

MARCH – APRIL 2022 BIRD WALK CALENDAR

Open Wetlands at Ballona Salt Marsh 9:00 AM — 12:00 PM

1st Saturday

Sat. Mar. 5 & Sat., Apr. 2

AND

2nd Sunday

Sun., Mar. 13, & Apr. 10

Limited Participation | Call to RSVP

The first Saturday and the second Sunday of every month (EXCEPT AUGUST), from 9 a.m. to noon, Los Angeles Audubon Society hosts the “Open Wetlands” event at the Ballona Salt Marsh. Binoculars will be available to borrow, and volunteers will help visitors view aquatic invertebrates through microscopes, learn about the unique ecosystems found at Ballona, and view birds through powerful spotting scopes along Ballona Creek. To ensure social distancing, RSVPs are required and a limited number of slots are available.

Please contact Cindy Hardin at cindyhardin@laudubon.org to reserve your time. Please call (310) 301-0050 if you have any questions.

Enter through the gate located in the northeast corner of the parking lot behind Alkawater/Gordon’s Market, in the 300 block of Culver Blvd. in Playa del Rey.

No baby strollers please.

Franklin Canyon Bird Walk (with SFVAS)

2nd Sunday

Sun., Mar. 13 & Sun., Apr. 10

8:00 AM — 10:00 AM

Limited Participation | Call to RSVP

Paula Orlovich will lead this walk in one of L.A.’s hidden gems. Walk is limited to ten people due to narrow hiking trails. Contact Paula by text to reserve a spot: (818) 481-5605

Franklin Canyon Park rests on 605 acres near the center of Los Angeles between the San Fernando Valley and Beverly Hills. Within the park boundaries are chaparral, grasslands and oak woodlands, a three-acre lake, an ADA-accessible duck pond, expansive picnic grounds, and over five miles of hiking trails. The lake and pond serve as permanent and seasonal home for birds in the Pacific flyway, including the

spectacular Mandarin Duck to the right. Park features include the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, the Sam Goldman Amphitheater, and the Eugene and Michael Rosenfeld Auditorium.

Directions: From the San Fernando Valley, take the Ventura Freeway (101) or Ventura Boulevard to Coldwater Canyon Boulevard. Head south to the intersection of Coldwater Canyon and Mulholland Drive. Make a 90-degree right turn onto Franklin Canyon Drive. (This means crossing Mulholland) Road signs read “Road Closed 800 Feet” “Sunset to Sunrise”; this is the park entrance. Observe speed limits and make a full stop at the stop sign — they’ll get you with a camera if you don’t. Meet in the parking lot on the left. The walk is on a trail.

For more information:
<https://www.sfvaudubon.org/birding-spots/franklin-canyon/>

3rd Saturday–Bird Walk at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area

Sat., Mar. 19 & Sat., Apr. 16

8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Leaders: Ann and Eric Brooks

This walk covers landscaped parkland, an artificial creek, and lake and natural and restored areas of Coastal Sage Scrub habitats within the Baldwin Hills. We are likely to see many of the resident birds such as Black Phoebe, Cassin’s Kingbird, California and Spotted Towhee, Song Sparrow, Red-tailed, Red-shoulder and Cooper’s Hawk.

The park entrance is off of La Cienega Blvd. between Rodeo Rd. and Stocker St. After passing the entrance kiosk (\$6.00 parking fee) turn left (leading to the “Olympic Forest”) and park in the first available spaces. (4100 S. La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles 90056). Binoculars provided.

Beginner's Bird Walk Will Rogers State Historic Park

(<https://www.sfvaudubon.org/birding-spots/franklin-canyon/>)

Sun., Mar. 20

SORRY, NO SUNDAY WALK IN APRIL

9:00 AM — 11:00 AM

RSVP Required | Limit 10

Join leaders Julie Hanson and Jane Klein for a beginners bird walk at this beautiful coastal location. Leaders will cover the basics of binocular use, bird identification, and common Los Angeles birds. Experienced birders welcome too. Some binoculars available to borrow. Children ages 8 and up welcome with parent. Please RSVP in advance by text to (310) 922-8153; limited to 10.

Meet at the picnic tables next to the parking lot at Will Rogers State Historic Park at: 1501 Will Rogers State Park Road in Pacific Palisades 90272.

3RD SATURDAY COMMUNITY BIRD WALK AUDUBON CENTER AT DEBS PARK

SAT., MAR. 19 AND SAT., APR. 16

8:00AM - 10:00AM

WHERE: THE CENTER IS LOCATED AT 4700 N GRIFFIN AVE. MEET IN THE CENTER COURTYARD (STRAIGHT AHEAD AS YOU WALK THROUGH THE BLACK DECORATIVE GATES). FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN THE LOT OR ALONG GRIFFIN AVE.

WHAT TO BRING:

- HAT AND/OR SUNSCREEN
- REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE
- COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES
- BINOCULARS AND/OR FIELD GUIDES IF YOU HAVE THEM. IF NOT, NO WORRIES! WE HAVE BINOCULARS AVAILABLE TO BORROW ONSITE.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND:

MASKS ARE REQUIRED REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE MAINTAINED.

NO PREVIOUS BIRDING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

ATTENDEES MUST RSVP BEFOREHAND.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME, HOWEVER THESE WALKS ARE BEST SUITED FOR ADULTS AND KIDS AGES 9 AND UP.

ATTENDEES SHOULD EXPECT TO BE WALKING FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

CENTER BINOCULARS WILL BE SANITIZED AFTER EACH USE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://DEBSPARK.AUDUBON.ORG/EVENTS/COMMUNITY-BIRD-WALK-7](https://debspark.audubon.org/events/community-bird-walk-7)

OR

[HTTPS://DEBSPARK.AUDUBON.ORG/EVENTS/COMMUNITY-BIRD-WALK-3](https://debspark.audubon.org/events/community-bird-walk-3)