



# The Roadrunner

Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley

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

Fall has arrived at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and there is much to look forward to with the arrival of wintering birds of prey, migrating waterfowl and shorebirds. The wildlife area is an important link in the Pacific Flyway and provides a stopping point for birds to rest and eat before continuing their migration. Some of the migrating birds end up spending the fall and winter months here. The northern San Jacinto Valley is one of a few remaining inland valleys which has not been developed. Even though the financial crisis has stopped many developments in their tracks, larger developers are continuing to work to gain approval for their projects so they can be built when the economy changes. The Friends are dedicated to working to preserve and protect the northern San Jacinto Valley, the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and Mystic Lake. Please take time to renew your membership with the Friends this month and give what you can. A membership form can be found on the outside flap of this newsletter.

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

### **TRICOLORED BLACKBIRDS—BAD NEWS, GOOD NEWS**

**by Tom Paulek:** The results of the statewide Tricolored Blackbird population survey are in and the numbers for southern California are low. Statewide volunteers counted approximately 400,000 tricolors. Fewer than 5,500 birds were found in the six-county southern California region. The 2008 survey coordinated by Audubon California indicates the southern population is at risk and may be teetering towards extinction. The good news is the UCLA Conservation Genetics Resource Center has begun a genetic analysis to determine whether the southern California tricolors are genetically distinct from the more numerous northern California birds. The Friends group was instrumental in collecting the specimens UCLA has extracted the DNA material from to perform the genetic analysis. Tricolor nest content collections were made over the last three years. Nest colonies sampled included the 2006 nesting colony in the San Jacinto Valley, Riverside County and the 2007 nesting colony at Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve in San Diego County. In 2008 nest contents were collected, after the nesting season, at Holiday Lake in Los Angeles County and the Newberry Springs area in San Bernardino County. The UCLA investigators expect to have preliminary results of the genetic testing this November. If the genetic work indicates the southern California tricolors are genetically distinct, it will further substantiate the need to list the southern tricolors as a distinct population segment under the Endangered Species Act.

### **SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA LAND MANAGEMENT**

**PLAN by Ann McKibben:** The California Department of Fish and Game has hired a consultant (Dudek) to develop a management plan for the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA). A public meeting was held at the SJWA on September 29, 2008 to discuss what issues needed to be addressed by the

management plan. Approximately fifty to sixty people attended the public meeting to voice their concern about plan. Most of those in attendance were from the hunting community. Their concerns ranged from increased hunting opportunities and development of hunting areas on the SJWA, dog training facilities, increasing hunting days, and requests that non-consumptive users of the wildlife area start paying a user's fee to support the SJWA. Those from the environmental community asked that the document address and follow the Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan, Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Habitat Conservation Plan, address the reclaimed water contract with Eastern Municipal Water District (which will expire in 2014), address complex land use issues and development surrounding the SJWA, and preserving and maintaining burrowing owl habitat. Others suggested that DFG needed to address the city of Moreno Valley Trails System which is projected to cross the northern boundary of the SJWA. Nuevo and Lakeview community residents expressed concerns about development adjacent to the SJWA and the potential change to access the wildlife area if the Villages of Lakeview project is approved by the county. After the draft document is completed the Department of Fish and Game plans to hold another public meeting to take comments on the document. Anyone with questions on the project can contact: Eddy Konno, California Department of Fish and Game, (760) 200-9174. The Friends will be posting updated information on the plan and any future hearing dates on our web page once the information is made available.

## **FRIENDS NEWS & PROJECTS:**

**FRIENDS' LAWSUIT FILED, AUGUST 2007** by Sue Nash: **FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN SAN VALLEY V. WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD (WCB), DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME (DFG), CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION (CWA).** Riverside Trial Court # RIC477696 (briefs online); Court of Appeal Case #E045894; 4<sup>th</sup> District, Division Two. Disappointingly, at the April 18th, 2008, the judge, Gloria Trask, agreed with the Attorney General of California (representing the DFG & WCB) that the WCB could approve and give a notice to proceed to a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and then several months later the DFG could prepare an alleged CEQA document. Friends are preparing our opening brief for the court of appeal in which we again argue that such a procedure would effectively repeal CEQA, which requires that **BEFORE** approving any project subject to CEQA, all state agencies shall review a final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Negative Declaration or other CEQA document. (CEQA Guidelines 15004(a))

Friends also contend that the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for this project in March 2008 is void as it was prepared over a year after the WCB approved the project in February 2007. Friends hope to have a published appellate court opinion upholding CEQA, and to receive

attorney fees for our efforts to uphold the law, by next summer.

**PROPOSED MCANALLY CHICKEN RANCH, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO.3512 by Ann McKibben:**

The Riverside County Planning Department released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the McAnally Chicken Ranch Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 3512 on September 26. As we have mentioned previously, Lewis Corp must relocate a chicken ranch in order to build The Villages of Lakeview project in Lakeview/Nuevo. The ranch, if approved, would house 2.2 MILLION chickens adjacent to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area where thousands of waterfowl and shorebirds winter each year. Major concerns regarding the project are the spread of avian flu, water quality degradation, locating a industrial scale poultry facility next to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (a cornerstone reserve in the Riverside County MSHCP) plus locating such a huge facility adjacent to the flood plain of the San Jacinto River. All comments on the project must be received by November 9, 2008. Submit comments to: Matt Straite, Riverside County Planning Department, 4080 Lemon Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 1409, Riverside, CA 92502-1409. Mr. Straite's telephone number is: (951) 955-8631. Comments can be faxed to: (951) 955-3157. Please take time to voice your concerns about this project and the effects it will have on the northern San Jacinto Valley and the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Approval for this project is being fast tracked which means the CUP will not go before the Riverside County Planning Commission first, but instead will go straight to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors for approval. If you are following this project, you can check the Board of Supervisors' web page for their agenda at: <http://www.clerkoftheboard.co.riverside.ca.us/agendas/2008.htm> Please check the Friends' web site at [www.northfriends.org](http://www.northfriends.org) where we have posted our comment letters.

**PROPOSED HIGHLAND FAIRVIEW CORPORATE CENTER by Ann McKibben:**

The city of Moreno Valley released the draft environmental impact report (DEIR) for the Highland Fairview Corporate Center in August. Comments on the draft EIR were due September 19. The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley submitted written comments on the DEIR. The project proponent wants to build a 2.42 million square foot logistic center for Skechers Shoes along the southern edge of Highway 60 between Redlands Boulevard and Theodore Street in eastern Moreno Valley. Concerns are: increased truck traffic which will occur if this project and two other logistic centers are built along Highway 60. Also, increased air pollution, diesel particulates and their effects on local air quality is a huge concern as are health effects. According to the project planner, a public hearing on the project might occur in November or December. The project may be put before the Moreno Valley City Council about a month and a half after the planning commission hearing. Project planner is: Mark Gross, Moreno Valley Planning Department, (951) 413-3222. Please take time to attend the Planning Commission hearing and Moreno Valley City Council meeting and let them know that you are concerned about the severe health effects, traffic, changes in land use designations this project will have. You can call Mr. Gross for more information. Planning Commission and city council meetings agendas can be found at: <http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/>

**PROPOSED VILLAGES OF LAKEVIEW SPECIFIC PLAN 342 by Ann McKibben:**

Lewis Corp continues to work on

their draft environmental impact report (DEIR) for The Villages of Lakeview Specific Plan 342 in Lakeview and Nuevo. The project was scheduled for the October 15, 2008 Riverside County Planning Commission meeting as workshop item. (The project plans to build 10,000+ homes in these communities with approximately 3,000 units planned between the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and the northern border of the Ramona Expressway.) One has to question whether it is good land use planning to locate high density residential units adjacent to an MSHCP reserve. There is strong opposition to the project from Lakeview/Nuevo residents. Please take time to write a letter, attend public hearings on the project, and help us work to preserve the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. For more information on the project, contact project planner Matt Straite, Riverside County Planning Department at (951) 955-8631. You can check for planning commission agendas at: [http://www.rctlma.org/planning/content/hearings/pc/current\\_pc.html](http://www.rctlma.org/planning/content/hearings/pc/current_pc.html) The Friends will have information posted at their web page: [www.northfriends.org](http://www.northfriends.org)

**PROPOSED MID COUNTY PARKWAY by Ann McKibben:**

The draft environmental document (DEIR) for the Mid County Parkway (MCP), a Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) project which plans to expand the Ramona Expressway from the city of San Jacinto to the city of Corona as a six to eight lane road, was released by the Riverside County Transportation Commission on October 10, 2008. The proposed parkway is a 32 mile 'freeway' between the cities of San Jacinto and Corona. The RCTC and Orange County are also talking about extending the road via tunnels through the Cleveland National Forest (the Irvine-Corona Expressway). The highway will go through the middle of the Villages of Lakeview Project and impact the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area where the road crosses the historic course of the San Jacinto River. The Friends have commented on this project for many years. All written comments are due by December 8, 2008. All draft EIR comments, public meetings and hearing dates are posted at: <http://www.midcountyparkway.org/> or call the RCTC at (951) 787-7141. Project manager is Cathy Bechtel.

**PERSONAL BIRDING TOUR AT THE SJWA by Ann McKibben:**

In our September 2007 newsletter the Friends sponsored a fundraising event. For every \$5.00 regular membership donation to the Friends, a raffle ticket would be given. The drawing for the birding tour was held March 15, 2008 at the Bluebird Box and Birding Nature Walk. Holder of the winning ticket was Mary Rosczyk of Murrieta. The Personal Birding Tour took place on May 31, 2008 at the



wildlife area. Mary invited two friends, Patty Loy and Grace Briganti, to join the tour. Sue Nash, Tom Paulek, Ann & Mike

McKibben and George Hague led the bird walk where we visited wetland areas, the reclaimed water pond and the west side of Davis Road. Breakfast and lunch were served at the picnic

tables by the office. Sandwiches and dessert from Simple Simon's topped the day's events. Besides the tour Mary also received a copy of The Sibley Field Guide to Birds and fancy binocular straps as part of the day's celebration. Many thanks to Mary for her very generous donation to the Friends and support of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area! And thank you, also, to all of our loyal members who took time to make a donation to the Friends. Our fundraising event raised \$2,900.00 for the Friends' work.

**THE JOY OF LOOKING by Sandy Kasper, Teacher, Diamond Valley Middle School, Hemet:** On May 20 and 21, 2008 the Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and the Department of Fish and Game hosted two environmental field trips for two 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes from Diamond Valley Middle School in Hemet. The students and parents were led



on an informative hike by Sue Nash. She pointed out native plants and animals that are endangered or threatened by invasive species and destruction of habitat. We were also able

to observe and identify several species of waterfowl using the binoculars and guides provided by the Friends of the NSJV. The Department of Fish and Game gave students a walk-through of the SJWA office, including close-up looks at their mounted cougar and game birds. They shared copies of the Fish and Game magazine and educational brochures for us to take home. When the students returned to school they were able to do 70 follow-up investigations in the computer lab, increasing their knowledge and appreciation of wildlife in this area.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE AND CEQA by Sue Nash:**

This is a very brief summary of laws impacting how developers must deal with climate change under CEQA, including the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and/or the effects of greenhouse gas emissions. As you can see, how climate change is to be addressed in CEQA is a process which is far from complete. The following sources should be helpful to you in responding to Draft EIRs and evaluating these and other air quality issues of development.

The Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) requires the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to prepare a Scoping Plan to achieve reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in CA. On June 26, 2008, ARB staff presented the initial draft of the AB 32 Scoping Plan for Board review and public comment. The Document can be found by going to the ARB web page: [www.arb.ca.gov](http://www.arb.ca.gov) The South Coast Air Quality Management District has also developed a draft Climate Change Policy and has assembled a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Working Group. It can be found by going to: [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov)

Pursuant to Senate Bill 97, the Governor's office of planning and Research (OPR) is in the process of developing CEQA Guidelines for the mitigation of or the effects of greenhouse gas emissions. The OPR must prepare the Guidelines by July, 2009, and they must be adopted by the Resources Agency by January, 2010. In the meantime, the OPR has provided a Technical Advisory which provides

OPR's perspective on the issue of CEQA and climate change. It can be found at: [www.opr.ca.gov](http://www.opr.ca.gov)

The most difficult and controversial issue concerning CEQA and climate change is determining when a project's GHG emissions are significant. To help fill this void until the CEQA Guidelines are final, the California Air Pollution Control Officer's Association (CAPCOA) issued a white paper suggesting various approaches to determining significance. *CEQA and Climate Change: Evaluating and Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Projects Subject to CEQA.* (Found at: [www.capcoa.org](http://www.capcoa.org))

#### **METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT AND WATER SUPPLIES by Sue Nash:**

The MWD, either through the State Water Project bringing water from northern California or the Colorado River Water Project, supplies around 90% of the water which Eastern Municipal Water District distributes to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and surrounding communities. MWD has recently issued a series of press releases regarding the Governor's declaration of drought in southern California. In September and October, MWD also held a series of four public forums as it begins updating its region-wide water resources plan. Information on these forums and information on how much water is likely to be available for western Riverside County through 2030 can be found at: [www.mwdh2o.com](http://www.mwdh2o.com)

**THANK YOU TO WALK LEADERS:** Thank you to all of those who led bird walks, nature walks, and birding field trips at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area from fall 2007 to spring 2008. We are fortunate to have many individuals who volunteer their time and share their knowledge at these events. And those who attend the walks always express their appreciation and value what they have learned. It is a busy world we live in, and we sincerely appreciate all of the dedicated leaders who make these events possible.

#### **LINKS:**

*Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley:*

[www.northfriends.org](http://www.northfriends.org)

*San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society:* [www.sbvass.org](http://www.sbvass.org)

*Rare Bird Alert:*

<http://listserv.arizona.edu/archives/birdwest.html>

(Southeastern California RBA) or

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/inlandcountybirds/>

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

**September 13, 2008, Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

### **EVENING INSECT NATURE WALK**

Entomologist Gordon Pratt will bring several display boxes of insects and help explain the difference between butterflies, moths and others. He will also set up a blue light to attract insects once the sun goes down. Please wear long sleeved shirts and long pants; bring non-toxic insect repellent because of mosquitoes. Leader: Gordon Pratt.

**October 19, 2008, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

### **SJWA NATURE WALK**

Join us for a relaxing morning walk where we will explore the wetlands habitat at the SJWA and see what kind of waterfowl and shorebirds we can find. It will be a leisurely stroll, driving to a few locations and take in the beauty of the northern San Jacinto Valley. Leader: Tom Paulek.

**November 16, 2008, Sunday, 7:00 a.m.**

**NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY FIELD TRIP—San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society**

Check [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org) for current information. SBVAS's birding field trip in the northern San Jacinto Valley will cover parts of the valley and the SJWA. On good days 100+ species can be found—wintering birds of prey, waterfowl and shorebirds. Leaders: Tony Metcalf (951) 242-7038 and Dave Goodward, (909) 783-2417.

**December 7, 2008, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

**MORNING BIRDING WALK AT THE SJWA**

Join us for a leisure morning walk to see what kind of birds we can find in early December. Fall brings lots of migrating waterfowl and shorebirds. We will take our time and identify the birds we see. Leader: Sue Nash.

**December 2008**

**CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT at the SJWA & San Jacinto Valley—San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society**

Check [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org) for information on the CBC in the northern San Jacinto Valley. All are welcome to join in on the count no matter what your birding experience is.

**January 4, 2009, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**BEGINNING BIRD WALK—San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society**

Check [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org) for current information. A slow-paced walk to introduce participants to basic birding techniques and identification skills so you will feel comfortable birding on your own or joining Audubon's longer birding trips. Leader: Doug Karalun, (909) 425-5355.

**January 18, 2009, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

**SJWA NATURE WALK**

We will be looking for birds at the reclaimed water ponds and visiting a variety of habitats on this nature walk. Also, we will talk about the geology and ecology of the wildlife area and the northern San Jacinto Valley. Join us for a fun day of



birding and learning about the natural resources of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Leaders: Sue Nash, Tom Paulek, Mike McKibben.

**February 1, 2009, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**BEGINNING BIRD WALK—San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society**

Check [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org) for current information. A slow-paced walk to introduce participants to basic birding techniques and identification skills so you will feel comfortable birding on your own or joining Audubon's longer birding trips. Leaders: Jennifer & Michelle Tobin. Contact: Cathy Tobin, (951) 684-9613.

**February 21, 2009, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.**

**SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA—San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society**

Check [www.sbvas.org](http://www.sbvas.org) for current information. Ducks, geese, ibis and birds of prey of some of the birds to be seen on this

trip. Leader: To Be Announced. Check SBVAS web page for updated information on this walk.

*Just a reminder that there is all day waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays & Saturdays from October 19, 2008 through February 7, 2009 at the wildlife area. Because of hunting days we have to schedule our nature walks on Sundays. We plan on having Saturday walks (when possible) this spring.*

**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 held at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Please note that the BBWs start at 8:00 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 is allowed at all state-owned wildlife areas. Hunting fees which are collected at facilities throughout the state are used to manage wildlife habitat throughout the state.

**Waterfowl Hunting: October 18, 2008 through February 7, 2009;** There will be ALL DAY waterfowl hunting on all Wednesdays and Saturdays. 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 10, 17, 24, and December 1, 8, 15, 2008 (ALL Mondays),** there is ALL DAY pheasant hunting throughout the wildlife area on the Mondays listed.

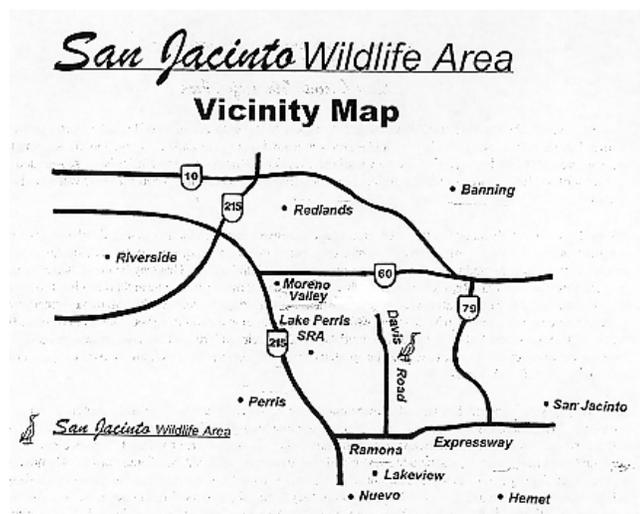
Please keep these dates in mind when you schedule your visits to the wildlife area and call the area staff at (951) 928-0580 during regular work hours if you have any questions regarding which areas might be closed.

**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 west to Davis Road in Lakeview; go north on Davis Road 2.3 miles to the headquarters. From Highway 215: take the Ramona Expressway east to Davis Road in Lakeview (traffic signal); go north on Davis Road 2.3 miles to the area headquarters.

**PLEASE USE CAUTION WHILE DRIVING ON DAVIS ROAD IF THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT RAINS.** Do not drive on Davis Road if it is muddy or it is raining. During the rainy season, please call the wildlife area headquarters, (951) 928-0580, during regular work hours to ask about road conditions.



**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 or 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.

**OTHER NEWS:**

**WHERE WE'VE BEEN SEEN:** The Friends attended the May 17 Idyllwild Earth Fair held in Idyllwild where they hosted an information table about the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Sue Nash hosted the table, talked to visitors and gave handouts to those who stopped by. Thank you to Sue for

spending the day at the festival and getting the word out about the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and the Friends!

**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. Our current newsletter is posted on the Friends' web page at: [www.northfriends.org](http://www.northfriends.org)

**UP-COMING EVENTS:**

**OCTOBER 18 (noon to 5 p.m.) & 19 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), 2008** – **FALL PLANT SALE**, UCR Botanic Gardens. Information: (951) 784-6962. [www.gardens.ucr.edu](http://www.gardens.ucr.edu)

**NOVEMBER 22 & 23, 2008** – **WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL**, San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. Information: (909) 307-2669.

**MAY 16, 2009 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)** – **DUCK DAZE**, Hidden Valley Nature Center, 11401 Arlington Avenue, Riverside. Information: (951) 785-7452.

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**SJWA Plant Walk, April 2008**

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MEMBERSHIP FORM – Please enroll me as a contributing member of the Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley. I will contribute:

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**Membership Renewal**  
**October is the Month!**