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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Oct. 14 Refugio Pass Road: Meet in Thrifty's parking lot (5 points) at 7:30 am  
Sun or in school parking lot at Refugio Pass Rd. and Hwy 246 near town of  
Santa Ynez at 8:15 am. Take lunch. Suggested driver donation: \$1.25.

Leaders: Mary Lou & Jim Hand  
966-2896 (only after 6 pm)

Oct. 16 Sandyland Slough: Meet at Santa Claus Lane at 8 am. Marsh birds.  
Tues

Leader: Sey Kinsell, 687-3308

Oct. 20-21- Imperial Beach-Tiajuana River Valley (San Diego Co.) Starr Ranch Audu-  
22 bon Sanctuary (Orange Co.); The river valley attracts stray migrants  
Sat-Sun-Mon seldom seen on the West Coast. Last month a black skimmer was reported  
below the Amphibious Base. Driving time from Santa Barbara about 4 hrs.  
Meet at restaurant (13th St) near Imperial Beach Travelodge, 6:30 am  
Saturday. The Travelodge is at 525 State highway 75, west of U.S. 101.  
For reservations call (714) 424-3916. Take lunch for 2 days. A stop  
at the newly opened Starr Ranch is planned. Suggested driver donation:  
\$8.50. Important: call Tomi, 966-4836, if you plan to go.

Leaders: Tomi Sollen and Nelson  
Metcalf, 964-3008

Oct. 25 Botanic Gardens-Mission Canyon: Woodland and canyon birds, migrants.  
Thurs Meet in the parking lot of the Botanic Gardens at 8:15 am. Birdwatch  
until lunch.

Leader: Mary Erickson, 687-5880

Oct. 26 Regular Meeting: A slide show by UCSB Professor of Environmental Studies  
Fri. Roderick Nash on "Wild Rivers."

Oct. 31 San Roque Canyon: Meet at the trail head near the water filtration  
Wed plant at the end of San Roque Road at 8:15 am. Hike up canyon along  
creek until lunch. Canyon residents, migrants.

Leader: Bill Gielow, 687-3466

Nov. 3 Botanic Gardens-Mission Canyon: Meet at the Botanic Gardens parking lot  
Sat at 8:30 am. An ovenbird was spotted here the last week of September.

Leader: Louis Beview, 964-1030

Nov. 10 Pt. Mugu: Commander Robert O. Baker, USN, will conduct a "dry foot"  
Sat tour of the lagoon. Meet at Gate 2 (on Hwy 1), Acey Ducey Club parking  
lot at 9 am. Important: If you plan to participate, notify Bill Bielow,  
687-3466, before Nov. 6.

Nov. 17-18 Morro Bay-Montana de Oro: Meet at Morro Bay State Park Natural History  
Museum parking lot at 10 am Saturday. Allow 2 hrs driving time from  
Santa Barbara. Either camp at the Park or make your own reservations at  
a local motel. There is a Motel 6 at 298 Atascadero Rd., Morro Bay  
(tel. 805-772-8881). Take lunch for two days. Suggested driver dona-  
tion: \$4.00. Beautiful area to observe great many shorebirds and wild-  
fowl; some inland species. Call leaders if you plan to go.

Leaders: June and Bill Gardner,  
962-0152

### FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Boat Trip to Channel Islands, Sept. 9: Thirty-five participants enjoyed a  
pleasant trip to the islands. 46 species were seen, including many sightings of  
black petrels, half a dozen red phalaropes, an American oystercatcher, a common  
tern, and the Santa Cruz Island Scrub Jay. We encountered two lost land birds en  
route: a mourning dove and an orange-crowned warbler. The highlight of the trip  
home was a spectacular view of a hump-backed whale.

--Florence Sanchez, Leader

On Oct. 3 a group lead by Virginia Puddicombe met at the Goleta State Park and  
proceeded to the airport. 49 species including a parasitic yeager, pectoral sand-  
piper, greater yellowlegs and a flock of 15 black-crowned night herons were sighted.

Pine Mountain--Reyes Peak; Saturday, Sept. 29. Sixteen members and guests en-  
joyed what proved to be a beautiful day in the mountains along highway 33 above  
Ojai. Seen by almost everyone were the expected montane species: Stellers' Jay,  
Pygmy Nuthatch, Red Breasted Sapsucker, Hairy Woodpecker, White-headed woodpecker,  
Audubon's (Yellow-rumped) Warbler, Mountain Chickadee, and an unusual number (8-10)  
of Townsend's Solitaires at close range. A Williamson's Sapsucker seen by most in  
the party near Reyes Peak was unexpected. Other birds seen which were of particular  
interest: Lawrence's Goldfinch, Green Tailed Towhee, Brewers' Sparrow, MacGillivray's  
Warbler, Phainopepla, Brown Creeper, Sharp-Shinned Hawk, 2 Gadwall and 5 or 6 White-  
fronted Geese at Lake Casitas. Total: 68 species. (Brad Schram)

### Bird Notes (Nelson Metcalf)

Two immature Roseate Spoonbills were reported by Brad Schram at the Goleta  
Slough on July 30. They have been there or at the Goleta Sewage Plant almost every  
day since that time (at least through Sept. 5) and have been seen by many of our  
birders. This is a new species for Santa Barbara County. A new species for Calif.  
the Hudsonian Curlew, was found in Goleta on July 19 by Brad Schram. Unfortunately  
no second observer saw it and it will probably not be accepted as a record. However,  
a few days later Richard and Preston Webster saw one at Arcata, just north of Eureka.

The warbler migration is well under way. Leslie Cook and others had a Norther Water-  
thrush in Mission Creek at Rocky Nook Park on August 16. Brad Schram had a Virginia's  
Warbler Sept. 5 & 6 just north of the tamarisk trees east of Storke Rd. Other warb-  
lers he has seen in that area include the Orange-crowned, Nashville, Yellow, Town-  
send's Hermit and Wilson's Warblers and the Yellow-breasted Chat. He has also re-  
ported a Gray Flycatcher which is a very rare migrant in the fall. A party of 3, led  
by Louise Rounds, reported a male Scarlet Tanager in the Kiwanis Club area of Tucker's  
Grove on Aug. 30. A new bird in the County.

## AN OSPREY AT THE HARBOR?

An Eagle at the Mission? A Phalarope (spc) at the Goleta Sewer Plant? Help us solve these vexing problems! This year the Christmas Bird Count is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 15. To get the job done we need your help. There is an ecological niche for each birder whether first time or 600 lifer. Please respond by calling Sey Kinsell at 687-3308 or return the form below. Please respond by 11-15-73.

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C. S. Kinsell, M.D.  
3308 Calle Fresno  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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## New Members & Membership Information

Welcome to the following new members: Neal Hooker, Stephen A. Maskel, and Mrs. Diane Porter, Goleta; Miss Mary Howard, Ojai; F. H. Clayson, John G. Fish, Charles R. & Evelyn B. Head, N. Redmond, Robert G. Logan, M.D., Mrs. N. Merrick Gilbert, Barbara A. Clark, Miss Margaret E. Gott, Mr. M. Mudrick, Miss Jeanne B. Stearns, Mr. Peter Alexander, Mrs. Douglas T. Bowman, Blair Francis, Dr. & Mrs. Jesse Mantel, Kay M. Murphy, Mr. Andrew Parkhouse, Mr. Godwin Pelissero, Jr., Mrs. Beryl Scott, Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Thies, Jr., Marjorie P. Wright, Tom Britton, and Edward P. Morin, Jr., all of Santa Barbara; A. R. Pierce, Lompoc; and Mrs. James F. Newton, Los Olivos.

New members: send application and check made to National Audubon Society to membership chairman, Mrs. Maxim Smith, 1600 Garden St., Apt. 35, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. The current El Tecolote will be sent to you. For changes of address, please notify Mrs. Smith promptly. Non-member subscription to El Tecolote: send \$1 per year to Santa Barbara Audubon Society, Inc., c/o Mrs. Smith.

## Community Environmental Council

The Audubon Society is proud to be working with the Committee for Santa Barbara along with other conservation groups, public authorities and citizens concerned for the future. A year ago there was very little chance that a local group headed by Bob Easton and Paul Relis could prevent the extensive 1000 room American Communities Development from moving into our East Beach. During this crucial period expenses were incurred, some still owing, such as consultation fees, travel, telephone and postage. The volunteer hours were given freely and willingly.

That this was accomplished by the Committee is a great incentive to continue its goal of a comprehensive land use plan for the East Beach and Waterfront Area that will be acceptable to the City Council. As yet no definite plan has been authorized on the Southern Pacific property, and should not be until overall solutions are possible. The Committee will now also be cooperating with the Redevelopment Agency's Planning Team on the lower State Street area, and the consideration of the new Wittausch Freeway plan. It will be necessary to know just what the ultimate tourist population and residential population can be relative to community resources.

If you would like to attend these public forum luncheon meetings contact me at 969-0444. To help this group in their efforts to discourage the excessive use of our beautiful beach area write tax-deductible checks to "Community Environmental Council" for "East Beach Area Planning," and send to the Community Environmental Council, 15 W. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101. (Dorothy Martone)

EL TECOLOTE DEADLINE: Deadline for El Tecolote is Friday, Oct. 2. Mail to Miss. L. Dartanner, 5546 Cathedral Oaks Rd., Santa Barbara 93111, or drop items in Audubon Box on front porch.

Those members who have enjoyed the books by the late Rachel Carson (The Sea Around Us; Silent Spring) may wish to contribute to the fund sponsored by the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation (Old Post Office, Allegheny Square West, Pittsburgh, PA 15212) and the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania to purchase the modest house and grounds in Springdale, PA where Rachel Carson was born for use as "a small museum-library with land lab, useful for seminars and pilot projects."

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