Flock



SBBS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND AUCTION

With Bidding Between

DECEMBER 1— DECEMBER 4, 2022

TIME IS RUNNING OUT to prepare for our annual Fundraiser and Auction. Proceeds raised at previous fundraisers and auctions have allowed SBBS to continue our mission to promote the welfare of birds.



Last year, we had nearly 150 items in our auction!

This year, we will continue our fundraising with **32 AUCTIONS online**.

Your donations and participation are welcomed, appreciated and are needed to help fund SBBS!



Consider **shopping** our **sponsors** for donations.

Use **Amazon Smile** for ordering **non-bird items** and **choose SBBS as your charity** and we will receive a %.

DONATIONS MAY INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS:

Gift certificates from sponsors, assorted gift cards, **various items for birds** and other pets, games, jewelry, children's items, sporting equipment, wine, art supplies, beauty products, tickets to events or museums, books, candy, art, toys, household items, gift baskets and collectables.



Items must be **NEW** or **NEARLY NEW**, clean and in working condition with batteries.

Please include your **NAME** and an **ESTIMATED VALUE** for each of your donated the items.

If you're not sure about a donation, please ask. No animals will be auctioned.

DROP OFF DATES for your **DONATIONS** for SBBS fundraiser during are:

Saturdays, Oct. 29 & Nov.12; Friday, Nov. 4, Sunday; Nov. 13 & Monday, Nov. 14;
between 12 noon – 3pm or by Appointment

The drop off location will be at Janet's home located in Redondo Beach!

To confirm your drop-off time, date and for the address, or for general information,

please e-mail Janet at Ragonesi@att.net or call (424) 247-4447.



REMEMBER:

THIS IS OUR ONLY SOUTH BAY BIRD SOCIETY FUNDRAISER.

We appreciate your support and participation in order for us to continue to provide a variety of speaker presentations, monthly newsletters, maintain our website and cover other ongoing expenses. It allows us to be able to financially support various avian causes, such as helping the parrots and their owners in Ukraine.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SBBS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER & AUCTION

With Bidding Between
Dec. 1, 5 PM — Dec. 4, 5 PM

On

32 AUCTIONS online



Please help us...

WE NEED MORE
ITEMS FOR BIRDS!

*PLEASE DONATE
BY NOVEMBER 14*



OTHER AVIAN—RELATED ZOOMS/MEETINGS/BIRD WALKS

Palos Verdes/
South Bay
AUDUBON
SOCIETY



3rd Tue./mo., 7 P.M.
(no meeting in August)

The Next ZOOM/Hybrid Meeting is:

November 15, 2022:

“Condors”



Presented by
the U.S.
Wildlife
Service

BIRD EXCURSIONS:

Birding has returned with RESERVATIONS, limited capacity, guidelines & VACCINATIONS.

RESERVATION FORMS and Info available at www.pvsb-audubon.org.



Sun. Nov. 6, 8-11 A.M.

Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park with **PV/SB Audubon leaders**. Starting point is at the parking lot near the ranger station. Call (562) 896-3369 for info and reservations.

Sun. Nov. 13, 8 A.M.

Field Trip to Huntington Center Park with **PV/SB Audubon leaders**. Meet in the Slater Avenue parking lot

Sat. Nov. 26, 9 A.M.

(Bird Walk with Kids & Beginners): Madrona Marsh with **PV/SB Audubon leader, Jazin Rios**. Call (310) 782-3989 for information.

Motmots' Birding Field Trip Adventures
See information on top of page 9.

West Los Angeles Bird Club



Tentatively Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM
Culver City American Legion Hall, 5209 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City

For more information and to confirm the meeting, go to:
www.westlabirdclub.com or call Doreen at (310) 488-9749.

The Connecticut Parrot Club



Speaker: Cassie Malina on “Bird Training”

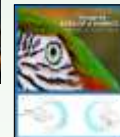
Sunday, November 13, 3 PM (ET), 12 noon (PT)

For information on an upcoming ZOOM or to watch a previous ZOOM presentation, go to: www.theparrotclub.org



You Can View YouTube Videos of Previous ZOOMS from
The Connecticut Parrot Club:

- **Rescuing, Rehabbing & Rehoming Pigeons and Doves**, Elizabeth Young
- **Rewilding the Caribbean**, Fabio Tarazona
- **Avian Flu**, Dr. Kristin Sinclair, YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/OfCsI4g35cs> (Over 1,000 views)!
- **The Brooklyn Parrots**, Steve Baldwin
- **A Virtual Tour of The Rhode Island Parrot Rescue**
- **Tables Communication and Play for Parrots**, Jennifer Cunha
- **Journey to Combine Art and Science Through Humor**, Rosemary Mosco
- **Through the Eyes of a Parrot**, Dr. Graham Martin
- **Caring for Elderly & Disabled Bird Companions**, Dr. Kristin Sinclair



Lafeber Webinars are at 12 noon PT unless noted*

- **October 30 and November 18: “Ask the Vet: Q & A” (Ask questions about your bird’s health, nutrition, care or behavior problems) with Tom Tully, DVM, DABVP (Avian Practice), DECZM (Avian)**
- **November 4: “Planning a Parrot-Centric Holiday” with Lisa Bono, CPBC**
- **November 11 at 11 AM: “Holiday Hazards for Pet Birds” with Dr. Stephanie Lamb, DVM, DABVP (Avian Practice),**



For more info or to view a prior webinar, go to:
<https://lafeber.com/pet-birds/category/webinar/>



OTHER AVIAN—RELATED ZOOMS/MEETINGS/NATURE WALKS

In Association with the PV/SB Audubon Chapter: **Motmots' Birding Field Trip Adventures**

Full Covid vaccinations are required for PV/SB Audubon field trips, masks are recommended and the group is limited to 12. Call our home number before field trips to check for updates & to let us know if you are joining us.



For Information and Reservations:

Contact Eric & Ann Brooks at (323) 295-6688 or text Ann at (310) 913-2798 or email: motmots@aol.com

Sunday, November 6, 8:30 am El Dorado Nature Center Meet in the parking lot near the entrance to the Nature Center. Parking \$8 weekends. <https://www.longbeach.gov/park/park-and-facilities/parks-centers-pier/el-dorado-nature-center/>

Saturday, November 19, 8 am Join LA Audubon Birdwalk at Kenneth Hahn Park. Meet in the Olympic Forest Parking Lot (first left, \$7/car weekend fee, discount for seniors!) https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=612



FALL

RESTORATION PROJECTS

ESPLANADE BLUFF REDONDO BEACH	Nov. 12 & 26
WILDERNESS PARK REDONDO BEACH	Nov. 6 & 20
HERMOSA VALLEY GREENBELT	Nov. 15
<u>Nature Walk at Wilderness Park</u> TBA	

Planting Natives on the Bluff



Phoenix Landing Foundation Webinar



Saturday, November 5
10 AM-noon (PT) 1-3 PM (ET)

“Necropsy: Why This Diagnostic Tool is so Invaluable and What We Can Learn” with **Jessica Magnotti, DVM**

To Register or see a previous webinar, go to:
www.phoenixlanding.org/events.html



ZOOMS are on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7PM

Thursday, October 27, 2022, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Allison Shultz, Assistant Curator of Ornithology of Natural History Museum of L.A. County
“The How and Why of Colorful Feathers of Tanagers”



For information on an upcoming ZOOM meeting or to watch an previous ZOOM presentation, go to www.sfvaudubon.org

Previous ZOOM include topics:

- “A Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds
- “The Power of a Walk in Nature
- “Crows and Ravens”
- “We’ll Always Have Parrots” (In LA)
- “Our Need for Birds”



San Fernando Valley Audubon Society

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY *Restore Alta Vicente Reserve, Oct. 29 & Nov. 19, 9-12 noon*



GUIDED NATURE WALK:
Sat., Nov. 5, 10:30 AM

WHERE:

George F. Canyon
27305 Palos Verdes Dr. East
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Naturalists will guide you along a trail through the preserve to discover a unique variety of wildlife in their canyon habitat with amazing views of the LA Basin. Meet on the back patio of the Nature Center and come inside to explore after the hike. Moderate walk. Guides provided by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. RSVP



GUIDED NATURE WALK:
Sat., Nov. 12, 9:00 AM

WHERE:

Alta Vicente Reserve.

Explore rare cactus wren and gnatcatcher restored habitat. (See restoration above). Enjoy beautiful views of Catalina Island, blooms of lupine and golden poppy and learn about the military history of the area in honor of Veterans Day. Moderate to strenuous. Guides by P. V. P. Land Conservancy. RSVP



GUIDED NATURE WALK:
Sat., Nov. 19, 10:30 AM

WHERE:

White Point Nature Preserve
1600 W. Paseo Del Mar
San Pedro, CA 90731

Naturalists will guide you along a trail to discover a variety of wildlife in their coastal sage scrub habitat with amazing views across to the ocean. Meet in front of the Nature Center and come inside to explore after the hike. Park in the lot via Western Avenue only. Guides by P.V.P. Land Conservancy. RSVP

Q & A *By Karen, The Parrot Lady*

The answers to your questions are MY opinion based on nearly 50 years of experience. I donated my time to Avian and Exotic Animal Hospital, working with Doctors Roskopf and Woerpel. I have hands-on experience owning my own Exotic bird shops, raising and breeding, grooming and caring for parrots of all kinds.

Ask me your questions and I will answer to the best of my knowledge. If I don't have an answer I will make every effort to find one for you and tell you my source. Be sure to check with your avian vet for their evaluation of your bird's particular circumstance. Here we go!!!



Q What do I do if a bird bites me?

A Wash with warm soapy water. Dry, then put on Neosporin and a bandage. Then figure out what you did to tick the bird off enough to bite you! Make a decision as to "Who's teaching whom, and do you want to do that again?"



Q Why does my bird throw up food when he's near me?

A My personal definition is: if the bird is "throwing up," he's probably ill, and needs to see an avian Vet. If he's "regurgitating," he's probably trying to feed you, and letting you know he loves you. You get to deal with it with gratitude and love.

Q My bird gets carsick. How do I fix it?

A Keep him in a carrier with a cover, where he cannot see light. This means no windows or you, and no swinging toys in the carrier. When he sees the trees, cars or trucks go by, birds flying in the sky ...OOOPS, OMG here comes the food! If you get seasick on a boat you can relate! Prevention is the key!



(Bird is getting a car break during a long trip. Just give your bird water with a little snack).

("Q & A" continued on page 11)

("Q & A" continued from page 10)

Q Why does my bird toss his toys out of the cage?

A He is playing a game, or he really doesn't want that toy in his house. A little interaction and observation work. Get rid of the toy he doesn't like, or keep putting the one he's having fun with back in the cage, so he can throw it out again.



Catch!



Q How do I get my bird to speak more clearly?

A Good question. Speak very clearly -- baby talk or a phony voice is confusing -- and your mush mouth becomes his mush mouth! (I didn't really mean to call you a mush mouth)!!!! Well, maybe I did!

Q Is turkey and dressing safe for my bird?

A Remember, "A little goes a very long way." A taste or two makes for a peaceful turkey day. (Editor's note: My parrot likes raw cranberries, so save some for your bird to eat during dinner and before you cook them and add sugar).



Have a very Happy & Healthy Thanksgiving!

Share lots of love and a little food.

Karen, the Parrot Lady



Karen Allen has been involved with birds and a SBBS member for over 35 years. She is a lifetime member of SBBS. Karen owns her own bird shop, "Birds & More" located at 4301 Redondo Beach Blvd., Lawndale, CA. Contacts: work (310) 370-7550, home (310) 371-9967, text (310) 704-1210. She counsels & trains new bird owners & is a published writer.



Send your questions for "The Parrot Lady" to:

Karen Allen, P. O. Box 3863 Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3863

Email: Birdsnmor@aol.com

UPDATES ON THE SPIX'S MACAWS RETURN TO THE WILD IN BRAZIL

Back on June 11 at 9:03 am, the first Spix's macaw left the aviary to return to the wild after being declared extinct in the wild!

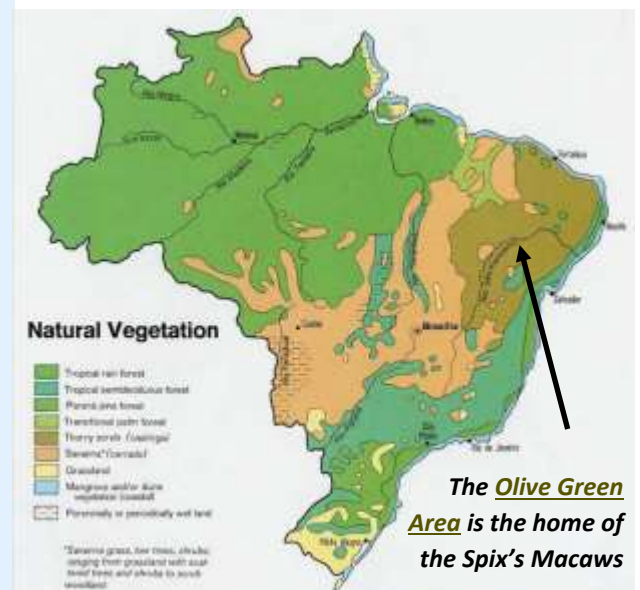


! Extinct in the wild! The Return - Updates 🌍

We have a save-the-date moment! After the success of the first trial release on the 11th of June, we were always planning the next one to complement the first. [Around the 10th of December \(exact date to be confirmed\), 12 more Spix's macaws will be released into the wild](#); this supplementing of the wild population is important and will continue annually for many years until the wild population is flourishing. It ensures the best possible chance of success for the Spix's macaw, its habitat, and all the species that share it with them. A true tribute to the people of Curaçá. Join us at the beginning of December for another historic event! 🎉

[Look for future updates on the December release of a dozen more Spix's macaws!](#)

[You can also follow future updates at: Association for the Conservation of Threatened Parrots e.V.](#)





Sergii and Roxy

A Ukranian Survivor and His Beloved Cockatoo's Story

Sergii and Roxy, his Mollucan cockatoo, are in Kyiv trying to survive the invasion of Ukraine.

They are suffering the horrors of war and just trying to survive day to day....

trapped like so many of Ukraine's beautiful people.

Sergii hadn't posted anything since July 11 until this post. Many of us were very worried about him, his family and cockatoo, Roxy.

This is their story....



[Our news: September 25, Kyiv, Ukraine, \(7 months of war\)](#)

THE END OR JUST THE BEGINNING?

Sorry friends for not posting for a long time. The last month has been rich in events, but many of them deserve special attention. I don't like to complain, but rather talk about positive changes.

Firstly, I received medical disability documents that give me the opportunity (while this opportunity is valid) to leave Ukraine (only once) and does not allow the military commissar to take me to the front. However, I still need to get a special certificate and confirmation from the Pension Fund. With these documents, I need to be removed from the military register. But for the time being it is better not to do this, since any provocations are possible in the military commissariat. They promised to give me a certificate in mid-October. Unfortunately, all administrative services take a very long time.

Renovation in the new house, which we rented in Western Ukraine, is almost completed. This older house had fallen into disrepair. We have already moved some of our items there. If the situation in Kyiv becomes more dangerous in the coming days, then my father, sister and both birds will go there at once, and I will arrive later.

On Roxy's condition:

She remains a naughty child, constantly demanding my attention. Roxy also became very active, jumping and flying a lot. She wants to dominate, it is very difficult for me to control her. However, I found an interesting way to calm her down. I noticed that she always goes to bed when she sees me sleeping. When I just close my eyes and pretend to be asleep Roxy drops everything, completely calms down and also sleeps next to me. She sees me as part of her flock. After such a dream, my parrot is very calm and sweet.



About the situation in Kyiv:

The situation is very tense and disturbing. Putin's latest steps to escalate the conflict (due to the victories of the Ukrainian army) forced many to get ready to leave Kyiv and Ukraine again. People are expecting more than a million newly mobilized Russian soldiers to be in Ukraine in the next month. Also, everyone is waiting for the announcement of the results of fake referendums. Russian TV channels reported that Putin would annex 4 regions of Ukraine, and then announce an ultimatum to Ukraine on the withdrawal of troops. If Ukraine does not agree, he will use nuclear weapons. He said it was not a bluff. This ultimatum is scheduled for September 30, when Putin will appear on Russian television. Today I saw an advertisement for the "Nuclear Party" in one of the nightclubs in Kyiv. It's not a joke. Lots of young people in Kyiv are trying to have a fun "last" week. A friend of mine called today and asked me to save her parrots if Kyiv is bombed. I don't know how to do this, but maybe we'll have to save more than just Roxy and Corrie.

I thank everyone again for their support and prayers. Many of you write to me every day and are interested in our affairs. I do not lose confidence that everything will be fine with us. Sending love to everyone. XoXo

Best wishes from Sergii & Roxy

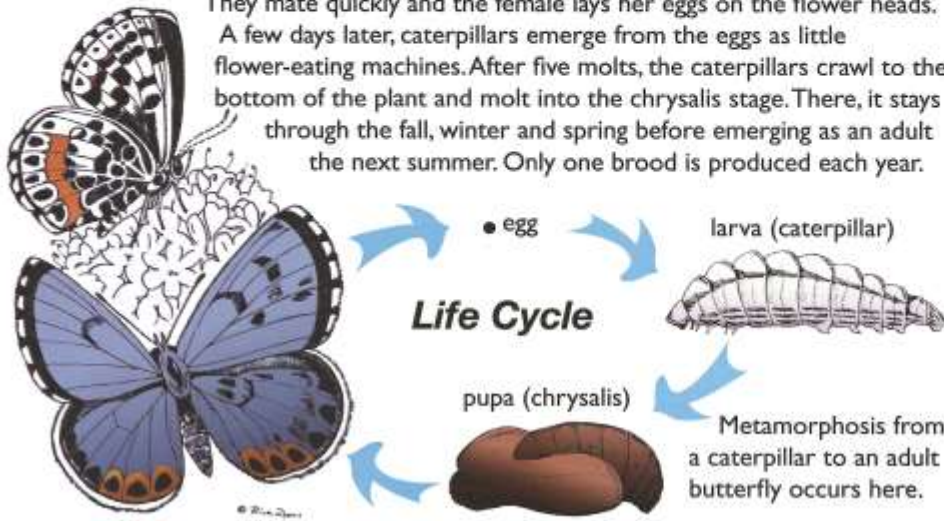
The following information was presented by Ann Dalkey at the October 3rd SBBS Meeting

El Segundo Blue Butterfly

Why should you care about it?

The El Segundo blue butterfly has suffered dramatically from urbanization of their habitat. It is now listed as endangered, but there is still time to help. The butterfly is important to our area for several reasons. It is a **pollinator**, especially for sea-cliff buckwheat and other native plants. The sea-cliff buckwheat, in turn, is a source of nectar for a huge array of helpful insects. Insects serve as an important food source for birds and lizards.

Adult butterflies emerge in early summer when the sea-cliff buckwheat is blooming. They mate quickly and the female lays her eggs on the flower heads. A few days later, caterpillars emerge from the eggs as little flower-eating machines. After five molts, the caterpillars crawl to the bottom of the plant and molt into the chrysalis stage. There, it stays through the fall, winter and spring before emerging as an adult the next summer. Only one brood is produced each year.



ENDANGERED BUTTERFLY

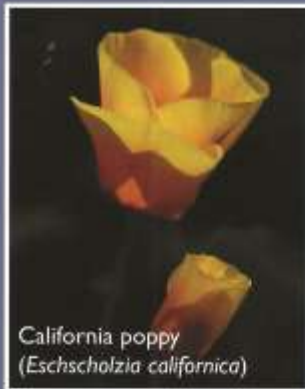


ABOUT THE EL SEGUNDO BLUE BUTTERFLY

The El Segundo blue butterfly (*Euphilotes allyni*) is currently an endangered butterfly.

- This butterfly needs sea-cliff buckwheat (*Eriogonum parvifolium*) for its entire life cycle that begins when the adults emerge from their pupae (chrysalis) as adults.
 - The new adults mate as soon as possible after emerging from the pupae.
 - After mating, the female lays eggs in the sea-cliff buckwheat flowers.
 - The caterpillars (larvae) hatch in 2-3 days. Like caterpillars around the world, they are eating machines voraciously devouring sea-cliff buckwheat flowers. As they eat, they grow by molting 5 times.
 - Once the caterpillar reaches its full size, it crawls to the base of the buckwheat plant and turns into the pupal state.
 - The pupae stay in the leaf litter through Fall, Winter, and Spring only to emerge in Summer. *This means adult butterflies that you see this year were born during the prior year!*

You can help the El Segundo Blue Butterfly and other fauna by planting these native plants



California poppy
(*Eschscholzia californica*)



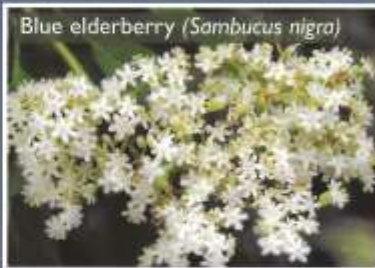
California fuchsia
(*Epilobium canum*)



California bush sunflower
(*Encelia californica*)



Bladderpod
(*Peritoma arborea*)



Blue elderberry (*Sambucus nigra*)

For more information visit:

- White Point Nature Preserve - every 4th Saturday 12:00-2:00 pm
- Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy <http://pvplc.org>
- South Coast Botanic Garden Gift Shop

bottomside wing pattern



Sea-cliff buckwheat (*Eriogonum parvifolium*)

What can you do?

Grow the butterflies' favorite plant, the sea-cliff buckwheat. Grow other native plants like these pictured. You can help by creating a native plant garden in your yard, school or business that will support the El Segundo blue butterfly and other native fauna. These plants require less water and no fertilizers and will attract a diverse array of native insects, birds and lizards. The El Segundo blue butterfly responds quickly and readily to new habitat!

Purple sage (*Salvia leucophylla*)



FALL RESTORATION PROJECTS IN SOUTH BAY



WORKING SAFELY AROUND EL SEGUNDO BLUE BUTTERFLIES

RULES FOR WORKING AROUND AN ENDANGERED BUTTERFLY

- **No Weed Control work** is performed from **May 16 through September 30** during the adult flight season and while larvae are active.



- Stand outside the Butterfly Zone
- Look for an open patch of dirt to stand on
- Use only clippers to cut weeds
- Carry weeds offsite
- Collect seed after September 30



- Do not step inside the Butterfly Zone
- Do not poke fingers or tools into the Butterfly and Cut-only Zones
- Do not pull weeds out of the Butterfly and Cut-only Zones

Butterfly Zone
No Step and
Cut-only



Cut-only Zone Extends
1 ft outside Butterfly Zone

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SEE PAGE 9 TO HELP

WINGED NEWS & MORE

[Bird Flu Found in Wild Canada Geese and a Heron in Long Beach, Los Angeles and Cerritos](#)



Eight cases of bird flu have been detected in wild birds in Los Angeles County, the Department of Public Health confirmed on Monday, Oct. 17, marking the first sign of the virus in the county. The cases were detected in three Canada geese and a black-crowned night heron in Long Beach, three Canada geese in the city of Los Angeles and one Canada goose in Cerritos, DPH said.

The cases are part of the ongoing nationwide outbreak of bird flu, also known as H5N1. County health officials stressed that the risk to the general public's health from the virus is low. The bird flu is a viral disease of birds caused by type A influenza viruses.

The illness is a concern for domestic poultry because it is highly contagious and may cause illness and death in backyard and commercial flocks. The virus can spread through direct bird-to-bird contact or indirectly when the virus is on clothing, footwear, vehicles, rodents, insects, feed, water or feathers, health officials said. Birds shed the virus in bodily fluids, such as respiratory droplets, mucus, saliva and feces.

While the risk of human transmission is low, health officials said, human infections can occur when the virus is inhaled in droplets or dust, or when it enters a person's eyes, nose or mouth, either through unprotected contact with infected birds or contact with contaminated surfaces.

Authorities urged residents to avoid handling wild birds and to observe them only from a distance. People who have job-related exposure to birds — including animal shelters, veterinary clinics, or poultry processing plants — or recreational exposure should wear personal protective equipment when handling them, DPH said.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

Currently, our wildlife is subject to getting the **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)**. This subtype of H5N1 has been **devastating to a wide variety of avian species and has proven to be highly infectious.** Although **most infected birds do not survive this disease, there are some that can carry and spread it through their feces without showing any symptoms at all.** **Poultry** are at **high risk** from HPAI. The wild birds we commonly see that are **most severely at risk include raptors, geese, ducks, other water birds, crows, and ravens.** Smaller birds, like **songbirds and doves** can get HPAI but are less Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza susceptible and **less likely to become ill.**

HPAI can be carried indirectly by people, animals, clothing or other objects that have come in contact with a sick animal. People who are outdoors around groups of water birds, or find sick wildlife, should carefully **wash their hands** plus any **clothing** that was exposed. **Disinfect shoes and contaminated equipment.**

("Avian Flu " continued from page 16)

Prevention Measures to Stop the Spread of Avian Influenza:

- In general, **bird feeders & bird baths should be cleaned and disinfected at least once a week. Once HPAI is in your area, these should be taken down until the crisis has passed.**
- Keep **pet birds indoors** and **away from other domestic or wild birds.**
- If you might be **handling sick birds** or other wildlife, **wear appropriate protection.**
- **Disinfect surfaces that have come in contact with birds or sick wildlife.**
- Practice **bio-security by removing your shoes after walking outside and before entering your home with companion parrots. (Have inside shoes available to put on by the door).**
- **Depopulation is NOT required for exhibit flocks with HPAI-infected birds. However, if HPAI is suspected in your birds, you will need to follow quarantine requirements and use proper biosecurity to prevent disease from spreading.**

Report sick or dead birds to:

The L.A. County of Veterinary Public Health, Animal Disease (VPH) by calling 213-288-7060 or by using the short report form at: <https://admin.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/adss/aossadshortform.csm?>

Long Beach Aquarium's Penguins, Lorikeets Take Cover After Bird Flu Found in the Area

Penguins, lorikeets and shore birds at the Aquarium of the Pacific have been moved inside in attempt to protect them from Avian Influenza, commonly known as bird flu, which has been detected in the region. The move took place Tuesday, October 18, according to aquarium spokesperson Claire Atkinson.

Those birds normally are placed in outdoors exhibits. But when the aquarium was notified the flu — often deadly to birds — had been detected in wild birds in Los Angeles County, the decision was made to take the birds behind the scenes, into enclosures with protective cover. That means the Lorikeet Forest, June Keyes Penguin Habitat and Shorebird Sanctuary exhibits will remain closed until bird flu is no longer present in the region, she said.

This move has been expected for some time, according to Brett Long, the aquarium's curator of birds and animals. "This is one we've been planning for since the beginning of the year," Long said in a Tuesday interview. "We've been watching it (the bird flu) as it came from the east coast to the west. "We've had this protocol in place for years," he added. "We've been increasing preparations, but this is the first time we've made this move."

Long said the danger to the aquarium birds is from infected wild birds flying over the enclosures and material or feces dropping inside or, in the case of the penguins, birds landing in the habitat. Before the end of the week, all of the aquarium birds will be under cover, he said. "The point is to keep wild birds from flying into or over the birds," Long said. "We have one space (in the Lorikeet Forest exhibit) that's covered. The penguin habitat is the most accessible; they are flightless birds, so there is no netting." One building behind the shark habitat, called the barn, has three "flights" for birds. That's where most of the lorikeets are being moved. Another fenced area behind the scenes has a pad system of pools normally used for aquatic animals. It has been covered and will house the penguins.

There are about 80 lorikeets, 20 penguins and 12-15 shore birds at the aquarium that typically are kept outside and will be moved or confined to covered enclosures. The inside exhibit of diving birds — puffins and auklets — won't be impacted beyond some enhanced hygiene protocols for handlers, Long said. Long said there have been a few cases of the H5N1 flu infecting harbor seals on the East Coast, and the aquarium will closely monitor the seal and sea lion habitat. There has not been any indication aquatic animals and fish are susceptible, he added.



SBBS Welcomes New & Returning Members



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Number of Current Members: **63**

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STAY SAFE & PROTECTED FROM GERMS! Karen Allen Reminds Us To Continue To:

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- Avoid people that are sneezing and coughing.
- Wear a N95, KN95 or KF94 mask indoors and when in close proximity to others. Respect people's choice on wearing a mask, even when it is not legally required.
- Keep a distance of at least 6 feet between people.
- Consider getting vaccinated (Covid & Flu before the winter season) and boosted...and boosted again.



All members are invited to submit bird-related items for a future SBBS newsletter in any of the following segments:



Kahlia & Gala

- ☀ In "Wing Tips," share a tip that could improve the lives of both you and your bird(s).
- ☀ In "Laugh Kookaburra," send a bird-related cartoon, joke or humorous photo.
- ☀ In "Creative Corner," send photos of your bird-related drawings, ceramic pieces, needle point, paintings, etc. or texts of poems or photos with a unique point of view.

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The deadline for the next newsletter is Tuesday, November 8th.



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There are so many birds needing homes.

If you are considering getting another bird, please think about adopting one. Call one of these rescue/adoption groups.

They all have many wonderful birds just waiting for someone to come and take them home.

Many of these groups have websites - take a look!

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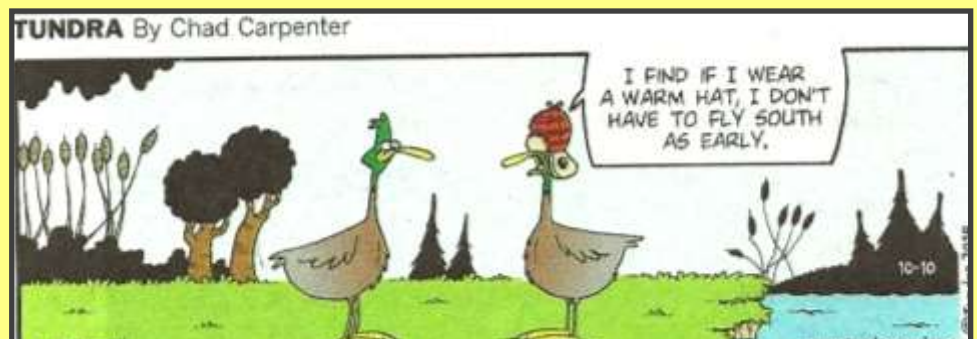
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Verify the meeting date by checking the website at: www.sobaybirdsoc.com.

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Mark ways you will volunteer: Hold a Board Office ___ Help with Pot Lucks ___ Help with Community Outreach Events ___
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Do you keep birds primarily as: Companions ___ Breeders ___ Both ___ Renewal Month: _____

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