

# Thursday, October 6, 2016: Salton Sea – Andrea Jones

**Birding Information:** Our local California representative, State Senator Steve Glazer, will speak about environmental issues affecting our district and state and take questions from our members.

**Main Program:** Andrea Jones, Director of Bird Conservation for Audubon California, will provide a presentation on Audubon's engagement at the Salton Sea, past and present.



The Salton Sea, an inland saline lake covering 350 square miles in southern California, is a critically endangered "Important Bird Area" that hosts 2/3 of California's bird species. Andrea will highlight why the Salton Sea is so important that over 400 species of birds use its habitats and will describe which species are most threatened by a changing Sea.

She will discuss past efforts to “restore” the sea and describe how Audubon is engaging currently in a new solution for the Salton Sea that will be beneficial to both birds and people.

Andrea has worked at Audubon California for the past 10 years. She leads conservation programs and works with staff and the network of Audubon chapters across the state to implement conservation projects at high priority Important Bird Areas (IBAs). She oversees Audubon's efforts in priority bird species and serves as the spokeswoman for bird conservation across California. Prior to California, Andrea worked at Massachusetts Audubon where she served as the Director of the Coastal Waterbird Program. Andrea received her M.S. in Wildlife Conservation/Ornithology and her B.S. in Wildlife Biology and Management from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is a past board member of Morro Coast Audubon and currently resides in the East Bay.

More detailed information about the October program is available in our October 2016 Quail newsletter. (Photo Credit: Andrea Jones)