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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 22-23 Morro Bay- MONTANA de ORO- AVILA STATE PARK: Meet at Morro State Park Sat. & Sun. Museum overlooking Morro Bay at 10 a.m. Saturday. Allow 2 hours or more driving time. Either camp at the Park or make your own reservations. Many will stay at Motel 6 at 290 Atascadero Road, Morro Bay. Tel. 805-772-8881. Take lunch for 2 days. Driver donation \$4.00. Leader: Waldo Abbott and or Les Cook.
- Dec. 5 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: 8:00 p.m. Fleischman Auditorium at the Museum Friday of Natural History. Our program will be presented by one of our own members, Dean Hobbs Blanchard with slides from his recent trip to the Galapagos Islands. Dean Blanchard's latest book entitled "Etheopia: Its Culture and Its Birds." This outstanding book has recently been published, the publisher is the Naylor Company of San Antonio, Texas. Part I is Blanchard's Diary, annotated nightly after day-long bird collecting. Part II is a "Table of Birds", listing 198 specimens collected and giving ornithological identification.
- Dec. 6-7 CARRIZO PLAINS: The chief interest the Sanhill Cranes, this is a fine Sat. & Sun. event without the spectacular Cranes. We have 15 rooms set aside for us at California Valley Lodge, California Valley, Ca. You must make your own reservation early, before the last week to be sure. Tel. 805-475-2272. Mrs. Cooke at the Museum will help arrange rides or room sharing. Meet at the Museum at 7:30 a.m. or at the shopping center at the edge of Ojai, 8:30 a.m. Take lunch for 2 days. Driver donation \$7.00. Leaders: Waldo Abbott, Nelson Metcalf and Les Cook.
- Dec. 10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 7:30 p.m. Museum of Natural History. Junior Wed. Dep't. Room 3
- Jan. 10 TUCKER'S GROVE- SAN ANTONIO CREEK: Meet at the Museum at 8 a.m. or at Sat. Tucker's Grove Park- intersection of Cathedral Oaks Road and Turnpike Road at 8:20 a.m. In the afternoon we will have a look at Stowe Ranch pond north of Goleta and the small Redwood Park nearby. Take lunch. Driver donation 50¢
- Jan. 25 VENTURA COUNTY GAME PRESERVE: Probably our best one day outing for shore- Sun. birds, waterfowl, hawks and rails. More later.

The Botanic Garden- Skofield Park, Rattlesnake Canyon field trip Oct. 11, led by the Charles Richardson's netted 42 species of birds, the more notable of which were the Red-breasted Sapsucker, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Canon Wren and Black-throated Gray, Townsend and Hermit Warbler. Twenty four people participated.

Thirty-one people enjoyed the lovely weather and pleasant walking on the Tunnel Road-San Roque Canyon trip. Forty-eight species were sighted, among which

were Bewick's, Canyon and Rock Wrens, Hermit and Black-throated Warblers, and by those who went all the way to the Moreno ranch, an immature Hooded Oriole. Bill and June Gardner led this trip.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE

Notice is hereby given of the intention to have the members of the Santa Barbara Audubon Society authorize the incorporation of the Society and to authorize its President and Secretary to execute the Articles of Incorporation.

The vote for or against the foregoing authorization will be taken at the special meeting of the Society to be held at 8:00 p.m., on December 5, 1969, in the Fleischmann Auditorium, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta Del Sol Road, Santa Barbara, California. In the event that you are unable to attend the meeting in person, this is to advise that you may in writing authorize another person, for you and in your name, to vote in his or her discretion or as directed by you in this matter.

Local counsel and a representative of the National Audubon Society have recommended that our local Society be incorporated for a variety of reasons such as lower mailing costs, tax purposes, continuity of existence, and limitation of liability. Your local Board of Directors approves of the incorporation of our local Society and urges you to vote affirmatively on the above authorization.

It has been reported that someone appeared at the clean-up in the Sespe area and claiming to speak for the Audubon Society (and the Sierra Club as well), objected to what was being done. This person may indeed be a member of both organizations, but to our knowledge he was not speaking for SBAS. This incident prompts the request that members generally use the Society's name with care. Regarding any particular issue, check to find out if Audubon has an "official position"; and when expressing your own personal opinion concerning something do not use the name of Audubon simply to lend weight to it.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND GOOD BIRDING IN 1970.

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Remember to collect the calendar you ordered at the Dec. 5 meeting: plan to do a little Christmas shopping as we expect to have some bird-print towels for sale.

The Slow Guillotine, a smog documentary, will be shown to the public at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Fleischmann Auditorium.

Co-discoverer of our very special sandpiper, the sharp-tailed, was Jom Atwood of Arcadia.

NOTICE CONCERNING EL TECOLATE: Anyone who is affiliated with other branches of the National Audubon Society or non-members who would like to receive the bulletin may become subscribers by paying \$1.00 per year, send money and all change of address to Mrs. Robert G. Peteler, 7000 Gobernador Canyon Road, Carpinteria, Ca. 93013.

NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. Louis F. Blankenburg, 2002 El Camino de la Luz, Santa Barbara 93103

Mr. & Mrs. John Borneman, 2208 Sunridge Drive, Ventura 93003

Louis J. Eising and Family, P.O. Box 3707, Santa Barbara

Myles A. Fisher, 130 Yucca St., Vandenberg Air Force Base, 93437

Mrs. George L. Matthaei, 438 Merida Drive, Santa Barbara 93105

Dr. & Mrs. H. Ostrowsky, 102 No. Hope Avenue, Santa Barbara 93105

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kleinwachter, 3700 Dean Drive, Apt. 3401, Ventura 93003

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CHRISTMAS COUNT

The Annual Santa Barbara Christmas Count will be held on Saturday, December 27, 1969. Our count territory will again be a circle fifteen miles in diameter centered at the intersection of Foothill and San Marcos Pass Roads.

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 order to cover our territory and make a more complete count we need 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. Notify Joy Parkinson if you plan to make a feeder count.

2. If you know how to arrange access to private properties where there is good birding, please notify Joy Parkinson.

3. Some birds are always in the area on count day but have sometimes been missed. Will ALL members report to Joy Parkinson 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 \$1 from each observer to help 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 this coupon at once to: Joy Parkinson, 568 Beaumont Way, Goleta, California 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

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CONDOR AREA COUNT

If there is a possibility that you may participate in the Sespe Wildlife area Count on Tuesday, December 30, 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)