CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

April 11
Refugio Road Meet in the shopping center parking lot at Hollister Ave. and Storke Rd. at 7:30 a.m. Chaparral, oak woodland, and stream and canyon habitats are well represented along this road. Questions? Call Louis Bevier at 964-1030.

April 18
Figueroa Mountain Meet at Thrifty 5-Points parking lot at 7 a.m. or at Bradbury Dam overlook at 7:30 a.m. Carpooling from these places, we will visit both canyon and montane areas. Bring good shoes, jackets, lunch, and snacks. Wildflowers and land bird migrants can be spectacular at this season. Call Louis Bevier at 964-1030 if you have any questions.

April 23
Monthly meeting Our April Meeting is going to be a treat for the eyes and the ears. Ines Robert’s “The Four Seasons of Sequoia” is a visual delight and the music of Vivaldi’s Four Seasons is perfectly depicted in this unique slide presentation. The public will be invited to donate to the Mono Lake Fund at the door. Members will be admitted free. We have received donations from Mono Lake from members who cannot attend our meetings. The Mono Lake efforts need our help, so if you can, please send in a donation for Mono Lake to our P.O. Box 2067, Santa Barbara, 93102.

May 17
Mono Lake Day at the Community Environmental Council’s Mesa Garden Project will be held from 12 to 3:00 p.m. Tomi Sollen encourages all members to attend this important event. She will answer any questions you have at 966-4696.
MEMBERSHIP

Santa Barbara Audubon is pleased to welcome the following new members: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bass, Nancy Betts, Martha Frankel, R. Scott and Darcie Glendhill, Emmie Hileman, Alan Holmes, J. R. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Kelley, Mr. D. Lee and family, Miss Liz Love, Andrew Mills, Gabrielle Naftaly, June Richardson Schuyler, C. Thomson, Susan Helen Westbrook, Muriel F. Young and Anne J. Zysk.

We are almost overwhelmed by the fact that we have over 100 renewals this past month. This is over 52 percent. Thank you for your cooperation.

We regret to inform our membership that rates are due to go up in July, so please join or renew your membership in this great organization now.

Minna Smith
Membership Secretary

CONSERVATION

Birds of Prey Natural Area

Sagebrush Rebellion Inc. has sued the Interior Department to overturn former Secretary Anrus' order setting aside 480,000 acres of government land for non-agricultural uses in Idaho. Our new Interior Secretary Watt is expected to put up a weak defense for the government. Therefore, all conservation organizations in Washington State have sued to join the Government (Watt) as co-defendants in order to assure a strong defense of Anrus' preservation of this critical habitat adjacent to the Snake River. Watt appears to be caught in the middle of what may prove to be a classic battle!

RECORDS

Cherie Bratt loaned her records of Western Bird Songs to someone and forgot to note just who. If you are that person would you please return them as she needs to use them.

Cherie Bratt

CAMP OF THE WEST

The Scholarship committee regretfully reports that in response to our announcement of the 1981 Dick Smith Scholarship no nominations were received. Since reservations for places at the Audubon Camp in the West must be made early, it has had to notify the Camp Director that we shall not be sending a scholarship winner this year.

Let's keep in mind the desirability of making some good nominations for the scholarship in 1982. It is a golden opportunity to give a boost to someone interested and capable in presenting the importance of ecology and conservation to youths and adults.

Sid Tarbox

CATALINA WEEKEND??

Several members have requested another week-end in Catalina. We would go in September when the water would be warm enough for swimming. We would have the use of the tennis courts, the small boats and the beautiful grounds of the CMM (formerly the Private Boys School). The possibility of migrants as well as resident birds might add to our former March explorations when we encountered wild turkeys. Before I make a reservation I need interest expressed by at least 20 members.

Minna Smith

DAIL-A-BIRD

For current news of rare and unusual birds in the Santa Barbara area call 964-8240 anytime, night or day. You will hear a 3-minute recording giving all the latest information. If you have any unusual sightings please call Nancy Crawford at 964-7506.

THON

National Birdathon will be held April 25-26. Call Joe or call him at 965-7717 for more information. This birdathon will generate money for the SBAS Scholarship Program. One third will go to the Sierra Club in Sacramento and we will use the rest for other programs.

Minna Smith

T SHIRTS

Audubon T-Shirts are available at our meetings in sizes for men, women and children in assorted colors. Be proud to represent Santa Barbara Audubon by wearing one of our T-Shirts.

TECOLOTE DEADLINE

The deadline for the May issue is Thursday, April 9 (Board of Directors meeting). Bring your contributions to that meeting or send them early that week to John Bullock, 217 South Third St., Lompoc, CA 93499.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The SBAS Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the Library of the Museum April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

THANKS

The Education Committee would like to thank to Ric Lopez and Bud Bridge for their assistance. We also have 100 slides for the Committee's new Spring show. Ric and Bud; you are what makes SBAS tick!
WHAT?

The Birdathon is Audubon's brand-new, flagship fund-raising program. Counters (participants) will seek sponsors who contribute money ($5, $25, $1, anything) for each bird species seen by the counter. Vitaly needed funds will be raised for (1) participating chapters or other groups, (2) Audubon’s expanding regional programs in your region, and (3) the nationwide programs of Audubon—nature centers and sanctuaries, ornithological research, the Washington office, wildlife film-lectures, and endangered species programs.

WHO?

Anyone—as an individual or as part of a chapter or group. Even nonmembers can participate. If you aren’t a birder, an experienced partner or group can help you, but locate your own sponsors. Organizations wishing to take part should contact Birdathon Headquarters in New York City.

WHEN?

Suggested dates are April 25 and 26, 1981. April 25th is John James Audubon’s birthday and a good time for birding in most areas. A different date can be substituted, however, if advisable because of local conditions. But to be considered in the 1981 Birdathon, results must reach Birdathon Headquarters by June 1, 1981.

WHERE?

Anywhere. There probably are many good birding sites near your home.

HOW?

Prior to the date of your Birdathon, visit potential sponsors—friends, family, neighbors, fellow-workers. Give them an estimate of how many birds you expect to see (beginners usually spot 25 to 50 birds, advanced birders as many as 150) and ask for their pledge. A sponsor may also stipulate a maximum contribution.

On the Birdathon weekend, select a 24-hour period and carefully count the bird species you identify during that time. As soon as possible, return to each sponsor and collect the amount pledged, thanking each individual. Contributions are tax-deductible. Checks should be made out to National Audubon Society.

If your chapter or group is a cosponsor of the Birdathon, give your form and money to the designated person. Individual participants can mail the form and money to Birdathon Headquarters. Do not send cash; use a check or money order.

National and Regional Prizes

GRAND PRIZE: The participant who raises the most money will receive any of the outstanding National Audubon Society Tours within the lower 48 states. The tour will be for two persons inclusive of travel costs from their home. Popular tours include California, Texas, Florida, Washington, Arizona, New England, the Rocky Mountains, Yellowstone, and the Snake River.

Best Birder: The participant who identifies the most species in the Birdathon will receive a specially inscribed, deluxe leather-bound limited edition of Peterson's new Field Guide to the Birds.

Outstanding Chapter: The top chapter or organization in contributions (per member) will receive a unique multimedia program on Audubon’s sanctuaries personally narrated by Director of Nature Centers Fresty Anderson.

Regional Award: The participant in each region who raises the most money will receive a pair of Bushnell “Explorer” 7 x 35 wide-angle binoculars.

Regional Best Birder: In each region, the person seeing the most bird species will receive an inscribed copy of The Audubon Encyclopedia of North American Birds.

Regional Outstanding Chapter: The top chapter in each region will receive a beautiful specially designed Egret sculpture with inscription.

All award winners will receive engraved plaques, and the Grand Prize winner will be given an expenses-paid trip to the biennial convention on July 3-5, 1981, in Estes Park, Colorado. Awards are not cumulative.

Each participant will receive an attractive Certificate of Appreciation.

Mr. Waldo Abbott, an eminent Santa Barbara birder, has been selected to be our “Super Birder” for the Birdathon. Waldo has been active in SBAS for many years and has conducted classes for the Museum of Natural History on birding for many years. Local members who will not be able to participate in the April 25th Birdathon can sponsor Waldo. If Mr. Abbott is up to par that day he should see over 100 species.

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Birdathon Entry Form

Participant: ____________________________
Chapter/organization: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
Zip: ____________________________

Number of species seen: ____________________________

Amount pledged: ____________________________

Date of birding: ____________________________

Promissory note: ____________________________

Amount due: ____________________________

Advance contribution (send receipt): ____________________________

If your chapter is a cosponsor, return this form to the designated person or the Birdathon Chairman.

National Audubon Society

Birdathon Participant Mail to:

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