



# El Tecolote

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MONTHLY MEETING - DECEMBER 2, 1977

"AFRICAN EXPERIENCE"

Dr. Ralph Schrieber of the Los Angeles Museum of Natural History, who returned from Africa on November 1, 1977, will present slides entitled "African Experience," including slides of both birds and mammals. Dr. Schrieber will be remembered for his excellent slide presentation last year of the "Sooty Terns." The meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the Fleischmann Auditorium of the Museum of Natural History.

Brush up on your bird identification skills before the December 31 Christmas Bird Count by attending a Bird Identification Class in the Fleischmann Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., December 2, immediately preceding the regular program.

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

November 17 Board of Directors' Meeting - 7:30 p.m., Junior Library, Museum of Natural Thursday History. All members are invited to attend.

November 19-20 Morro Bay-Montana de Oro - Meet at the museum at Morro Bay State Park at Saturday- 9 a.m. Saturday. Allow 2 hours driving time from Santa Barbara. Either Sunday camp at the park or make your own reservations at one of the local motels. This is a good chance to observe wintering waterfowl and shorebirds. Take a lunch for 2 days. Please call the leader if you plan to go.  
Leader: Sid Tarbox, 687-2067

December 2 Regular Monthly Meeting - Bird Identification Class at 7:30 p.m., fol- Friday lowed by "African Experience" at 8 p.m. See above for details of both. Fleischmann Auditorium, Museum of Natural History. Be sure to bring a cup for refreshments.

December 3 Carrizo Plain-Soda Lake - Wintering ground of the Sandhill Cranes, and Saturday excellent area for hawks, eagles, and Mountain Plovers. We have chart- ered a bus with reclining seats and restroom and will have our same fine driver, Hank Hamber, as last year. The bus will leave the Museum of Nat- ural History at 6 a.m., and the shopping center on Highway 33 in Ojai at 6:50 a.m. This will be a long trip - about 13 hours - so bring plenty of lunch and water. Bus fare is \$10 per person. Please make checks pay- able to SB Audubon Society, Inc., and mail promptly to Joy Parkinson, 568 Beaumont Way, Goleta, CA 93017. If you wish confirmation of your reservation please include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Tuesday, November 29.

Leader: Joy Parkinson, 967-9371

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Joy Parkinson

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

It's time once again to start thinking about Christmas Bird Count. There is room for everyone from expert to novice, hikers and drivers, recorders and feeder watchers, all day or half a day.

Last year in lousy weather we had 132 participants and spotted 191 species. Perhaps with more participants and better coverage we can reach 200 or break our record of 202 species. Perhaps we can even be first in the nation.

Be sure to come early to the December meeting to brush up on bird identification and mail your forms in early.

Team assignments will be given as soon as possible, but it's usually not possible until about a week before unless everybody signs up earlier than they did last year.

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Michael Goodwin 1235 Salsipuedes, SB 93103 963-1265

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Cherie Bratt 6505 Camino Venturoso, Goleta 93017 967-7043

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SESPE COUNT - Dec. 19

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WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH

AREA PREFERRED

MAIL TO: Michael Goodwin, 1235 Salsipuedes St., Santa Barbara 93103

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SANTA BARBARA COUNT - DEC. 31

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ALL DAY

HALF DAY

FEEDER COUNT

LEADER

SPOTTER

RECORDER

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Garden Bird Walks

For the fourth year the Society is conducting public bird walks in the Botanic Garden-October through June. They occur on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, beginning at 9 a.m. in front of the Information Office. While designed primarily for visitors and newcomers, beginning birders are always welcome.

Sid Tarbox

La Cumbre Plaza Fair Award

SBAS won the \$50 award for the best display in La Cumbre Plaza's Health and Charity Fair on September 24. Our booth was arranged by Virginia Smith, and staffed by Virginia and several volunteers.

Christmas Note - SBAS has a few prints of Guy Cohleach's Red-shafted Flicker, which were donated by Mr. Cohleach for fund-raising purposes. They will be available at the December 2 meeting, or contact Joy Parkinson at 967-9371 to reserve one now. At last report they were worth \$75 each, but are for sale by SBAS for \$50 each.

Dial-a-Bird - SBAS's Dial-a-Bird phone is proving to be very popular, according to Cherie Bratt, whose voice you hear when you call. A 3-minute recorded message provides information on unusual sightings in the area. The number to dial is 964-8240.

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El Tecolote Deadline - The deadline for the January, 1978 issue is Friday, December 23, 1977. Send or bring your contributions to Mary Lou Hand, 1731 Robbins Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, or call 682-4044. Please try to be on time, or call me if you need a little more time.

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