

### Oil Spill - How to Help

For more information on beach cleanup volunteer training and certification sessions, go to:

[www.thevolunteercenter.net](http://www.thevolunteercenter.net)

### New Videos!

Videos about the Great Blue Herons of Golden Gate Park and San Francisco Nature Education have been posted to our home page: [www.sfnature.org](http://www.sfnature.org)

Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Rick Bacigalupi produced these wonderful short films.



Sketching birds

### School Field Trips in Flight

We have been leading enthusiastic groups of third-graders through the wonders of the San Francisco Botanical Garden.

Students engage all of their senses as they listen and look for birds and experience the thrill of an "Alone Walk" through the serene bamboo grove.

We equip our students with binoculars and teach them how to use them. On recent trips, we saw California quail, red-shouldered hawks, Anna's hummingbirds, and a double-crested cormorant.

The students have been very excited to see the birds they have learned about in the classroom, in their natural habitat.

We are looking for volunteers to assist us in the classroom and on field trips. Please visit the "Get Involved" section on our Web site for more information: [www.sfnature.org](http://www.sfnature.org)



What birds are they viewing?

### Support San Francisco Nature Education, Your Donations Make a Difference!

Dear Friends,

How can we expect our children to cherish and protect what they have not experienced?

In a world facing global warming, climate change, and disastrous oil spills, this question is increasingly important. Too many children today have little personal experience of nature and too little exposure to science. Recent studies have shown that children are becoming increasingly detached from the natural world. In addition, studies show that science education is nearly extinct in the lower grades of U.S. elementary schools. Without this exposure to science and nature, children may see no reason to value and protect our natural resources.



Happy birders!

San Francisco Nature Education (SFNE) is working to address this situation, but we can't do it without you. Through a variety of year-round programs, SFNE creates engaging nature experiences for children and families, leads field trips to observe local and migratory birds as well as other urban wildlife, and educates the public about science and conservation.

Since our inception in 2000, SFNE has served more than 10,000 children and adults.

With your help, we look forward to doing even more in 2008. A few of the things we have planned:

- Expanding our School Program—combining classroom and field-based science, language arts, and art education to deliver engaging lessons that align with the California Department of Education's school curriculum standards
- Training middle- and high-school interns to be interpreters at our 18 Saturday Program sessions
- Presenting an exciting series of public lectures about San Francisco's natural history

Your support makes all the difference:

- \$100 provides 10 copies of *Birds of San Francisco* for classroom use.
- \$250 covers the cost of one classroom visit for 20 underserved students.
- \$500 covers the cost of two classroom visits for underserved students.
- \$1,000 covers the cost of two field trips for underserved students.
- \$1,500 covers the full program for a class of 20 underserved third-graders.

As 2007 draws to a close, you can help the youngest members of our community explore their connection to the natural world, awaken their curiosity, and encourage their concern for the environment. Thank you so much.

Warmest regards,

Nancy DeStefanis, Executive Director

Please visit our website to view a calendar of our 2008 public program.

**Our engaging public and school programs couldn't exist without generous contributions from people like you.**

**Would you please send in a contribution today?**

Please mail contributions to:  
San Francisco Nature Education  
3450 Geary Blvd. Suite 208  
San Francisco, CA, 94118

**Or Donate online** at our website!



Northern Flicker - photo courtesy Jim Herd

## Birding for Everyone Family Nature Walk

Join us for our guided nature walks, 1st Saturday of every month at the San Francisco Botanical Garden. Visit our website for more details:

<http://www.sfnature.org/programs/bfe.html>

Upcoming Dates: December 1, January 5 (Rain cancels.)

### November Trip Leader Lori Mathieu's Report with Special Thanks to Co-leader Joann Zlatunich

Highlights of this month's trip included an excellent turnout of 25 adults and eight children who saw a large variety of birds including:

American Coot  
American Robin  
Anna's hummingbird  
Black Phoebe  
California Quail  
Coopers Hawk  
Dark Eyed Junco  
Mallard  
Mew Gull  
Northern Flicker  
Purple Finch  
Raven  
Red shoulder Hawk  
Ruby Crowned Kinglet  
Townsend's Warbler  
Yellow Rumped Warbler  
White crowned sparrow



Anna's Hummingbird - Photo courtesy Jim Herd

## Save this Date! January 21, 2008

Free Lecture: Great Blue Herons of Golden Gate Park

Featuring the photographs of nature photographer Jim Sullivan.

Location: Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, just inside the Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way entrance.

## Communications Intern

SFNE is seeking an undergraduate or graduate student for a part-time (20 hrs/month) unpaid Communications Internship beginning immediately through June 2008. Interns may have the option to extend their internships beyond the semester.

**Job Description:** Assist with writing our monthly newsletter, promotional flyers, maintain our website and creating photo collages.

### Qualifications:

- Undergraduate or graduate student in communications, business, environment, education, or related field
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Hard-working, creative and detail-oriented
- Comfortable working in an Apple Macintosh environment
- Good computer skills including experience with Adobe InDesign, Dreamweaver, and Photoshop
- Some experience with email and database programs.
- Basic knowledge of HTML and content-management systems.

**To Apply:** Email resume and cover letter to [nancyd@sfnature.org](mailto:nancyd@sfnature.org). Applications will be reviewed as they are received and the internship will remain open until filled. No phone calls, please.

## What's on Our Bookshelf

### ***Laws Field Guide to the Sierra Nevada***

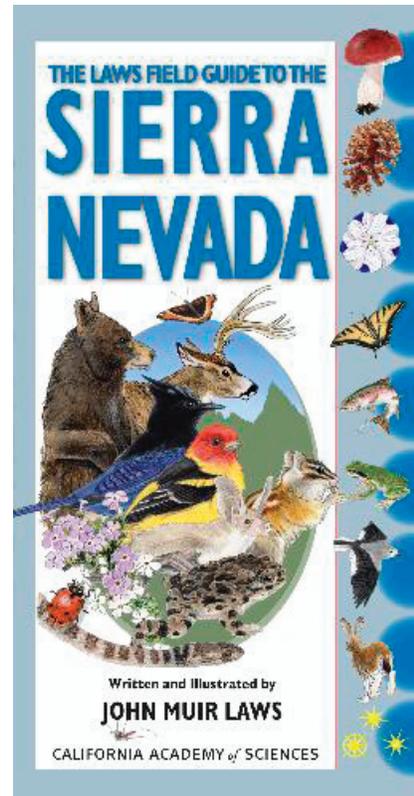
Many of you have already met or taken a class with the author, environmental educator Jack Laws.

Jack has served as President of SF Nature Education and continues as chair of our Advisory Committee.

The book is absolutely beautiful, filled with Jack's watercolors and helpful information on identifying all the flora and fauna of the Sierra.

I highly recommend the Law Field Guide - it makes a great gift for friends as well.

-- Nancy DeStefanis



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