

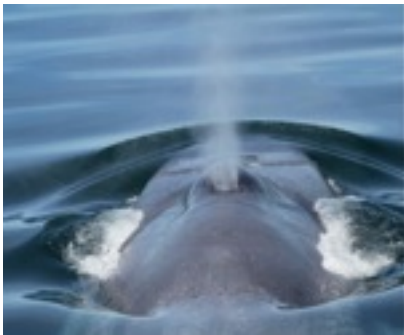
## Thursday, May 7, 2015: Juan-Carlos Solis - Baja California

**Birding Information:** Hugh Harvey and friends will discuss some of the amazing birds they saw on a recent trip to Yuba Pass.

**Main program:** Juan-Carlos Solis: Baja California



Join naturalist Juan-Carlos Solis on an armchair adventure along the Baja peninsula and meet some of the region's most amazing birds and wildlife. Despite its harsh geography and lack of fresh water, the Baja region is a hotspot for birds and wildlife. To the east, the Gulf of California has its own endemic gull, the Yellow-footed Gull, and is a place where one can often find flocks of seabirds, such as petrels and boobies, feeding along Blue Whales and pods of Pilot Whales and Common Dolphins. On Baja's Pacific side, Laysan and Black-footed Albatrosses from the Hawaiian archipelago mingle with Sooty Shearwaters from New Zealand and Baja's own Black-vented Shearwaters among other seabirds.



Juan-Carlos, a Mexican native and an oceanographer by training, has worked as an education program manager and naturalist for 20 years in California. He is a former Education Director for WildCare in San Rafael and Public Programs Manager for the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco where he currently serves as a Field Associate for the Ornithology and Mammalogy Research Department. He has led natural history expeditions and lectured in North, Central, and South America, Antarctica, Australia and most recently in Sweden. Juan-Carlos is passionate about environmental education and wildlife. He has worked in the development of curriculum and award-winning museum exhibits that

had inspired thousands of Bay Area schoolchildren and families to connect with nature.

More detailed information about the May program is available in our May 2015 Quail newsletter.