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THE 118TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

by Rebecca Coulter

Preparations for Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC), to be held on **Saturday, December 30, 2017**, are well underway as compilers Rebecca Coulter, Liz Muraoka, and Joan Murdoch welcome Libby Patten to the coordinating team. Former compiler Jared Dawson has moved to Northern California, where he is enjoying his new birding patch; we will greatly miss him and wish him all the best.

The 118th CBC season will see some adjustments in our site coverage, as Goleta continues to expand its housing area and the North Campus Open Space transitions from golf course to restoration area. Last winter brought some relief to drought-weary habitats, but we need our first rain of this season to bring more water. Many plants seem to have set record amounts of fruit: acorns are abundant, and the toyon berry crop looks promising, already ripening in some places. In addition, flowering trees and shrubs, plus trees that have psyllid or other infestations act as feeding stations for warblers and others. Keep your eyes and ears tuned for hotspots!

Carving up and covering the count circle is an annual challenge, as the Santa Barbara CBC often has the highest number of field participants in the country. The keys to our success are finding the right fit for eager birders and adequate coverage for each type of habitat. Not all birders sign up for a multi-mile mountain hike, yet we must cover a vast amount of dense chaparral and steep mountain slopes. Just how many birders are *too many* in one group? Where do we assign eager beginners, and with which leaders? Do we have all the necessary permissions to enter private property? How can we best use current technology for reporting/recording/compiling? These are just some of the considerations that consume the minds of the compilers in December, preparing for Count Day and the surprises it always holds. Last year, the weather was our story—after many dry months, unexpected rain on Count Day added to the already grim reporting, culminating in one of our lowest species counts in years. Such is the fun of birding!

We take pride as a community in the quality of our citizen science. By participating in the CBC, you are contributing to the larger picture of wintering avian distribution throughout North America, and increasingly in Central and South America as count circles expand there.

For more information, or to report on birds or locations of interest, please go to www.casbbirdcount.org. Before the count, you can help us by scouting birds of special interest in your neighborhood or anywhere within the Count Circle (described at the website above). Click on "The List" near the top of the website to find birds of special interest.



Photo by Liz Muraoka

CBC DINNER SATURDAY, 12/30, FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Join us for the Christmas Bird Count dinner, catered by Jack's Bistro, in Fleischmann Auditorium at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

Dinner will include your choice of meat or vegetarian lasagna, garlic bread, Caesar salad, chocolate chip cookies, and water. You are welcome to bring your choice of beverage (and a glass). If you prefer, you may also bring your own dinner and table service.

The cost of the catered dinner is \$17. Use the Eventbrite links below to purchase tickets, choosing the link to your main course preference. Deadline for purchase is 8:28 a.m. on Thursday, December 21, the exact moment of Winter Solstice. Please print your ticket and bring it with you to dinner.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-bird-count-dinner-2017-meat-lasagna-tickets-39267164145>

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Questions? Write to mainlandwhite@gmail.com.

LOCAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

Carpinteria: Saturday, Dec 16

Info: Rob Denholtz, robdenholtz@gmail.com
(805)684-4060

La Purisima (Lompoc): Sunday, Dec 17

Info: Alex Abela (805)934-2873

Lake Cachuma: Wednesday, Dec 27

Info: Cachumacbc.org, or Peter Schneekloth,
PeterSchneekloth@yahoo.com, (805)450-6839

Santa Maria/Guadalupe: Saturday, Dec 23

Info: Alex Abela, (805)934-2873

Santa Barbara: Saturday, Dec 30

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or webmaster.sbbirdcount@gmail.com

MEET YOUR AUDUBON BOARD

A SERIES INTRODUCING THE DIRECTORS OF OUR CHAPTER

New Treasurer Chris Mersey was literally born a world traveler, as his British diplomat parents were serving in Rome at the time of his birth. While attending school in the English countryside, Chris developed an abiding love of nature and its creatures, and as a pre-teen he joined the Royal Society for Protection of Birds, the British equivalent of the Audubon Society. After graduating from Loughborough University of Technology with a degree in banking and finance, he began a career in the banking industry.

In 1987, a work trip took Chris to New York, where he met and married his wife Cheri, eventually becoming a US citizen. Together, they moved where work took them, most notably to Singapore for 10 years and Germany for 5, and always they took vacations that were focused on a love of wildlife. In 2011, they made a list of the things they wanted to do and see, and decided to move to California. After landing at LAX, they began driving up the coast. Santa Barbara was their second stop, and it was obvious to them this would be their eventual destination.

Since joining SBAS, Chris has been a volunteer and presenter for Eyes in the Sky, helped to cater events, agreed to house two of our EITS raptors on his property during renovations at the Museum of Natural History, and was part of the small but able team that built new temporary aviaries for all seven birds.

Chris brings training, experience, and knowledge to his post as Treasurer. He looks forward to helping SBAS reach a larger portion of the community to ensure that generations to come will have the opportunity to appreciate nature.



SBAS MAKES A SPLASH AT THE GSD OPEN HOUSE

Excerpts from Jeff Hanson's full article on the website

The Goleta Sanitary District (GSD) plant site, a well-known birding hotspot, has been very kind to the birding community, including opening the facility for our Christmas Bird Count. When the subject of their annual Open House with its Jurassic Park theme came up, it seemed natural for SBAS to support the event and conduct a photo contest as well.

On September 23, Jeff Hanson, assisted by Board members and volunteers, assembled and staffed an impressive booth. The winning contest photos provided a nice backdrop to our booth and are now on view in the GSD offices. Winners are Dave Furseth of Murietta, California and locals Betsy Mooney, Bradley Hacker, Glenn Kincaid, and Mark Holmgren.

Jayne Wamsley set up an amazing "I've Got a Bone to Pick" game about the links between dinosaurs and birds, created by this summer's Teen Program at the Museum of Natural History. Jessica Altstatt provided information on bird species seen at the GSD.

Eyes in the Sky display boards set out on the lawn provided information about our bird and programs, but the real stars of the show were our EITS birds: Kisa the Peregrine Falcon, Puku the Western Screech Owl, Ivan the Red-tailed Hawk, and Athena the Barn Owl.

We made a lasting positive impact on GSD management and crew as well as the approximately 1,100 members of the public attending the event.

Board Note: Many thanks to Jeff Hanson for heading up this effort and to our EITS bird handlers

FALL COASTAL SURVEY OF THE BROWN PELICAN

by Libby Patten, Santa Barbara County Coordinator

On September 9, volunteers at coastal spots from Baja California to Washington state participated in the biannual survey of the Brown Pelican. These surveys help define the status and distribution of this iconic species, which was removed from the Endangered Species list in 2009, but whose breeding success is still of concern.

For Santa Barbara County, there were count teams at Santa Barbara Harbor and Santa Maria River Estuary. The Santa Barbara Harbor team of Joan Kent, Laurel Luby, Libby Patten, Cathy Peterson, Dennis Ringer, and Meg White counted 45 pelicans; the Santa Maria team, led by Alex Abela, counted 190. Both totals are about one quarter of that seen last fall, which could be concerning. It is not yet known if the drop resulted in part from the survey being held a month early or other factors. Typically, this species is out breeding at the Channel Islands in spring and then spends more time at the coast in the fall.

The results for our county have been entered into eBird and are being combined with those from other teams up and down the West Coast. Many thanks to all of the participants! More information can be found at: <http://ca.audubon.org/brownpelicansurvey>.



NEWS FROM EYES IN THE SKY

By Judy Hogan

As another busy year closes, it is time to look back and reflect on changes and accomplishments. Financial support came from many individual donors, as well as grants received from the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Foundation and the Steinmetz Family Foundation. We were delighted to welcome Jean Schuyler as a new Aviary Sponsor.

We are also grateful to the Museum of Natural History for its support while we built temporary off-site aviaries in August and relocated our raptors over the Labor Day weekend. EITS raptors continue to meet the public at the museum by the oak tree near Mission Creek each Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. We will return to our usual permanent aviary after the museum's Back Yard construction projects are completed.

While we are best known for our successful children's programs, in late 2016 the Legacy Foundation Fund awarded us a grant to develop an educational program for seniors. So far, we have presented over nine programs at senior centers. We find these audiences highly interested and eager to learn about our raptors and to see them close up in a personal setting.

We continue to have 45 highly dedicated volunteers who care for the birds, present programs, and help in many other ways. Last year they gave 7,000 hours of service. With their help, EITS' education message about birds and their conservation reached over 27,400 people (an increase of 2,000 over the prior year).

We wish to thank the many friends and donors who continue to support Eyes in the Sky, not only with donations but with their time and talents. May you have a joyful holiday season.

If you know of a school, after-school program, senior center, youth camp, or a community event or company that would like to book an EITS raptor visit or program, please call Gabriele at (805)450-6398 to discuss fees and scheduling.



Photo by Janice Levasheff



Photo by J O'Brien

IN MEMORIAM

by Guy Tingos, working from an article in the Santa Barbara News-Press

Our birding community lost one of its own on October 26. Peter Dullea passed away at the age of 71. Peter was an attorney by trade, but a naturalist at heart. He volunteered as a docent at campgrounds across the United States. Locally, Peter gave his time to the Santa Barbara Audubon Society, the Lake Cachuma Nature Program, and the Sedgwick Reserve. He will be missed.

THANK YOU!

Audubon members for your donations!

Jeff Hanson for organizing our first photo contest and spearheading our presence at the Goleta Sanitary District Open House.

Rebecca Coulter, Liz Muraoka, Joan Murdoch, Libby Patten, and everyone involved in organizing our Christmas Bird Count.

Gayle Hackmack, Marsha Macdonald, Nancy States, and Kris Mainland White, our CBC dinner team.

Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson for again organizing our Premier Trips.

Peter Thompson and Glenn Kincaid for organizing our field trips and birdwalks while Jack Sanford convalesces following heart surgery on Nov 14.

Janet Yamanaka for helping design our display at the Central Library in October.

David Levasheff for painstakingly scanning old El Tecolote newsletters so that we now offer a complete archive of newsletters since 1963 on our website. An incredible gift to our chapter!

Trent Watanabe of the *Montecito Journal* and *Santa Barbara Sentinel* for professional layout advice on this newsletter.

Santa Barbara Zoo for donating netting for our aviary.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA, 2017

Give the Gift of a Chapter Membership.

It's the gift that gives all year to both your loved one and the birds! Chapter memberships, which are different from National Audubon memberships, are available at varying levels.

Please see the form elsewhere in this newsletter, or go to our website at:
<http://santabarbaraaudubon.org/join-sbas/>

A CHANCE TO INCREASE YOUR DONATION

Once a year, we ask members for financial support, and we thank the nearly 250 who responded last year. This year, Darlene Chirman and Julie Kummel have each generously offered \$5000 to match donations made by December 30. We need this money to operate the Chapter and its activities in education, conservation, and advocacy. **To donate, visit SantaBarbaraAudubon.org or send a check to Santa Barbara Audubon Society, PO Box 5508, Santa Barbara, CA 93150. We can't do it without you!**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Santa Barbara Audubon Presents:

Winter Bird Count 4 Kids

Introducing Young People to the Fun of Birdwatching

Saturday, January 20th, 9:00AM to Noon
Lake Los Carneros Park, Goleta

- ✓ A free birding basics event for kids 8-16 with a responsible adult
- ✓ Take a guided walk around the lake with an experienced naturalist
- ✓ Binocular Boot Camp - borrow ours or bring your own
- ✓ Record and tally the bird species observed
- ✓ Free souvenir bird list, free t-shirt (for the first 75 kids), free snacks

See the Santa Barbara Audubon website at <http://santabarbaraaudubon.org/> for more details.



Meet at the Stow House Parking Lot
304 N. Los Carneros Rd., Goleta

Sponsored by the Santa Barbara Audubon, with support from the City of Goleta, UC Santa Barbara Associated Students Coastal Fund, Trader Joe's, Smart and Final & Nothing Bundt Cakes



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SBAS: RELATED BIRD PROJECTS

WESTERN SNOWY PLOVER REHABILITATION AT THE SANTA BARBARA ZOO

by Rachel Ritchason, Curator of Birds

On a chilly and overcast Sunday morning at a Ventura Beach, Debra Barringer, a federally permitted volunteer nest monitor with Ventura Audubon Society, found a newly hatched Western Snowy Plover alone in a nest, under a piece of cardboard. Three eggs had hatched, but the adult and two of the chicks were gone. Debra scoured the beach for signs of the plover family while she warmed the chick in her hands. Convinced the family had left the area, Debra reached out to the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Service. Within a few hours, the hatchling was safe in an Intensive Care Unit in the Santa Barbara Zoo's veterinary hospital.

With its Animal Care and Health team's extensive experience incubating eggs, helping chicks out of eggs, hand-rearing and providing medical treatment to young birds, the Santa Barbara Zoo received a permit to rehabilitate Western Snowy Plovers in 2016. It collaborates with partners such as Point Blue Conservation, CA State Parks and UC Santa Barbara, which monitor nesting birds on the busy beaches of the Central Coast.

Eggs reach the zoo after nests have been abandoned, washed out, or found by predators. The zoo checks for fertility and keeps eggs in an incubator. After hatching, chicks are kept warm and fed small insects like mini meal worms and pinhead crickets, while their development is closely monitored.



Photo courtesy Santa Barbara Zoo

As they grow, chicks are moved to larger enclosures where they grow waterproof feathers and learn to fly. They stay at the zoo until they show signs that they are ready for life in the wild: they hunt for food, are wary of humans, can maintain their weight, and fly well in the flight pen.



Photo by Debra Barringer

The abandoned chick that Debra found spent about 60 days at the zoo and became the seventh plover it released in 2017 at Coal Oil Point Reserve, UC Santa Barbara. When the crate door was opened at the beach, the now banded chick flew out, and the zoo team lost sight of it in the sunny sky. The next day, that chick was spotted in the middle of about 145 plovers, successfully living life as a wild bird!



Photo courtesy Santa Barbara Zoo

SBAS: PROGRAMS

ENDEMIC AND NEAR ENDEMIC BIRDS OF CUBA

Presented by Dennis Ringer

Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 7:30 p.m. (Doors open 7:00 p.m.—join us for refreshments)

Location: Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Dennis Ringer presents the birds he encountered during a 10-day birding/cultural tour in Cuba in March of 2017. An Emeritus Professor of Anthropology and American Ethnic Studies at Santa Barbara City College, Dennis retired in 2006 after 37 years of teaching. He took Joan Lentz's birding class in 2007 and has been hooked on birding ever since. A friend gave Dennis a camera to add to his basic birding gear in 2008 and everything changed. For Dennis, seeing the birds always comes first and then, the photographs.



Photo by Dennis Ringer



Photo by Dennis Ringer

INTO THE MOUNTAINS! TRAILS AND TALES OF THE SANTA BARBARA BACKCOUNTRY

Presented by James Wapotich

Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 7:30 p.m. (Doors open 7:00 p.m.—join us for refreshments)

Location: Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Local author James Wapotich will discuss his experiences along several historic trails that lead into our backcountry, including parts of what are now the San Rafael and Dick Smith Wilderness areas. These trails can still be visited today as part of a day hike or backpacking trip. James will share images and stories from his hikes. He is a Volunteer Wilderness Ranger with the Forest Service and writes the *Santa Barbara News-Press* hiking column, "Trail Quest."



Photo by Nicola Gordon



Photo by James Wapotich

SBAS: FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is welcome! These trips are fun for both beginning and expert bird lovers. Trips are free unless otherwise noted. Please contact Jack Sanford at birdsandtennis@hotmail.com for details or questions. Emails will be answered during Jack's convalescence.

LAKE CACHUMA WINTER WILDLIFE (EAGLE) BOAT CRUISE, LAKE CACHUMA COUNTY PARK

Saturday, December 16, 2017 (9:45 a.m. check-in time at boat dock) 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Target Birds: Bald Eagles, White Pelicans, grebes, Common Loons, waterfowl, ducks, Ospreys, Great-tailed Grackles, Peregrine Falcons, etc.

Trip Leader: Park Naturalist Rosey Bishop

Organization: Santa Barbara Audubon Society

Cost: \$17 for the boat trip, payable on the boat.

\$10 per car for entering the Lake Cachuma County Park

Limit: 30 people. To make a reservation, you must email Jack Sanford at birdsandtennis@hotmail.com on or before Wednesday, December 13. He will confirm your reservation.

Directions: Take Hwy 154 to Lake Cachuma County Park and park near the boat launching area and the Fishing and Tackle shop. To carpool (a good idea, due to the \$10 entrance fee per car), meet at 9:00 a.m. at the upper corner of the Sears parking lot near the auto shop, where you will get a parking permit. We should be back around 1:00 p.m.

Note: Following many improvements, the Neal Taylor Nature Center is worth a visit after the Eagle Cruise.

HOLLISTER RANCH

Saturday, January 6, 2018, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (7:00 a.m. at mandatory carpool location)

Target Birds: Songbirds, ocean and pond waterfowl, raptors, and perhaps some owls.

Trip Leader: Guy Tingos

Reservations are required. We are limited to 20 people (five vehicles). Please email Jack Sanford at birdsandtennis@hotmail.com on or before Wednesday, January 3, to reserve your place. Please let Jack know if you are willing to drive your vehicle and how many people it will hold. He will confirm your reservation by email.

Directions: Meet at the upper corner of the Sears parking lot near the auto shop at 7:00 a.m. for a parking permit, and carpool (\$8.00 gas money to drivers). We must carpool as we are limited to 5 vehicles. Bring water, snack or lunch, and wear comfortable shoes. Binoculars and spotting scopes are useful. Don't miss out on this opportunity to bird the private and unique Hollister Ranch.

SBAS: FIELD TRIPS

DUCK PONDS/WETLANDS (NEXT TO POINT MUGU NAVAL AIR STATION)

Sunday, February 11, 2018, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon (7:00 a.m. carpool time)

No reservations are necessary

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

Trip Leaders: Peggy Kearns, Jeff Hanson

We will carpool from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge (\$8.00 gas money to drivers). If you want to meet us at the Duck Ponds/Wetlands take Hwy 101 to Oxnard. Exit Rice Ave and go towards the ocean, straight to the Hueneme Rd turnoff. Head west on Hueneme Rd and 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. We will bird on foot for approximately 3 miles. We must remain as a group. This is a private area and a wonderful opportunity. Thanks to Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson for making the necessary arrangements. Enjoy.

SBAS: FRIDAY BIRD WALKS

SANTA BARBARA HARBOR

December 8, 2017, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds, Peregrine Falcons

Directions: We will meet on the sidewalk next to the Sea Landing Sport Fishing Building (301 West Cabrillo Blvd). Park on Bath St or Mason St (no time limit) or use paid city lot parking. We will bird the Santa Barbara Harbor and Stearns Wharf area.

ARROYO BURRO SCHOOL OPEN SPACE

December 22, 2017, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Directions: From Hwy 101 take the Las Positas Rd off-ramp. Turn toward the ocean (away from the mountains). Turn right on Modoc Rd then left on Palermo Dr. Follow Palermo Dr all the way to the end and park. We will meet by the locked gate.

SAND POINT BIRD WALK/FIELD TRIP

Special Bonus for SB Audubon Members Only

January 12, 2018, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Target Birds: Long-bill Curlews, Great Egrets, Snowy Egrets, Ospreys, White-tailed Kites, waterfowl, sandpipers

Trip Leaders: Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson

We have permission to offer a Friday Field Trip to 20 SBAS members at the Sand Point Road/Sandyland private gated community. Please email Jack Sanford at birdsandtennis@hotmail.com asap with your name and phone number or email address, and he will confirm your reservation. Directions: Take the Santa Claus Ln exit off Hwy 101 and follow Santa Claus Ln to the south-east end. Parking is available in the business area just before Santa Claus Ln enters Hwy 101 south. We will meet near the Sand Point Rd entrance and proceed from there on foot.

CORONADO DRIVE/DEVEREUX CREEK

January 26, 2018, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Raptors and songbirds, plus monarch butterflies

Directions: From Hwy 101 take the Glen Annie/Storke Rd off-ramp. Turn south (towards the ocean) on Storke Rd. Turn right on Hollister Ave and left on Coronado Dr. We will park at the end of Coronado Dr.

LAKE LOS CARNEROS

February 9, 2018, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Waterfowl and winter songbirds

Directions: From Hwy 101 take the Los Carneros exit off-ramp and head towards the mountains (Stow House on the right). We will park behind the fire station.

SAN JOSE CREEK AREA (NEAR KELLOGG TENNIS COURTS)

February 23, 2018, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

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. We will park and meet near the tennis courts.

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If you're not already a Chapter-Supporting Member, we urge you to join SBAS and invite your friends, neighbors, relatives to join us, too.

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