



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

by Betsy Mooney

On June 24, in the quiet dappled sunlight of Stow Grove Park, Area #3, Santa Barbara Audubon members, family, and friends gathered to share birding adventures and good food during our Annual Membership Meeting and Get-together. As in years past, the Glendessary Jam filled the grove with lively old-time music.

Santa Barbara Audubon Society thanked Jan Oetinger for her ten years of effective leadership service in habitat restoration. Jan is moving to Portland, Oregon, and was pleased to receive thoughtful good-bye gifts.

This year not one, but two, Great Horned Owls provided avian entertainment, clearly

visible high in a nearby redwood. David Levasheff set up a scope and kept the owls in focus. Members took turns viewing the owls, who seemed uninterested in the human activities below them. The two beautiful raptors preened, fluffed, and dozed.

Voting took place for the election of next year's board members. We're looking forward to another active year of SBAS education, restoration, and advocacy!



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MEET YOUR AUDUBON BOARD

A SERIES INTRODUCING THE DIRECTORS OF OUR CHAPTER

Those who attend SBAS programs already know Teresa Fanucchi for her gracious provision of hospitality. Now, she chairs the Programs Committee.

Teresa was born and raised in Bakersfield in an agricultural family. She came to Santa Barbara in 1986 to pursue a college degree, studying anthropology and environmental studies, and graduated with a BA in 1991.

She first became involved with the Audubon Society in 2001, shortly after moving to Sonoma County, where she knew no one. "Looking back, it was birding – walking slowly around beautiful, unfamiliar areas, getting to know the native birds with a group of friendly locals – that most helped me feel at home in a new place."

Teresa moved back to Santa Barbara in 2004. Her active involvement in Santa Barbara Audubon started when, in 2010, she saw an article in ET calling for volunteers to handle the Eyes in the Sky raptors. She knew she had to give it a try, and she's been enjoying it ever since.

As Programs Chair her main responsibility will be organizing and hosting the monthly programs. Teresa brings her work experience in event planning, at both UCSB Orientation Programs and La Casa de Maria's conference office, to her new position. She looks forward to serving the SBAS community by bringing interesting programs to its members, and she welcomes suggestions and feedback.



Photo by Joyce Carasa

SBAS HELPS GOLETA FAMILY SCHOOL

by Heather Severson

Last May, SBAS lent 10 pairs of binoculars to Goleta Family School for their science camp on Santa Cruz Island with a focus on birds.

A UCSB bird researcher gave a talk on Song Sparrows, and the kids got to see one up close. They also viewed the Island Scrub Jay, Acorn Woodpecker, Spotted Towhee, Common Raven, Black Phoebe, California Quail, Allen's Hummingbird, Lesser Goldfinch, and Orange-crowned Warbler. During a night hike, they heard the distinctive call of a Northern Saw-whet Owl. Using our binoculars, they watched a Barn Swallow making a nest in the garage at the UCSB field station.

The highlight of their trip was finding a nest of Black-headed Grosbeaks in a willow tree. The kids said the binoculars were instrumental in finding this nest and being able to see the babies inside it. Goleta Family School was very grateful for our help, and sent us photos so we could see for ourselves how much fun they had!



Photo by Tim Burgess

PAL

by Jayne Wamsley, Carol Rae, and Karen Dorfman

SBAS and SBPAL (the Santa Barbara Police Activities League) have completed a second collaborative springtime program of outdoor education for teens. Participants closely observed birds, flowers, and amphibians at various weekly destinations, ending the program with a capstone trip to Santa Cruz Island.



Naturalists and Audubon Board member Aaron Kreisberg educated the teens about local ecological issues and restoration projects. Target birds were identified on each trip, including a Greater Roadrunner at the Carpinteria Salt Marsh. The teens braved high winds at Coal Oil Point Reserve to learn about the Snowy Plover conservation project. At Lake Los Carneros they enthusiastically observed several nestlings when Steve Senesac opened one of SBAS' Tree Swallow nest boxes. On our visit to UCSB's Cheadle Center, Andy Lanes gave us a greenhouse tour and discussed stewardship of local native habitat, noting the scourge of invasive plants and the need for restoration. Thanks to this successful partnership between PAL and SBAS, local teens enjoyed the remarkable diversity of Santa Barbara habitats.



SBAS HAS BEEN SELECTED TO FILL THIS DISPLAY CASE IN THE SANTA BARBARA CENTRAL LIBRARY LOBBY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. WATCH FOR IT!



RECENT SIGHTING IN THE TURNPIKE AREA: GRAY CATBIRD, WHICH HASN'T BEEN SEEN IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SINCE 1990.



Photo by David Levasheff

NEWS FROM EYES IN THE SKY

RAPTORS ARE MOVING TEMPORARILY!

by Judy Hogan

As the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History will begin multi-phased renovations shortly after Labor Day, EITS is preparing to move our seven raptors from the aviary in the Museum Back Yard to refurbished enclosures at two private residences for approximately nine months. The raptors will continue to have daily care and exercise from EITS volunteers. You may bump into one or more raptors and handlers, who will spend part of their afternoons in beautiful places like the Botanic Garden, Mission Rose Garden, Rocky Nook Park or Douglas Family Preserve. Whenever you run into a volunteer with a “raptor on the glove,” please introduce yourself and get to know them. They are happy to share stories about our amazing birds of prey.

Each Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m., most of the raptors and their handlers will continue to meet Museum visitors under the oak tree near the bridge over Mission Creek.



Photo by Janice Levasheff

At a volunteer appreciation brunch, Gabriele recognized Chris Mersey, Richard Nordli, Coni Edick, and John O'Brien for outstanding service



Photo by Dolores Pollock

EITS will continue to be available to present programs at schools, public and community events, afterschool programs, youth camps, senior centers, and other places where we are invited. Please call the office to schedule a program date with Gabriele.

EITS continues to be blessed with 45+ active and caring volunteers, who enrich the lives of the raptors under our care and share the joy and wonder of these beautiful birds with the public.

NOT GETTING ELECTRONIC MESSAGES FROM SBAS?

Some email providers sort email from us into spam, bulk, or junk folders. If you find a message from us in one of these folders, move it into your main inbox; then, our future emails should also be directed to your main inbox. In addition, it may help to add the following to your contact lists: membership@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org and publicity@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org.

THANKS TO...

Karl Hutterer, Emeritus Director of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, for helping lead our Board Retreat.

David Levasheff for the informative “slide” show projected before our monthly programs.

Holly Sherwin for buying SBAS a square at I Madonnari.

Karen Schroeder for donating to SBAS 20% of the proceeds from sales at her recent art show.

Empire Cleaning Supply for a generous discount.

All our bird walk and field trip leaders!

John O'Brien, Richard Nordli, and Chris Mersey for preparing housing for our raptors' relocation.

Joel and Vasanti Fithian, along with Chris and Cherie Mersey, for allowing us to house our raptors on their properties for about nine months.

Alex Carasa for excellence in proofreading this issue.

Trent Watanabe, Santa Barbara Sentinel and Montecito Journal, for his layout of El Tecolote.

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME: GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE



Photo by David Levasheff

**Saturday, September 23, 2017,
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

- Free family fun! Come visit the SBAS information table at the Goleta Sanitary District (GSD) Open House, at 1 William Moffett Place in Goleta.
- See the winning photos from the SBAS-GSD photo contest. Go on a “Jurassic Plant Tour” and learn what GSD does.

SBAS: PROGRAMS

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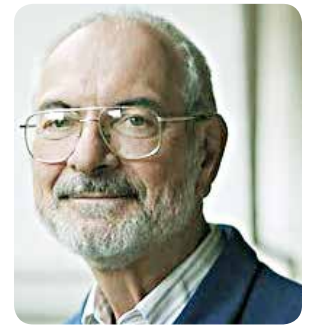
Presented by Karl Hutterer

Wednesday, September 27, 7:30 p.m. (Doors open 7:00 p.m. Join us for refreshments.)

Location: Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

For the past several years, Karl Hutterer has focused his energy on advancing climate change literacy. He will start by summarizing some of the basic facts about climate change: where we currently are in terms of changing climates and their effects, and what experts are predicting. Then he will address what each one of us can do to help our planet to “break the fever”.

Karl Hutterer earned his Ph.D. from the University of Hawaii. He came to Santa Barbara in 2000 to assume the executive directorship of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Since retiring in 2013, he has volunteered with several nonprofits, and he is currently on the board of directors of the Community Environmental Council of Santa Barbara.



A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Presented by Holly Sherwin

Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 p.m. (Doors open 7:00 p.m. Join us for refreshments.)

Location: Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Once nothing but swampland and scrubby forests, Southwest Florida has been subject to many environmental challenges. From early plume-hunting days to recent water wars and an ever-increasing human population, the Sunshine State has had to fight to protect its diverse wildlife for over a century. Thanks in part to the National Audubon Society, birds once on the brink of extinction are now protected and can easily be viewed from the Everglades National Park to Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge, through the 10,000 Islands and into Audubon's own Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. Come enjoy the tales and photos of this remarkably avian-rich corner of the country by educator, writer and guide, Holly Sherwin.

For nearly 10 years Holly worked for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida in Naples, Florida, where she led natural history tours through various local parks and sanctuaries as well as locations in the Florida Keys and Caribbean Islands. She has since migrated to the shores of Santa Barbara, where she currently resides with her husband and teenage son (but still visits her favorite haunts and secret birding spots in Florida).



SAVING BOLSA CHICA WETLAND

Presented by David and Margaret Carlberg

Wednesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m. (Doors open 7:00 p.m. Join us for refreshments.)

Location: Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Orange County's 1200-acre Bolsa Chica Wetland is a textbook example of how the perseverance of a group of private citizens can block the destruction of a major ecological resource. Through slides and a video, David and Margaret Carlberg will relate their personal experience in one of the most successful environmental battles in the state's history.

David is a retired California State University, Long Beach, professor, a past president of the Amigos de Bolsa Chica and the author of a history of the Bolsa Chica Wetland. Margaret is a past president of the Orange County Sea and Sage chapter of the Audubon Society and a retired high school chemistry teacher.



SBAS: FIELD TRIPS

RANCHO GUADALUPE DUNES “WONDER OF THE DUNES”

Saturday, September 16, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (7:00 a.m. carpool time)

Target Birds: shorebirds

Trip Leader: Jack Sanford

Cost: \$8.00 to carpool drivers

We will enjoy a leisurely stroll at the Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve, viewing both migratory and resident shorebirds along the ocean and the Santa Maria River Estuary. We will meet at the upper corner of the Sears parking lot near the Sears auto shop at 7:00 a.m.

Directions: Take Hwy 101 north to Hwy 166 (Main Street exit in Santa Maria). Cross Hwy 1 and continue for 7 more miles to the parking lot. As an added attraction, we may stop at the Dunes Center and view their latest display of the Sphinx used in the film *The Ten Commandments*.

DEVEREUX SLOUGH - UCSB WEST CAMPUS, GOLETA

Saturday, October 7, 2017, 7:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Target Birds: Shorebirds, waterfowl, and wintering songbirds

Trip Leader: Rob Lindsay

Directions: Take Hwy 101 to the Glen Annie/Storke Road exit. Proceed south (towards the ocean) on Storke Road. Turn left on El Colegio Road, then right on Camino Corto Lane, and then right on Del Playa Drive. Park and meet at the end of Del Playa. We will take a loop trail, walking on the beach past the Snowy Plover Reserve and then on a trail around the far side of the slough. We will then continue on the other side of the slough and back to the parking area.

SBAS: FIELD TRIPS

LAS CRUZITAS RANCH - NEAR SANTA YNEZ

Saturday, November 18, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (7:45 a.m. carpool time)

Target Birds: Goldfinches, buntings, Rufous-crowned Sparrows, Phainopeplas, Yellow-billed Magpies, Prairie Falcons, nuthatches, hummingbirds, and maybe a Golden Eagle

Trip Leader: Cruz Phillips, 688-8233, cruzitas@aol.com

Cost: \$8.00 gas money to carpool drivers

Directions: Carpooling is recommended, as parking is limited. We will meet at the upper corner of the Sears parking lot near the Sears auto shop at 7:45 a.m. To meet us at the ranch, take Hwy 154 to Armour Ranch Road, 3.3 miles west of Bradbury Dam (Lake Cachuma). Go north on Armour Ranch Road 1.4 miles and turn right on Happy Canyon Road. At 2.4 miles, turn right on Alisos Avenue. At 0.7 mile the pavement ends at a cattle guard. Continue 2.6 miles straight past 2 more cattle guards to the barn and ranch. We will arrive around 9:00 a.m. and bird for about 2 hours near the ranch house, where there are many feeders and good bird habitat. Then we will take an easy walk around the general area and perhaps a tour of a canyon. Bring water, a snack and/or lunch.

SBAS: PREMIER TRIPS

by Jeff Hanson and Peggy Kearns

Santa Barbara Audubon offers PREMIER fundraising trips, led by experienced birders, to special birding areas. Trips are coordinated by Jeff Hanson and Peggy Kearns. Proceeds support the chapter's education and conservation activities in our community. Join us! You will broaden your birding experience, have fun, and contribute to SBAS at the same time. Please note the registration deadlines below. These trips fill up fast.

2 POINT MUGU NAVAL AIR STATION PREMIER TRIPS

Due to our continuing success over the years in both quality and quantity of exceptional birds, we are pleased to offer 2 premier trips to NBVC Point Mugu this year. You may choose either or both.

Friday, December 8, 2017 and/or Friday January 26, 2018

8:00 a.m.-12 noon (7:00 a.m. from carpool location)

Trip Leaders: Jeff Hanson, Peggy Kearns, and base biologist Martin Ruane

Cost: \$55.00

Group size limited to 14

This unique opportunity allows us to visit some 2,000 acres bordered by the Pacific Ocean and some of the most bountiful agricultural land in Southern California. Marsh, coastal wetlands, and grasslands provide a stopover for thousands of migrating birds each year, along with habitat for seven endangered species of birds. The area is so rich in wildlife that our trip there typically counts 80 species including egrets, rails, songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, and more.

For each trip, 14 lucky SBAS members will be granted access to the base. As a bonus, additional local experts normally accompany us on this popular trip.

NBVC Point Mugu is an active Navy base, so your access onto the base must be approved prior to the trip date. **U.S. Citizenship and advance submittal of an Access Pass Registration Form are required.** NO CAMERAS are allowed on base.

TO REGISTER:

- Go to the SBAS website link for the trip of your choice.
- Download the Navy's Access Pass Registration Form.
- Review the form first to ensure you can meet the requirements.
- Purchase your ticket on the eventbrite link for the trip of your choice.
- Fill out the Access Pass Registration Form completely.
- Sign and email the access form to Jeff Hanson at jlh749@cox.net.
- You can also contact Jeff if you have any questions or problems.

IMPORTANT: You must submit your form to Jeff no later than the end of the registration period for the trip of your choice.

December 8 trip registration starts October 1 and ends November 8, 2017

SBAS link: <http://santabarbaraaudubon.org/?p=3755>

eventbrite link: https://sbas_point_mugu_1217.eventbrite.com/

January 26 trip registration starts November 15 and ends December 20, 2017

SBAS link: <http://santabarbaraaudubon.org/?p=3757>

eventbrite link: https://sbas_point_mugu_0118.eventbrite.com/



Photo by Jeff Hanson



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SBAS: FRIDAY BIRD WALKS

TORO CANYON PARK

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

Target Birds: Songbirds, raptors

Directions: From Hwy 101 take exit #90 (Padaro Lane off-ramp coming from the north, or Summerland off-ramp from the south). Turn toward the mountains and turn right on Via Real. Turn left on Toro Canyon Road. Proceed on Toro Canyon Road to the park sign on right. Turn right and follow the road to enter the park, following the road to the end of the parking lot. We will meet and bird in the park.

HONDO VALLEY OPEN SPACE

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

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. We will park on Miramonte Drive and meet a short distance from the first driveway on the right. From there we will take a loop trail around the open space.

HIDDEN VALLEY PARK

October 13, 2017, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Black-headed Grosbeaks, towhees, mockingbirds, woodpeckers

Directions: From Hwy 101 from either direction, take the Las Positas Road off-ramp and proceed toward the ocean. Turn right on Modoc Road and turn left on Calle de los Amigos. The park is on the corner of Calle de los Amigos and Torino Drive. We will park on the street.

ROCKY NOOK PARK

October 27, 2017, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Bushtits, blackbirds, woodpeckers, phoebes, vireos, warblers, wrens

Directions: From Hwy 101 take Mission Street past the Mission. The road becomes Mission Canyon Road, and Rocky Nook Park is on the right, heading toward the mountains. We will park and meet in the first parking area on the right.

STEVENS PARK

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

Target Birds: Raptors, woodpeckers, warblers, phoebes, wrens, kinglets, towhees

Directions: Take Hwy 101 to Las Positas Road off-ramp. Turn toward the mountains. Follow Las Positas Road until it becomes San Roque Road. Stay on San Roque Road to the stop sign at Calle Fresno and turn left, then right on Canon Drive. The entrance to Stevens Park is on the right. We will park and meet on the left as one enters the park.

WINCHESTER CANYON

November 24, 2017, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Kingbirds, kinglets, raptors, siskins, woodpeckers, titmice, towhees

Directions: Take Hwy 101 to Winchester Canyon Road exit. Take Winchester Canyon Road and cross Cathedral Oaks Road. Turn right on Winchester Drive, then left on Rio Vista Drive. We will park near the open space area on the left.

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