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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS!!!

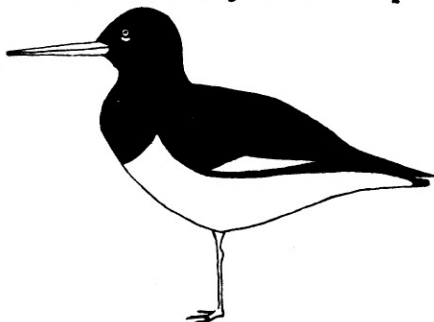
- May 9
Sunday Field Trip - Refugio Road. Riparian songbirds, wildflowers, and beautiful country. We end the trip at Santa Ynez near Solvang. Meet at Storke Rd. & Hollister Ave. in the Fedmart parking lot (NW corner) by 7:00 a.m.
Leader: Louis Bevier
964-1030
- May 11
Tuesday Board of Directors' Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Members are welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the Fleischmann Auditorium annex, Museum of Natural History. This is the deadline for June El Tecolote articles.
- May 15
Saturday Beginners Birdwalk - Lake Los Carneros. A half-day, easy walking trip; meet at Stow House parking lot behind the fire station on Los Carneros Rd. by 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Nancy Crawford
964-7508
- May 23
Sunday Field Trip - San Antonio Creek - Barka Slough. This is the same trip as April 11. We had a good trip then, but rain caused many of the more interesting birds to stay hidden. This is another chance to see an interesting area of our county. We need to start early so that most of the birds will still be singing when we reach the creek. Meet at Storke Rd. & Hollister Ave. (NW corner of Fedmart parking lot) by 6:00 a.m.
Leader: Louis Bevier
964-1030
- May 28
Friday General Meeting - Our speaker this night is Tupper Ansel Blake, a naturalist photographer some of whose projects have been funded by National Audubon. His talk and slide show shall cover photographic surveys he has done of California's major habitats. Meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Fleischmann Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History.
- June 5
Saturday Annual Picnic - This year's picnic will begin at noon in area 3 of Tucker's Grove County Park. We will eat at about 1:00 and at 2:30, all members present will vote for next year's board members. Do plan to join us. More details will be given next month.

Birds in Santa Barbara
by Paul Lehman

The now famous Yellow-billed Loon at Goleta Pier since February 23 was found beached on April 12; it died the following day in captivity.

Certainly the biggest surprise this season to date was a spring-plumaged, female Bay-breasted Warbler in Goleta April 10; this casual vagrant from the east had been recorded only four previous times in the Santa Barbara area, and early April is hardly the time to expect to see one anywhere in North America. Other rare warblers seen in Goleta in early April included a Tennessee and two Black and Whites. A Scott's Oriole for a month near San Marcos Pass is very unusual for the coast; the Cuyama Valley is the closest area where this species breeds. Two Black Oystercatchers at Goleta Point in early April were unusual, as our area lacks much suitable rocky habitat making the species rare here. A Long-eared Owl next to a possible nest along the Sisquoc River north of Figueroa Mountain was unusual; this secretive species is now very rare in the county and its status and distribution is poorly understood. An Arctic Loon at Lake Cachuma, April 3, represents one of only four inland records of this typically marine species. Other sightings of note included a Calliope Hummingbird in Montecito and two Townsend's Solitaire in Santa Barbara, very unusual for the lowlands.

So far, this April has produced very large numbers of spring migrant hummingbirds, flycatchers, vireos, warblers, orioles and grosbeaks. Particularly good areas include San Jose and Maria Ygnacio Creeks in Goleta and Carpinteria Creek. A count of 122 Rufous Hummingbirds in one section of Santa Barbara one day was exceptional.



Audubon
Golden Trout
Workshop

The Golden Trout Workshop, in its 8th year, will hold three one-week sessions this year: I-July 25 through July 31; II-August 1 through August 7; and III-August 8 through August 14.

The Golden Trout Camp, a semi-primitive camp, is located about 17 miles southwest of Lone Pine in the Southern Sierras at an altitude of 10,000 feet. Guests hike in 2½ miles from the end of the road and need to bring only a sleeping bag. Everything else is provided.

Anyone who is interested in alpine ecology or nature in the high mountains may go.

For a brochure or information, write Mrs. Tomi Sollen, 825 N. Soledad, Santa Barbara, CA 93103, or phone 966-4836.



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.

Membership
April 1982

We greet and give a warm welcome to the following new members who joined us in February: E. Ames, Anne Anderson, Lois Barnes, Johanne Bartee, Mr. & Mrs. John Timothy Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carty, Mr. W. Thomas Connelly, Ellen Deadman, Ronda Doering, Wally Duncan, Robin J. Ferris, Mr. A. Graf, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick K. Hackett, Sally Keane, Mary Leisure, Robert Lindsay, Richard A Mansmann, VMD, Shelley Hockhauser-Munch, Baxter McBane, MD, Mr. A. Munsie, Don Nulty, Bernie Sayers, Pat Lathan, and Juncan Turner.

Tine Jefferies and Doris B. Peterson have transferred into Santa Barbara Audubon. D. A. Herczog and Jame McCleary joined us locally. We hope we will be able to meet you in person at our next monthly meeting.

Minna E. Smith
Membership Secretary

Mono Lake Field Trips

Free half-day field trips will be conducted every Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 2, June 12 to Sept. 19. All ages are welcome. Meet at the Mono Lake County Park at 9:00 a.m. or at the Mono Lake Information Center in Lee Vining off Hwy 395 near Mono Lake at 8:30 a.m. Bring clothing for any kind of weather, hats, sunscreen, swimsuit & towel, water & lunch and walking shoes that don't mind getting wet. There are campgrounds in the area and motels at Lee Vining and June Lake. For more information contact the Mono Lake Committee, P.O. Box 29, Lee Vining, CA 93541; (714) 647-6386.



"Your aptitude tests indicate that you'd make a good hunter or gatherer."

Audubon Western Regional Conference

According to the Monterey Peninsula Herald, at the recent Western Regional Conference at Asilomar, California, National Audubon President Russell Peterson in his keynote speech to the delegates made a slashing attack at the Reagan Administration for its environmental record. To not speak out would be to "join the conspiracy of silence," and to "be untrue to our heritage," said Peterson. He continued to charge that "every aspect of the Audubon Cause has been repudiated by a new administration" using its mandate to straighten out the economy "as an excuse to eliminate environmental protec-

tion." He also accused the administration of possessing a "plume-hunter mentality," meaning "use it up now and to heck with the future. What has posterity ever done for me?"

Next month, our own delegates to the conference will file their reports.



Santa Barbara Audubon Society
Board of Directors

April Actions

1. The board voted unanimously to oppose the Peripheral Canal and directed the president (Eileen Gray) to send a letter to Dick Marter, Western Regional Audubon Vice-president and to Russel Peterson, National Audubon President, expressing our disapproval and opposition to the project.

2. The board voted not to allocate funds to the Peregrine Falcon Recovery Project taking place in the Los Padres National Forest.

3. Wendy Bevier was selected to be the recipient of this years Dick Smith Scholarship to the Audubon Camp of the West this summer in Wyoming.

4. The board voted to send \$100.00 to Maricopa Audubon in Phoenix, Arizona to help finance their efforts to stop the Cliff Dam project. This dam, if completed and filled, would destroy the Verde River Bald Eagle habitat which at present holds the only known desert nesting Bald Eagle population.

5. A list of candidates endorsed by the nominating committee for next years Board of Directors was submitted and approved by the board. The candidates so endorsed are as follow:

Bob Siegel	Robert Lindsay	Minna E. Smith
James Greaves	Joe Gartland	Judy Tartaglia
Nancy Crawford	Joe Boyd	Violet Gray
Louis Bevier	Sid Tarbox	

The board would also like to thank Tomi Sollen and Judy Tartaglia for having hosted the Audubon Ark on its recent visit to Santa Barbara.

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