



El Tecolote

BULLETIN OF THE SANTA BARBARA AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

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"...it is the poet who makes the truest use of the pine, who does not fondle it with an axe, or tickle it with a saw, or stroke it with a plane. It is the poet who loves it as his own shadow in the air, and lets it stand.... Every creature is better alive than dead, both men and moose and pine-trees, as life is more beautiful than death."

Henry David Thoreau, November 1853

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Aug. 31
Saturday SANDYLAND SLOUGH (Carpinteria): Meet at Santa Claus Lane near the slough at 2pm. Migrating shorebirds, kingfisher, marsh birds. A scope will be available. (2 hours).
Leader: Les Cook; 963-4501
- Sept. 8
Sunday CHANNEL ISLANDS BOAT TRIP: The society will again charter the 55-foot "Sea Sport", for this pelagic trip. Meet at the Sea Landing dock near the Navy pier in the SB harbor at 7am. Take a lunch, warm clothing (rain slicker suggested), deck chair optional. A hearty breakfast and a supply of motion-sickness tablets will prepare you for a possible rough crossing. Return around 6pm. Cost: \$10. Send checks, payable to Santa Barbara Audubon Society, to Marylou Hand, 1426 Garden St. #13, SB
Leader: Richard Webster, 963-7628 Arrangements: Marylou Hand
Limited to 48 persons. 966-2896, Bill Gielow, 687-3466
- Sept. 21
Saturday MOUNT PINOS CONDOR OUTING: Meet at the large parking lot on Mt. Pinos at the end of the paved road (3 miles before condor lookout point) at 10:30am. The Gielows will camp in the area Friday night and anyone who would like to do the same is welcome. Take a lunch, a jacket, spotting scope if possible. Three hours driving time from Santa Barbara. Mountain species, white-headed woodpeckers, green-tailed towhees, Townsend's solitaires, good possibilities of spotting our rarest bird.
Leaders: Bill & Linda Gielow, 687-3466
- Sept. 27
Friday REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: Fleischmann Auditorium, Museum of Natural History, 8pm. Some of the Santa Barbara contingent at Golden Trout Camp (see Mike Fishbein's report below) brought their cameras along. From their slides we will have a program on the camp, the activities, and surrounding scenery including flora and fauna of the area. Also we will have a report from the Gielows on Audubon Camp of the West. We hope you will come and see what Audubon has been doing this summer.
STYROFOAM POLLUTES...please bring your own cup for refreshments.
- Sept. 28
Saturday SAN ROQUE CANYON: Meet at the trail head near the water filtration plant at the end of San Roque Road at 8:30am. Hike up the canyon along the creek (approximately 2 miles). Canyon residents, including Pygmy owl, and migrants.
Leader: Louis Bevier, 964-1030

Oct. 6 HARBOR-BIRD REFUGE: Meet near the Harbormaster's Office at 8:30 am
Sunday for a walk to the sandspit. From there we'll caravan to the Bird
Refuge. Shorebirds, waterfowl, migrants.

Leader: John Arnold

Oct. 12 DEVEREAUX SLOUGH-TAMARISK GROVES: Meet at the Two Guys parking lot on
Saturday the corner of Hollister and Storke in Goleta at 7:30am. This loop will
include the Tamarisks on Storke Rd. where last fall were seen Virginia's
Warbler, Prairie Warblers, Palm Warblers and Gray Flycatcher...as well as
the usual fall migrants. Following this we will go to the student garden
above Devereaux Slough--also good for warblers--and then down to the
slough itself to see migrating shorebirds. The walk will end before lunch.

Leader: Brad Schram, 968-6255

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VIRGINIA'S WARBLERS

A note of thanks to those who completed their service on the Board in June:
June Gardner, Elizabeth Russell, Helen O'Reilly and Desmond Jones. A special tribute
to Tomi Sollen who served as President for 2 consecutive years, the latter year as
a non-board member!

Do you know the requirements for maintaining full chapter status? Briefly
they are: 1) Conduct a membership campaign, 2) Initiate or participate in at least
one conservation-oriented community project, 3) Engage in at least 4 other recommended
activities, 4) Hold at least 6 open membership meetings, 5) Issue at least 6 news-
letters, 7) Hold 5 meetings with Board of Directors and quorum in attendance.

Can you help our local SBAS? What are your goals as an Audubon member? Call
any of your officers as listed in this bulletin and begin to participate actively.
We need an effective Publicity Chairperson, a Corresponding Secretary, aid with
membership, a campaign in the Education field, etc, We need to promote conservation
of wildlife in our environment. WE NEED YOU!

Virginia Puddicombe, President SBAS

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FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Zaca Lake, May 8--It was a clear, sunny morning with 53 participants divided
into 4 groups. A cold wind blew puffy white clouds across the bright blue sky and
the lupines covered the slopes to the north...an excellent setting for a day of
birding. A total of 78 species were sighted. The warblers were missing, but the
unusual sightings of active nests was worthwhile--Nuttall's woodpecker, Common Bush-
tit, Northern Oriole, House Wren, Lark Sparrow (on the ground in the meadow). Plain
Titmice and Western Bluebirds were seen feeding their young. Two firsts for this
trip were the Turkey and Dusky Flycatcher.

Minna Smith and Tomi Sollen

Salton Sea, July 27-28-- Eight intrepid birders waded up and down a waist-
high river, braved 113-degree heat, and were treated to a spectacular star shower as
we slept under the open sky. A total of 90 species were observed, including excellent
views of 3 Black Skimmers at close range, some Stilt Sandpipers, Least Bitterns,
Wood Ibis, Fulvous Tree Ducks, Gull-billed and Black Terns, and Great-tailed Grackles.
Also seen were numerous Burrowing Owls, Lesser Nighthawks, Abert's Towhees, Verdin,
and one Crissal Thrasher.

A brief stop at Morongo Valley yielded Vermillion Flycatchers and a Summer
Tanager.

Mary Lou Hand

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TENTATIVE FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE
August through December

August 31, Saturday	SANDYLAND SLOUGH	LES COOK
September 8, Sunday	CHANNEL ISLANDS FALL BOAT TRIP	RICHARD WEBSTER
September 21, Saturday	MT. PINOS CONDOR OUTING	BILL & LINDA GIELOW
September 28, Saturday	SAN ROQUE CANYON	LOUIS BEVIER
October 6, Sunday	HARBOR, BIRD REFUGE	JOHN ARNOLD
October 12, Saturday	DEVEREAUX SLOUGH, TAMARISK GROVES	BRAD SCHRAM
October 27, Sunday	HOLLISTER RANCH	ALLEN BROTHERS
November 2,3 Saturday-Sunday	MORRO BAY, MONTANA DE ORO	THE GARDNERS
November 24, Sunday	GIBRALTOR DAM	MARYLOU HAND
December 7-8, Sat-Sunday	CARIZZO PLAIN	WALDO ABBOT

The last 3 weeks in December would be a good time to prepare for the 1974 Christmas Bird Count. On Count Day in 1973, Santa Barbara recorded a total of 183 species.

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Santa Barbara Audubon Society--1974-75 Officers and Chairpersons

PRESIDENT: Virginia Puddicombe
VICE-PRESIDENT: Michael Goodwin
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THE AUDUBON VIEW

A statement of the major environmental concerns and action goals of the
NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

- (1) PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
- (2) SUPPORT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEASURES FOR ABATEMENT AND PREVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION IN ALL ITS FORMS
- (3) WORK FOR A COHERENT NATIONAL LAND-USE POLICY AND FOR LAND-USE PLANNING AT STATE AND REGIONAL LEVELS
- (4) WORK FOR REFORM OF NATIONAL WATER POLICY
- (5) WORK FOR FORMULATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY
- (6) PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN OUR PUBLIC LANDS
- (7) CHANGE OUR NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY TO IMPROVED MASS TRANSIT
- (8) SUPPORT THE PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL SECRETARIAT
- (9) ADVOCATE THE STABILIZATION OF HUMAN POPULATION AS BASIC TO THE PRESERVATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Golden Trout Camp--From August 4 to 10, 14 campers from Santa Barbara joined members of several other So. California Audubon Societies for a week of rustic luxury at Golden Trout Camp. Located west of Lone Pine at 10,000 feet in the Sierras, the camp is a private lease operated by Thatcher School within the National Forest.

Dr. William Wirtz organized a comprehensive natural history program. Thanks to his bird-banding equipment, we saw our birds in the hand as well as in the bush. A Dipper was in the creek and a very vociferous family of Kestrels was in a tree by our tents. Careful use of live traps facilitated the study of the local mammals, including shrew, pika, marmot, golden-mantled ground squirrel, lodgepole chipmunk, northern flying squirrel, pocket gopher, deer mouse, vole, porcupine, and weasel.

We hiked to the Cottonwood Lakes, breeding area of the golden trout; and an adventurous party climbed Mt. Langley (14, 042 feet). It was a magnificent week for everyone. We hope that Audubon will be able to make this program available in the future for more members of the Society.

Mike Fishbein.

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COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM

You can help the community save trees, land and energy. Just bundle or bag your old newspapers and bring them to the recycling sheds located at the following places: VONS--Coast Village Road, Montecito. ISLA VISTA--Eco-Action Center
CALLE REAL CENTER--Behind Jordanos. TURNPIKE SHOPPING CENTER
LA CUMBRE PLAZA--Near Vons VERCAL BLDG--1 No. Salsipuedes

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NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULE

Effective September 1, 1974 the membership dues are as follows:

Student	\$7	Contributing	\$100
Regular	\$15	Donor	\$250
Family	\$18	Patron	\$500
Sustaining	\$30	Life	\$1,000
Supporting	\$50	Affiliated Club	\$50

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We sincerely wish to welcome the following new members:

VENTURA

Jim&Kathy Franklin James G Hendrix
Ventura Ophthalmology Medical Group

CARPINTERIA

Anna Armstrong Mrs Gordon E. Hall
Richard Russell

GOLETA

Fred De Luca

SANTA BARBARA

Mrs William Lazear Mr&Mrs KA Clark Mr&Mrs LM Schroll Jr. Dr. LCN Wayland
Dr. Ralph Luikart Shelia Bloodgood Virginia Smith Mrs Brian Taylor HF Mills
Frank&Gladys Singletary Ms Jeanette Stevenson Fred Blanton Peggy Foletta

Just returned from a month in Fun City, my old home town. During my stay I had occasion to visit the National Audubon Society office. My purpose was to receive suggestions for birding around New York City, and outlying areas. Unfortunately, there is no listing of whom to contact in various local chapters. Only after properly identifying myself by my membership card and a copy of El Tecolote was I able to obtain a list of the current chapters throughout the USA! I suggest the following places for birding: 1) Jamaica Wildlife Preserve--wealth of water birds. 2) Cow Pasture, Freeport, L.I.--many glossy ibis, snowy egrets. 3) Gardner's Island--nesting Ospreys(need a boat). 4) Easthampton-Three Mile Bay--Least Terns, 4 Mute Swans 5) Vally Stream Park--Wood Duck, Cardinals, Baltimore Orioles, Purple Grackles.

Minna Smith

BIRD BRAIN--A COMPLIMENT?

Blue jays are not such bird brains after all, says a Westfield (Mass.) State College behavioral scientist who claims the birds are faster learners than dogs or cats. Dr. Maxwell W. Hunter, assistant professor of psychology, has been studying blue jays and their learning habits for 7 years and found they learned quickly and "were able to solve any new, similar problems instantly."

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Point Reyes Bird Observatory will lead 15 people through one of Mexico's most productive birding spots where over 250 species winter in an area dominated by mangrove swamp and jungle. Three 9-day sessions are planned and the cost per session is \$200. Deadline for enrollment is October 10, 1974.

For more information contact Meryl Stewart, Box 442, Bolinas, CA 94924.

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EL TECOLOTE

The deadline for the next El Tecolote is the first Friday in October. Mail your contributions to John Arnold, 431 Elwood Beach Drive #1, Goleta, CA 93017.

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