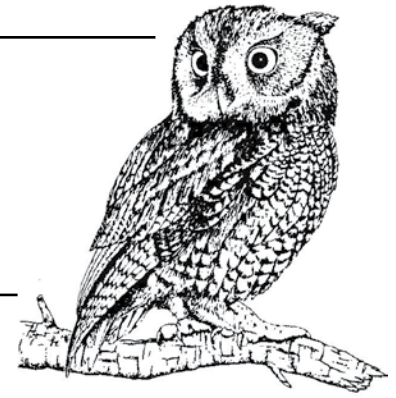

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SANTA BARBARA'S BIRD COUNT: 200 SPECIES AND 2 INCHES OF RAIN!

By Joan E. Lentz

On December 31, 2005, in the midst of a major Pacific rainstorm, Santa Barbara birders proved once again that they were up to the challenge of counting birds in the Count Circle – no matter what! Amidst pelting rain, flooded roads, and generally lousy bird finding conditions, Santa Barbara Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count tallied a very respectable total of 200 different kinds of birds sighted in the 24-hour period.



Braving the elements are Steve Ferry, Bill Doyle, Carole Ray, and Constance Thayer. Photo Callie Bowdish

Have you ever tried doing a seawatch from shore when the rain is blurring your glasses, your scope, and your binoculars? Did you know, until Count Day, that most landbirds just don't move or sing in the pouring rain? Have you decided that yes, in fact, you DO need new raingear, because your poncho and jeans and baseball cap just got SOAKED?

These were some of the problems birders had as they fended off a mid-day lashing of solid precipitation that virtually precluded all birding for several hours. Fortunately, later in the afternoon, a window of sunshine allowed us to actually SEE a few birds, and to come up with a truly remarkable total, given the bleak situation.

Once again, scouting the CBC circle prior to Count Day paid off: we knew where to find the Snow, Ross's, and Cackling Geese. We knew where the Zone-tailed Hawk (back for it's 13th winter) roosted. We knew where to look for the Red-naped Sapsucker in Montecito, the Tropical Kingbird near Ocean Meadows Golf Course, and the Scott's Oriole at Franceschi Park on the Riviera.

In fact, scouting for the Count beforehand, and birding in the area afterward produced an unprecedented total of 15 Count Week species. These species cannot be added to the total (if they could we would have done incredibly well!), but they do show that there were plenty of birds around the area

that, were it not for the weather, perhaps could have been found on Count Day.

As always, the biggest thrill is the birds you don't know about beforehand—those that pop up on Count Day, especially if you have lots of expert birders scouring the territory. In this category, we found a Franklin's Gull, a Northern Saw-whet Owl, a Lesser Nighthawk, and a Dusky-capped Flycatcher. All are highly unusual for this time

of year, and the owl and nighthawk have never been seen on a Santa Barbara Christmas Count, to my knowledge. Another newcomer to the Count was the Fulvous Whistling-Duck, present at the Goleta Sewage Treatment Plant since early December. And the Northern Waterthrush that showed up at the Santa Barbara Zoo was another great find.

In short, it was an unforgettable Count, and all you who participated deserve sincere thanks. I would also like to thank my wonderful assistant, **Joan Murdoch**, who organized all the sign-ups, and **Karen Bridgers**, who helped with fielding calls about birds from all over Santa Barbara. The Compilation Committee, those of us who have to sit down and crunch the numbers so that we know exactly how many birds and of what kind were seen, consisted of **Dave Compton, Rebecca Coulter, Bill Pollock, Joan Murdoch**, and myself. This is a time-consuming job, and I appreciate their volunteering their efforts for Santa Barbara Audubon and the birds of our area.

In case you may have forgotten, this is the second year in a row that our Count has been plagued by difficult, rainy conditions. Perhaps next year, we'll get back to our sunny, southern California weather?

Until then, keep on birding and enjoying our special Santa Barbara area. It is unmatched for beauty, for birds, and for the quality of its birders!

Santa Barbara 2005 Christmas Bird Count Results

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| DUCKS, GEESE, & SWANS | HERONS | JAEGERS, GULLS & TERNS |
| <u> </u> Gr. White-fronted Goose | <u> </u> American Bittern | <u> 1</u> Pomarine Jaeger* |
| <u> 4</u> Snow Goose* | <u> 1</u> Least Bittern* | <u> </u> Parasitic Jaeger |
| <u> 4</u> Ross's Goose* | <u> 46</u> Great Blue Heron | <u> </u> jaeger sp. |
| <u> 5</u> Cackling Goose | <u> 60</u> Great Egret | <u> 2</u> Bonaparte's Gull |
| <u> 95</u> Canada Goose | <u> 70</u> Snowy Egret | <u>1109</u> Heermann's Gull |
| <u> 80</u> Brant | <u> </u> Cattle Egret | <u> 113</u> Mew Gull |
| <u> 14</u> Wood Duck | <u> 6</u> Green Heron | <u> 310</u> Ring-billed Gull |
| <u> 60</u> Gadwall | <u> 70</u> Black-crowned Night-Heron | <u> 914</u> California Gull |
| <u> 1</u> Eurasian Wigeon* | | <u> 15</u> Herring Gull |
| <u> 170</u> American Wigeon | | <u> X1</u> Thayer's Gull* |
| <u> 334</u> Mallard | NEW WORLD VULTURES | <u>2005</u> Western Gull |
| <u> 1</u> Blue-winged Teal* | <u> 13</u> Turkey Vulture | <u> 20</u> Glaucous-winged Gull |
| <u> 16</u> Cinnamon Teal | | <u> 1</u> Black-legged Kittiwake* |
| <u> 140</u> Northern Shoveler | | <u> 7</u> Caspian Tern* |
| <u> 3</u> Northern Pintail | HAWKS | <u> 78</u> Royal Tern |
| <u> 59</u> Green-winged Teal | <u> </u> Osprey* | <u> 14</u> Forster's Tern |
| <u> 5</u> Canvasback | <u> 10</u> White-tailed Kite | <u> 173</u> Black Skimmer |
| <u> 87</u> Redhead | <u> 2</u> Northern Harrier | |
| <u> 59</u> Ring-necked Duck | <u> 9</u> Sharp-shinned Hawk | ALCIDS |
| <u> 2</u> Greater Scaup* | <u> 19</u> Cooper's Hawk | <u> </u> Common Murre |
| <u> 30</u> Lesser Scaup | <u> 34</u> Red-shouldered Hawk | <u> </u> Cassin's Auklet |
| <u> 52</u> Surf Scoter | <u> 45</u> Red-tailed Hawk | <u> </u> Rhinoceros Auklet |
| <u> 93</u> Bufflehead | <u> X 1</u> Golden Eagle | |
| <u> 2</u> Common Goldeneye | | PIGEONS |
| <u> X 2</u> Hooded Merganser | <u> 18</u> American Kestrel | <u> 814</u> Rock Pigeon |
| <u> 12</u> Common Merganser | <u> 4</u> Merlin | <u> 165</u> Band-tailed Pigeon |
| <u> 28</u> Red-breasted Merganser | <u> 4</u> Peregrine Falcon* | <u> 55</u> Eurasian Collared-Dove |
| <u> 177</u> Ruddy Duck | | <u> X 2</u> Spotted Dove* |
| | RAILS & GALLINULES | <u> </u> White-winged Dove* |
| QUAIL & TURKEYS | <u> 12</u> Virginia Rail | <u> 394</u> Mourning Dove |
| <u> 121</u> Wild Turkey | <u> 17</u> Sora | <u> X 1</u> Common Ground-Dove |
| <u> 1</u> Mountain Quail | <u> 3</u> Common Moorhen | |
| <u> 450</u> California Quail | <u>1375</u> American Coot | CUCKOOS |
| | | <u> 3</u> Greater Roadrunner |
| LOONS | PLOVERS | |
| <u> 1</u> Red-throated Loon | <u> 98</u> Black-bellied Plover | OWLS |
| <u> 1</u> Pacific Loon | <u> 180</u> Snowy Plover | <u> 3</u> Barn Owl |
| <u> </u> Common Loon | <u> 38</u> Semipalmated Plover | <u> 2</u> Western Screech-Owl |
| <u> 3</u> loon sp. | <u> 184</u> Killdeer | <u> 16</u> Great Horned Owl |
| | | <u> 1</u> Northern Pygmy-Owl |
| GREBES | STILTS & AVOCETS | <u> 1</u> Burrowing Owl |
| <u> 95</u> Pied-billed Grebe | <u> 14</u> Black-necked Stilt | |
| <u> 21</u> Horned Grebe | <u> </u> American Avocet | SWIFTS |
| <u> 32</u> Eared Grebe | | <u> </u> White-throated Swift |
| <u> 89</u> Western Grebe | SANDPIPERS | |
| <u> 13</u> Clark's Grebe | <u> 11</u> Greater Yellowlegs | HUMMINGBIRDS |
| | <u> 1</u> Lesser Yellowlegs* | <u> 416</u> Anna's Hummingbird |
| SHEARWATERS | <u> 76</u> Willet | <u> 1</u> Costa's Hummingbird* |
| <u> </u> Northern Fulmar | <u> 15</u> Spotted Sandpiper | <u> 4</u> Allen's Hummingbird* |
| <u> </u> Black-vented Shearwater | <u> 23</u> Whimbrel | <u> 7</u> Selasphorus sp. |
| | <u> 18</u> Long-billed Curlew | |
| PELICANS | <u> 18</u> Marbled Godwit | KINGFISHERS |
| <u> 298</u> Brown Pelican | <u> </u> Ruddy Turnstone | <u> 17</u> Belted Kingfisher |
| | <u> 41</u> Black Turnstone | |
| CORMORANTS | <u> 376</u> Sanderling | WOODPECKERS |
| <u> 72</u> Brandt's Cormorant | <u> 26</u> Western Sandpiper | <u> 268</u> Acorn Woodpecker |
| <u> 347</u> Double-crested Cormorant | <u> 130</u> Least Sandpiper | <u> 1</u> Red-naped Sapsucker* |
| <u> 4</u> Pelagic Cormorant | <u> 1</u> Dunlin | <u> 5</u> Red-breasted Sapsucker |
| | <u> 42</u> Long-billed Dowitcher | <u> 17</u> Nuttall's Woodpecker |
| | <u> 24</u> Wilson's Snipe | <u> 19</u> Downy Woodpecker |
| | <u> 1</u> Red Phalarope* | |

- 1 Hairy Woodpecker
- 52 No. (Red-shaft.) Flicker
- No. (Yel.-shaft.) Flicker*

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- 218 Black Phoebe
- 36 Say's Phoebe
- 1 Tropical Kingbird*
- 17 Cassin's Kingbird*

SHRIKES

- 5 Loggerhead Shrike

VIREOS

- 39 Hutton's Vireo

LARKS

- Horned Lark

JAYS & CROWS

- 1 Steller's Jay
- 196 Western Scrub-Jay
- 4 Yellow-billed Magpie*
- 1535 American Crow
- 2 Common Raven

CHICKADEES & TITMICE

- Mountain Chickadee
- 139 Oak Titmouse

BUSHTITS

- 915 Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

- 1 Red-breasted Nuthatch
- 19 White-breasted Nuthatch

CREEPERS

- 3 Brown Creeper

WRENS

- 1 Rock Wren
- 3 Canyon Wren
- 65 Bewick's Wren
- 13 House Wren
- 1 Winter Wren
- 15 Marsh Wren

OLD WORLD WARBLERS & THRUSHES

- X1 Golden-crowned Kinglet
- 409 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- 50 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- 56 Western Bluebird
- Townsend's Solitaire
- 109 Hermit Thrush
- 471 American Robin
- 1 Varied Thrush
- 79 Wrentit

THRASHERS

- 82 Northern Mockingbird
- 35 California Thrasher

STARLINGS

- 718 European Starling

WAGTAILS & PIPITS

- 181 American Pipit

WAXWINGS

- 360 Cedar Waxwing

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

- 1 Phainopepla

WOOD-WARBLERS

- 144 Orange-crowned Warbler
- 1 Nashville Warbler*
- 2 Yellow Warbler*
- 1283 Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler
- 77 Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler
- X1 Black-th. Gray Warbler
- 116 Townsend's Warbler
- Hermit Warbler*
- 1 Palm Warbler*
- 1 Black-and-white Warbler*
- 182 Common Yellowthroat
- 5 Wilson's Warbler

TANAGERS

- X2 Summer Tanager*
- 4 Western Tanager*

SPARROWS & GROSBEAKS

- 93 Spotted Towhee
- 458 California Towhee
- 3 Rufous-crowned Sparrow
- 6 Chipping Sparrow
- 32 Lark Sparrow
- Sage Sparrow
- 116 Savannah Sparrow
- 23 Fox Sparrow
- 425 Song Sparrow
- 56 Lincoln's Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow*
- 5 White-throated Sparrow*
- 463 Golden-crowned Sparrow
- 1044 White-crowned Sparrow
- 349 Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco
- Dark-eyed (Sl.-col.) Junco
- Dark-eyed (Gr.-head) Junco
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak*
- X1 Black-headed Grosbeak*

BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES

- 368 Red-winged Blackbird
- 1 Tricolored Blackbird
- 117 Western Meadowlark
- 283 Brewer's Blackbird
- 66 Great-tailed Grackle
- 68 Brown-headed Cowbird
- Orchard Oriole*
- 1 Hooded Oriole*
- 1 Baltimore Oriole*
- 6 Bullock's Oriole*
- 1 Scott's Oriole*

FINCHES

- 10 Purple Finch
- 888 House Finch
- Pine Siskin
- 72 Lesser Goldfinch
- Lawrence's Goldfinch
- 127 American Goldfinch

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- 166 House Sparrow

INTRODUCED EXOTICS

- 72 Nutmeg Mannikin

ADDITIONAL SPECIES

- 1 Fulvous Whistling-Duck
- 1 White-faced Ibis
- 1 Zone-tailed Hawk
- 1 Franklin's Gull
- 1 Northern Saw-whet Owl
- 1 Lesser Nighthawk
- 1 Dusky-capped Flycatcher
- 10 Tree Swallow
- 20 Violet-green Swallow
- 1 Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- 5 Barn Swallow
- 1 Northern Waterthrush

GRAND TOTAL: 200species

* = Rare - requires written description
 X = Seen in Count Week (3 days before and 3 days after Count Day) but not on Count Day

Count Week Birds

Not On the Regular List:

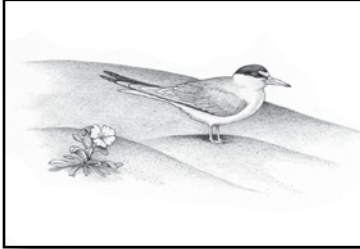
- 1 American White Pelican
- 1 Pacific-slope Flycatcher
- 1 Plumbeous Vireo
- 1 American Dipper
- 1 Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- 1 Painted Bunting



*Dedicated birders at Lauro Reservoir.
 Photo: Jack Sanford*

Santa Barbara Audubon Programs

All programs, unless otherwise noted, will take place at Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Mission Canyon, Santa Barbara. Free on-site parking. All programs, unless otherwise noted, will begin at 7:30 p.m. and are free to the public. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.. SBAS members are encouraged to bring guests.



INTRODUCTION TO BIRDS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST

Joan Easton Lentz

Wednesday, February 22, 2006

Join Joan Lentz, Don DesJardin, and Peter Gaede for a slide presentation on their new book, just published by University of California Press.

For a bird's eye view of the region, let us take you on an imaginary journey along the world-famous Southern California coast. From San Luis Obispo County along the coast south to the Mexican border, an abundant avifauna has made this area a birders' destination for years.

Learn what species you can expect to see along our beaches and coastal wetlands, what habitats they frequent, and at which locations they can be found.

Books are available for purchase at the SBMNH bookstore and will also be available for purchase immediately after the presentation. Bring or purchase a copy for autographing!

BIRDING ODYSSEY OF ECUADOR

Roy Poucher

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Roy Poucher will transport you on a birding odyssey from the high Andes of Ecuador (20,000'+) down to the steamy lowland (500') jungles of the Amazon. These extremes in elevation, being at the equator (for year-round maximum sunlight), make Ecuador a unique-in-the-world adventure of unsurpassed bio-diversity.

You will feel like you are sitting in a dugout canoe with Roy as he searches for birds while paddling on Amazon rainforest streams with native Indian guides. The photographs of the spectacular birds in a fireworks display of different colors and shapes will amaze you. Walking next to Roy on the high steep slopes of Yanacocha you will see a mind-boggling variety of hummingbirds.

These are just a few of the special treats that Roy has in store for you on this journey.

Roy Poucher has been a Sea and Sage Audubon trip leader and field trip assistant in their introductory birding classes for 14 years. He has led repeated multi-day trips to the Eastern Sierra, Santa Barbara, Yosemite, Arizona and Texas. His birding Big Years (1996 in CA; 1998 in the ABA Area) were major accomplishments (472 and 677 species respectively). In 2003 he designed and led spring warbler trips to the Upper Texas Coast and to the Great Lakes. In 2005 he did the same for shorebird trips to Texas (April) and the East Coast (August). His bird tour company, Bird Odysseys, has recently taken groups to Costa Rica, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. Trips to Africa and Costa Rica are in the planning stage.



Steve Ferry to State Audubon Board

Santa Barbara Audubon Membership chair and board member **Steve Ferry** was unanimously elected to a 3-year term on the Audubon CA state board, and as chair of the central coast Audubon chapters at their Jan. meeting. An active birder & outdoors man, Steve also volunteers with the Coal Oil Point Reserve. Plover Docent Project. A retired Raytheon program manager, Ferry is a long-time Goleta resident. Steve replaces **Lee Moldaver**, whose term on the state board recently expired. Congratulations, Steve!

Santa Barbara Audubon Field Trips

Everyone is welcome! These trips are fun for both beginning and expert bird lovers. Binoculars are useful for enjoyment of birds, but if you don't have a pair please call the trip leader and we'll lend you a spare. Trips are free unless noted.

Sandhill Crane Field Trip Sat. Feb 11th and Sun. Feb. 12th 2006

Target Birds: Sandhill Cranes, Burrowing Owls, Common Moorhen, Horned Larks, Loggerhead Shrike, Lark Sparrows, Blue-winged Teal, Marsh Wren plus many other species.

Leader: **Jack Sanford**
566-2191 or jacksanford@hotmail.com

Cost: free (camp ground fees \$8-\$10)

This Audubon field trip will visit the Kern National Wildlife Refuge, the Pixley National Wildlife Refuge, Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park and perhaps the Wind Wolves Preserve. It will be an overnight trip with free primitive camping (w/bathroom) available at the Kern National Wildlife Refuge or paid camping at Allensworth State Park if there are open spaces (w/bathroom and showers). Everyone must make their own vehicle arrangements and bring the necessary camping equipment, layers of clothes, food and drink plus birding equipment.

We will meet at 7 a.m. on Saturday Feb 11th at the Five Points Shopping Center parking lot near Carl's Jr. We will caravan from there to Lost Hills and then have lunch in the area. From there we will proceed to the Kern National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center. If you are traveling independently you can meet us there at approximately 1-1:30 p.m. It is approximately 220 miles to the KNW Refuge. Take Hwy 101 to Paso Robles. Take Hwy 46 east to Lost Hills. Once you cross Hwy 5 look for the sign to the Kern National Wildlife Refuge. The turn off is approximately 5 miles or less past Hwy 5. From the KNWR we will travel to the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park to view the Burrowing Owls and check on camping availability. After determining where we will camp, we will travel to Pixley National Wildlife Refuge and view the Sandhill Cranes till dark. On Sunday morning we will bird the KNWR for several hours and then begin our return trip home with a side trip to the Wild Wolves Preserve off Highway 166 if interested. We will return home Sunday evening.



Loggerhead Shrike
©Kevin T. Karlson

Ventura County Game Preserve (near Oxnard)

Saturday February 25, 2008
8:00am (car pool time) - 1:00pm

Target Birds: Waterfowl, Virginia Rail, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, American Bittern, White-faced Ibis, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, etc

Leader: **Guy Tingos**

We will car pool from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge at 8:00 a.m. (\$6.00 gas money to drivers). If you want to meet us at the Preserve take Hwy 101 to Camarillo. Exit Las Posas Rd. and go south to Hueneme Rd. and turn right. Go west and turn left on Casper Rd. About a mile after the left bend on Casper Rd. turn right into the Preserve and park by the green bungalows by 9:00 a.m. We will not be able to drive vehicles around the Preserve as we have in the past, therefore we must walk the area. "We will walk, we will talk, we will look, we will listen, we will learn." That is what "birding" is all about.

Lone Star Ranch Saturday March 25, 2006 7:30 a.m. at carpool place

Target Birds: geese, Common Goldeneye, Wood Duck, Lewis's Woodpecker, Bald Eagle, Clark's Grebe, American White Pelican and other water and song birds.

Leader: **Dave Compton** 965-3153, davcompton@earthlink.net

Take Hwy 101 to the La Cumbre Rd. exit in Santa Barbara. Go north on La Cumbre Rd. and turn left into the Five Points Shopping Center and park near Carl's Jr. (3925 State St). We will car pool (\$5.00 gas money to driver) from this parking lot. Or you can meet us at 8:00 a.m. at the gate to the Lone Star Ranch (4001 Hwy. 154, pipe gate with large star on it). We must all meet at the gate and enter the ranch as a group. Wear walking shoes. Binoculars and spotting scopes are useful. Bring water and a snack. Enjoy ranch owners **Lee Carr** and his brother **Charles Carr's** hospitality at one of the best inland winter birding areas in the county!



Marbled Godwit •
Kirsten Munso

**Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station Field Trip
(near Oxnard, Ventura County)
Limited to 25 participants!!
Friday March 3, 2006
8:00 a.m. (car pool time) - 1:00 p.m.**

Target Birds: Water fowl, rails, egrets, shorebirds, ducks, Vermilion Flycatcher, raptors etc.

Leader: **Martin Ruane**

Reservations: **Jack Sanford** at 566-2191 or email jacksanford@hotmail.com

Only 25 people will be allowed to enter the Naval Air Station therefore it is necessary to make a reservation by calling **Jack Sanford** at 566-2191 or email jacksanford@hotmail.com and receive confirmation.

The deadline for making a reservation is Feb 20th. I must forward a list of participants to Pt. Mugu on Feb 22. We will car pool (\$6.00 gas money to drivers) from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Once you receive reservation confirmation you can meet us at the base if you so desire. You must be a citizen of the United States and you will need a photo ID, social security number and to fill out a security form before we enter the base. The Base Naturalist, Martin Ruane, will guide us around the base from 9:00 a.m. -12 noon. Join us for this unique and rare opportunity.

Friday Bird Walks

*The Friday Bird Walks will now be on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month beginning this December 2005. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Please contact walk leader **Jack Sanford** 566-2191 or email jacksanford@hotmail.com if you have any questions or are interested in leading a future walk to your favorite birding place.*

Lake Los Carneros, Friday Feb. 10.

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Waterfowl, winter song birds and raptors

Bird walk leader: Jack Sanford, 566-2191

Directions: Take Hwy 101 exit Los Carneros off ramp and head towards the mountains. (Stow House is on the right) Park behind the fire station.

Elings Park (Attn: This is a new bird walk site) Friday February 24.

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Raptors, Juncos, Warblers, Finches, etc

Bird Walk Leader: Jack Sanford 566-2191

Directions: From Hwy 101 either direction take the Las Positas off ramp and head towards the ocean. Look for the Elings Park entrance sign and turn left on Jerry Harwin Parkway. Proceed to the Battistone Foundation Soccer parking lot located in front of the park office building. Park in that immediate area. We will meet there and bird the area.

Loon Point, Friday March 10.

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Water and shore birds, Raptors, etc

Bird walk leader: Mary Dee Thompson

Directions: From Hwy 101 take the Padaro Lane off ramp #90. If coming from the south take the Summerland off ramp also #90. Turn towards the ocean. We will park and meet in the Loon Point parking area.



*Peregrine Falcon
Artist Daniel S. Kilby*

Kellogg Tennis Court Area (San Jose Creek) Friday March 24.

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Song birds, woodpeckers, thrashers, thrushes, kinglets etc.

Bird walk leader: Jack Sanford 566-2191

Directions: From Hwy 101 take the Patterson Ave off ramp and head towards the mountains. Turn left on Cathedral Oaks Rd. Turn left at the Kellogg Rd. stop light. Park and meet near the tennis courts.

OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Habitat Restoration

*Audubon helps recruit volunteers for habitat restoration at the Coal Oil Point Reserve and the Arroyo Hondo Preserve. Come help to restore a creek or estuary while spending a morning in a beautiful bird habitat. Contact the Land Trust, Arroyo Hondo Preserve Volunteer Coordinator **Jane Murray** at ltvolunteer@yahoo.com or 684-4405. For Coal Oil Point Reserve, contact **Julie Love** at jlove@lifesci.ucsb.edu or 453-4840 or **Darlene Chirman** at dchirman@rain.org or 692-2008.*

ARROYO HONDO

Contact: **Jane Murray**

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| Sunday | February 5 | 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. |
| Sunday | March 5 | 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. |

COAL OIL POINT RESERVE

Contact: **Julie Love**

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| Saturday | February 25 | 9 a.m.-12 noon |
| Saturday | March 11 | 9 a.m.-12 noon |

Plover Project Docent Training

Training takes place at the Cliff House at Coal Oil Point Reserve, from 9 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Training dates:

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| February | 4 |
| March | 4 |

Training Schedule:

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| Tour is | 9-11 a.m. |
| Training is | 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. |

Those interested should call **Jennifer Stroh** to register at 880-1195.

SBAS Needs Your E-mail Address

To be added to the **SBAS** e-mail list, just send an e-mail message with the subject line, "Add + your name" to sjferry@cox.net. The **SBAS** e-mail mailing list will only be used for **SBAS** business and will not be sold or shared with any other group.

Arroyo Hondo Preserve Docent Training

Arroyo Hondo Preserve Docent Trainees are needed to lead interpretive walks for children and adults in this spectacular canyon on the Gaviota Coast. Training will begin Monday, March 6, 1:30-4:30 for 6 weekly sessions and will include the cultural and natural history of the 782 acre preserve. Please call volunteer coordinator, Jane Murray, or email volunteer@sblandtrust.org

Welcome!

SBAS extends a warm welcome to our newest members.

We look forward to seeing you at our programs and field trips. Thanks for joining!

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| William Adams | Carolyn M. Hubbs | Bruce & Vicki Pate | Linda A. Wahl |
| Marga Anderson | Trish Kreiss | Larry & Carol Peterson | Susette Warynick |
| Michael Arntz | Don Lauer | Dave Polson | Ms. Nancy Watts |
| Mr. William A Blair | Lyndal Laughrin | Barbara B. Prentice | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Welti |
| Adonna Brooks | Ms. Stephanie Lausten | Arlene Russin | Kay Woodsey |
| Pati S. Carlson | Barbara Lyon | Barbara Sanders | Mr. Floyd Yudelson |
| Mora Curtiss | Charles & Katherine | Mrs. Lee Sanderson | |
| Marika Davidek | Mc Cracken | Arent H. Schuyler | |
| B. Dewolfe | Judy & John Miller | Vincent Severtson | |
| David & Ann Dwelly | Sharon Montross | Laurence Sloan | |
| Ruth J. Erway | Norm Nelson | Shawn Stackpoole | |
| Frances Goodwin | Ethonline Newcomer | Ms. Frances Tibbets | |
| Ms. Barbara Haukenberry | Skye Paine | Hummingbird Townsend | |

Calendar of Events

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| Feb. 4 | Plover Training |
| Feb. 5 | Restore Arroyo Hondo Preserve |
| Feb. 10 | Lake Los Carneros Bird Walk |
| Feb. 11 | Sandhill Crane Field Trip |
| Feb. 22 | Prog. Birds Of The So. CA Coast |
| Feb. 24 | Elings Park Bird Walk |
| Feb. 25 | Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve |
| Feb. 25 | Ventura Game Preserve Bird Walk |
| Mar. 3 | Pt. Mugu N.A.S. Field Trip |
| Mar. 4 | Plover Training |
| Mar. 5 | Restore Arroyo Hondo Preserve |
| Mar. 10 | Loon Point Bird Walk |
| Mar. 11 | Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve |
| Mar. 22 | Prog. Birding Odyssey Of Ecuador |
| Mar. 24 | Kellogg Tennis Court Bird Walk |
| Mar. 25 | Lone Star Ranch Field Trip |

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