

Keynote Speaker: Jon Dunn



Jon is a nearly life-long birder, discovering birds at age eight when he saw a bright adult male Hooded Oriole at his home in Southern California in 1962. Jon has written extensively on the identification and distribution of the birds of North America, often with co-authors Kimball L. Garrett and Jonathan Alderfer. He was chief-consultant or co-author for all seven editions of the National Geographic's *Field Guide to the Birds of North America* and also co-authored *Warblers, and Birds of Southern California*, status and distribution. Jon served on the ABA's Checklist Committee and 30 years on the California Bird Records Committee. He has been a member for the last 22 years on the AOS's Committee on Nomenclature and Taxonomy. Beyond birds, Jon has a keen interest in history and the music, poetry and insights of Leonard Cohen. He has lived most of his life in Southern California, currently near Bishop on the east side of the Sierra Nevada.