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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- May 17  
Sunday  
feels **BOAT TRIP:** The Hurricane-- along coast to Gaviota and back. We have a most reasonable charter for the 40 passenger Hurricane. Waldo Abbott that a trip such as this, going along outside the kelp, and making a loop of a few miles out into the ocean after passing Gaviota, will provide a worthwhile outing. We should record more alcids than we get on our island trips. The first 40 members to get their checks or cash to Mrs. L. A. Cooke at 2559 Fuesta Del Sol, and payable to Santa Barbara Audubon, will be accepted. The price-- only \$7.50. Take lunch. Hopefully Waldo Abbott will lead us.
- May 22  
Friday **ANNUAL MEETING AND FAMILY PICNIC:** Tucker's Grove, at 6:00 p.m. Look for friendly faces in the area which has been reserved for us. Bring your own food; we hope many will be able to attend our one big social meeting of the year. The election of the board of directors will be held. Although no program is planned a few of our members just returned from the convention in Seattle may have something of interest to report.
- May 23  
Saturday **EL DIAMONTE RANCH- JALAMA BEACH:** This trip provides fine woodland birding and also an excellent show of field flowers if the weather has been kindly. Meet at the Museum at 7:30 or at Las Cruces Road a couple of miles beyond Gaviota State Park on 101, at 8:20. Take lunch. Suggested driver donation \$2.00. Leader: Nelson Metcalf.
- May 27  
Wednesday **SCHOOL CONSERVATION FILES:** Those who have been cutting out articles, etc on conservation for use in the schools, will assemble to sort, paste and file. Meet at 9:30 at the Museum, either in the Junior Library (or some other room in the Jr. Dept: it will be posted). It will help if you bring your own scissors and bottle of glue. SBAS will provide the file holders and the paper to which to paste the material you have cut out. This first meeting will be an occasion when we discover how best to proceed in this project! call Fifi Webster if you have any questions.
- May 31  
Sunday **REYES PEAK:** This 7500 ft. peak is about nine miles east of Pine Mountain Summit 31.5 miles north of Ojai via route 33. Some possibilities are Mt. Chickadees, Clark's Nutcracker, Pygmy Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Townsend Solitaire, Calliope Hummingbirds, Cassins Finch, Pine Siskins, Green Tailed Towhee, Chipping and Fox Sparrows, plus always a chance for Condors. Take lunch. Round trip about 150 miles. Suggested driver donation \$2.25. Leaders: The Webster's.
- June 6-7  
Sat. & Sun. **DAVEY BROWN-MANZANA CREEK-FIGUEROA MT. VIA HAPPY CANYON:** Meet at Museum at 7:00 a.m. or at point where Hiway 154 first borders Cachuma Reservoir at 7:45. This can be a sleeping bag or camper trip. There

are four camp grounds in the area of Davey Brown-Figueroa Peak. More particulars and leaders later by contacting Les Cook at 963-4501. Round trip about 120 miles.

June 10      BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: 7:30 p.m. room 3 in the Junior Dept. at  
Wednesday   the Museum of Natural History. All interested members are welcome.

June 17-18- FILMS AT THE RIVIERA THEATRE: At 8:00 p.m. on the 17th & 18th; at 1:00  
Wed. 19th. p.m. on the 19th. Films to be shown: "Who Killed Lake Erie"; "Sea Otters  
Wed. Thur. of Anchitka"; "Carnival Under the Sea"; and "La Mer", a series of color  
Fri. slides. Tickets for the evening showing are \$1.75; for the matinee,  
\$1.00; the ticket is also a "chance" on a salt-water aquarium set-up.  
These programs are being offered by the Underseas Foundation; you may  
call them to ask them to hold tickets for you, or mail a check with  
stamped addressed return envelope, or go to their office: 2020 Alameda  
Padre Serra: phone 966-4814. This will be a wonderful program, put on  
by an organization which deserves all our support.

August 23   MT. PINOS: Leave Museum at 7:00 a.m. or Shopping Center-(Safeway) at  
Sunday   near side of Ojai at 8:00 a.m. Mt. Pinos is reached via Ojai thence  
north over State Hwy. 33, 37.4 miles to Lockwood Ozena Rd., thence  
east 31 miles to Lake of the Woods where a left turn and a drive of  
15.1 miles takes us to top of the peak. We will stop at the campground  
and picnic area for birding. This is an excellent time of year for  
Condors. Suggested driver donation \$3.75. Take lunch. Leaders to be  
announced. Always contact Mrs. Cooke at 966-5520 when going on a trip.

Twenty-one people enjoyed the ideal Spring day and the good birding on  
the Tunnel Road - San Roque Canyon trip, April 12th. Sixty species  
were sighted. A special treat was the Pygmy Owl perched in a tree  
close beside Tunnel Road, giving all a fine opportunity to study it.

On the Refugio-Santa Ynez field trip twenty-one birders in seven cars  
counted over 80 species of birds on their annual spring trip through this  
fine area. Of special interest were Costa's and Black-chinned Humming-  
birds, a Phainopepla, Lawrence's Goldfinch, a Solitary Vireo, Townsend,  
Black-throated Gray and Hermit warblers.

NOMINATIONS: The nominating committee, consisting of Alice Kladnick,  
Wales Holbrook and Helen Peteler, presents the following slate of pro-  
spective directors for the election on May 22: Margaret Bolduan\*, David  
Caldwell\*, Robert Kasson, Alice Kladnik\*, James Mills\*, Joy Parkinson\*,  
Alice Rypins\*, Tomi Shibutani Sollen, William Ure\*, Fifi Webster\*,  
Timothy Whitehouse. (\* holdover members)

#### FEATHERS FROM FIFI'S DESK

BIRD OF MONTH EXHIBIT: This committee continues its fine work, and we  
are especially pleased that it will be appearing in the public NEWS-PRESS,  
deserves: a place in the NEWS-PRESS; and will appear in the Saturday NEWS-PRESS;  
and will appear in the Sunday NEWS-PRESS. We hope you all noticed the lovely Cedar Waxwings,  
the second exhibit prepared. The first went on to Adams School.  
DDT EXHIBIT with its handsome Pelican was at La Cumbre Junior High  
School during Earth Week.

BEHIND THE SCENES: Audubon members continue to do their bit to help  
in various projects going on in Santa Barbara. The STAMP OUT POLLUTION  
stickers went into their third printing; the Noels and Helen Salisbury  
have already assisted with packaging them. (last time the Krigers and  
O'Reillys worked hard on this, as did others: my apologies to those

whose names I do not mention: it seems that if I succeed in keeping lists it is only so that I can misplace them!).

EVERYMAN'S GUIDE TO CONSERVATIONAL LIVING, put out by the S B UNDERSEAS Foundation, has been so successful that for Earth Week they had 10,000 printed. One morning at the Museum Helen Salisbury, the Noels, Mrs. Cartor and Mrs. Alcott all helped to collate and staple many hundreds of the GUIDE, which was a great help to those at the Foundation who have been almost overwhelmed (to their delight!) by the success of this project. Copies of the Guide have been mailed out by SBAs to all Audubon Chapters in California, as well as to the Audubon Regional Representatives. The interest aroused by these booklets has resulted in several orders from around the state.

EARTH DAY. I undertook two projects for this event on behalf of SBAS:

1. DDT INFORMATION SHEET. Joy Parkinson cut the stencils and the Museum mimeographed the three pages, which I then collated, stapled and delivered for distribution: to the two film showings which GOO offered during that week, and to the two booths on State Street which CEC members set up and manned for three days.
2. AUDUBON INFORMATION PACKET. The regional office in Sacramento sent a box of literature, and John Bornemann brought up a box of Condor literature. I stuffed and mailed out about 3 dozen big envelopes to schools (but delivered in person, to save postage, and by bicycle, so as not to use a polluting machine!, to those schools nearest to me). Convinced that "Those who are aware will care" we feel that we cannot do too much to disseminate information; conservation education deserves our major efforts.

Speaking of conservation education, Les Cook and I represented SBAS at a conference held Sat. April 25, by the County Schools. "Survival in the Balance". There was a good talk by Dr. R.B. Johnson, followed by various Special Interest Sessions.

I have received an announcement from NAS of a new workbook designed to teach ecology to children in an urban setting; this is accompanied by a Teacher's Manual. Copies of these have been ordered for SBAS to show the City Schools. Although we do not think of Santa Barbara as "big-city urban", it certainly is not country, and no doubt these books will prove to be of interest and value.

GOOD NEWS (there is some occasionally!)

1. You surely noticed that Dr. Cheadle has asked for a deferment of the Ward Blvd. project. This is fine, but we must press for the complete protection of the Goleta Slough; we cannot really relax and rejoice until the day it is dedicated as some sort of ecological preserve. (The slough is so full of interest and beauty, especially to birders! Recently Richard and I have spent many pleasant hours there while he endeavored to obtain photographs of Gallinules, the European Widgeon, the Gadwall and Blue-winged Teal).
2. The University will be giving the dunes in the Devereux area the protection they so badly need, as this unique habitat has now become a biological preserve.
3. As of May 1 DDT no longer will be used in California on sweet corn.
4. Assemblyman MacGillivray wrote that the Bill pertaining to the Sea Otter has been taken "under submission" and will not reach the Legislature this session.
5. Supervisor Hansen has discontinued use of the defoliant spray 2,4,5,T in the Los Padres National Forest. Aware of the possible harmful effects of this chemical, he has directed his rangers to find other means of accomplishing long-term brush control.



DO DO DO SAVE NEWSPAPERS! For every 118 pounds of newspaper that you save, you save a tree. (I don't know how large a tree, but a tree is a tree is a tree!.. and if it is a little one now it will grow bigger!). A roll of newsprint made from recycled papers represents 17 trees still alive and doing their wonderful work out where they belong. Enlist the cooperation of your neighbors; perhaps you can take turns collecting and delivering the bundles. (There is a collection box in the corner of the parking lot of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, 2107 Santa Barbara St. There will also be a collection truck at Sierra Club meetings).

Fifi Webster

BIRD NOTES: On April 13 Waldo Abbott had a call reporting a male Cardinal in Santa Barbara. On April 21 it appeared, singing, in Waldo's back yard. This is a first for Santa Barbara County. Cardinals have bred successfully at the Audubon Center at El Monte for many years.

This has been a fine season for PINE SISKINS. Many small flocks have been reported in the area. The Gardners found flocks of more than 30 on Figueroa Mt. Dr. Kinsell found several CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRDS near the UCSB lagoon on April 19. Richard Webster had a concentration of 15 there on April 26. The Calliope is rarely seen on the coastal plain.

Nelson Hotcalf

LOS PADRES STRIP MINING: At its last meeting the Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution opposing the granting of permits for strip mining in the Pine Mountain area of the Los Padres National Forest. SBAS has asked the Bureau of Land Management to hold a public hearing on the impact of open-pit mining on the area.

ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE: Save All Aluminum Cans Here's an opportunity for members to help reduce landscape litter and trash problems and aid the SBAS Conservation Fund at the same time.

Crushed aluminum cans will be accepted at all monthly meetings, to be returned for recycling. The program is sponsored by a major brewery and local distributors who will pay 10¢ per pound for the cans.

Aluminum cans are easily recognized as they have no bottom or side seams. Only aluminum cans will be accepted as there is presently no program for recycling those made of tin.

Encourage your friends and neighbors to save their aluminum cans for you and bring them to any Audubon meeting. The money will be used to further our ever-growing conservation efforts.

NOTE: We hope, eventually, to set up several neighborhood collection centers. any member, who would be willing to help in this project, please call Joy Parkinson, 967-9371.

Joy Parkinson

NEW SBAS MEMBERS-- 1980 APRIL

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please notify promptly change of address; Send to Mrs. Robert G. Peteler, 7000 Gobernador Canyon Road, Carpinteria, Ca. 93013. Please give name, old address and new address.

Many thanks to Alice Kladnik for doing the April bulletin so we could enjoy a months vacation, enjoying and spoiling our six grandchildren. H. O.

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