

May 2026 Field Trip

San Joaquin Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary

5 Riparian View, Irvine, CA 92612

www.irwd.com/san-joaquin-marsh

Wednesday, May 13th 2026

Meet at 7:00am at the lower parking lot

Click on the Google link below to sign up for the field trip:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wO5LpuCJaBIG0RisnLxFBwa2P9f8ogpN31lle91dAgY/edit?usp=sharing>

Lunch @11:30am

The Bluffs outdoor food court

1302 - 1380 Bison Avenue, Newport Beach, CA 92660

(Chipotle, Jersey Mikes, Nick the Greek, Panda Express, Panera, Islands)

<https://www.irvinecompanyretail.com/centers/newport-beach/the-bluffs/>

The Marsh – by Eric Stogner

My approach to photographing at the marsh is to arrive just before or after sunrise. The sun is behind me and the wildlife is becoming active.



Great Blue Heron (May 18th 2024 8:28am)

The marsh is located on the Irvine water district property on the corner of university and campus drive in Irvine ca.

The early beginning of Sea & Sage Audubon located at the marsh dates back to 1946. Sea and Sage Audubon as we know it today began in 1957.



Roadrunner (Apr 27th 2024 8:47am)

My photographic adventures at the marsh began in 2007. I've photographed various birds, from sand pipers to raptors over many trips to the marsh.

The rarest bird I have photographed at the marsh was a Yellow Crown Night Heron in 2024.



Black Skimmer (June 28th 2022 5:19am)

The marsh is also home to small mammals such as, coyotes, racoons, skunks, and the very elusive bob cat.



Coyote (Dec 12th 2025 11:45am)

My first stop upon arrival at the marsh is to check out pond E in the lower parking lot to your right as you enter the Sea and Sage facility. My next stop is to drive over to the main parking area and “Gear up” and head west to pond 1. Leaving pond 1, I head east to pond B, which is behind The Sea and Sage buildings, then onto ponds D and C, which requires a left turn where the trails intersect.