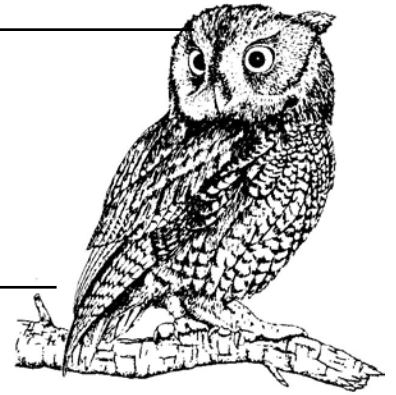


# El Tecolote

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## NEW YEAR'S DAY BIRDING BONANZA 210 SPECIES ON THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT!

By Joan E. Lentz

While everyone else was watching the Rose Parade on television or nursing a headache from New Year's Eve festivities, we birders woke up and hit the ground running. Of course, some of us had already been awake for hours listening for owls and the pre-dawn calls of marsh birds, but most ventured out at daylight to scour every corner of our Count circle in search of birds.

Heaving a sigh of relief that there was NO RAIN (despite draconian forecasts by weather experts), Santa Barbara birders went to work counting all the species to be found from the Pacific Ocean on the south to Gibraltar Reservoir on the north, and from Ellwood on the west to San Ysidro Road on the east.

In scouting before the Count, it appeared that the unseasonably cold weather and heavy rains in mid-December might have driven many birds further south, thus curtailing numbers in our region. In spite of this, and due to an incredible effort on the part of everyone involved, we were able to pull out 210 different kinds of birds in the 24-hour period allotted to the census.

The "stake-out" birds that we knew about beforehand were ticked off early in the day: two Long-tailed Ducks in the harbor, the Vermilion Flycatcher and Eastern Phoebe (returning for a second winter) at Ocean Meadows Golf Course, Tropical Kingbirds at Devereux Slough and the Bird Refuge, a Lewis's Woodpecker in Montecito, and five species of geese: Ross's, Snow, Cackling, Canada, and Greater White-fronted!

More goodies were discovered on Count Day. It turned out that the blooming eucalyptus trees and ornamental hedges in Isla Vista harbored 5 Orchard Orioles, a Hooded Oriole, and a Baltimore Oriole. Other Baltimore Orioles were located at Devereux and at the Municipal Golf Course. Scott's Orioles were discovered at the San Marcos Trout Club and in Montecito. All in all, it was an oriole sweep.

Other interesting birds found on Count Day were a Palm Warbler in the Goleta agricultural fields, and an American Redstart in Hope Ranch.

There are always a few "misses"—birds that we had hoped to get but that didn't show up on Count Day. Among these were Northern Pygmy-Owl, Townsend's Solitaire, and Greater Scaup. And only finding ONE Wilson's Snipe (formerly Common Snipe) was a little shocking considering all the marshy habitat about!

Some species of birds have been termed "irruptive", meaning they can show up in numbers one year and be absent the next. This year Red-breasted Nuthatches, normally a montane species, were to be found everywhere. This didn't apply to other montane birds, however, unless you count Pine Siskins, which showed up sporadically at certain backyard feeders.

As you can imagine, organizing and compiling this monster Christmas Bird Count is a daunting job, but with superb helpers like **Joan Murdoch, Rebecca Coulter, Jared Dawson, and Dave Compton**, everything went incredibly well. **Bill Pollock's** ability to crunch all the numbers into an invaluable computer version of the Count is essential. And **Patrick McNulty** kept track of all the rarities for us before the Count, so we knew where to look on Count Day. A huge thanks goes to these fabulous volunteers!

And how did Santa Barbara stack up against other CBCs in California and nationwide? We came in second in California, behind a high San Diego CBC total of 218 species. And, of course, the two big Texas Counts at Mad Island Marsh and Guadalupe River Delta were way ahead of all of us with totals of 235 for the former and 222 for the latter. Freeport, our "used-to-be" rival, had only 204 species.

At the end of the day, it's the camaraderie and fantastic spirit behind the Santa Barbara Christmas Bird Count that has made it so famous. We are known for our excellent habitats for birds, our top birders, and the accuracy of our Count. Santa Barbara Audubon can be proud of another successful effort, and we thank them for their generous support and encouragement.

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.

## Santa Barbara Christmas Bird Count Results Jan 1, 2011

### DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS

1	Gr. White-fronted Goose
1	Snow Goose *
3	Ross' Goose *
1	Brant
2	Cackling Goose *
139	Canada Goose
19	Wood Duck
63	Gadwall
1	Eurasian Wigeon *
164	American Wigeon
521	Mallard
3	Blue-winged Teal *
11	Cinnamon Teal
298	Northern Shoveler
19	Northern Pintail
67	Green-winged Teal
1	Canvasback
20	Redhead
125	Ring-necked Duck
	Greater Scaup *
94	Lesser Scaup
84	Surf Scoter
97	Bufflehead
7	Common Goldeneye
14	Hooded Merganser
9	Common Merganser
9	Red-breasted Merganser
263	Ruddy Duck

### QUAIL, TURKEYS

15	Wild Turkey
	Mountain Quail
256	California Quail

### LOONS

8	Red-throated Loon
10	Pacific Loon
3	Common Loon
6~	Loon species

### GREBES

80	Pied-billed Grebe
27	Horned Grebe
62	Eared Grebe
3422	Western Grebe
4	Clark's Grebe
1600~	Clark's / Western Grebe

### SHEARWATERS

	Northern Fulmar
	Black-vented Shearwater

### PELICANS

1802	Brown Pelican
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### CORMORANTS

282	Brandt's Cormorant
353	Double-crested Cormorant
3	Pelagic Cormorant

### HERONS

1	American Bittern *
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1	Least Bittern *
63	Great Blue Heron
44	Great Egret
51	Snowy Egret
	Cattle Egret
10	Green Heron
121	Black-crowned Night-Heron

### NEW WORLD VULTURES

134	Turkey Vulture
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### HAWKS

	Osprey
21	White-tailed Kite
6	Northern Harrier
8	Sharp-shinned Hawk
31	Cooper's Hawk
91	Red-shouldered Hawk
175	Red-tailed Hawk
1	Golden Eagle

### FALCONS

55	American Kestrel
3	Merlin
4	Peregrine Falcon

### RAILS, GALLINULES

9	Virginia Rail
19	Sora
1	Common Moorhen
1582	American Coot

### PLOVERS

107	Black-bellied Plover
240	Snowy Plover
106	Semipalmated Plover
163	Killdeer

### STILTS, AVOCETS

60	Black-necked Stilt
3	American Avocet

### SANDPIPERS

15	Spotted Sandpiper
32	Greater Yellowlegs
135	Willet
	Lesser Yellowlegs *
41	Whimbrel
43	Long-billed Curlew
151	Marbled Godwit
	Ruddy Turnstone
46	Black Turnstone
994	Sanderling
5	Western Sandpiper
52	Least Sandpiper
4	Dunlin
169	Long-billed Dowitcher
1	Wilson's Snipe
	Red Phalarope *

### JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS

	Black-legged Kittiwake *
16	Bonaparte's Gull

727	Heermann's Gull
282	Mew Gull
286	Ring-billed Gull
1389	Western Gull
460	California Gull
15	Herring Gull
7	Thayer's Gull *
43	Glaucous-winged Gull
2	Caspian Tern *
154	Forster's Tern
181	Royal Tern
223	Black Skimmer
2	Pomarine Jaeger
5	Parasitic Jaeger
~	Jaeger species

### ALCIDS

55	Common Murre
28	Rhinoceros Auklet

### PIGEONS

884	Rock Pigeon
661	Band-tailed Pigeon
201	Eurasian Collared-Dove
	White-winged Dove *
508	Mourning Dove
	Common Ground-Dove *

### CUCKOOS

2	Greater Roadrunner
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### OWLS

4	Barn Owl
6	Western Screech-Owl
24	Great Horned Owl
	Northern Pygmy-Owl
	Burrowing Owl

### SWIFTS

4	White-throated Swift
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### HUMMINGBIRDS

1067	Anna's Hummingbird
	Costa's Hummingbird *
59	Allen's Hummingbird
65~	Selasphorus sp.

### KINGFISHERS

17	Belted Kingfisher
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### WOODPECKERS

733	Acorn Woodpecker
	Red-naped Sapsucker *
4	Red-breasted Sapsucker
35	Nuttall's Woodpecker
48	Downy Woodpecker
13	Hairy Woodpecker
97	Northern (red-shftd) Flicker
~	Northern (yel.shftd) Flicker *

### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

342	Black Phoebe
71	Say's Phoebe

- 2\_\_\_ Tropical Kingbird \*
- 34\_\_\_ Cassin's Kingbird

**SHRIKES**

- 15\_\_\_ Loggerhead Shrike

**VIREOS**

- 50\_\_\_ Hutton's Vireo

**JAYS, CROWS**

- 6\_\_\_ Steller's Jay
- 513\_\_\_ Western Scrub-Jay
- 6\_\_\_ Yellow-billed Magpie
- 1728\_\_\_ American Crow
- 4\_\_\_ Common Raven

**CHICKADEES, TITMICE**

- 3\_\_\_ Mountain Chickadee
- 11\_\_\_ Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- 301\_\_\_ Oak Titmouse

**BUSHTITS**

- 1702\_\_\_ Bushtit

**NUTHATCHES**

- 49\_\_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- 83\_\_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch

**CREEPERS**

- 4\_\_\_ Brown Creeper

**WRENS**

- 9\_\_\_ Rock Wren
- 6\_\_\_ Canyon Wren
- 133\_\_\_ Bewick's Wren
- 48\_\_\_ House Wren
- 3\_\_\_ Pacific Wren
- 7\_\_\_ Marsh Wren

**KINGLETS, GNATCATCHERS**

- 2\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- 458\_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- 56\_\_\_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**THRUSHES, WRENTIT**

- 175\_\_\_ Western Bluebird
- \_\_\_ Townsend's Solitaire
- 105\_\_\_ Hermit Thrush
- 445\_\_\_ American Robin
- 1\_\_\_ Varied Thrush
- 151\_\_\_ Wrentit

**MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS**

- 205\_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird
- 81\_\_\_ California Thrasher

**STARLINGS**

- 1056\_\_\_ European Starling

**WAGTAILS, PIPITS**

- 165\_\_\_ American Pipit

**WAXWINGS**

- 414\_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing

**SILKY-FLYCATCHERS**

- 5\_\_\_ Phainopepla

**WOOD-WARBLERS**

- 364\_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler
- 5\_\_\_ Nashville Warbler \*
- 5\_\_\_ Yellow Warbler \*
- 3265\_\_\_ Yel.rumped (Audubon's) Wrblr
- 134~\_\_\_ Yel.rumped (Myrtle) Warbler
- 3\_\_\_ Black-throated Gray Warbler
- 222\_\_\_ Townsend's Warbler
- 3\_\_\_ Hermit Warbler \*
- 1\_\_\_ Palm Warbler \*
- \_\_\_ Black-and-white Warbler \*
- 180\_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat
- 8\_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler

**TANAGERS**

- 3\_\_\_ Summer Tanager \*
- 11\_\_\_ Western Tanager

**SPARROWS**

- 164\_\_\_ Spotted Towhee
- 574\_\_\_ California Towhee
- 1\_\_\_ Rufous-crowned Sparrow
- 2\_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow
- 18\_\_\_ Lark Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Sage Sparrow \*
- 38\_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow
- 30\_\_\_ Fox Sparrow
- 261\_\_\_ Song Sparrow
- 33\_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow
- 3\_\_\_ Swamp Sparrow \*
- 8\_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow
- 1417\_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow
- 217\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Sparrow
- 467\_\_\_ Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco
- 1~\_\_\_ Dark-eyed (Slate-col) Junco

**GROSBEAKS**

- \_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak \*
- 1\_\_\_ Black-headed Grosbeak \*

**BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES**

- 332\_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird
- \_\_\_ Tricolored Blackbird
- 343\_\_\_ Western Meadowlark
- 387\_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird
- 52\_\_\_ Great-tailed Grackle
- 33\_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird
- 5\_\_\_ Orchard Oriole \*
- 1\_\_\_ Hooded Oriole \*
- 10\_\_\_ Bullock's Oriole
- 3\_\_\_ Baltimore Oriole \*
- 2\_\_\_ Scott's Oriole \*

**FINCHES**

- 25\_\_\_ Purple Finch
- 1375\_\_\_ House Finch
- 52\_\_\_ Pine Siskin
- 348\_\_\_ Lesser Goldfinch
- \_\_\_ Lawrence's Goldfinch
- 270\_\_\_ American Goldfinch

**OLD WORLD SPARROWS**

- 411\_\_\_ House Sparrow

**UNESTABLISHED EXOTICS**

- 165~\_\_\_ Nutmeg Mannikin

**ADDITIONAL SPECIES (counted)**

- 2\_\_\_ Long-tailed Duck
- 2\_\_\_ Spotted Owl
- 3\_\_\_ Northern Saw-whet Owl
- 1\_\_\_ Rufous Hummingbird
- 1\_\_\_ Lewis's Woodpecker
- 1\_\_\_ Vermilion Flycatcher
- 1\_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe
- 20\_\_\_ Horned Lark
- 1\_\_\_ No. Rough-winged Swallow
- 1\_\_\_ Grace's Warbler
- 1\_\_\_ American Redstart
- 1\_\_\_ Clay-colored Sparrow

**210 SPECIES GRAND TOTAL**

**42811 Bird count grand total**

\* = Rare -- requires written description  
 x = Seen in Count Week (3 days before and 3 days after Count Day) but not on Count Day  
 ~ = Birds counted but species not countable

**Additional Count Week Sightings**

- x\_\_\_ Bald Eagle
- x\_\_\_ Solitary Sandpiper
- x\_\_\_ Black-legged Kittiwake \*
- x\_\_\_ Cassin's Vireo
- x\_\_\_ Violet-green Swallow

**Other Christmas Bird Count Totals**

**Carpinteria . . . . .143\***  
**Cachuma . . . . .160\***  
**La Purisima . . . . .123**  
**Santa Maria-Guadalupe . . . . .151**

\*See the SB Audubon chapter website SantaBarbaraAudubon.org for Recap of these counts.

*Congratulations to all who participated in our Christmas Bird Counts!*

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## 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.

### Climate Change In The California Foothills

Frank W. Davis  
Wednesday, February 23

California foothill landscapes—a patchwork of grasslands, woodlands, and shrub-lands—harbor a large portion of our native plant and animal species and support the state's ranching economy. Foothill ecosystems are already in flux due to invasive weeds, air pollution, changing fire regimes, and expanding vineyard and residential development. Ongoing climate change is yet another driver of ecological trends, and the pace of that change is likely to accelerate over the next several decades. This talk will provide an overview of recent scientific efforts to assess ecological risks from 21st century climate change in California's foothill environments and will consider possible adaptation strategies to reduce climate change impacts.

Frank W. Davis is a professor at the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at the University of California, Santa Barbara. His research interests are in landscape ecology, biogeography, conservation planning, and California oak woodlands and shrub-lands.

### Santa Barbara County Rare Birds a 10-year Retrospective Using Digital

Photography  
Roger Millikan  
Wednesday, March 23

For more information on this program please contact the office or go to the Audubon website:  
<http://www.SantaBarbaraAudubon.org/sbasprograms.html>



This Audubon Warbler finds a way to evade the Christmas Bird Count!

## Aviary

by President Darlene Chirman

The aviary for the Eyes in the Sky (EITS) Birds, was dedicated at the Museum of Natural History on December 15. We anticipate move-in by the time you receive this newsletter. This project is the culmination of several years of planning, permitting, and fundraising. Thank you to all who helped! See photos on the Audubon website at [www.SantaBarbaraAudubon.org/AviaryDedication.pdf](http://www.SantaBarbaraAudubon.org/AviaryDedication.pdf)

We are sad to report that Angel, the peregrine falcon new to the program, has died. She was adopted by EITS October 17 with a wing injury that limited her flying ability. On December 22, while in a training session inside Program Manager Gabriele Drozdowski's home, she was startled by something, flew straight at a window, broke the glass and escaped. She was sighted numerous times, as recently as December 31, but could not be coaxed down. She was found dead at More Mesa New Year's Day; she seemed emaciated and was probably unable to hunt successfully.

## 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!

Caroline Alcorn  
Barbara G. Anderson  
Mr. David S. Arnot  
Renee G. Basile  
Nancy Bauerle  
Shirley Bauhaus  
Judith Benedict  
Theresa Bisson  
Jan A. Buur  
June Carpenter  
Leeza Charleboix\*  
Ellen Clark  
Sara Cooper  
Floyd A. Dewitt

Joan Domingue  
J. Robert Dunn  
Susan Flanery  
Kenneth Gaynes  
Marilyn Gevirtz  
William J. Green  
Crystal Harris  
Cindy Hellriegel  
Yvonne Hindmarsh  
Bruce & Cherilyn Hollingworth\*  
Mr. Jack Huthsing  
Jasmine Kova  
Sam Kryder  
Michael Kuehn

Louise Latham  
Maureen Mc Fadden  
Dave & Patty Mellen  
Frances Morris  
Myra Nicholas  
Maria Pauletto  
Francisco Perez  
Laurie Potter  
Ellie H. Povah  
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Nicole Rekstein  
Michael Richter  
Darcy Ritzau  
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Alex Silvester  
John Snyder  
Frank Sovich  
Melissa Stever  
E Burton Swanson  
S. Thomas  
Pat Watson  
Kay Woolsey  
Bob Zimmer  
Mary Zurbuchen  
\*Chapter Only Membership

## 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](mailto:jacksanford@hotmail.com) for details or questions.*

**Duck Ponds/Wetlands**  
(next to Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station)  
**Friday, February 11, 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**  
(Note: This field trip is on a Friday)  
(8:00 a.m. car pool time)

**Santa Barbara Audubon Members only.** If you are interested, please contact Jack Sanford by phone ((805) 566-2191) or email ([jacksanford@hotmail.com](mailto:jacksanford@hotmail.com)) before Feb. 5. Leave your name and phone number or email address, and Jack will confirm your reservation.

**Target Birds:** Waterfowl, Virginia Rails, Merlins, Peregrine Falcons, American Bittern, White-faced Ibis, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Vermilion Flycatchers, etc.

**Leaders:** Peggy Kearns, Jeff Hanson

**Directions:** We will car pool from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge at 8 a.m. (\$8.00 gas money to drivers.) If you want to meet us at the Duck Ponds/Wetlands, take Hwy. 101 to Oxnard. Exit at Rice Ave. and go towards the ocean. Turn right onto Hueneme Rd. Turn left on Casper Rd. Proceed about a mile to the end of Casper Rd. Turn left into the Duck Ponds/Wetlands. Please park on the paved road near the drainage ditch.

Thanks to Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson for making the necessary arrangements. Enjoy.

**Rancho Santa Barbara (Lone Star)**  
(East end of Lake Cachuma)  
**Saturday, March 12, 8 a.m.-noon**  
(7:30 a.m. at car pool location)

**Target Birds:** Geese, Common Goldeneyes, Wood Ducks, Lewis's Woodpeckers, Bald Eagles, Clark's Grebes, American White Pelicans and other water and song birds

**Leader:** Rob Lindsay

**Directions:** To car pool area: Coming from the south take Hwy. 101 to Lake Cachuma/State St. off ramp. Turn right on State St. and turn right into the Five Points Shopping Center. Coming from the north take Hwy. 101 to the State St. off ramp. Turn left onto State St. Turn right into the Five Points Shopping Center. Park near Carl's Jr. restaurant. We will car pool from here at 7:30 a.m.

Or you can meet us at 8:00 a.m. at the gate to Rancho Santa Barbara (4001 Hwy. 154, identified by a pipe gate with a 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 and Charles Carr's hospitality at one of the best inland winter birding areas in the county!

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### Sandhill Crane Field Trip

plus a bonus visit to  
**Atwell Island Wetlands**  
**Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19-20**  
(This is the 3-day Presidents' Day weekend.)



**Target Birds:** Sandhill Cranes, Burrowing Owls, Common Moorhens, Horned Larks, Loggerhead Shrikes, Lark Sparrows, Blue-winged Teals, Marsh Wrens, Great Horned Owls plus many other species.

**Leader:** Jack Sanford

**Cost:** free (Camp ground fees are \$20. Motels are 20 minutes away in Lost Hills or Delano.)

This Audubon field trip will visit the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park (CASHP), the Atwell Island Wetlands (AIW), the Pixley National Wildlife Refuge (PNWR) and the Kern National Wildlife Refuge (KNWR). It will be an overnight trip with camping at one of two places. CASHP has a nice campground with showers (\$20/night). As a back up we can primitive camp at KNWR. Motels at Lost Hills include Motel 6 and Day's Inn. At Delano there is a Holiday Inn. Everyone must make their own vehicle arrangements and bring the necessary camping equipment, layers of clothes, food and drink plus birding equipment.

We will not caravan; each participant will travel from the Santa Barbara area leaving approximately at 6 a.m. on Saturday or earlier to meet just outside the CASHP at noon or so on Saturday February 19. After determining where we will camp, we will bird the park for a very short time looking for Burrowing Owls. About 12:45 p.m. we will travel to AIW. This is a new BLM 7000 acre restoration project that recently opened with a viewing platform overlooking the wetlands. After that (between 4-5 p.m.) we will travel to PNWR and view the Sandhill Cranes coming in till dark. After Sunday breakfast we will bird the KNWR for several hours. We will return home Sunday evening.

**Directions:** It is approximately 200-230 miles to CASHP. One way to get there is to take Hwy. 101 to Paso Robles. Take Hwy. 46 to Lost Hills. Cross Hwy. 5, but stay on Hwy. 46 to Hwy 43 (18 miles). Turn left (north) on Hwy. 43 and proceed to CASHP (15 miles). Or you can take Hwy. 101 south to Hwy. 126 to Hwy. 5 to Hwy. 46. Take Hwy. 46 east to Hwy. 43 (18 miles). Turn left (north) on Hwy. 43 to CASHP (15 miles).

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## 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](mailto: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

Friday, February 4

(Note: This is the first Friday of the month)

**Target Birds:** Waterfowl, winter 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.

### San Jose Creek Area

(near Kellogg Tennis Courts)

Friday, February 25

**Target Birds:** Songbirds, Woodpeckers, Thrashers, Thrushes, Kinglets, etc.

**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. stoplight. Park and meet near the tennis courts.

### Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

(New Bird Walk)

Friday March 11

We will meet in the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History parking lot near the Blue Whale.



### Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station

(Bonus Field Trip/Bird Walk combination)

Friday, March 18 (Note: this is the 3rd Friday)

8:00 a.m. (car pool time)-1:00 p.m.

**Target Birds:** Waterfowl, Rails, Egrets, shorebirds, ducks, Vermillion Flycatchers, raptors, etc.

**Trip Leader:** Martin Ruane

Only 25 people will be allowed to enter the Naval Air Station so it is necessary to make a reservation by calling Jack Sanford at 566-2191 or emailing him at [jacksanford@hotmail.com](mailto:jacksanford@hotmail.com) and receiving confirmation. The deadline for making a reservation is Sunday, March 6. Jack must forward a list of participants to Pt. Mugu on March 7. We will car pool (\$8.00 gas money to drivers) from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge at 8:00 a.m. Once you receive reservation confirmation, you can meet us at the base if you so desire.

**Directions:** Take Hwy. 101 to Oxnard and the Rice Ave. off ramp. Head towards the ocean. Take Hwy. 1 southeast to the Wood Rd. turnoff towards the Base, and turn left at the stop sign. Meet at the main gate parking lot. You must be a citizen of the United States. You will need a photo ID and social security number, and you must 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. Thanks to Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson for making the necessary arrangements to visit the Base.

### Elings Park

Friday, March 25

**Target Birds:** Raptors, songbirds, Juncos, Warblers, Finches, etc.

**Directions:** From Hwy. 101 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.

## 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, 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](mailto:ltvolunteer@yahoo.com) or 684-4405. For Coal Oil Point Reserve, contact **Tara Longwell** at [longwell@lifesci.ucsb.edu](mailto:longwell@lifesci.ucsb.edu) or 252-4903. or **Darlene Chirman** at [President@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org](mailto:President@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org) or 692-2008. For Lake Los Carneros contact **Julie Kummel**, 805-403-3203.*

### ARROYO HONDO

Contact: **Jane Murray**  
 Sunday February 6 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
 Sunday March 6 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### COAL OIL POINT RESERVE

Contact: **Tara Longwell**  
 Saturday February 12 9 a.m.-12 noon  
 Saturday March 5 9 a.m.-12 noon

### LAKE LOS CARNEROS

Contact: **Julie Kummel**  
 No restoration planned for February and March.

## Plover Project Docent Training

Training takes place at Coal Oil Point Reserve

**Training:**  
 February . . . . . 12  
 March . . . . . 5

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

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

## AUDUBON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to help Santa Barbara Audubon?  
 Here are several opportunities:

### Program Chair

Arrange monthly public programs at the Museum. Some technical savvy helpful for digital projector and computer interface. Elliot Chasin has accepted a job in Sacramento and must resign. Contact President Darlene

### Hospitality for Monthly Public Programs

Bring snacks to programs, generally 4th Wednesday (reimbursed) Nancy Rohrer would like to retire!  
 Contact President Darlene

### Webmaster

Update website, generally on a monthly basis. Material provided by the board and program chairs, Bobbie Offen would like to retire (and stay on as Treasurer).  
 Contact Bobbie or Darlene for more information

### Eyes in the Sky

Ongoing opportunities for new volunteers to work with our birds of prey.  
 Must be available during daytime hours. Call Gabriele 805-898-0347.

## Audubon Society Membership Application

### Option 1: Local Chapter-only Membership

- This is my choice of membership!  
 Cost: **\$25 Annually**  
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Santa Barbara Code: COZC130Z

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- Please do NOT share my contact information.

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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>

**February**

Feb.	4	Lake Los Carneros Bird Walk
Feb.	6	Restore Arroyo Hondo
Feb.	11	Duck Ponds/Wetlands Field Trip
Feb.	12	Plover Training
Feb.	12	Restore Coal Oil Point
Feb.	19&20	Sandhill Crane Field Trip
Feb.	23	Program: Climate Change
Feb.	25	San Jose Creek Bird Walk

**March**

Mar.	5	Plover Training
Mar.	5	Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve
Mar.	6	Restore Arroyo Hondo
Mar.	11	SBMNH Bird Walk
Mar.	12	Rancho Santa Barbara Field Trip
Mar.	18	Pt Mugu Field Trip & Bird Walk
Mar.	23	Program: Roger Millikan
Mar.	25	Elings Park Bird Walk

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