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### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 21  
Monday ADULT EDUCATION COURSE The Common Birds of Santa Barbara given by Nelson Metcalf begins this monday at 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Farrand Hall, Museum of Natural History. Mr. Metcalf will discuss the basic principles of birds identification, with such topics of general interest as courtship, migration and social behavior.
- Mar. 25  
Friday CLASS IN FIELD IDENTIFICATION: 7:30-8:00 p.m. Marie Beals will talk on the SPARROWS of Santa Barbara County.  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: 8:00 p.m. Farrand Hall, Museum of Natural History. Tonight might be called "An Evening With Marie Beals" as our field identifier turns speaker for the evening. In Sept.-Dec. 1965, Mrs. Beals went around the world. Starting in New York, she toured parts of Europe, North Africa, India, Thailand and Australia. Tonight she will show slides of the places visited in Australia and tell of the birds seen in such spots as Darwin, Alice Springs, Sydney and Melbourne.
- Mar. 27  
Sunday FIELD TRIP TO SESPE CONDOR REFUGE. Leave Museum at 6:30-- The early bird catches the condor as they are best seen between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. Venturans meet us at Henry's Restaurant, west end of Fillmore at 7:30 a.m. Route 126. As the road into the Sespe is quite rough in places, you are urged to sign up with Mrs. Cooke at the Museum, 6-5520 for space in one of the larger trucks or four wheel drive vehicles. We would like to have anyone planning on going to let Mrs. Cooke know. Bring lunch. Donation for driver \$2.50.
- April 2  
Saturday MEMBERS DAY AT AUDUBON CENTER EL MONTE 8:30- 12 noon. Twice each year the members of the Santa Barbara Audubon Society are invited to attend a special trip at the Audubon Center. Bring lunch and enjoy the hot tomato soup provided by the Center. Take the San Bernardino Freeway to Rosemead Blvd., south on Rosemead to San Gabriel Blvd., left to North Durfee and left at 1000 North Durfee to the Center.
- April 17  
Sunday SPRING ISLAND BOAT TRIP This boat trip will be a departure from our usual one in that we will take a boat out of Oxnard thus shortening the distance to the island and, hopefully, seeing more pelagic species. Leave Museum 6:30 a.m. Boat leaves Channel Island Harbor, Oxnard Beach at 7:30 a.m. returning 4:30-5:00 p.m. The trip is open to the first 25 Audubon members to send their check for \$7.00 to Mrs. Cooke at the Museum of Natural History, Puerta

del Sol. Let her know if you need transportation to Oxnard. Bring lunch. Wear warm clothes. Driver donation \$1.75. Directions: Leave Freeway at Seward Ave., Ventura. Take Harbor Blvd. which turns into McGrath Rd. Turn left on Channel Island Blvd and quickly right on West Rd. to the Marina and the boat "Sea Jay".

### SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

The Board of the Santa Barbara Audubon Society has been studying the proposed reclassification of Santa Cruz Island from agricultural to residential-commercial. We have reviewed the plan prepared for Mr. Gherini and studies, reports and propositions made by other organizations.

We wish to register our opposition to any change at this time in the present agricultural designation of Santa Cruz Island. We do not believe that the preservation of the many priceless and fragile natural resources of Santa Cruz Island will be served by granting the reclassification at this time. We believe that more comprehensive master planning must be done before any change is made, to establish the specific methods which will properly serve the public and private interests in the land and its use. While the study before you today, prepared for Mr. Gherini, is comprehensive, and the excellent product of much research and study, it addresses itself in detail to only a small portion of the land involved. Naturally, if you grant this request, the implications will be broad on the balance of the Channel Islands. The repercussions on the other private owners and public caretakers might be uncontrollable. This is not some street corner in Goleta or Santa Maria, where the potential land use in the balance of the area can be easily predicted. The property in question, but a tenth of the island, may best be developed as proposed in Mr. Gherini's plan: how do you know, unless you know what are the other responsible and practical alternatives for the Islands as a whole?

Your denial of this request at this time will serve the long range community interests in the preservation of the values of Santa Cruz Island.

### CONSERVATION NOTES

President Johnson proposed to Congress a vast program to combat pollution, clean entire river basins and generally clean up "barren America". The ultimate goal is to clean and preserve entire river basins from their source to their mouth. The President said that eventually these projects will pay their own way from money local communities collect from users of the water.

It has been proposed that Congress authorize completion of the National Park System by 1972--the 100th anniversary of Yellowstone, the first National Park. The President especially mentioned a Redwood National Park in Northern California. While costly, we must move swiftly to save "the majesty of a forest whose trees soared upward 2000 years ago". Legislation is being considered also for development of a nationwide system of trails, particularly near metropolitan areas.

Thirty dollars and 49 cents was contributed at the last meeting to help finance the program to defeat the Topa Topa Dam on the Sespe. The money was sent to Gene Marshall who is spearheading the opposition. Many thanks to all who contributed. Tom Follis, Conservation

### AUDUBON CAMP

Time to consider plans for going to an Audubon Camp. There are 4 in the United States. Reservations should be going in now as the camps fill up early in the season. Write to Box 3666, El Monte, Calif. for more information.

## FIELD TRIP REPORTS

We had our very best field trip to Point Mugu on Feb. 16, 1966. The party was small - only 15, but the birding was wonderful. Highlights were 2 whistling swans, 2 white-faced ibis, 2 virginia rails, 3 short-eared owls, 5 bitterns, 11 species of ducks, 10 of sandpipers many avocets and stilts and hundreds of white-throated swifts. N. Metcalf.

Feb. 27 was a perfect day for the trip led by Waldo Abbott to the sand dune and marsh country near Oceano. Thirty-five birders wandered around and between the small lakes to the continual accompaniment of shy marsh wrens. Some beginners saw their first myrtle warblers and all found the Allen's hummingbirds to be exquisite jewells in the afternoon sun. Disappointment of the day was some dramatic white falcon which degenerated into a dooryard pigeon. Among the 75 species seen were 79 canvasbacks--Waldo counted "em-- and 700 quails, no less. At one time we saw 6 California thrashers. Arthella Jacot

## TREASURER'S NOTE

Contributions to the Ed Jacot Memorial Fund may be mailed to W.R. Holbrook, 444 Pimiento Lane, Santa Barbara. Checks should be made out to the Santa Barbara Audubon Society, Ed Jacot Fund.

Those who wish to contribute to the Bird Refuge may mail checks to Mrs. Charles Richardson, Box 195, Santa Barbara. Checks should be made out to the Santa Barbara Audubon Society, Bird Refuge Fund.

## CHRISTMAS COUNT RESULTS

It is now clear that the long reign of Cocoa, Florida, is in danger. A few additional species found at Freeport, Texas, or in either the San Diego or Tomales Bay counts in California, would have toppled Alan Cruickshank and his crew off the high perch this time. Leaders were: Cocoa, Florida---197; Freeport, Texas---193; San Diego, Calif---192; Tomales Bay---192; Coot Bay, Florida---180; Santa Barbara---170

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

1. Mrs. Bill Bower	215 Glacier St., Oxnard, Calif.
2. Billie Estrada	175 La Jolla Dr., Santa Barbara, Cal..
3. Mrs. Robert G. Peteler	7000 Gobernador Canyon Dr., Carpinteri
4. Mrs. Marian F. Rosher	847 Casitas Pass Rd, Carpinteria
5. Dr. James F. Shipp	1919 State St., Santa Barbara, Cal. .
6. Mr. Anthony Vaughan	6621 Picasso Rd., Goleta, Calif.

## BIRD NOTES

Higher water level in Lake Cachuma has made it more attractive to the birds. An adult-plumage Bald Eagle has been around Cachuma all winter. Also one or more Ospreys. The best look-out points for them have been the Observation Point above the dam and the frontage road paralleling the highway opposite the upper end of the lake. This is the first Bald Eagle reported in this area since 1962, except for one at San Miguel Island last year.

The all-white gull which spent the late winter and spring of 1965 along Santa Barbara beaches was finally identified as a Glaucous, not glaucous-winged, Gull. Another Glaucous Gull was seen near the foot of Santa Barbara St. several times in the last week of February.

Be on the lookout! The Gardners saw 2 Condors over Paradise Camp late in Feb, and, believe it or not, a reliable observer saw one bird over APS on Feb. 27 at 2 P.M.!

This has been a good year for Varied Thrushes. They are still being seen at the Botanic Garden, Rocky Nook Park and Sheffield Park.