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**BIRD WATCHING TOURS OFFERED
FOR 2011 SEASON**

MARINA DEL REY, CALIF. – February 10, 2011 - The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors will again offer its popular Bird Watching Program, beginning February 24th. The program offers a free two-hour excursion through the Ballona Wetlands and the shoreline habitat of shorebirds such as Sandpipers, Long-Billed Curlews, Willets, and Western Snowy Plovers.

The outing begins with a brief lecture on an avifauna related topic and an overview of the Ballona Wetlands. The group will then get the opportunity to observe various bird species compete for resources in the shoreline and vegetation habitats, as well as visit nesting sites of the Great Blue Heron and Black Crowned Night Heron.

Dates and times for the 2011 Bird Watching Program are: February 24th, 9 am; March 24th, 4 pm; April 21st, 9 am; May 19th, 4 pm; and June 23rd, 9 am. The excursions are offered at no cost to participants, but pre-registration is essential. Each excursion group will meet in the lobby of Burton Chace Park, located at 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292.

Recommended items to bring for the duration of the tour are water, snacks, sunscreen, comfortable clothes including shoes with traction, and binoculars.

Call (310) 301-9152 to register or to obtain additional information about the Bird Watching Program.

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