GENERAL MEETING
Alison Sheehey, aka Nature Ali

Our own Alison Sheehey will present the program for our first meeting of the season on Thursday, September 19 at the Maturango Museum. From her website, inaturalist.org comes the following:

I am a Certified California Master Naturalist with major study in biology and geology with a degree in anthropology. I am a life long lover of nature. Expert in the natural history of Kern County, California. Photographing birds, other wildlife, wildflower, and wild places is my passion.

Ali will talk about Talking and Listening to Animals -- Dr. Doolittle Moments.

Don’t miss it! Come early, and be ready for refreshments and conversation.

FIELD TRIP
CALM

Be sure to mark your calendar and join our field trip to the California Living Museum (CALM) in Bakersfield on 21 September 2020.

CALM exists to display and interpret native California animals and plants for education, conservation and research. Located on 14 park-like acres it features over 400 species of non-releasable animals and California native plants. Only animals injured or who cannot survive in their native environment are housed at CALM, which is accredited through the Zoological Association of America. Some of the exhibits include: an open black bear exhibit, bird of prey exhibit with hawks, owls and eagles, a waterfowl pond and shorebird exhibit, an indoor reptile house, and a children’s petting zoo with domestic animals. There is also a miniature railroad and other activities for children.

Meet at the Inyokern gas station on September 21, 2020 at 0800 for car-pooling. Or, for a ride to Inyokern, contact Bob Parker at 760-446-2001 or the Burnetts at 760-375-8634.
VALLEY SIGHTINGS

Please report unusual sightings to Dan Burnett at imdanburnett@gmail.com or by phone at (760) 375-8634 (leave message) or submit to ebird for Dan to glean.

June 19 through August 31, 2019

Ash-throated Flycatcher at China Lake Ponds, Short Canyon, Sand Canyon by Susan Steele.
Seven Baird’s Sandpiper at the China Lake Ponds on 8/26/2019 by Susan Steele.
Barn Owls around the valley (Louise Knecht, Rachel Woodard, Bob Barnes, Susan Steele).
Bewick’s wren (4) in Sand Canyon on 8/26/2019 by Susan Steele.
Bell’s Sparrow seen throughout the area by numerous observers.
Black-chinned Hummingbird at Pearson Park and China Lake Ponds (8/17 and 8/18) by Bob Barnes and Susan Steele and in north Ridgecrest all summer (Brenda Burnett).
Black Tern China Lake Ponds (8/10/19) by Bob Barnes and Susan Steele.
Burrowing Owl - Inyokern, Memorial Park – By Susan Steele and Louise Knecht.
Bushtit in Grapevine Canyon by Susan Steele (8/11/19).
Cactus Wren in Sand Canyon by Susann Steele (8/26/19).
Forster’s Tern at China Lake Ponds by Susan Steele (8/10/19).
Great Horned Owl in Inyokern area by Rachel Woodard and Louise Knecht.
Greater Yellowlegs at the China Lake Ponds on several days – Susan Steele.
Hairy Woodpecker in Grapevine Canyon – Susan Steele (8/11/19).
Hooded Oriole stayed the summer in several places – Bob Barnes, Susan Steele, Louise Knecht.
LeConte’s Thrasher in Inyokern, Cow Haven Canyon, Indian Wells Canyon - Louise Knecht, Susan Steele.
Lesser Yellowlegs at the China Lake Ponds on several days – Susan Steele.
Long-eared Owl at Desert Memorial park and Inyokern Susan Steel and Louise Knecht.
Marbled Godwit at the China Lake Ponds on several days – Susan Steele.
Marsh Wren at the China Lake Ponds – Susan Steele (8/11/19).
Northern Pintail at the China Lake Ponds on several days – Susan Steele.
Northern Rough-winged Swallow at the China Lake Ponds (8/26/19) – Susan Steele.
Oak Titmouse Grapevine canyon and Cow Haven Canyon by Susan Steele (8/11 and 8/12/19).
Orange-crowned Warbler in north Ridgecrest (8/12/19) by Brenda Burnett.
Pacific-slope Flycatcher in Cow Haven Canyon by Susan Steele (8/12/19).
Pinyon Jay, 50 or so, at Walker Pass by Sean Rowe (8/23/19).
Prairie Falcon in North Ridgecrest and the China Lake Ponds – J. Stahl, M. Brady, and Susan Steele.
Redhead at the China Lake Ponds on several days – Susan Steele.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak in North Ridgecrest by Bob Barnes (6/19/19).
Semipalmated Plover at the China Lake Ponds on several days – Susan Steele.
Snowy Plover at the China Lake Ponds on several days – Susan Steele.
Spotted Sandpiper at the China Lake Ponds on several days – Susan Steele.
Verdin in Northern Ridgecrest by Bob Barnes (8/1/19).
Warbling Vireo Sand Canyon by Susan Steele (6/2/19).
Western Kingbird Sand Canyon by Susan Steele (8/8/19).
Western Tanager Sand Canyon and North Ridgecrest by Susan Steele and Bob Barnes.
White-breasted Nuthatch in Cow Haven Canyon by Susan Steele (8/12/19).
White-winged Dove all summer in Northern Ridgecrest by Bob Barnes.
Willet at the China Lake Ponds by Susan Steele (8/26/19).
Wilson’s Warbler in North Ridgecrest by Dan Burnett (8/13/19).
Yellow Warbler in North Ridgecrest by Brenda Burnett (8/8/19) and by Bob Barnes (8/31/19).
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