



# The Roadrunner

Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley

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## **OCTOBER IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH:**

Fall has arrived and we all have expectations of what wildlife we might see as migration takes place in the northern San Jacinto Valley. White pelicans, double-crested cormorants, great egrets, white-faced ibis, great blue herons are some of the birds visiting or residents at Mystic Lake.

As you take time to visit the San Jacinto Wildlife Area this fall and winter, also take time to think about how this valley will change over the next decade and decades to come. We have been fortunate to see the expansion of the wildlife area from its original 4,700 acres (1980, 1986) to 19,000 acres (including the Potrero Creek Conservation Unit). But unless we continue to work and ask our elected officials and decision makers to make good land use decisions, we will see a sea of homes rimming Riverside County's cornerstone multi-species habitat reserve. (Please refer to other articles in our newsletter for information on development and land use issues.)

All of us, whether we are birders, environmentalists, retired, members of the sporting community, students or someone who has just 'stumbled' on to the wildlife area, have a stake in the what happens to the wildlife area. Please take time to support the Friends this fall so we all can continue the work we have started and to protect and preserve this bountiful valley. A donation form can be found at the end of our newsletter. Thank you!

## **SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA News:**

### **Area Manager, Tom Paulek Retires by Ann McKibben:**

One of the biggest changes at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area this fall is the retirement of Tom Paulek, who has spent the last 15 years as area manager. Tom, who was a California Department of Fish and Game employee for 28 years, oversaw the many land acquisitions, habitat restoration projects, surveys of endangered plants and animals, expansion of wetland areas, and worked as a tireless advocate for the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Tom worked hard to balance the hunting and non-hunting uses at the SJWA so all would be able to enjoy their time at the wildlife area. So when you drive throughout the wildlife area and see the all the restored habitat, native trees and shrubs along the historic course of the San Jacinto River, or take the self-guided auto tour, or visit the newly-created seasonal wetland areas, take time to remember a dedicated manager who made a world of difference at the SJWA. Tom and his wife Susan Nash have relocated to Idyllwild, CA and are enjoying new scenic mountain views.

### **Tricolored Blackbirds In Trouble by Tom Paulek, Former Area Manager, SJWA:**

Many of you have witnessed the synchronized foraging flights of thousands of tricolored blackbirds and been awe-struck. These spectacular birds are largely endemic to the lowlands of California and are considered the most intensely colonial of all the North American passerine birds. Biologists have found up to

20,000 tricolored nests in a cattail marsh of 10 acres or less. Primarily due to losses of their wetland breeding habitats and foraging grounds, tricolored populations have declined throughout California with the species status in Southern California perhaps being the most dire. Information taken from the 2006 Tricolored Survey Report by Robert Meese, a UC Davis researcher, illustrates the problems confronting this often awe-inspiring species. In Kern County, the West Poso colony was the largest breeding colony recorded with 138,000 breeding birds. Sample nest transects indicated 92,135 nests were constructed producing an estimated 132,000 young. The next largest colony, also in the Central Valley of Northern California, was the Homen Dairy colony located in Merced County. Here, an estimated 70,000 birds built 47,216 nests and were said to produce 40,000 young. It is important to note that both of these Northern California colonies occurred in dairy farm silage fields, rather than on historic wetland nesting habitats. Both were saved by a silage buy-out program which paid the farmer to delay harvest until the birds completed the nesting cycle. In contrast with these Northern California populations, our San Jacinto Valley population, is much smaller, but none-the-less likely to be the largest remaining tricolored population in Southern California (south of the Tehachapi Mountains). In years past, the San Jacinto Valley population has nested on the wetlands of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, the adjoining duck club wetlands or the Sanderson Avenue water treatment plant constructed wetlands (Eastern Municipal Water District). This year, the population chose to settle on a local dairy farm wheat field. An estimated 8,000 birds constructed 5,400 nests and produced somewhere between 2,500 and 7,500 offspring. In 2006, for the first time, the tricolors shifted from their usual wetland nesting site to a dairyman's wheat field which also necessitated a silage buy-out to save this year's reproductive effort. The necessity for the silage buy-out and the relative paucity of the San Jacinto Valley population in comparison to the much larger Northern California populations should be viewed as a big, bright waving red flag. It is telling us very clearly the future of the tricolored blackbird in Southern California is indeed dire.

### **San Jacinto Center for Environmental Education by Sue**

**Nash:** Studies have shown that environmental education has a positive effect on improving the overall educational performance of students; we can think of no better place to have such a program than the awesome San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The Center is off to a fresh start with our new Executive Director, Susannah Buchanan. Susannah is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade GATE teacher in Moreno Valley, has a Master's degree in Environmental Education and 15 years teaching experience. We are indeed fortunate to have such an experienced teacher writing curriculum for our Environmental Education Program at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. We have joined The Resource Center for Non-Profit Management in Moreno Valley and completed our California

non-profit application. We hope to soon receive grant money to implement our program. This school year we will be inviting a small number of teachers from surrounding school districts to bring classes to the SJWA for a half-day program. **For this we need volunteers to assist with the teaching stations.** We will train you and provide all the materials. If you are interested in joining us in the field and/or in being a member of our Board, please contact Susannah Buchanan at [shiloh58@earthlink.net](mailto:shiloh58@earthlink.net) and (951) 849-8426 or Sue Nash at [snash22@earthlink.net](mailto:snash22@earthlink.net) and (909) 228-6710.

**Update on Burrowing Owl Survey by Sue Nash:** In addition to the surveys on the wildlife area conducted by Ginny Short and MSHCP surveyors, the Institute for Bird Populations (Point Reyes Station) included several blocks on and near the San Jacinto Wildlife Area in their 2006-2007 Statewide Survey of Breeding Burrowing Owls in California. The results of these various surveys show the San Jacinto Wildlife Area continues to support a population of owls. However, we are very concerned that many populations in the San Jacinto Valley are threatened by proposed development. If you are interested in participating in the 2007 burrowing owl surveys, please contact Ginny Short at [ginny.short@EMAIL.ucr.edu](mailto:ginny.short@EMAIL.ucr.edu)

**Bluebird Boxes Monitors Needed by Sue Nash:** Once again, almost all of the fifteen (15) bluebird boxes on the San Jacinto wildlife area are home to swallow families. We are thrilled with the swallows, but we do need to clean out the old nests and remove any wasps (mud and paper) present and to determine when the nesting actually begins. A practical time to do this appears to be after the Beginning Bird Walks at the SJWA on Sunday October 1, December 3, January 7 and February 4 which are scheduled from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. on each of these days (assuming we have no heavy rains and are able to reach the boxes). We could bring a sack lunch, picnic and then check the nest boxes at 11:00 a.m. Those interested could then continue to monitor the nests throughout the spring nesting season to discover which species are present and their success rates. Please contact Sue Nash at [snash22@earthlink.net](mailto:snash22@earthlink.net) or (909) 228-6710 if you would like further information.

## **FRIENDS NEWS & PROJECTS:**

**The Proposed Villages of Lakeview by Sue Nash:** The Nuevo Development Corporation (aka Lewis Homes) issued the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Villages of Lakeview housing development project in the community of Nuevo/Lakeview. The project will add over 34,000 residents in 11,350 units on 2,800 acres. Approximately 250 of those acres and 2,500 of those units will be located north of the Ramona Expressway and on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. As we told you recently, we are very concerned about the impacts of this many new homes (mostly three story apartments) near the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, especially those just a few feet away from its southern border. The Draft Environmental Impact Report is expected to be issued sometime next summer. The Friends' NOP comments (telling the County and Lewis Homes what needs to be discussed in the EIR) included the need to thoroughly discuss greenhouse gas reduction; aesthetics; loss of agriculture; loss of air quality; loss of biological resources; geological hazards; fire hazards; flood plain impacts; poor land use planning; noise; school siting; transportation and road impacts; adequate water supplies; impacts to humans; cumulative and growth inducing impacts; and adequate alternative analysis. On August 9 the Friends attended an NOP meeting at the Riverside County Planning Commission

and were encouraged that several commissioners shared our concerns about this massive project in the middle of a rural/farming community. We also attended a September 21 NOP meeting at the Nuevo Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meeting. The attitude of the MAC members and Lewis Homes toward the Friends was disappointing. The fact that their notice letter did not contain the location of the MAC meeting seemed to epitomize their concern about the issues we have brought to their attention. The NOP and Friends' comments can be found on our website, [www.northfriends.org](http://www.northfriends.org) If you are interested in commenting on the DEIR, please contact us through our website at [northfriends@northfriends.org](mailto:northfriends@northfriends.org)

## **Mixing Chickens and Waterfowl? by Sue Nash:**

In order to build the Villages of Lakeview project, a chicken ranch in Nuevo must be relocated. The Friends responded to the Riverside County Planning Department Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft EIR for the relocation of the McAnally Enterprise poultry farm. The project proposes to relocate the new facility to a Bridge Street location immediately adjacent to the eastern boundary of the SJWA. We questioned the land use planning wisdom of locating such an industrial scale poultry facility essentially across the street from the Mystic Lake wetlands. Our concern is that the bird flu (avian influenza) is expected to arrive in North America this year carried by wild birds. The placement of 2.25 million chickens immediately adjacent to the thousands of migratory waterfowl and shorebirds using the Mystic Lake wetlands could facilitate the spread of an influenza virus from wild birds to this enormous domestic chicken population. We asked the Riverside County Planning Department to carefully examine the risk to public health posed by this project and to consider locating the facility at an alternative site.

## **Moreno Valley General Plan Update by Ann McKibben:**

The Moreno Valley City Council approved the update of the city's general plan at their July 11 council meeting. The Friends had submitted oral and written comments since the summer of 2005 asking that all maps reflect the state ownership of 1,000 acres of land that was formerly part of the Moreno Highlands Specific Plan (land which was purchased by the state and is now part of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area); asked that all maps be consistent in accurately representing the boundaries of the SJWA; asked that the 1,000 acres in question be zoned 'open space' as it is open space and state land; asked the city to update the geotechnical information to accurately represent the complex fault system in the valley, something which will affect land use decisions (as a 30 page letter from the California Geological Survey had requested). The city refused to change any of the maps citing the existing development agreement, saying it would not allow them to make any changes to the maps. The city did not contact or discuss geotechnical issues with the California Geological Survey or update any of their information saying that since the letter was part of the environmental impact report, the information was there.

**LINKS:** Friends NSJV: [www.northfriends.org](http://www.northfriends.org) ; San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society: [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org) ; San Jacinto Center for Environmental Education: <http://sanjacintocenter.blogspot.com/> ; Rare Bird Alert: <http://www.birder.com/birding/alert/index.html> (Click on 'California'; scroll to San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, click on a date. San Jacinto Wildlife Area: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/lands/wa/region6/sanjacinto.html> for map and species lists.

## **NATURE WALKS AND FIELDS TRIPS AT THE SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA:**

### **October 1, 2006, Sunday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. BEGINNING BIRD WALK**

Here is your chance to learn bird identification at the wildlife area. This morning walk introduces participants to basic birding techniques. Our goal is to find 10-15 species and learn what characteristics set them apart from others. Some binoculars and bird books will be available to borrow for the morning. All levels of birders and children are welcome. With San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society. Check [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org) for more information or call Cathy Tobin at (951) 684-9613. Leaders: Jennifer & Michelle Tobin.

### **October 29, 2006, Sunday, 9 a.m. to Noon MYSTIC LAKE WALK**

Mystic Lake still fills the valley offering opportunities for seeing some great birds. Join us as we spend the morning looking for migrating shorebirds and waterfowl along the edge of Mystic Lake.  
Leader: Sue Nash, (909) 228-6710.

### **November 19, 2006, Sunday, 7 a.m. NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY FIELD TRIP**

With San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society. Join us for a day of birding in the northern San Jacinto Valley where we'll be looking for wintering birds of prey and waterfowl. It is possible to see 100 species on this fall trip so we'll see if we make our goal this year. We will meet in the SJWA parking lot. Leaders: Tony Metcalf (951) 242-7038 and Dave Goodward, (909) 783-2417. Check [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org) for more information.

### **December 3, 2006, Sunday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. BEGINNING BIRD WALK**

Here is your chance to learn bird identification at the wildlife area. This morning walk introduces participants to basic birding techniques. Our goal is to find 10-15 species and learn what characteristics set them apart from others. Some binoculars and bird books will be available to borrow for the morning. All levels of birders and children are welcome. With San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society. Check [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org) for more information or call Cathy Tobin at (951) 684-9613. Leaders: Jennifer & Michelle Tobin. (Followed by bluebird box cleaning/monitoring at 11:00 a.m. See article in this issue.)

### **December, 2006, 6 a.m. CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

The Christmas Bird Count at the SJWA is sponsored by the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society and is part of a nationwide survey conducted by Audubon. All level of birders are welcome—we'll be working in small groups covering the northern San Jacinto Valley and the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Call Sue Nash at (909) 228-6710 or e-mail: [snash22@earthlink.net](mailto:snash22@earthlink.net) to confirm date and time. Or check [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org) for more information.

### **January 7, 2007, Sunday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. BEGINNING BIRD WALK**

Here is your chance to learn bird identification at the wildlife area. This morning walk introduces participants to basic birding techniques. Our goal is to find 10-15 species and learn what characteristics set them apart from others. Some binoculars and bird books will be available to borrow for the morning. All levels of birders and children are welcome.

With San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society. Check [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org) for more information. Leader: Doug Karalun, (909) 425-5355. (Followed by bluebird box cleaning/monitoring at 11:00 a.m. See article in this issue.)

### **January 21, 2007, Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. RECLAIMED WATER EXTRAVAGANZA**

The reclaimed water ponds at the SJWA offer excellent opportunities to see a wide variety of waterfowl, shorebirds, and other migrating species. Join us for this afternoon walk as we slowly walk along the Viewing Platform and other pond areas close by. Some years we have see vermilion flycatchers, eastern phoebe, black phoebe in close proximity. Let's see what we find this time. Leader: Sue Nash, (909) 228-6710

### **February 4, 2007, Sunday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. BEGINNING BIRD WALK**

Here is your chance to learn bird identification at the wildlife area. This morning walk introduces participants to basic birding techniques. Our goal is to find 10-15 species and learn what characteristics set them apart from others. Some binoculars and bird books will be available to borrow for the morning. All levels of birders and children are welcome. With San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society. Check [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org) for more information or call Cathy Tobin at (951) 684-9613. Leaders: Jennifer & Michelle Tobin. (Followed by bluebird box cleaning/monitoring at 11:00 a.m. See article in this issue.)

**BEGINNING BIRD WALKS:** San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society organizes and sponsors Beginning Bird Walks (BBW) at various locations in Riverside County. We are fortunate that a number of the walks are located at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Please note that there is a new start time for the BBWs—8 a.m. Please check their web site at: [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org) for information on dates and locations for all their Beginning Bird Walks. Or call Cathy Tobin at (951) 684-9613. Thank you SBVAS!

**FOR INFORMATION** on the Friends walks, call Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150 or Sue Nash at (909) 228-6710. Our walks are free and open to all. Children are welcome and you do not need to be a member of the Friends to join us on any of our walks.

**WHERE TO MEET:** All nature walks meet at the appointed time in the parking lot of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area headquarters at 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. There are picnic tables and restrooms available if you want to spend the day.

**FOR ALL WALKS:** Bring binoculars, camera (if you are interested), non-toxic insect repellent, sturdy walking shoes, hat, sunscreen, plenty of water, lunch, snacks, and wear appropriate clothing for the weather.

### **TO VISIT THE SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA:**

**Hours:** the wildlife area is open seven days a week from Dawn to Dusk. You are welcome to visit on your own at any time. There is an Information Kiosk on the east side of Davis Road adjacent to the parking lot.

**FALL HUNTING HOURS:** The San Jacinto Wildlife Area is owned by the state of California and managed by the Department of Fish and Game. Hunting fees which are

collected at facilities throughout the state are used to manage wildlife habitat throughout the state.

**Waterfowl Hunting: October 21, 2006 to January 28, 2007; Youth Waterfowl Hunt, February 3, 2007.** There will be ALL DAY waterfowl hunting on all Wednesday and Saturdays between these dates. **The Wetland Areas at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area will be closed ALL DAY ON WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAYS** for non-hunting public use during the waterfowl season.

**Pheasant Hunting: November 13, 20, 27, and December 4, 11, 18, 2006 (ALL Mondays),** there is ALL DAY pheasant hunting throughout the wildlife area on the Mondays listed.

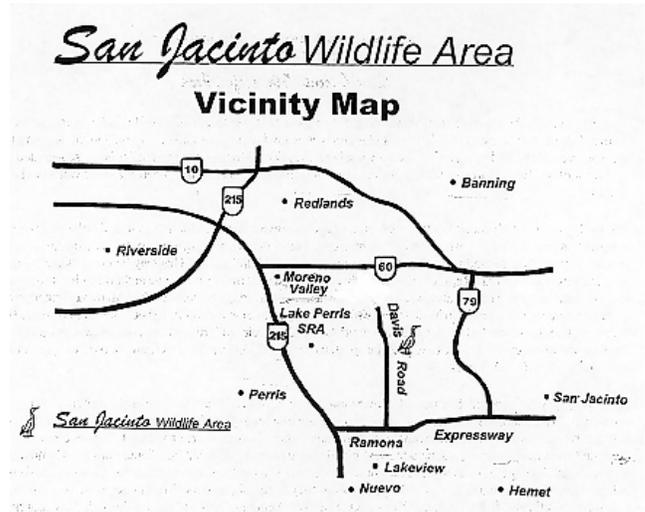
Please keep these hours in mind when you schedule your visits to the wildlife area and call the area staff at (951) 928-0580 during regular work hours if you have any questions regarding which areas might be closed.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA:**

San Jacinto Wildlife Area, 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview.  
Telephone: (951) 928-0580. **DAVIS ROAD IS CLOSED FROM MORENO VALLEY.** Please use one of these alternate routes to visit the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. *From Moreno Valley:* go south on Perris Boulevard to the Ramona Expressway; go east on the Ramona Expressway to Davis Road in Lakeview; go north on Davis Road 2.3 miles to the headquarters. *From Hemet/San Jacinto Area:* take the Ramona Expressway east to Davis Road in Lakeview; go north on Davis Road 2.3 miles to the headquarters.

**PLEASE USE CAUTION WHILE DRIVING ON DAVIS ROAD IF THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT RAINS.** During the rainy season, you may want to call the wildlife area headquarters, (951) 928-0580, during regular work hours for updated access information and road conditions.

**BRIDGE STREET** between Gilman Springs Road and the Ramona Express way **is currently closed.** For updated information please call Riverside County Transportation Department at: (951) 955-6740, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for more information.



Mystic Lake Walk, April 8, 2006



Beginning Bird Walk, December 4, 2005



Bluebird Box Walk, May 14, 2006

**THANK YOU TO OUR NATURE WALK LEADERS:** Samantha Dempster, Sue Nash, Jennifer, Michelle & Cathy Tobin. We had another great season of nature walks at the wildlife area this spring. We appreciate our volunteer leaders and all the time they spend sharing their knowledge with wildlife area visitors!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS:** The Friends realize that we are fortunate to have supporters who continue to make donations to our organization year after year. Thank you for making it possible for the Friends to go forward with their work!

**THANK YOU** Ann McKibben and Sue Nash for folding, labeling, and sealing our spring newsletter.

**Waiver Form:** The Friends will be asking all walk participants to sign waiver of responsibility forms. Please be aware that minors (under the age 18) cannot sign the waiver. The signator must be a parent of other responsible adult. If you will not be with or are dropping off a minor at one of the Friends' nature walks, please call Sue Nash at (909) 228-6710 or e-mail her at: [snash22@earthlink.net](mailto:snash22@earthlink.net) for a copy of the form so you can sign it and have the minor bring it with them. The form can also be found on our web page.

**Friends' Web Page:** Please check out the Friends' web page at: [www.northfriends.org](http://www.northfriends.org) for information about our nature walks and updated "Take Action" information. Our "Take Action" section has our comment letters on the proposed Villages of Lakeview Project, the MacAnally Enterprise Poultry Farm, and other information.

#### **OTHER NEWS:**

**WHERE WE'VE BEEN SEEN:** Once again the Friends had an information table at the Environmental Expo which was held at the Cal State University, San Bernardino Campus on April 22. We had handouts and information about the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and the Friends. Lots of displays and tables to see and plenty of people asking about the wildlife area. Thank you to: Rick Gagnon, Dave Gnerre, Elaine Maticic, Ann McKibben, and Sharon Swan for hosting our table. Also on April 22 the Friends had an information table at the Community Earth Day Festival held at Lake Skinner. Paul Prado and Nanette Pratini hosted our table and handed out information. On April 30 the Friends gave a bird walk as part of the California Waterfowl Association Youth Camp held at Mystic Lake Duck Club adjacent to the SJWA. Ann & Mike McKibben and Tom Paulek led the morning walk giving the kids and their leaders an introduction to the wildlife area. Besides looking for birds we stopped to look at a ground crack while Mike talked about the geology of the northern San Jacinto valley. And on May 20 the Friends had an information table at the Earth Fest held in Idyllwild. Sue Nash and Nanette Pratini hosted the table. Thank you to everyone who took time to help get the word out about the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and the Friends at these events!

**SELF-GUIDED AUTO TOUR:** a self-guided auto tour is available for visitors to use at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. These reusable guides follow a series of signs and explain what can be seen at each of the seven stops. You can pick them up from a box which is adjacent to the entrance kiosk. You will find a "return" box for the guides sitting on the other side of the road as you leave the wildlife area.

**TIRED OF OUR NEWSLETTER?:** The Friends would be happy to remove your name from our mailing list if you no longer want to receive our newsletter. Send your name and address to: Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley, P.O. Box 9097, Moreno Valley, CA 92552-9097; e-mail: [northfriends@northfriends.org](mailto:northfriends@northfriends.org) or call Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150 to have your name deleted.

#### **UP-COMING EVENTS:**

**OCTOBER 13 & 14, 2006** (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) – *HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION*, Moreno Valley Corporate Yard, 15670 Perris Blvd., Moreno Valley, Information: 1-800-304-2226.

**OCTOBER 21 (noon to 5 p.m.) & 22 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), 2006** – *PLANT SALE*, UCR Botanic Gardens. Information: (951) 784-6962. [www.gardens.ucr.edu](http://www.gardens.ucr.edu)

**NOVEMBER 17, 18 & 19, 2006** – *WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL*, San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. Information: (909) 307-2669.

**JANUARY 27, 2007** – *DUCK DAZE*, Hidden Valley Nature Center, 11401 Arlington Avenue, Riverside, Information: (951) 785-7452.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Bluebird Box Volunteers:** Please see information in our article about Bluebird Boxes at the SJWA to find out how you can help maintain healthy boxes at the SJWA. Cleaning and monitoring will take place after Beginning Bird Walks at 11:00 a.m.

**Nature Walk Leaders:** Do you have an interest in helping others to learn about the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and the importance of the wildlife habitat in the northern San Jacinto Valley? Join us as we hold our nature walks. You can assist by helping to lead a walk, helping identify birds, insects or other expertise you may have to offer. Call Sue Nash at (909) 228-6710 or [snash22@earthlink.net](mailto:snash22@earthlink.net) or call Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150 or e-mail at [northfriends@northfriends.org](mailto:northfriends@northfriends.org)

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