

SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
BIRD STUDY GROUP

March 22 -- 8:00 P.M. - Monthly Meeting - Farrand Hall.
An illustrated talk on "The Adelie Penguin" by Dr. William Maher, visiting professor at UCSB. Dr. Maher is a vertebrate ecologist who has spent many years as a research scientist in the arctic and the antarctic.

March 31 ---- Field trip to Jalama Beach Park and Point Conception Light Station. Meet at the Museum at 8:00 A.M. Bring your lunch. It is expected that a bus will be available at \$2 to \$3 per person. It should be good birding and the wild flowers will be at their best.

Thirty members made the field trip February 22-23-24 to Morro Bay, the Pecho Ranch, Avila and Lake Cachuma. --- **
Highlights of the trip:- perfect weather all three days (the first such week-end since September) - everyone found a place to sleep in spite of the jam-packed motels and campgrounds - flocks of 30 to 50 white pelicans soaring in ever-changing formations high in the sky - unbelievable thousands of brant, godwit and willet - fine close-ups of surfbirds, black turnstones and wandering tattlers on the rocks at Avila, of large flocks of avocets at Morro Bay and of black oystercatchers and wonderfully wild water on the rocky coast of the Pecho Ranch (not to mention a small stampede of cattle) - good views of 7 species of loons and grebes, 14 species of ducks, 17 species of shore birds - white-throated swifts over Morro Rock - an adult plumage bald eagle - a pair of gadwall and more than 200 common mergansers at Lake Cachuma - four chestnut-backed chickadees, two Bewick's wrens, a ruby-crowned kinglet, a bushtit, an Audubon's warbler and some house finches all in the same big bush at the same time - at least 108 different species reported.
Disappointments:- no members of the Museum's staff were able to make the trip - complete absence of robins, hermit and varied thrushes, fox sparrows, goldfinches and nuthatches which are usually found on the camp grounds.

BIRDS SEEN ON FIELD TRIP FEBRUARY 22-23-24 TO MORRO BAY,
PECHO RANCH, AVILA, AND LAKE CACHUMA.

common loon 8	bald eagle 1	horned lark
arctic loon 4	marsh hawk 1	violet-green swallow
red-throated loon 10	sparrow hawk fc	scrub jay
horned grebe 6	California quail 100+	raven
eared grebe c	American coot a	common crow
western grebe c	black oystercatcher 5	plain titmouse
pied-billed grebe fc	killdeer	chestnut-backed
white pelican 60+	black-bellied plover	chickadee 4
brown pelican 3	surf bird 10	bushtit
double-cr. cormorant	black turnstone 15	wrentit
Brandt's cormorant c	long-billed curlew	Bewick's wren
pelagic cormorant c	whimbrel	rock wren
great blue heron c	spotted sandpiper	mockingbird
common egret c	wandering tattler 1	western bluebird
snowy egret	willet	ruby-crowned kinglet
black-cr. night heron	greater yellowlegs	water pipit
black brant 8000+	least sandpiper	loggerhead shrike
mallard	dunlin	orange-crowned
gadwall 6	long-billed dowitcher	warbler
pintail	western sandpiper	Audubon's warbler
green-winged teal	marbled godwit a	house sparrow
cinnamon teal c	sanderling	western meadowlark
American widgeon c	avocet c	red-winged blackbird
shoveler	western gull c	Brewer's blackbird
lesser scaup	California gull c	purple finch
bufflehead fc	ring-billed gull c	house finch
white-winged scoter c	Bonaparte's gull	rufous-sided towhee
surf scoter c	pigeon guillemot 6	brown towhee
ruddy duck fc	mourning dove	savannah sparrow
common merganser 200+	white-throated swift	lark sparrow 4
red-breasted merganser 8	Anna's hummingbird	Oregon junco
turkey vulture	rufous hummingbird	white-crowned sparrow
sharp-shinned hawk 2	Allen's hummingbird	golden-crowned "
Cooper's hawk 1	belted kingfisher	song sparrow
red-tailed hawk c	red-shafted flicker	
red-shouldered hawk 1	acorn woodpecker	
	downy woodpecker	
	Nuttall's woodpecker	
	black phoebe	

a = abundant
c = common
fc = fairly common
