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"Princes and magistrates are often styled serene but what is their turbid serenity to that ethereal serenity which the bluebird embodies?"

Henry David Thoreau, Spring 1859

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- April 13  
Saturday  
Wm COOPER RANCH: Mr. & Mrs. Wm Cooper will host an outing at their ranch west of Buellton. Meet for carpooling @ the museum @ 8am. Driver donation \$1.50  
Leader: Virginia Puddicombe 969-1702
- April 16  
Tuesday  
BOTANIC GARDENS: Meet at the shop @ 8:30am for a walk amid the native flora.  
Leader: Florence Sanchez 687-9785
- April 20  
Saturday  
REFUGIO PASS: Meet at the Thrifty parking lot in 5-Points shopping center near State & 101 @ 8am for carpooling. Members in the valley meet at the high school parking lot at Refugio Pass Rd and Hwy 246 near Santa Ynez @ 8:45am. Take a lunch. Driver donation \$1.50.  
Leaders: Mary Lou and Jim Hand 966-2896
- April 23  
Tuesday  
SAN JOSE CREEK: Meet at the white fence at the creek on Berkeley Rd. (towards mtns. on Patterson Ave. in Goleta, left on University which turns into Berkeley) @ 9am.  
Leader: Alice Kladnik 967-5209
- April 26  
Friday  
REGULAR MEETING: Fleischmann Aud., 8pm, Nat History Museum. Have you ever seen a bird that wasn't in the field guide? Jim Johnson of the State Agriculture Dept. may be able to tell you what it was and why you saw it. Mr. Johnson will give a slide presentation-lecture on exotic species that may be seen from time to time in our area, their origin, and any problems they may pose. If you're still puzzled by that unidentified flying object maybe you'll find the answer you've been looking for. Bird ID class at 7:30. Please bring your own cup for coffee or tea to reduce styrofoam use. Thanks to the many people who have been bringing their own cups.
- April 28  
Sunday  
CHANNEL ISLANDS SPRING BOAT TRIP: The 55-foot sport fishing boat "Sea Sport" (12-15 knots) has been chartered for a pelagic outing in the channel and around the islands. Facilities include space for napping, a snack bar and room for folding chairs. Dress warmly, pack a snack and meet at the Sea Landing dock near the Navy pier @ 7am. Limited to 48 persons. Mail checks made out to SB Audubon Society to Bill Gielow, 3046 Hermosa Rd., SB 93105. Price: \$10.  
Leader: Joy Parkinson 967-9371

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CHANNEL ISLANDS(cont): In the past the following list of birds have been seen on pelagic trips: Arctic and Red-throated loons, pink-footed and sooty shearwaters, ashy and black petrels, Brant and pelagic cormorants, black oystercatcher, Sabine's gull, northern and red phalaropes, Xantus murrelet. If you're hazy on pelagic species this trip will be just right for you!

May 4  
Saturday

VANDENBERG AFB-LA PURISIMA MISSION: Mary&Russ Spowart will be our hosts in Lompoc. Meet at the mission near Hwy 246 & the Lompoc Casmalia Rd. Marsh hawks abound as do kites and other raptors; waterfowl at the mouth of the Santa Ynez river. Take a lunch. Driver donation \$2. Meet at 8:30 am.  
Leaders: The Spowarts RE3-1525 Bill Gielow 687-3466

May 7  
Tuesday

MONTECITO: A woodland birdwatching walk. Meet at 933 Arcady Rd. (Arcady is near 2501 Sycamore Cyn Rd) @ 8:30am.  
Leader: Virginia Puddicombe 969-1702

May 10-12  
Fri-Sun

DAVY BROWN CAMPING TRIP: The Parkinsons plan to be at the camp Friday night so that a Saturday morning outing can be planned. Those desiring to join the group on Saturday, however, should be at the camp at noon. Joy is willing to organize a "central commissary" if there is enough interest. Return to SB Sunday. Call Joy to make arrangements for this trip to a wonderful natural area at 967-9371.

May 18  
Saturday

ZACA LAKE: A trip to the only natural lake in SB County: an extremely picturesque spot in the midst of Los Padres Nat. Forest. A day-use fee will be charged at the lake. Details in the May El Tecolote. Leader: Tomi Sollen 966-4836

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### INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION

Those who saw last month's program, "Waddensea, Bird's Paradise," were awed by the beauty and abundance of the bird life. If you would like to inform the Dutch government of the value of this area in its natural state, letters may be sent to: Consulate General of the Netherlands, 712 International Bldg., 601 California St., San Francisco, CA 94108.

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### TRANSECT OF CALIFORNIA: 21-27 June or 12-18 July

Point Reyes Bird Observatory is offering an exciting way to learn more about the natural history of California's major habitats on an east-west transect from Mono Lake to Monterey. Last year 233 species of birds and 46 other vertebrate species were observed. The course includes mammals, reptiles, birds, trees, and flowers--all in unpopulated areas of California. Only 16 people with leaders Rich Stallcup, Bill Clow, Bob Stewart and Art Earle! \$185

For further information write Meryl Stewart, Box 442, Bolinas, CA 94924.

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ARTICLES OF INTEREST: Smithsonian Magazine (Feb 74) Ivory-billed Woodpecker. Smithsonian (April 74) Eastern Bluebird.

### EXPERTISE PLEASE

The US Forest Service is in the process of an administrative reorganization of each forest area breaking it down into ecological units such as drainages, etc. and it needs help in determining what species of wildlife, in particular rare and endangered species, are in each area. The Mt. Pinos area is currently being studied. If you have records or sightings in this area please contact Monty Montagne, USFS Goleta office, or Mike Goodwin 963-1265. Please be as specific as possible when reporting your information.

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### TASTY TIDBITS

From time to time you will read in these pages information concerning pending legislation. You may have noticed that you are urged to express your opinion to the individuals involved with each particular legislative action, but you're never told to tell them how to vote on an issue. Know why?

Being a non-profit organization the Santa Barbara Audubon Society, as determined by the IRS, cannot influence legislation in an active manner. Obviously there are items of legislation that are extremely important to a conservation organization, either needing strong support or powerful opposition. Since direct support for or opposition to legislation is not legally possible, information found herein should be examined closely and then you should write to the appropriate individuals urging action beneficial to conservation.

When you do write to a legislator, write as an individual, not as a member of any organization. Your letter carries more weight for a legislator when he/she thinks it is from a non-affiliated person.

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If you're ever in the field and have binoculars but no hand lens and you want to examine an object closely, turn your binoculars around and Presto! you've got a fairly decent close-up lens. Try it!

John Arnold

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members:

Nova Scotia-- Ian MacGregor  
Carpinteria-- Edmund Tepper  
Santa Paula-- Timothy O Teague

Ojai-- Lamar Burnett Fmly  
Mr&Mrs David S Mackaye  
Goleta-- Margo Lindeberg  
Raymie Roland Peggy Wilkin

#### Ventura

William Christiansen John Crawford Donald Grant Everett Millais  
John Marble Mrs Marvin Flanagin Mrs Rose Gruen Mr R Tufts

#### Solvang

Willaim Byer Marie Cooper Mr N Christiansen Arthur Louis Kaslow, MD

#### Santa Barbara

Sara Echols Dr Jesse&Anne Mantel Mrs Marjorie Alderman A Priolo  
George L De Peyster Ms Jean Armstrong Mr&Mrs P N Fitzgerald  
Maurice Goldman Prof Charles (UCSB Linguistics) Bernard Greeff  
Carolyn Hampton Joseph Kipphut Jr. Gildea Fmly Katinka the Beast  
Earle Kent Howard Wells Cameron Warren Neal Arne Andren  
Cindy Brodeur Robert Easton Samuel Silipo RP Erlandson  
Mrs Robert Goodell Gen PM Hamilton Brad Belkonen Laguna Blabca School  
Mel Manalis Grady&Jeanette Overstreet SJ Scalapino  
Dr&Mrs Gerhard Danelius Mr&Mrs James Moyer

Have YOU asked a friend to join the SB Audubon Society?

We are most appreciative of all our new members and wish to welcome them most heartily. We hope they will attend our meetings and field trips and find an active, rewarding place in our group. For any queries in regard to membership, El Tecolote, or address change please call Minna Smith, Membership Chairperson, 966-7971.

Maxim (Smitty) Smith will have an exhibit of his needlepoint rugs at the Santa Barbara Library Faulkner Hall during May.

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Deadline for next issue: Saturday, May 4, 1974. Mail or bring to John Arnold, 431 Elwood Beach Dr #1, Goleta, CA 93017.

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#### ON WHALES, JAPAN, AND BOYCOTTS

The President of S and W Fine Foods, whose company is a sizable importer of Japanese food products, sent a letter to the Japanese Ambassador to the US which read in part:

"The action of your government in this matter is well documented and publicized...We see a continuation of consumer pressure, perhaps to the point that S and W will be forced to abandon the importation of Japanese food products.

"We urge you to inform your Federal government of the growing dissatisfaction among the US public regarding the present Japanese position on whale harvesting; and, hopefully, through such communication, its present position will be reversed."

From FRIENDS of the EARTH

What you can do: Boycott Japanese goods. Tell the sellers of Japanese goods why you are boycotting them, and write to Ambassador Yasukawa, 2520 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008, explaining your position.

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