



Jorge Ramirez – View of Saddleback Mtn. from Bolsa Chica wetlands

April 2025 Field Trip

Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025

Meet at 7 a.m. at the Interpretive Center to walk over the bridge to the wetlands where many birds will likely be nesting.

<http://bolsachica.org/>

Carpool

Not necessary for this one!

Travel

Interpretive Center
3842 Warner Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Parking

Park in the north lot southeast of the intersection of Warner and PCH.

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There is also a south lot on PCH across from the entrance to Bolsa Chica State Beach.

Lunch

SuperMex – 12 noon

17208 Pacific Coast Hwy, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

In the strip mall shopping center across the street from the Interpretive Center

Long-running, family-owned chain serving classic Mexican comfort food and beer in a relaxed setting

First come/first served

Assignment

Juxtaposition

OVERVIEW

Many of our members know this place because Bolsa Chica is a local treasure and a photographer's paradise. Several PSOC members have been here several times and have captured excellent images!

Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve is a nature reserve in the city of Huntington Beach. It is designated by the California Department of Fish and Game to protect a coastal wetland and its threatened and endangered species. The Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve boundaries are Warner Avenue to the north, Seapoint Avenue to the south, Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) to the west and residential development to the east.

The north lot contains the Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center. It is the starting point for the Mesa Trail which leads to the overlook and rest stop at Mesa Point. The south lot is the starting point for the 1.5-mile (2.4 km) Loop Trail which crosses a wooden bridge, passes two overlooks and returns to the parking lot via a sand-dune trail paralleling PCH.

The East Garden Grove Wintersburg Channel runs through the reserve. Beginning in December 2007, flood control improvements were made by the County of Orange to reinforce the levees damaged in the rains of 2005 and protect the wetlands. In addition, the Newport–Inglewood Fault goes through the reserve.

INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Bolsa Chica Conservancy Interpretive Center offers live animal exhibits, aquaria, maps and information about Bolsa Chica and education programs on wetland science. The main room's exhibits include live marine life species native to Bolsa Chica and the southern California coast. A second exhibit room includes live reptiles. Throughout the center there are many examples of taxidermy including opossums, snakes and birds.



Kurt Bayless – Osprey with fish



Donna Stogner – Great Blue Heron



Eric Stogner – Snowy Egrets



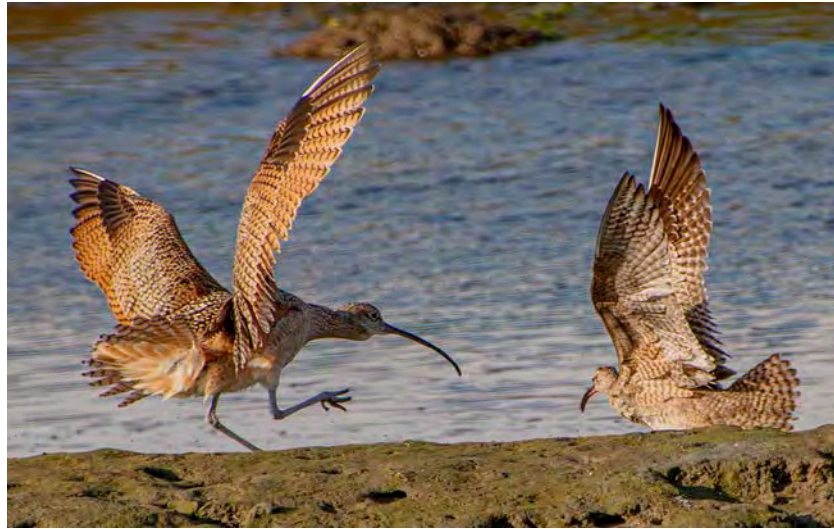
Eric Stogner – Elegant Tern



Kurt Bayless – Great Egret



Kurt Bayless – Round Stingray



Donna Stogner - Curlews



Kurt Bayless – Burrowing Owl



Kurt Bayless – Turkey Vulture



Kurt Bayless – Great Blue Heron with fish



Kurt Bayless - Coyote