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May 27 General Meeting - Tonight it is our pleasure to welcome Beverly Steveson
Friday of the Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee who will be presenting a fabulous, multi-media show on the deserts of Southern California. This show should be especially interesting in light of the recent Antelope Valley field trip which covered a portion of the Mojave Desert. This will be our last general meeting for the year. Meetings are held in the Fleischmann Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History and begin promptly at 8:00 pm.

SBAS ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET Friday - June 3rd

As stated in previous issues of El Tecolote, this marks our twentieth year as a chapter of the National Audubon Society. In celebration of this event, our annual meeting will be in the form of a banquet. So set aside the evening of June 3rd and join the fun. The banquet will be held in the San Miguel Room at the Holliday Inn in Goleta.

The evening will begin with a 'no host' cocktail hour between 6 and 7 pm followed by a buffet style dinner with a variety of selections for all tastes and preferences. Activities for the night include the business of selecting next years Board of Directors (see April El Tecolote for a list of those nominated) as well as proposed changes in our By-laws which require approval by the general membership. This is the time when your voice is needed to be sure that Santa Barbara Audubon represents you.

In addition to the business mentioned above, several speakers have been lined up to discuss several topics of interest to

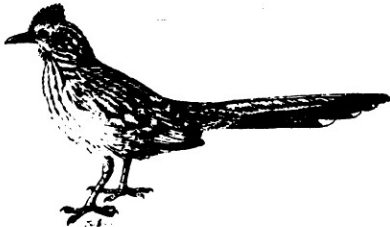
us all. Joy Parkinson will lead off with a brief history of our chapter. She will be followed by Robert Easton, one of the people principally responsible for the creation of the San Raphael Wilderness, who will discuss wilderness in Santa Barbara County. Our last speaker will be Jan Hamber who will give a short talk on the California Condor, a vanishing species whose last stronghold is here in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. All three are very entertaining and informative speakers and I thank them all for consenting to join us at the banquet.

Again, the banquet will be held on Friday, June 3rd. Reservations are only \$10.00. If you wish to come, please send your reservation to Nancy Crawford at 6552 Camino Caseta, Goleta Ca 93117, or call her at 964-7508. Reservations can also be made at the May 27th general meeting. Please make reservations by no later than May 27th. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Robert Lindsay

Dial-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 three minute recording giving all the latest information. If you have any rare or exciting sightings, please call Nancy Crawford at 964-7508. Good Birding!



Field Trip Report -- Antelope Valley

You had to see it to believe it. About 25 Auduboners took advantage of this trip and were richly rewarded for their efforts. The Antelope Valley was at its best with wildflowers in profusion and an endless stream of great birds.

The first day, several wildflower stops were made. The west end of the valley was still green and lush with hillsides blanketed in blues, reds, yellows and orange. California Poppies were at their best covering acres at a time. Even the desert areas, though seldom thick, had good representatives of many desert wildflowers.

The wildflowers were surpassed only by the profusion of migrant and resident birds. Nearly one hundred species were seen by the group including such exciting finds as Blue Grosbeak, Lawrence's Goldfinch, Le Cont's Thrasher, Black-throated Sparrow, Pyrrhuloxia, Franklin's Gull, Black Tern, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Hammonds and Western Flycatcher, Lazuli Bunting, American Avocet, Northern and Wilson's Phalarope, Tanagers, Orioles, Chat; the list goes on and on.

The weather was just about perfect, sunny and clear. Camping was found at Saddleback Butte State Park and a good time was had there by all. The trip was a great success and one that is surely to be repeated in the coming year. Thanks to Louis Bevier whose experience and informative style made this a great trip for all who came.

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Natural History Museum Display

The Los Angeles Natural History Museum is pleased to announce its display of 15 chromolithographic prints created in 1860 from the original drawings in John James Audubon's Birds of America. These prints are on display in the Director's Gallery at the Natural History Museum in Exposition Park in Los Angeles and will be available for viewing through July 31, 1983. If you are planning a trip to Los Angeles soon, this would prove a worthwhile addition to your plans.

And don't forget our own Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History with its many ongoing natural history displays. We are very lucky in a town this size to have such a fine museum.



Erna Mauer

With great remorse, we announce the recent demise of Erna Mauer, long-time SBAS member. Erna was a strong supporter of our chapter even until her death. We were among several organizations in town remembered in her will for which we are most grateful. Her contribution was extremely generous making us a very strong chapter financially. We mourn the loss of such a member and hope the use we make of the resources she provided in her passing will honor her memory.

Robert Lindsay



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS !!

- May 27 General Meeting - Tonight our speaker will be Beverly Steveson. See page 1
Friday for details.
- June 3 Annual Meeting and Banquet - See page 1 for details. Reservation checks should
Friday be made out to Santa Barbara Audubon Society. No cancellations will be accepted after May 27th.
- June 5 Field Trip - Carpinteria Creek. The creek is an attractive stretch of riparian
Sunday vegetation near the coast and good for landbirds. A $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip. Meet at the Andree Clark Bird Refuge parking lot at 7:30 am. Leader: Joan Lentz
969-4397
- June 11 Field Trip - More Mesa. A particularly rich habitat area which may still hold
Saturday a number of migrants. Meet at the bridge crossing San Antonio Creek on Patterson Ave. at 7:00 am.
Leader: Robert Lindsay
968-8965
- June 12 Beginners Birdwalk - Rattlesnake Canyon. Chaparral, Oak Woodland birds. Most
Sunday nesting activity has long past but the canyon still has good birding. Morning trip with a moderate hike. Meet at the Skofield Park parking lot just off Las Canoas Rd. at 7:30 am.
Leader: Dean Bazzi
967-5200
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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

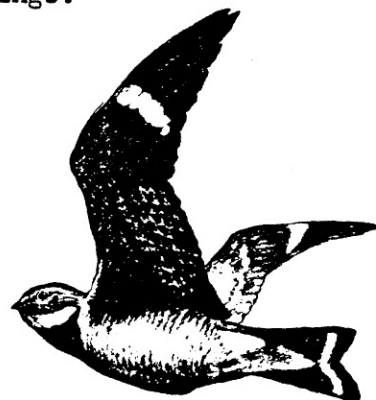
Sierra Club Meeting

Audubon members are invited to attend the next Sierra Club meeting to be held in the Louise Lawry Davis Center in Santa Barbara on June 14, beginning at 7:30 pm. A slide show on Mono Lake will be presented.



Bird Seed

Thanks to the effort and ingenuity of our bird seed lady, Esther Greene, our bird seed packages now contain a full four lbs. of seed for the same low price of \$1.00 per bag. Seed is available at the office or at our general meetings.



HOW TO KILL A SOCIETY

1. Don't renew your membership on time.
2. Stay away from meetings.
3. If you do attend, find fault with at least three things.
4. Refuse to run for any office or to be on any committee.
5. If you are elected, don't attend Board meetings.
6. If you do attend one, say nothing until it's over, then sound off on how things really should be done.
7. Don't volunteer for anything if you can help it.
8. When the Old Faithfuls do all the work, accuse them of being dictators.
9. If you change your address or telephone number, don't tell anybody.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thanks to the efforts of member Helen Matelson, we are once again building a staff of office volunteers. Only a few more days need to be filled to complete our staffing goals. Volunteers are needed for Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10 am and 2 pm. If you can help one day a week or two days a month, please call Helen at 966-3217 or call the SBAS office at 964-1468. Volunteers will be trained and greatly appreciated. The office is receiving numerous calls and visitors every day. Please help us be available to the community.

A few items are still needed at the office to complete our decor. We are still looking for an electric typewriter (with elite sized type if possible). We could also use a nice wall clock. If you have any such items to donate, please let us know by calling the office or by coming to any meeting. Contributions of this kind are tax deductible.

Remember, checklists, SBAS patches and bird seed are all available for sale at the office and at our meetings.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE SPEAKERS NEEDED

Our Education Committee is badly in need of more speakers to present our various slide shows to the numerous schools and civic groups which have requested them. Though activities for this year are near an end, we are already looking ahead to next year when the demand for these shows will be even greater. Education speakers perform an important function enhancing the public interest in and knowledge of the natural world, furthering the cause of conservation. This committee is inactive during the summer so that time will be used to prepare volunteers for the coming year (which begins in September).

If you have any interest in helping with this committee, please call Lila Eisberg at 963-4886, or the SBAS office at 964-1468. Volunteers will find it a rewarding experience and will provide a valuable service to the community. Please help if you can.



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