



# El Tecolote

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- May 20 Board of Directors' Meeting - 7:30 p.m., Junior Library, Museum of Natural History. All members are invited to attend.
- June 5 Annual Members' Picnic - 4 p.m., Scofield Park. Bring your own main dish and service. SBAS will provide a charcoal fire, coffee, and salad.
- Saturday Please bring a dessert to share. We will vote on a Board of Directors for next year.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Saturday, May 1, was our special evening with Guy Coheleach. It was a benefit for the Museum of Natural History. Though there were not as many people there as we had hoped, it was a highly successful evening.

Everyone had a wonderful time. Mr. Coheleach was informal and entertaining, and we all enjoyed the movies of him at work in his studio, and in the field with his wild-life subjects.

The highlight of the evening, to me at least, was when he announced that he would donate \$5,000 worth of prints of his "Cape Buffalo" to the Museum for fund-raising purposes.

Our sincerest thanks to Mr. Coheleach for taking time from an incredibly busy schedule to talk to us, and for his most generous gift to the Museum. He is a very nice "Guy."

Thanks also to Donnis Goodwin for handling the donations at the door, to Howard Cunningham of the Museum staff for running the projector, and special thanks to Kristin Taylor of the Anacapa Gallery in Ventura for the beautiful display of Coheleach prints.

We are still in need of help in publishing El Tecolote. Jean Johnson took over as Chairperson of this committee in January and has very efficiently coordinated the mimeographing, assembling, etc. However, Jean will be leaving the country for an extended trip in September. We really need someone who will learn to operate the mimeograph machine and who can donate one Wednesday morning a month - usually the second Wednesday. We have had several volunteers and are grateful, but, although they are willing to help, they are unable to do so in the morning. It takes about 3 1/2 to 4 hours to run off the bulletin. If you can help please call Jean at 687-1651.

At its last meeting the Board of Directors voted to donate \$350 to the Department of Fish and Game's 1976 DECAL program for the protection of non-game species. This is an increase of \$100 over our 1975 donation. Last year we led with the largest single donation for a while until Pasadena Audubon topped us by \$50.

President's Message, continued

When we were at Asilomar, Arden Brame, Pasadena Audubon president, told me that they would also beat any donation we made this year. So, Pasadena, go to it! The winners will be the wild creatures of California.

Joy Parkinson

New Board of Directors, '76-'77

Members will vote at the annual picnic on June 5th for the Society's Board of Directors. Bill Gielow, Minna Smith, and Michael Goodwin will be leaving the board, having served the maximum of three consecutive years. Chris Ilgen is resigning since she and Tom are moving to New Jersey soon, so there will be four new nominees as well as current Directors to vote on. The new nominees have been selected by the undersigned committee from among the membership, and have expressed enthusiasm for sharing in over-seeing and spear-heading our Society's many-faceted programs.

Lila Eisberg was a physicist before devoting full time to family life and looks forward to this opportunity to work to preserve wildlife and the out-of-doors she so much enjoys. Alan Manee is an environmental specialist for the county and may already be familiar to many of you who attend local conservation-oriented meetings. Ron Smith is an amateur astronomer and was a music major at UCLA who first started birdwatching after receiving a copy of Birds of North America as a gift. Virginia Smith is a part-time librarian at UCSB and has done previous oil-related conservation work with the local Sierra Club chapter.

The other seven nominees are already serving and all are interested in continuing. They are Joy Parkinson, current president; Sid Tarbox and Cherie Bratt, most of our education committee; Barbara Greene, membership; Jim Hodgson, conservation (and the youngest Board member at under 20); Alice Kladnik, secretary; and Mary Lou Hand, our editor who replaced John Arnold on the Board.

There are the nominees. We hope to see you at the members' picnic where we will meet one another, share a pleasant meal, and vote for next year's Board.

Bill Gielow  
Frank Noel  
Mike Fishbein

Reduced Membership Rate for Senior Citizens

At the recent Asilomar Conference, Mr. Robert Bridges, National Audubon Society's Membership Director, said that senior citizens (those 65 years of age or over) may renew their Audubon memberships at a price reduced by \$3 per year. The reduction is applicable to renewals only.

Barbara Greene

April Board of Directors' Meeting

At the meeting of the SBAS Board of Directors, held April 15, the Board voted to contribute \$100 to the Community Environmental Council. The Board also decided to donate \$350 to the California Department of Fish and Game's DECAL program (see the President's message for details).

Injured Animals and Birds

If you encounter an injured animal or bird, the person to call is Susan Black, at A. Child's Estate, 965-0957. She would appreciate transportation help.

## FIELD TRIP REPORTS

### Sycamore Canyon - Saturday, April 3

A party of twenty eager birders braved a cool, cloudy morning to see the wonders of Sycamore Canyon, led by Ruth Parker. Despite the poor light, a total of 46 species were seen, including both Northern and Hooded Orioles, Canyon Wrens, a White Pelican, a Raven, Marsh, Red-tailed, Cooper's Hawks, and Kestrels. The warblers included Orange-Crowned, Nashville, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Gray, MacGillivray's, Wilson's's, and Yellowthroat. Also seen were the Western Flycatcher, Hutton's Vireo, and the Warbling and Solitary Vireos.

Minna E. Smith

### Morongo Valley-Joshua Tree National Monument, April 10 and 11

As usual, the birding at Big Morongo Canyon Regional Park was excellent, but was very poor at Joshua Tree National Monument. The Vermillion Flycatcher was most cooperative, posing in the sunlight for all to see. Some of our party of thirteen were fortunate to see the Bobolink in spring colors. Fluffy baby Great-Horned Owls peering over the edge of their nest was a treat for all. Eighty species were recorded for the trip.

June and Bill Gardener

### Spring Boar Trip - May 2

An uncommonly warm day welcomed 46 relaxed birders on our annual spring boat trip. We found 39 species, including several Xantus' Murrelets and Pigeon Guillemots, plus the Arctic and Red-throated Loons. An unusual number of fulmars and kittiwakes worked the channel. We landed at Frenchy's Cove which offered limited birding but a relaxing opportunity to experience the wild terrain and view spring on Anacapa Island. Island Coreopsis abounded. A few hardy birders were inspired to swim - one attracted a friendly kittiwake! Off Santa Cruz we floated in a raft of thousands of phalaropes (Red and Northern) in breeding plumage. We were completely surrounded by them and were permeated by thousands of their calls.

Donnis Goodwin

### Problems Plague the Peregrine

Interesting events have recently taken place at California's most famous Peregrine Falcon eyrie, Morro Rock. On December 5, a group of school children discovered the female of the pair disabled at the base of the Rock with a broken wing. The bird had apparently sustained injury to the distal bones of its wing as it struck a wire over the Morro Rock parking lot. With several complications present, the future of the bird is uncertain at this time.

Meanwhile, another female has appeared at the Rock, and she and the male seem to be getting acquainted. The male was recently observed passing food to the female, but further observations will be necessary to determine whether the new arrival has decided to stay. With the 1976 nesting period rapidly approaching, matters seem very uncertain at Morro Rock.

Audubon Conservation Topics, West

### Downtown Redevelopment Plan

The Downtown Redevelopment Project has as its aim the rejuvenation of the downtown area and stimulation of the local economy. An economist for the project has estimated increased trade of millions of dollars per year because of the project. However it has been pointed out that the largest portions of the development will be for two or three major chain stores, with locally owned businesses to serve as "satellite stores." This would indicate that a large portion of the increased revenue would not stay in Santa Barbara, but would go to the chain stores' headquarters.

Mike Goodwin

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Please send address changes to the Membership Chairperson, Barbara, Greene, 4512 Via Huerto, Santa Barbara, CA 93110. Send to her only El Tecolote changes, not National Audubon's.

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