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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS!!!

- February 9 Board of Directors' Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Members are welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the Fleischmann Auditorium annex at the Museum of Natural History.
 Tuesday
- February 13 Field Trip - Point Mugu. Incredible numbers of birds winter around the navy base which encloses a healthy tidal estuary. The trip will last about three quarters of a day. Round trip mileage to the base is about 120 miles from Santa Barbara. Limit of 25. Please call as soon as possible to reserve space (preferably by Feb. 6). Meet at Andree Clark Bird Refuge parking lot at 8:00 a.m. or in the parking lot in gate to the Point Mugu Naval Base at 9:00 a.m.
 Saturday
 Leader: Louis Bevier
 964-1030
- February 20 Field Trip - Lake Cachuma. Duck, and geese. This 5-Points shopping center at Lake Cachuma on Hwy. 101.
 Saturday
 Leader: Dean Bazzi
 967-5200
- February 26 General Meeting - Con- with Waldo". Waldo Abbott, retired curator of vertebrates at the Museum of Natural History and a long time member of our birding advisory committee. He will narrate a tour of various "hot spots" in California. Join Waldo in the inimitable Abbotsford Inn for a memorable bird lore. Join Waldo freind for a memorable dinner at the Abbotsford Inn.
 Friday
 Leader: Waldo Abbott
 967-5200
- February 27 Field Trip - Ventura & Santa Clara River Valley. We will visit some parks in Ventura and some spots possibly as far as the Fillmore area. Meet at Andree Clark Bird Refuge at 8:00 a.m. or near the Colony Kitchen parking lot at Seaward Ave. in Ventura no later than 8:45 a.m. We should be back in Santa Barbara around 3:00 p.m.
 Saturday
 Leader: Louis Bevier
 964-1030
- March 6 Field Trip - Hope Ranch & Goleta. Many early spring migrants are possible. A local half day trip. Meet at the Thrifty's parking lot in the 5-Points shopping center at 7:30 a.m.
 Saturday
 Leader: to be arranged
 Questions, call Louis
 964-1030

PEREGRINE FALCONS

The following is from an article in the Jan. 1982 B.L.M. Newsletter concerning this endangered species.

According to wildlife biologist Monte Kirven, fewer than 100 known pairs of Peregrines exist in the contiguous United States. Incidences of shooting and collisions with power lines have been alarmingly high during the past few years hastening population decline. This tragedy is compounded by the fact that few specialists exist who can properly treat an injured bird.

If you learn of an injured Peregrine you are urged to contact Brian Walton of the U. C. Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group at (408) 429-2466 during the day and in the evening call (408) 423-7506. He will see that a representative transports the bird to the Santa Cruz facility. They have the full endorsement of the California Fish and Game Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Hopefully, some of these birds can be returned to the wild.

NATURAL EXCURSIONS

Natural Excursions is a new, joint education program offered by Audubon's Western Education Center in cooperation with the Point Reyes Bird Observatory, a prominent research station and conservation group. These are outstanding birding and natural history courses with a strong emphasis on current issues. The instructors are recognized for planning exciting, well organized excursions with educational depth and conservation import.

The excursions include trips to Hawaii, Alaska and Mexico, with specialization on California and the West.

For further information and a brochure, write the Western Education Center, 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon, California, 94920.

MONO LAKE BENEFIT

The Ventura County Mono Lake Committee has asked us to distribute tickets for a Mono Lake Benefit Drawing to be held March 31, 1982. Prizes include \$300, a cross-country skiing weekend package for two, an Encyclopedia of North American Birds by John K. Terres, and more! Proceeds will be used in the fight to save Mono Lake. Donations of \$1.00 are requested. If you wish to obtain a ticket, or several to spread around, they will be available at the March General Meeting.

Bird-a-thon

Just a reminder that the annual bird-a-thon is coming up this April so be thinking about sponsors. Full details will be forthcoming in the next edition of El Tecolote. It's a lot of fun and a good way to raise funds for the Audubon cause.



Dial- A-Bird

For current news of rare and unusual birds in the Santa Barbara area call 964-8240 night or day. You will hear a three minute recording giving all the latest information. If you have any unusual or exciting sightings, please call Nancy Crawford at 964-7508. Good Birding.

Tecolote Deadline

All articles for the March edition of El Tecolote must be submitted to the editor by Monday, March 15.

For Your Convenience

The following is a list of the addresses of our elected representatives. Letters from constituents are important to these officials. Your voice can help decide the future of our environment.

President

-Ronald W. Reagan

(R)Term ends 1985-The President, White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

How to address-Dear Mr. President:
Respectfully yours,

U.S. Senators

-Alan Cranston

(D)Term ends 1987-290 Russell Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

-S.I. Hayakawa

(R)Term ends 1983-6217 Dirksen Building
Washington D.C. 20510

How to address-The Honorable...full name
Dear Senator...surname:
Sincerely yours,

U.S. Representative- Robert J.

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(R)Term ends 1983 -2332 Rayburn
District 19 Washington D.C. 20515

How to address -The Honorable...full name
Dear Mr. ...surname:
Sincerely yours,

Governor

-Edmund G. Brown

(D)Term ends 1983 -State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814
Tel. (916) 445-2841

How to address -The Governor, State Cap.
Dear Governor Brown:
Respectfully yours,

State Senator

-Omer Rains

(D)Term ends 1983 -State Capitol, Rm. 5082
District 18 Sacramento, CA 95814
Tel. (916) 445-5405

How to address -The Honorable...full name
Dear Mr. ...surname:
Respectfully yours,

State Assemblyman

-Gary K. Hart

(D)Term ends 1983 -State Capitol, Rm. 5136
District 35 Sacramento, CA 95814
Tel. (916) 445-8292

How to address -The Honorable...full name
Dear Mr. ...surname:
Sincerely yours,

For issues that are local, all members of the County Board of Supervisors can be reached at this address:
County Administration Building
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Field Trip Report

Carrizo Plains. On December 13, ten people found their way through dense, disorienting ground fog to California Valley in the Carrizo Plains. The fog lifted by noon and a broad, golden valley with bare hills surrounding was revealed for our appreciation. Good studies of Ferruginous Hawks (11 total), Golden Eagles, sparkling flocks of Horned Larks (10,000 +), and some Mountain Bluebirds made the day most profitable. A Longspur (very rare in So. California) call was heard among one flock of Larks, and seven Sandhill Cranes flew by our group most of whom especially wished to see the larger flock that winters on the plains. Robert Lindsay added a special stop for most by alerting us to a large group of Lewis' Woodpeckers (15-20) at the intersection of Pozo Rd. and Hwy. 58 in the Oak Woodland of the coast ranges. It was a special day for me and I hope for everyone there.

Louis Bevier



American Bird Lore

I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen as the representative for our country: he is a bird of bad moral character: like those among men who live by sharpening and robbing, he is generally poor, and often very lousy.

The Turkey is a much more respectable bird and a true original native of America.

Benjamin Franklin in a letter
to Sarah Bache, January 26. 1784

Membership - January 1982

We are happy to greet and welcome as new members: Jerry Armstrong, Janine Ann Builder, Mrs Francis Cameron, Kathleen Cameron, G. Cockrum, Dr. Joe W Dobbs, Mr. Robert Ertmann, Crystal Friedly, Dr. M Hansen, Adelaide Kerr, Mrs. J W McKinley, Susanne Muller, Mr. London Nossaman, Carol Pattillo, B F Ralston, Wendy Reid, Mrs. Maurice H Richard, Christine Sander, Richard and Thekla Xanford, Ms. Gladys V Swackhamer, and Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Tustin. We also have some new transferees, Elaine Hamby, Marylce Myers and Mr. James M Wyllie. I would like to talk to you all personally, but NAS does not require a telephone number on their application. If you would return the questionnaire contained in your first mailing of El Tecolote and include your telephone number, I would be happy to call you to discuss your special interests and how you could best become an active participant in the Santa Barbara Audubon Society. Happy New Year to all members, active, passive, local and National.

Minna E. Smith
Membership Secretary

Santa Barbara Audubon Society
Board of Directors - January Actions

1. A motion was passed that all committee chairmen meet before the next board meeting to discuss ongoing activities and plan for the near-term future.
2. A request was received and granted from Alan Ruppert of the Western Education Center, Western Regional Audubon, for a duplicate copy of the slide show of our Education Committee to be produced at their expense.
3. A request from the Mono Lake Committee that we solicit funds through ticket sales was granted. See the announcement on page 2.

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