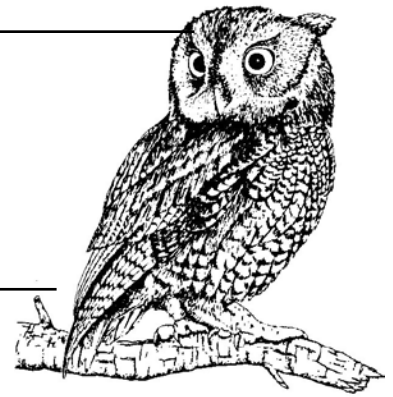


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Santa Barbara Audubon Society Annual Picnic at Rocky Nook Park



Photo by Adam Lewis

*Outgoing Secretary Susan Lentz
with President Darlene Chirman*



Photo by Adam Lewis

*Outgoing Program Chair John
O'Brien with President Chirman*



Photo by Adam Lewis

Santa Barbara Audubon depends on volunteers.

Back row: Ann Steinmetz, Education Chair; Ginny Turner-Scholl, Endowment Management Committee; Lee Moldaver, Vice-President; Steve Ferry, Conservation Chair; John Walker, Dolores Pollack and Margo Kenney, Development Committee; Bobbie Offen, Treasurer.

Center row: Gabriele Drozdowski, Eyes in the Sky Program Chair; Darlene Chirman, President.

Front row: Jack Sanford, Field Trips Chair; Sam Chirman, Endowment Management Committee; Niels Johnson-Lameijer, Science Chair.

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The mission of the Santa Barbara Audubon Society is to help conserve and restore the earth's natural ecosystems and improve its biological diversity, principally in the Santa Barbara area, and to connect people with birds and nature through education, science-based projects and advocacy.



Photo by Adam Lewis

Glendessary Jam provided lively, mellow background music.



Photo by Darlene Chirman

Katie and Betty Ferry



Photo by Darlene Chirman

Rich and Ginny Turner-Scholl relaxing at the picnic



Photo by Andy Lentz

Picnic-goers take advantage of the boulders: Jared Dawson, Kathleen Boehm, and Dolores Pollock seated, chatting with new member Joan Kent, standing.



Photo by Darlene Chirman

Bobbie Offen and her grand-daughter learn about Tecolita, the Western Screech Owl, from Gabriele

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!

Annette Matrisciano
David Powdrell
Joan Kent & John Bridgwater

Kris Rickard
Marguerite Williams
Nancy Ann Cook

PROGRESS ON OUR AUDUBON AVIARY

by Dolores Pollock



Photo by Adam Lewis



Photo by Andy Lentz



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Photo by John O'Brien

At the Membership Picnic on July 17, SBAS members enjoyed a stroll from Rocky Nook Park, where the picnic was held, over to the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History to observe progress on our Audubon aviary.

At the groundbreaking on May 22, Darlene Chirman, SBAS President, and Karl Hutterer, Director of the Museum, turned the first spades of soil at the site. Formal construction started June 23 and is expected to last three months. The contractor is Donn Roberts.

After the picnic, we toured the site of the aviary. During the initial grading, a surprise discovery of an old well has delayed construction. By the time you read this, the hole will have been filled with gravel, and construction will have resumed.

As work proceeds towards the exciting day of completion, costs are rising. Donations for completing and furnishing the new aviary are still very welcome. (Mail to Audubon, 5679 Hollister Ave., Suite 5B, Goleta, CA 93117)

Cathy and Jack Sanford recently increased their donation, saying: "We have 17 grandchildren all of whom will no doubt some day visit the raptors in the aviary. We hope they will be thrilled to see that their Grandmother and Grandfather contributed to the construction of the building that houses the birds."

Names of contributors giving over \$250 will be acknowledged on a donor plaque at the site. Questions? Call Dolores Pollock at 681-8661. Donations must be received by August 31.

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Members are invited to send announcements, letters, articles, photos and drawings for consideration to:

SBAS, Marlene Mills Newsletter Chair
5679 Hollister Avenue, Suite 5B
Goleta, CA 93117

or email: newsletter@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org

Submissions deadline is the 10th of the month before publication.

Santa Barbara Audubon Programs

All programs will take place at Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Mission Canyon, Santa Barbara. Free on-site parking. All programs 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.

The Best of Baja California!

Piet & Mary Van de Mark
Baja's Frontier Tours

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Journey through the remote central Baja California peninsula, experiencing desert delights—boojum forests, immense cardon cacti, and brilliant spring flowers—plus the lovely blue Pacific Coast, alive with whales, marine and bird life, including the enjoyable and photogenic diversity of North American herons. Get close-up and personal with the majestic, and often *very friendly*, California Gray Whales in their natural mating and calving grounds in the warmth and protection of Scammon's Lagoon. Piet and Mary Van de Mark, owner/operators of Baja's Frontier Tours, will personally share their knowledge and passion for Baja's natural history. Piet's roots in Baja California began on a personal odyssey in the summer of 1962; he's spent his whole life traveling in and sharing his love of the enchanted peninsula with his guests.



Yellow Crowned Night Heron stalking.
© 2008 Piet Van de Mark



*Baja Central Desert sunset with boojums
and cardon cacti.*
© 2008 Piet Van de Mark



*A friendly California Gray Whale and her calf enjoy a
little people watching.*
© 1995 Mary Van de Mark

Santa Barbara Audubon Field Trips

*These trips are fun for both beginning and expert bird watchers. 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. Please contact **Jack Sanford** (805) 566-2191 or jacksanford@hotmail.com for details or questions.*

Oso Flaco Lake
“Lake to the Ocean”
Sunday, August 15, 2010
9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
(6:45 a.m. car pool time)

Target Birds: Fresh water and salt water birds plus Northern Harriers and Wrens

Trip Leader: Jack Sanford

Cost: \$8.00 to car pool drivers + \$5 entrance fee per car (unless you have a State Park Pass)

We will be taking a leisurely 2 mile walk across the Oso Flaco Lake bridge and follow the boardwalk trail to the ocean. We will view this rare and unique ecosystem while spotting birds and enjoying the beauty of the area.

We will meet at the 5 Points Shopping Center (Carl's Jr) at 6:45 a.m. and at the Kmart parking lot in Goleta at 7:00 a.m. and car pool to the Oso Flaco Lake parking area. If you would like to meet us at the lake at 9 a.m., take Hwy. 101 to Hwy. 166 (Main street exit in Santa Maria), and head west towards the town of Guadalupe. Turn right at the Hwy. 1 intersection, and go thru the town of Guadalupe. Travel 3 miles to the Oso Flaco Road, and turn left. Proceed 3 miles to the parking lot. Dress in layers and bring water and a snack.

Rancho Guadalupe Dunes
“Wonder of the Sand Dunes”
Saturday, September 11, 2010
9 a.m.-11 a.m.
(6:45 a.m. car pool time)

Target Birds: Shorebirds

Trip Leader: Jack Sanford

Cost: \$8.00 to car pool drivers

We will enjoy a leisurely stroll at the Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve. We will view both migratory and resident shorebirds along the beach and the Santa Maria River Estuary. Dress in layers and bring water and a snack.

We will meet at the 5 Points Shopping Center (Carl's Jr.) at 6:45 a.m. and at the Kmart parking lot in Goleta at 7:00 a.m. and car pool to the Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve. If you would like to meet us at the dunes at 9 a.m., take Hwy. 101 north to Hwy. 166 (Main St. exit in Santa Maria) and head west towards the Guadalupe Dunes. Cross Hwy. 1 and continue on Hwy. 166 for 7 more miles to the parking lot. Possible added attraction: a visit to the Dunes Center in Guadalupe.



Photo by Adam Lewis

Eyes-in-the-Sky (EITS) is Recruiting VOLUNTEERS:

If you love birds, nature and wildlife and want to care for them and to educate people about our relationship with all of them, then this is the opportunity you've been looking for! The aviary at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History is under construction and, when it is completed by the end of this Summer, EITS' educational birds of prey will move into their new home.

There will need to be volunteers on site every day. Volunteers will be trained in the birds' natural history, handling techniques and maintenance; will help care for, feed, and exercise them; and will have the opportunity to learn how to present the birds and their conservation stories to children and adults. No prior experience is required, but is certainly welcome.

A minimum availability of four hours per week of service is requested, and a six month time commitment is required to receive the full training. Preference will be given to applicants with flexible schedules that have time during weekday work hours.

An informational introductory session is scheduled for Sunday, August 15th, from 2-4 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an interview please call Gabriele Drozdowski at 805-898-0347, or email: eyes-in-the-sky@cox.net.



Photo by Adam Lewis

Friday Bird Walks

*Join us on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 8:30-10:30 a.m., except as otherwise noted. Please call Bird Walk leader **Jack Sanford 566-2191** or email at jacksanford@hotmail.com if you are interested in leading a future bird walk to your favorite birding location or have any questions.*

Lake Los Carneros Bird Walk August 13

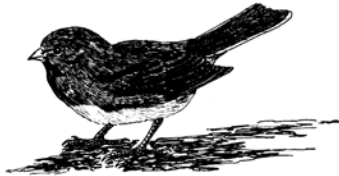
Target Birds: Water birds, songbirds

Directions: From Hwy. 101 take the Los Carneros off ramp and head towards the mountains. (Stow House is on the right.) Turn into the driveway by the fire station. We will meet in the parking lot behind the fire station.

Carpinteria Salt Marsh Nature Park August 27

Target Birds: Curlews, ducks, Teals, Egrets, Godwits, Gulls, Herons, Killdeer, raptors

Directions: From the north on Hwy. 101 take Linden Ave. off ramp. From the south on Hwy. 101 take Casitas Pass Rd. off ramp, turn right on Carpinteria Ave., and left on Linden Ave. Follow Linden Ave towards the ocean and turn right on Sandyland Rd. Go to the end, and the Nature Park entrance is dead ahead.



Dark-eyed Junco
Artist Steven D'Amato

Toro Canyon Park September 10

Target Birds: Songbirds, raptors

Directions: From Hwy. 101 take exit #90 (Padero Lane off ramp coming from the north and Summerland off ramp from the south). Turn towards the mountains and turn right on Via Real. Turn left on Toro Canyon Road (2nd road on your left). Proceed on Toro Canyon until you reach the park sign on your right. Turn right and follow the road to the park. Enter the park and follow the park road to the last parking lot where we will meet. We will bird the loop trail (1 mile slightly uphill) and then in the park.

Honda Valley Open Space September 24

Target Birds: Woodpeckers, Towhees, Jays, Mockingbirds, raptors

Directions: From Hwy. 101 take the Carrillo Street exit. Turn toward the south (away from downtown). Turn left onto Miramonte Drive. (It is only on the left and almost at the top of the hill.) We will park on the street and meet just a short distance from the first road on your right. From there we will bird a loop trail around the open space.

Bonus Afternoon Bird Walk during Creek Week

(Sponsored by the Santa Barbara City Creeks Division and County Project Clean Water)

Santa Barbara Harbor
Thursday, September, 30, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.



Leader: Jack Sanford

Target Birds: Waterfowl, shorebirds, Peregrine Falcons, songbirds

Directions: Coming from the north on Hwy. 101, take the Castillo St. off ramp to Cabrillo Blvd. Coming from the south on Hwy. 101 take the Cabrillo Blvd. off ramp. Park on Bath or Mason St. (no time limit) or use paid city lot parking. We will meet on the sidewalk next to the Sea Landing Sport Fishing Building (301 W. Cabrillo Blvd.) We will bird the S.B. Harbor and Sterns Wharf area.

Field Trips/Bird Walks Do you have an idea?

We are always looking for suggestion for places to visit on our monthly field trips. If you have an idea and are not sure where or what to do next, or are interested in helping coordinate a field trip contact **Jack Sanford (805) 566-2191**.

OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Habitat Restoration

*Audubon helps recruit volunteers for habitat restoration at the Coal Oil Point Reserve, the Arroyo Hondo Preserve and Lake Los Carneros. 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 **Tara Longwell** at longwell@lifesci.ucsb.edu or 252-4903. or **Darlene Chirman** at President@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org or 692-2008. For Lake Los Carneros contact **Julie Kummel**, 805-405-3203*

ARROYO HONDO

Contact: **Jane Murray**

Sunday August	8	9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sunday September	5	9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

COAL OIL POINT RESERVE

Contact: **Tara Longwell**

Saturday August	21	9 a.m.-12 noon
Saturday September	25	9 a.m.-12 noon.

LAKE LOS CARNEROS

Contact: **Julie Kummel**

Saturday August	28	9 a.m.-12 noon
Saturday September	25	9 a.m.-12 noon

Plover Project Docent Training

Training takes place at Coal Oil Point Reserve

Training:

August 14

September 11

Training Schedule: . . 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with lunch

Those interested should call for more information at
(805) 893 3703

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 Membership@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org

The **SBAS** e-mail list will only be used for SBAS business and will not be sold or shared with any other group.

Audubon Society Membership Application



Local Chapter-only Membership

This is a full membership to the Santa Barbara Audubon Society, with all funds put to work locally.

Includes:

- * a subscription to the local newsletter, *El Tecolote*
- * Member applications received between:
 - January and June will renew 6/30 of the following year.
 - July and December will renew 12/31 of the following year.

Does Not Include:

- * National magazine, *Audubon*,
 - * distribution of your name to any other organization
- The cost is \$25 annually.

This is my choice of membership!

Make check payable to:
Santa Barbara Audubon Society



National and Local Membership

Santa Barbara Code: COZC130Z

This is the traditional membership offered by the National organization. Includes:

- * membership on both the local and national levels
- * most of membership dues applied to national issues and advocacy
- * both the national magazine, *Audubon*, and the local *El Tecolote*
- * renewal notices from National organization
- * your name may be distributed to third party advertisers

The cost for this introductory membership is \$20, or \$15 for senior 62+ or student.

(NAS subsequent-year memberships are currently \$35/year.)

- This is my choice of membership!**
- This is a Senior/Student membership.**
- Please do NOT share my contact information.**

Make check payable to: **National Audubon Society**

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For Rare Bird information go to [sbcbirding](http://sbcbirding.org) online directly or through the SBAS chapter website at SantaBarbaraAudubon.org.

Officers and Chairs meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Members are welcomed to attend. Call the SBAS office to verify dates and times. FAX: 967-7718. Cover art by Daryl Harrison.

Calendar of Events

Check our website for any changes or late additions to our Bird Walks, Field Trips or Programs:
<http://www.SantaBarbaraAudubon.org>

August

Aug.	8	Restore Arroyo Hondo
Aug.	13	Lake Los Carneros Bird Walk
Aug.	14	Plover Training
Aug.	15	Oso Flaco Lake Field Trip
Aug.	15	EITS Information Meeting
Aug.	21	Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve
Aug.	27	Carpinteria Salt Marsh Bird Walk
Aug.	28	Restore Lake Los Carneros

September

Sept.	5	Restore Arroyo Hondo
Sept.	10	Toro Canyon Park Bird Walk
Sept.	11	Plover Training
Sept.	11	Rancho Guadalupe Field Trip
Sept.	22	Program: Best of Baja
Sept.	24	Honda Valley Bird Walk
Sept.	25	Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve
Sept.	25	Restore Lake Los Carneros
Sept.	30	SB Harbor Bird Walk

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