



# El Tecolote

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<u>SAVE</u>	<u>SAVE</u>	<u>SAVE</u>	<u>CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS</u>	<u>SAVE</u>	<u>SAVE</u>	<u>SAVE</u>
Nov. 17 Sunday			<u>FIELD TRIP TO BOTANICAL GARDEN:</u> Meet at Botanic Garden at 8:30 a.m. Leaders: The Knezeviches.			
Nov. 22 Friday			<u>REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:</u> 8:00p.m. Farrand Hall, Museum of Natural History. Tonight is our annual <u>MEMBER'S SLIDES NIGHT</u> . So go through your files and select your best natural history slides. Then call Mrs. Cooke at 966-5520 and tell her how many you will be bringing.			
Nov. 30 Saturday			<u>FIELD TRIP TO GOLETA SLOUGH-DEVEREUX-COAL OIL POINT:</u> Meet at Crown parking lot at Fairview at 8:30 a.m. Leaders: Joy Parkinson and the Gardners.			
Dec. 5 Thursday			<u>BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING:</u> 4:30 p.m. Koeford Junior Library, Museum of Natural History. <i>for info see p. 3</i>			
Dec. 21 Saturday			<u>ANNUAL CONDOR AREA CHRISTMAS COUNT:</u> If you can help with this count send in the sign-up sheet on page 3.			
Dec. 28 Saturday			<u>ANNUAL SANTA BARBARA CHRISTMAS COUNT:</u> See details and sign-up sheet on the last page of the bulletin.			
Dec. 7-8 Sat.-Sun.			<u>FIELD TRIP TO CARRIZO PLAINS:</u> Be sure to have your reservation at California Valley Lodge, California Valley, Cal. Tel.- 805-475-2272. Meet at Ojai 150 & 33 at 8:45. Bring lunch for two days. Tell Mrs. Cooke (966-5520) if you are going. Leaders: Waldo Abbott & Les Cook.			
Dec. 15 Sunday			<u>FIELD TRIP TO DOS PUEBLOS RANCH:</u> Meet at Dos Pueblos off-ramp at 8:45. Leaders: The Holbrooks and The Gardners.			
Jan. 4 Saturday			<u>FIELD TRIP TO BIRD REFUGE-SHORELINE PARK-ARROYO BURRO BEACH</u> Meet at Bird Refuge at 8:30 a.m. Leaders: Kim Aanerud and The Knezeviches.			
Jan. 11-12 Sat.-Sun.			<u>FIELD TRIP TO JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENT:</u> Meet at Monument Headquarters, 29 Palms at 12:00 noon. Camp at the Monument. Bring lunch for two days. Please let Mrs. Cooke (966-5520) if you are going. Leader: Waldo Abbott			
Jan. 26 Sunday			<u>FIELD TRIP TO POINT MUGU MARSHES:</u> Meet at Seaward Ave. off ramp in Ventura at 8:45. Leaders: Tom Follis and Les Cook			

SAVE THIS CALENDAR. THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN UNTIL MID JANUARY

## CONFERENCE ON CONSERVATION EDUCATION

The Santa Barbara Audubon Society sent John Knezevich, Conservation Chairman, as its representative to the California Conservation Council's "Conference On Conservation Education", held in Sacramento on October 25 and 26. The following is his report to the membership.

1. The conference theme was "Conservation Education In High Gear". Because we are in the greatest crisis we have ever known, we must stave off the growing pollution and improve our environment because all living things are in great danger.

2. There were reports by representatives from agriculture such as: "How hard it is to deal with hard headed ranchers and farmers"; reports from forestry dealing with their methods and beliefs: spot logging, clear cut operations, etc, and their effects on ecology; Fish & Game Department told how they are holding salmon over till the 2nd year before release to get big fish; the Corps of Engineers was there also.

3. There was a demonstration of youth activity---the "Outward Bound Club of Pasadena". This is an alpine type club. We have a similar club at Santa Barbara High School led by Miss Easton called the Wilderness Club. They went on their own Condor sighting trip to Mt. Pinos recently.

4. Movie aids to education. How to deal with oil well waste water---the waste water was used to irrigate an arid area around Bakersfield. Bermuda grass, smoke trees, etc. soon grew. Insects arrived, quail appeared, some fish were planted in a pond and waterfowl appeared. A whole new community of life appeared through wise use of a resource.

5. Boy Scouts, YMCA, churches have all failed in the past to develop a sense of reverence and respect for nature. Their failure was due to vacuous programming. Our role here is to offer the services of our naturalists and to supply them on request.

6. Why we failed as conservationists in the past can be blamed also on man's attitude derived from Genesis that man should have dominion over all that was on the earth and in the sea. We know that there is an interdependence between man and all things living and physical.

7. The use of "outside on-site classrooms" was demonstrated--small areas of the school grounds were landscaped and planted by the students. They ended up with their own living laboratory where they had a pool, a stream, a bog... all in miniature. Soon algae, aquatic insects, frogs, birds, plants and trees grew. They had a living, breathing dynamic way to study the life sciences. There is a strong point here for our own Goleta Slough and other estuaries. -----  
To be continued next bulletin.

## CHRISTMAS COUNT

The Annual Santa Barbara Christmas Count, one of 800 taken in the United States and Canada, will be held on Saturday, December 28, 1968. Our count territory will again be a circle fifteen miles in diameter centered at the intersection of Foothill and San Marcos Pass Roads. It covers the coastal plain and foothills between Fernald Point and Glen Annie Canyon; also a 14 mile stretch of the Santa Ynez Range, much of Paradise Valley and an ocean arc extending  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles from shore.

Because of the wide range of bird habitats within this area, Santa Barbara always rates high in the number of species recorded in the count. In 1963 a count of 166 species placed Santa Barbara 5th in North America; 6th with 170 in 1965; 5th with 178 species in 1966.

In order to cover our territory and make a more complete count, we need many more parties and many more observers than we have had in the past. Not only must we have every one of our experienced "birders" as a party leader, but with each party we need several others to assist

in sighting and counting birds and to serve as recorders and car drivers. Please do not hold back because you do not feel expert in field identification. Those who have worked on previous counts have found it great fun.

There are three ways in which our members who may be unable to spend the count day as part of an assigned group can help.

1. If you have a feeding station or know of others who feed birds, make arrangements to have counts taken at the feeders. If you cannot identify the birds, the committee will try to have someone help you. Notify one of the following if you are making a feeder count: Goleta-Joy Parkinson, 568 Beaumont Way, 967-9371; Santa Barbara- Nelson Metcalf, 900 Calle de los Amigos, 964-3008; Montecito- Jewell Kriger 464 Hermosillo Rd., 969-4192.

2. If you know how to arrange access to private properties where there is good birding, please contact Joy Parkinson 967-9371. It is important to have permits to visit ranch properties in our foothills and in Paradise Valley.

3. There are some birds that are always in the area on count day, but are not common and have sometimes been missed. Will ALL members report to Joy Parkinson or Nelson Metcalf if you know where the following might be found: American bittern, snow or white-fronted goose, wood duck, ring-necked duck, greater scaup, a white-tailed kite roost, golden eagle, osprey, marsh hawk, pigeon hawk, mountain quail, white-winged dove, spotted dove, ringed turtle dove, clapper or Virginia rail, sora, common snipe, roadrunner, all owls, poorwill, white-throated swift, hummingbirds other than Anna's, nuthatches, brown creeper, wrens other than Bewick's, varied thrush, Townsend's solitaire myrtle or black-throated gray warbler, yellowthroat, western tanager, yellow-headed blackbird, black-headed grosbeak, all orioles, pine siskin, rufous-crowned sparrow, lark sparrow, chipping sparrow, Harris' -white-throated or Lincoln's sparrows, or any other rare birds.

National Audubon requires an entrance fee of 50¢ from each observer. This helps to pay the cost of printing the national Christmas Count Report, a book of about 400 pages

#### CHRISTMAS COUNT REGISTRATION

If it is at all likely that you will participate in either of our Christmas Counts, please mail the following coupon at once to Joy Parkinson, 568 Beaumont Way, Goleta Cal. 93017, Phone 967-9371

NAME.....PHONE.....

ADDRESS.....

Please underline every area in which you would be willing to serve and circle your preferred area or areas.

Goleta	Santa Barbara	Camino Cielo	Ocean Boat
Hope Ranch	Montecito	Paradise Valley	At feeder Only

#### CONDOR AREA COUNT

If there is a possibility that you may participate in the Sespe Wildlife Area Count on Sat. Dec. 21, please check your preferred area.

1. Sespe Corridor (a rough ride but little walking)
2. Santa Clara Valley and Lower Piru Basin (moderate walking)
3. Upper Piru Basin (rugged hiking)
4. Upper Sespe Creek (moderate to rugged hiking)