

San Francisco Nature Education

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September 2007

Executive Director's Corner - Nancy DeStefanis

We hope all of you have had a lovely summer.

We just completed a successful matching grant campaign. An anonymous major donor pledged \$7,500 to match donations we raised during July and August. A big thank you to the major donor and all the supporters whose contributions made it a success!

Here at San Francisco Nature Education we¹ve been preparing for another exciting school year and expanded public programs and lectures.

Please check our updated website at: www.sfnature.org to see all of the upcoming programs.

I¹m also delighted to tell you that San Francisco Nature Education has three new staff members:

Clayton Yee, Associate Director Jack Baird, School Program Coordinator Lori Mathieu, School Program Associate

To learn more about them, please visit our website.

I hope to see you soon at one of our walks or lectures!



Heron Watch 2007 -- New Photos on Website

Visit the Heron Watch 2007 page on our website, under "Library and Resources" for photos by Jim Sullivan, SFNE volunteer and nature photographer.

The colony continues to thrive -- 5 nests and 13 chicks fledged in 2007.

Total number of fledglings at Stow Lake Colony since 1993 -- 110!

Birding for Everyone -- Upcoming Dates & Photos from Family Walk

Join us for our guided nature walks, 1st Saturday of every month at the San Francisco Botanical Garden. There are two walks, one for adults only, and one for families.

Upcoming Dates: October 6, November 3, December 1. (Rain cancels.)

Photos at right taken by Nancy DeStefanis during the June 2007 family walk.



Birding for Everyone Family Walk Jun 2007



Looking for California Quail...



Eureka! Pair of adult quail with covey in the bushes

What's New on Our Bookshelf

Laws Field Guide to the Sierra Nevada

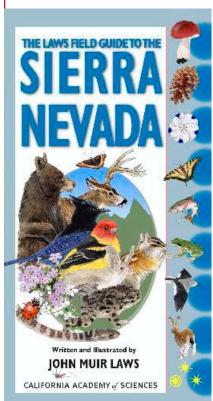
Many of you have already met or taken a class with the author, environmental educator Jack Laws.

Jack has served as President of SF Nature and continues as chair of our Advisory Committee.

The book is absolutely beautiful, filled with Jack¹s watercolors and helpful information on identifying all the flora and fauna of the Sierra.

I highly recommend this book and it makes a great gift.

-- Nancy DeStefanis





Hike through bamboo forest was great!

Volunteers Needed for School Program

The new school year has started and we need volunteers to assist in the classroom and on our field trips.

Make a difference by inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards and leaders.

Visit the "Get Involved" section on our website for more information.

Support San Francisco Nature Education

Our school programs serve over 1,100 children every year from underserved San Francisco public schools.

Our engaging public and school programs couldn't exist without the generous contributions from people like you.

Would you please send in a contribution today?

Please mail contributions to:

San Francisco Nature Education 3450 Geary Blvd. Suite 208 San Francisco, CA, 94118

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Wish list:

Small photocopier with feeder/collator New or used backpacks for school children.

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