

The Salton Sea is one of the largest remaining wetlands in all of California and an important stop for millions of birds along the Pacific Flyway. Over 400 species of birds have been identified here throughout the year.

Join us for a fun weekend on  
**JANUARY 23rd 24th & 25th**  
**2015**

for fabulous birding, kayaking and quality family time.

Registration is FREE for the public and includes all activities in the park.

Parking is \$5 per vehicle (\$4 seniors)

Donations are greatly appreciated.

Special field trips are being offered at an additional price. There will be food & beverages available for purchase on Saturday all day.

Free environmental Camping is available at Corvina Beach for registered festival participants

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# PELICAN DAYS



## 3RD ANNUAL BIRDING FESTIVAL AT THE



## SALTON SEA STATE RECREATION AREA

## ON THE NORTH SHORE OF THE GREAT SALTON SEA

Salton Sea State Recreation Area

100-225 State Park Road

North Shore, CA 92254

### REGISTER TODAY

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Field Trip #1 Wild Bird Center, Oasis Date Garden, Banana Museum \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Field Trip #2 North to South Tour \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Field Trip #3 Sand Dunes Tour at the Coachella Preserve \_\_\_\_\_ Free \_\_\_\_\_

Field Trip #4 Covered Wagon Tour of Indio Hills & Barbeque \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

\*Make checks payable to Friends of the Salton Sea SRA and mail to

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

FOSSSRA, 100225 State Park Road, North Shore, California 92254

# SCHEDULE



## Friday, January 23rd

4-6 pm Registration and Refreshments at the Visitor Center

## Saturday, January 24th

8 am Deck chair Birding

8am -3pm Food Concession open

9-11am Birding Walk

Ongoing kids activities

Chalk Art Contest

Building Birdhouses

Jr. Ranger Program

Drawing Birds Workshop

11am WOW ~ Wildlife on Wheels featuring LIVE animals from the Living Desert

12-3pm Mini Kayak Tours in the Harbor

## Field Trips & Seminars

#1 Basic Birding Class 111 with Sharyl Massey

#2 Wild Bird Center Tour, Oasis Date Garden & Banana Museum \$15  
Carpooling

#3 North to South Tour \$30  
Hit all the hot spots on the Sea with Karen Nelson / Mark Legget and Sonny Bono NWR Ranger

Carpooling, Lunches available

4pm Dusk Birding Walk at the North Shore Yacht Club harbor

5pm Happy Hour Wine and Cheese

6pm Evening Program with Katie Montgomery from Sonny Bono NWR

## Sunday, January 25th

8am SOS Pelican Yoga on the Playa

9 am Kayak Birding tour\*  
Enjoy the view from the water. Children under 12 must be partnered with an adult \*This is an easy 2 hour tour

11am Free Sand Dunes Tour at the Coachella Preserve Carpooling

1pm Covered Wagon Tour & Barbecue in the Indio Hills \$35

## Area Information

### Directions:

~From Interstate 10 take 86 S 20 miles South to 66th Ave. Turn left at the Travel Center and then right on Highway 111 South. Go 10 miles South of Mecca. Turn right at the big blue sign to the Visitor Center.

~From Interstate 8 take Highway 111 North for approximately 50 miles. Turn left at the fourth big blue sign.

### Provisions

~Food, and groceries are available at our Camp Store and also 10 miles North on Highway 111 & 66th Avenue in Mecca. At the AM/PM Travel Center there is a Starbucks, Subway, Del Taco and Chelos Burgers. Wi-Fi is available in the food court there.

~In the town of Mecca there are several Mexican eateries and a pizza restaurant. A few miles North of Mecca, the Oasis Date Garden features sandwiches, date samples and date shakes.

~Gas and propane is in Mecca.

FRIENDS OF THE SALTON SEA SRA  
SALTON SEA STATE RECREATION AREA  
100225 STATE PARK ROAD  
NORTH SHORE, CA 92254



# Presenters & Speakers

**Karen Nelson** is a retired Librarian now works with the Living Desert as a Librarian and Zoo Camp leader. She presents her birding expertise doing weekly walks and talks at the Whitewater Preserve, Morongo Preserve, and the Salton Sea SRA. She is also a Certified Interpretive Guide and a docent at the Living Desert Preserve.

**Mark Legget** lives in Palm Springs and leads regular birdwalks at Whitewater Preserve and Coachella Valley Preserve. Originally from Hawaii, Mark has lived in Indiana and Florida and birded extensively in those states. He has been fortunate to bird in Morocco, South Africa, Argentina and Costa Rica as well. During his working life, Mark was a public library administrator.

**Sharyl Massey** has been working in Environmental Education for over 20 years. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management from Humboldt State University and a Master's degree in Environmental Science Education from Sonoma State University. Sharyl volunteered with the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic and worked for The Nature Conservancy in Colorado as an Education Coordinator. Since returning to the San Diego area, Sharyl has served on the Board of Directors for the Volcan Mountain Foundation and currently works at Cuyamaca Outdoor

# Field Trip/ Details

## Trip #1 Wild Bird Center Tour, Oasis Date Garden & Banana Museum \$15 (carpooling)

Tour this unique wild bird rehab center with the Center's Executive director of 33 years, Linda York. In cooperation with the Coachella Valley's Sanitary District's Constructed Wetlands Project, the center received close to 2500 sick, injured or orphaned birds over the past two years. Linda will take you backstage and introduce you to her "foster parent birds" that help her care for her patients. You will meet Great Horned Owls, a Red-tailed Hawk, Western Screech Owls, a Barn Owl, as well as an American Kestrel. The walk around the wetlands will treat you to 30-50 species of birds. On the way back to the park we will stop at the Oasis Date Garden where we will get a short tour, enjoy sampling many different kinds of dates and sample a Banana Shake at the infamous Banana Museum.

## Trip #2 North to South Sea Tour \$30 (carpooling)

Join Karen Nelson and Mark Legget for a memorable trip southward from the park to see the diverse birds on the other end of the Sea. Stops will include: (1) Salt Creek Delta where we will view and scope the dramatic shorebird population there; (2) Garst Road Burrowing Owl territory and the Alamo River delta for waterfowl and shorebirds topped by a tropical surprise; (3) Sonny Bono Unit 1 to view thousands of Snow Geese, numerous raptors and wintering Sandhill Cranes.

# Field Trip Details

## Trip #3 Sand Dune Tour at the Coachella Preserve Free (carpooling)

Ready to hike some sand dunes? Curious about desert life? The tour takes you up through the Coachella Valley National Wildlife Refuge, home to the Coachella Valley Fringe-toed Lizard and some of the last intact sand dunes in Palm Springs. Wear sturdy shoes and bring your sense of adventure as you learn about the desert ecosystem in your backyard and the challenges it faces.

## Trip#4 Covered Wagon Tour and Barbecue Lunch \$35 (carpooling)

Enter into a real old west experience as you travel through the Indio Hills Palms in a mule-driven covered wagon. Your two hour tour will be narrated by the most qualified and knowledgeable naturalists in the desert. You will discover lush green palm oases and the wildlife that inhabits them.

As you travel along the San Andreas fault, you will learn how the local Indians used the desert's native plant life for their food and medicines. Back at camp, the fun continues as you enjoy a delicious chuckwagon-style cookout with live western entertainment. Don't miss this great opportunity!

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## Katie Montgomery

Katie is a military brat who traveled too much as a kid to claim a hometown—one of many reasons she decided to become a biologist. She graduated from UNC-Pembroke with a B.S. in Biology in 2008. Since then she has worked with terns, skimmers and other waterbirds all over the United States. Before coming to California she received her M.S. in Conservation Medicine from Tufts University studying Avian Disease. Now she is the current Wildlife Refuge Specialist for the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge where she works with wildlife on the Salton Sea. When she isn't chasing birds she enjoys kayaking with her fiancé and hanging out with her cat Beaker.

## Linda York

Linda is the Wild Birds Center's Executive director of 33 years. In cooperation with the Coachella Valley's Sanitary District's Constructed Wetlands Project, the center received close to 2500 sick, injured or orphaned birds over the past two years. Linda will take you backstage and introduce you to her "foster parent birds" that help her care for her patients. You will meet Great Horned Owls, a Red-tailed Hawk, Western Screech Owls, a Barn Owl, as well as an American Kestrel. The walk around the wetlands will treat you to 30-50 species of birds.