

“International Bird Rescue”
Presented by Dave Weeshoff
San Fernando Valley Audubon Society’s Conservation Chair

For PV/SB Audubon Society
Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 7:00 PM
Madrona Marsh Nature Center, Torrance

Dave Weeshoff will discuss how **International Bird Rescue** rehabilitates sick, injured, orphaned and oiled aquatic birds in their facilities in San Pedro and Fairfield, CA, as well as responds to oil spills anywhere on the planet - and have done so for 45 years. Photos will show what is done and how the dedicated staff and volunteers care for over 5,000 birds each year.

Take a look at the International Bird Rescue website: <https://www.bird-rescue.org/>

Here are a few of their patients:



All photos courtesy of Dave Weeshoff



David A. Weeshoff - Biography

Mr. Weeshoff graduated from Utah State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Experimental Psychology in 1968. Immediately after graduation he joined the IBM Corporation, and retired from IBM in 2004.

Post-retirement from IBM he became a volunteer and docent with the Los Angeles Oiled Bird Care and Education Center, San Pedro, managed by International Bird Rescue. He was on the Board of Directors for seven years and Chairman for three of those years. While working with sick, orphaned, oiled and injured aquatic birds, it became apparent that the water quality in the local area was affecting the health of the animals. In response to this, Dave joined the Speaker's Bureau of Heal the Bay, an environmental organization dedicated to improving the water quality off the California coast. As an extension of this world view, in July 2008 he joined the Speakers' Bureau of the Algalita Marine Research Institute, which studies and educates the public on the causes and consequences of plastic in the world's oceans.

Dave joined San Fernando Valley Audubon Society in 2006, was President and is currently the Conservation Chair and Chair of the Classroom Education Program of the chapter. He is a frequent guest speaker to adult and children's groups on avian and environmental issues for International Bird Rescue, Heal the Bay (an organization concerned with improving the water quality off the Southern California coast), Algalita, as well as Audubon.

He has been keenly interested in the topic avian habitats and especially of biodiversity and Climate Change for many years, and is quite familiar with the National Audubon Society's Climate Change initiatives.

Dave travels frequently in search of interesting aquatic birds and mammals, including trips to the Antarctic, Arctic, Estonia, Iceland, Greenland, Arctic Canada, Galapagos, New Zealand, Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), Chilean Patagonia, and Midway Atoll, as well as various USA destinations.

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Light refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome! Come and enjoy the program, socialize with friends, and fill out a ticket for the door prize drawing. Prizes are donated by Wild Birds Unlimited in Torrance, courtesy of Bob Shanman. <http://www.torrance.wbu.com/>

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Next Program: "Peru" presented by Randy Harwood, on October 17, 2017, 7:00 P.M.