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Feb. 24 General Meeting - Wildflowers of the Santa Barbara Region.
Friday Cliff Smith, local botanist with the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History and author of the authoritative A Flora of the Santa Barbara Region will give us a preview of the great diversity of wildflowers and wildflower habitat this area has to offer. This should be a very informative program to give us a floral background in preparation for our upcoming Spring trips. Meetings are held in the Fleischman Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History. Begins at 8:00 pm sharp.

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Special Announcement: Brock Evans, vice-president of the National Audubon Society, will be in town for the January 28th conference that was announced in your last month's newsletter. He will also speak briefly at the upcoming Jan. 27 general meeting. Don't miss this opportunity to see one of Audubon's leading figures!!!

From the President:

Several Changes have occurred in the last several months on the SBAS Board of Directors. I regret to announce that Violet Greaves has resigned as our Administrative Vice-President. Violet has long been an active and productive board member and we all owe her thanks for the many things she has done for our chapter. Carol Rae, our Publicity Chair, has been elected by the Board of Directors to replace Violet as Administrative V.P. Carol has been doing a great deal of work for the chapter recently and I'm sure she'll make a fine officer.

Marge Capiello has consented to be our Hospitality Committee Chair. She is the one responsible for all the refreshments at our meetings and has been doing a delicious job.

I am relieved and a little sad to say that I have passed on the Editorship

of El Tecolote. It has been a great experience for me and I appreciate all of the kind words you have given and the patience you have had with me in that task. Replacing me as editor is Terry Church. Terry has been active in the SBAS More Mesa campaign since its beginning. She has proven herself to be a very productive, reliable and enthusiastic member and I'm sure she will make a fine editor. I wish her good luck in this endeavor and look forward to seeing her newsletters.

Thanks to all the many people, board members, office staff, education speakers and others for all you have done. We have a chapter we can be proud of.

Robert Lindsay

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS !!

- January 27 General Meeting - Member Slide Night. Meetings are held in the Fleischmann Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History and begin promptly at 8:00 pm.
Friday
- February 4 Field Trip - Camino Cielo to La Cumbre Peak. We will spend a half day looking at the plants, birds and, periodically, the spectacular view along this road. Meet at 5-points shopping center by Thrifty's at 8:00 am.
Saturday
Leader: Louis Bevier 964-1030
- February 11 Field Trip. Lake Cachuma. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 8:00 am, or at the east end overlook off of Hwy. 154. We will bird the east and west ends, and explore the lakeshore at the Nichols-DeLongpre (formerly Power's) ranch. Bald Eagles, Osprey, Geese, and numerous duck species are expected. If you have a spotting scope, bring it. The trip will last until early afternoon, so bring a lunch. Call leader if you need ride arrangements to the meeting places. (limit: 25)
Saturday
Leader: Dean Bazzi 967-5200
- February 16 Habitat Walk. Devereaux Slough. Remnants of a coastal wetland and surroundings, much preserved by the University of California as an Ecological Reserve. Meet at the kiosk at the end of Storke Rd. (where road becomes El Colegio) at 8:30 am. Leader: Eileen Gray 967-0698
Thursday
- February 19 Beginners Bird Walk. Lake Los Carneros. This walk will leave the Stow House parking lot behind the fire station on Los Carneros Rd. at 8:30 am.
Sunday
Leader: Sylvie Robillard 967-0698
- February 24 General Meeting. See page 1 for details. Meetings are held in the Fleischmann Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History and begin promptly at 8:00 pm.
Friday

GULL WORKSHOP II - FEBRUARY 25, 1984

Back by popular demand! If you missed this informative workshop given by Paul Lehman and Jon Dunn last year, be sure to sign up now. We will carpool at the Bird Refuge at 11:00 am and drive to McGrath State Beach to look at gulls for the afternoon. That night we'll have a slide show with refreshments at the Museum Of Natural History beginning at 7:30.

For further information and reservations (\$9 per person) contact Joan Lentz at 969-4397 between 5:00 and 9:00 pm. If you can't make the daytime trip, you are welcome at the slide show for a small admission charge. Reservations by February 10. Field Trip limited to 25 people.

BIRDATHON 1984

Don't miss this unique opportunity to raise money for our chapter and for National Audubon - and have a fun time in doing it! The tentative dates this year will be the 21st and 22nd of April. For those interested but unable to participate, we plan to appoint a "Super Birder" that they can sponsor. Look for more details on this event in upcoming newsletters. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, please call Dean Bazzi at 967-5200.

MORE MESA NEWS

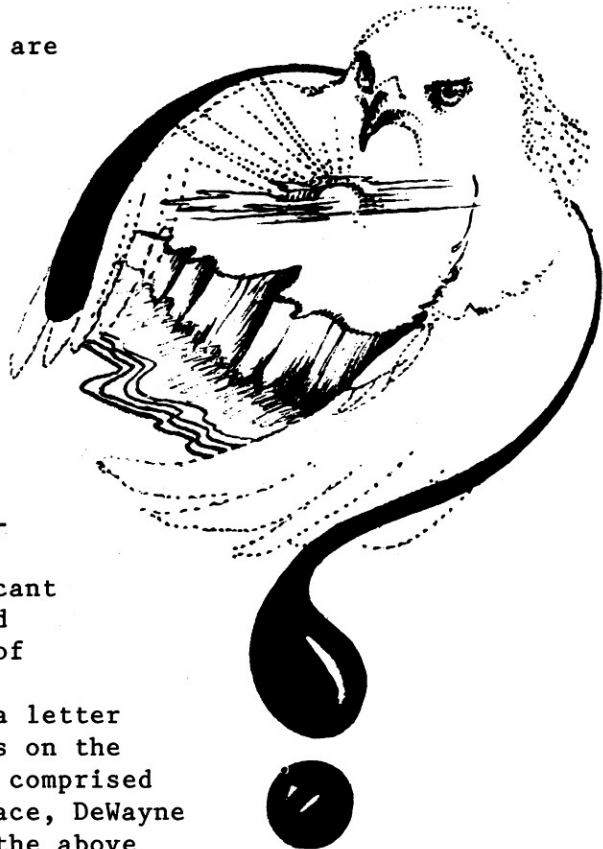
This is the last reminder for all who are interested in attending the County Board of Supervisors meeting. This will be held on Monday, February 13, at approximately 2:00 pm at the County Administration Bldg., 105 E. Anapamu in Santa Barbara, 93101. At this meeting a decision will be made on the final zoning to be given to More Mesa. Santa Barbara Audubon will be there along with other organizations to oppose a zoning that would allow development on the site. As has been previously announced on numerous occasions, SBAS is currently involved in a means of purchasing More Mesa for the purpose of creating a natural preserve there. It is perhaps the most biologically significant habitat area in the Santa Barbara County and supports a number of rare plants and birds of prey.

WE CAN USE YOUR HELP!! Please write a letter now to your Supervisor(s) stating your views on the future of More Mesa. (The current Board is comprised of: David Yager, Robert Kallman, Bill Wallace, DeWayne Holmdahl, and Toru Miyoshi). Send mail to the above address at the County Administration Building.

ATTEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING to show your support for our cause. Audubon's chances of preserving More Mesa depend on continued support from the community at large.

.....In the meantime... a slide show history, the current status and the possible future something to present at the January 27th General don't forget to pick up one of our brochures (at SBAS office in Goleta) - or pick up several and

Thank you!!



February 14 Board of Directors Meeting - attend. Meetings are held on in the Fleischmann Auditorium History. All articles for the meeting submitted by this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

A local membership (\$10.00 per year) in the Santa Barbara Audubon Society entitles you to attend field trips and monthly general meetings; to elect local board members and to receive the El Tecolote, chapter newsletter.

Your membership contribution will help support conservation efforts that are of local and regional interest, and help our Education Committee provide programs to local schools and organizations.

A local membership does not include Audubon magazine or any other literature published by National Audubon Society.

Local and national membership applications are available now. Just contact our office at 964-1468.

Thank you.

Nancy S. Crawford
Membership Chairman

(Note: Membership in the National Audubon Society - \$30.00 per individual, \$38.00 per family - automatically entitles you to a local membership. Edit.)



DICK SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

It is again time to select the Society's recipient of the Dick Smith Scholarship to the Audubon Ecology Camp of the West. We urgently need your help in securing top candidates for this \$575 award. Nominees need not be Audubon members.

In past years these scholarships have enabled teachers, rangers and writers to attend the camp, people who would not otherwise have been likely to go, yet were in good positions to promote the cause of conservation of our natural resources. The scholarship covers all costs for one of the four two-week sessions, except transportation to and from the camp.

It is our aim to find candidates who have a strong interest in ecology and conservation, who have a background to gain much from the camp and who offer promise of using the training to advance the cause of conservation. Consequently it is requested that the following information be provided for each nominee: (1) evidence of interest and activity to date, (2) evidence of ability to profit significantly from the training, (3) ways in which the benefits would probably be "passed" back into the community and (4) financial need, if any.

We stress the need to make our reservation early to assure a place in the session of our winner's choice. We therefore ask that all nominations be submitted by no later than March 15. If you think you know someone who could benefit from this award, please contact:

SBAS Office
300 N. Los Carneros Rd.
Goleta, CA 93117
or

Give your nominations to any board member at any general or board meeting.



(Relaxation at Camp)



EAGLE WATCH

The following is a partial reprint of an article taken from the Gold Coast magazine of the Los Angeles Times.

The Monterey County Parks Department has established an annual Eagle Watch program which operates on weekends from Jan. 7 through Feb. 26. The program consists of two daily tours - 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Each tour accommodates 20 people and lasts about two hours. Participants meet at the South Shore Resort Facility for an orientation program about eagles and afterwards board one of two pontoon boats for a guided close-up search for the eagles.

The boats proceed down the lake along the shore to the shallows area and a member of the Parks Department or the North Cuesta Audubon Society assists the participants in locating the eagles by pointing out typical roosting areas.

Those planning to participate in the Eagle Watch program should make reservations by calling a toll-free number, 800-822-CAMP. Cost of the tour is \$5 per person which covers the operation of the pontoon boat.

It is advisable to bring warm clothing and binoculars. Food and beverages are available at the resort store and snack bar.

Camping is available at \$6.50 for a regular site or \$9.50 for hook ups.

For more information, contact the Monterey County Parks Department at: P.O. Box 367, Salinas, CA 93902, or call (805) 472-2311.

(Note: Any articles or notices that you would like to see printed in the El Tecolote, please give or mail to the editor on or before the second Tuesday of every month, or bring to the Board of Directors meeting that evening at 7:30 pm, Fleischmann Auditorium annex.)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 1984-85 Board of Directors are now being accepted. If you know someone who would be interested in serving on the board, please let us know. Nominations should include the following information; the name of the nominee, the qualifications of that individual (skills or experience that would benefit the board), and a brief sketch of their background with SBAS and other volunteer organizations. Please be sure all nominees know they will be considered - and be sure they would be willing to serve if elected.

Nominations for Field Trip Chairperson are especially needed. The responsibilities of this position include: 1) Arranging for and coordinating leaders for all field trips 2) Supplying the Tecolote editor and the publicity person with a brief description of coming excursions 3) Taking charge of the Field Activities Committee and making sure necessary information is communicated 4) A knowledge of birding is helpful.

All nominations should be in writing and can be given to any officer at any meeting, or mailed to the SBAS office, 300 N. Los Carneros Rd., Goleta, CA 93117.

AUDIBLE AUDUBONS

Attention all bird song lovers!!! We are in the process of trying to acquire a collection of Audible Audubon albums for our SBAS library. Any members out there who have and would like to donate bird recordings please sound out!



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CHRISTMAS COUNT REPORT

The 1983 Christmas count was a great success with 215 bird species seen putting Santa Barbara unofficially in first place nationally. The following is the list of birds seen along with the number of individuals sighted.

1. Common Loon (12)
2. Artic Loon (3)
3. Red-throated Loon (102)
4. Horned Grebe (2)
5. Eared Grebe (42)
6. Western Grebe (170)
7. Pied-billed Grebe (122)
8. Northern Fulmar (4)
9. Manx Shearwater (1)
10. Brown Pelican (94)
11. Double-crested Cormorant (263)
12. Brandt's Cormorant (46)
13. Pelagic Cormorant (8)
14. Great-Blue Heron (35)
15. Green Heron (23)
16. Great Egret (28)
17. Snowy Egret (26)
18. Cattle Egret (22)
19. Black-crowned Night Heron (76)
20. American Bittern (4)
21. Least Bittern (1)
22. "Black" Brant (6)
23. White-fronted Goose (1)
24. Mallard (202)
25. Gadwall (50)
26. Pintail (153)
27. Green-winged teal (228)
28. Blue-winged teal (228)
29. Cinnamon Teal (16)
30. Eurasian Wigeon (1)
31. American Wigeon (200)
32. Northern Shoveler (272)
33. Wood Duck (1)
34. Redhead (39)
35. Ring-necked Duck (30)
36. Canvasback (33)
37. Greater Scaup (1)
38. Lesser Scaup (65)
39. Common Goldeneye (2)
40. Bufflehead (63)
41. White-winged Scoter (3)
42. Surf Scoter (61)
43. Ruddy Duck (215)
44. Hooded Merganser (7)
45. Common Merganser (18)
46. Red-breasted Merganser (10)
47. Turkey Vulture (39)
48. White-tailed Kite (29)
49. Sharp-shinned Hawk (19)
50. Cooper's Hawk (13)
51. Red-tailed Hawk (117)
52. Red-shouldered Hawk (57)
53. Osprey (1)
54. Marsh Hawk (6)
55. Prairie Falcon (1)
56. Merlin (1)
57. American Kestrel (140)
58. California Quail (294)
59. Virginia Rail (8)
60. Sora (12)
61. Common Gallinule (5)
62. American Coot (2,444)
63. Snowy Plover (66)
64. Semipalmated Plover (2)
65. Killdeer (297)
66. Black-bellied Plover (128)
67. Ruddy Turnstone (3)
68. Black Turnstone (14)
69. Common Snipe (12)
70. Long-billed Curlew (1)
71. Whimbrel (86)
72. Spotted Sandpiper (17)
73. Willet (115)
74. Greater Yellowlegs (16)
75. Lesser Yellowlegs (2)
76. Least Sandpiper (67)
77. Dunlin (9)
78. Long-billed Dowitcher (188)
79. Western Sandpiper (31)
80. Marbled Godwit (100)
81. Sanderling (148)
82. American Avocet (11)
83. Black-necked Stilt (6)
84. Parasitic Jaeger (1)
85. Glaucous-winged Gull (20)
86. Western Gull (648)
87. Herring Gull (9)
88. Thayer's Gull (1)
89. California Gull (639)
90. Ring-billed Gull (438)
91. Mew Gull (320)
92. Bonaparte's Gull (282)
93. Heermann's Gull (223)
94. Forster's Tern (43)
95. Royal Tern (15)
96. Common Murre (2)
97. Marbled Murrelet (2)
98. Cassin's Auklet (10)
99. Band-tailed Pigeon (810)
100. Rock Dove (653)
101. Mourning Dove (895)
102. Spotted Dove (27)
103. Roadrunner (4)
104. Barn Owl (8)
105. Screech Owl (12)
106. Great Horned Owl (26)
107. Pygmy Owl (1)
108. Burrowing Owl (2)
109. White-throated Swift (40)

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110. Broad-billed Hummingbird (1)
111. Costa's Hummingbird (1)
112. Anna's Hummingbird (889)
113. Belted Kingfisher (48)
114. Common Flicker (278)
115. Acorn Woodpecker (623)
116. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (1)
117. Red-breasted Sapsucker (16)
118. Hairy Woodpecker (15)
119. Downy Woodpecker (69)
120. Nuttall's Woodpecker (44)
121. Tropical Kingbird (1)
122. Cassin's Kingbird (3)
123. Ash-throated Flycatcher (3)
124. Black Phoebe (195)
125. Say's Phoebe (95)
126. Least Flycatcher (1)
127. Western Flycatcher (3)
128. Oliv-sided/Coves Flycatcher (1)
129. Horned Lark (15)
130. Scrub Jay (1,030)
131. Common Raven (1)
132. Common Crow (2,029)
133. Mountain Chickadee (10)
134. Plain Titmouse (429)
135. Common Bushtit (2239)
136. White-breasted Nuthatch (49)
137. Red-breasted Nuthatch (41)
138. Brown Creeper (5)
139. Wrentit (552)
140. Dipper (3)
141. House Wren (104)
142. Winter Wren (14)
143. Bewick's Wren (396)
144. Long-billed Marsh Wren (47)
145. Canyon Wren (24)
146. Rock Wren (8)
147. Mockingbird (287)
148. California Thrasher (143)
149. American Robin (1,252)
150. Varied Thrush (23)
151. Hermit Thrush (196)
152. Western Bluebird (212)
153. Townsend's Solitaire (2)
154. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (51)
155. Golden-crowned Kinglet (26)
156. Ruby-crowned Kinglet (1,421)
157. Water Pipit (1,017)
158. Cedar Waxwing (1,691)
159. Phainopepla (3)
160. Loggerhead Shrike (43)
161. Starling (1,559)
162. Hutton's Vireo (158)
163. Solitary Vireo (1)
164. Black-and-white Warbler (2)
165. Tennessee Warbler (4)
166. Orange-crowned Warbler (258)
167. Nashville Warbler (6)
168. Yellow Warbler (4)
169. Yellow-rumped Warbler (5,121)

170. Black-throated Gray Warbler (7)
171. Townsend's Warbler (229)
172. Hermit Warbler (1)
173. Grace's Warbler (1)
174. Palm Warbler (2)
175. Common Yellowthroat (165)
176. Kentucky Warbler (1)
177. Wilson's Warbler (4)
178. American Redstart (1)
179. House Sparrow (885)
180. Western Meadowlark (550)
181. Red-winged Blackbird (510)
182. Tricolored Blackbird (10)
183. Orchard Oriole (3)
184. Hooded Oriole (1)
185. Scott's Oriole (1)
186. Northern Oriole (26)
187. Brewer's Blackbird (1,578)
188. Brown-headed Cowbird (138)
189. Western Tanager (6)
190. Hepatic Tanager (1)
191. Black-headed Grosbeak (1)
192. Purple Finch (88)
193. House Finch (3,337)
194. Pine Siskin (375)
195. American Goldfinch (448)
196. Lesser Goldfinch (791)
197. Lawrence's Goldfinch (10)
198. Rufous-sided Towhee (291)
199. Brown Towhee (831)
200. Savannah Sparrow (187)
201. Vesper Sparrow (3)
202. Lark Sparrow (117)
203. Rufous-crowned Sparrow (26)
204. Sage Sparrow (1)
205. Dark-eyed Junco (2,053)
206. Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed) (1)
207. Chipping Sparrow (16)
208. Harris' Sparrow (1)
209. White-crowned Sparrow (2,625)
210. White-throated Sparrow (7)
211. Golden-crowned Sparrow (935)
212. Fox Sparrow (146)
213. Lincoln's Sparrow (170)
214. Swamp Sparrow (1)
215. Song Sparrow (388)

In addition, the Black Scoter and Canada Goose were seen during the count period, not on count day.

Many thanks to Paul Lehman for organizing the event and compiling the results. There is a great deal of effort involved and we are fortunate to have someone of Paul's expertise to lead us.

Thanks as well to all who participated in the count and to those who made the tabulation dinner a great success.

Good birding to all in the year ahead!



SIERRA CLUB NEWS



The Sierra Club invites its Audubon friends to join us at our annual banquet, Saturday, February 25, 1984.

The speaker will be Nicholas Clinch, former president of the American Alpine Club, leader of five expeditions to the Himalayas. He will be describing his latest expeditions, through unknown Tibet, and illustrating it with slides. They will include the climb up the very difficult buttress which is the key to the East Face of Everest.

When Nick spoke to the Explorers Club in Washington, D.C., their publicity described him as, "mountaineer, expedition leader, author, explorer, conservationist, environmentalist and raconteur".

Since we anticipate a capacity crowd, we suggest you make your reservations very soon. The price is \$10.00 per person and your check should be made out to the Sierra Club and sent to Al Plack, 2965 Arriba Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. The dinner will be at 7:00 following a no-host social hour at 6:00. The place is the Holiday Inn in Goleta. Reservations must be made and paid for in advance.

We hope to see you there.

Anne Van Tyne
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