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April 27 GENERAL MEETING - AUDUBON SANCTUARIES
Friday Jeff Froke, manager of Starr Ranch Audubon Sanctuary, will speak about the National Audubon Sanctuary System based on personal experience. This is a great opportunity to meet with an Audubon professional. Meetings are held in the Fleischmann Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History and begin promptly at 8:00 pm. See you there!

BIRDATHON

Due to a lack of overwhelming response, there will be no major organized Birdathon this year. However, Dean will try to organize those who did respond into small groups and arrange exact participation dates.

A potluck will be planned after the Birdathon so participants can compare and compile results and experiences, and socialize.

Although you don't have to be a super birder to participate, we have named Rob Lindsay our Superbirder for 1984! We would like to see that those who sponsor him do so not only to raise money for the Audubon cause (whether it be More Mesa or Mono Lake)* but to show their appreciation for the dedication and hard work (mostly behind the scene) of our chapter president.

In addition, the following persons are planning to participate and need sponsors who can contribute a few to a hundred (or more!) dollars to a worthy, lasting cause:

Dean Bazzi 967-5200
Chris Benesch 968-0527
Louis Bevier 964-1030

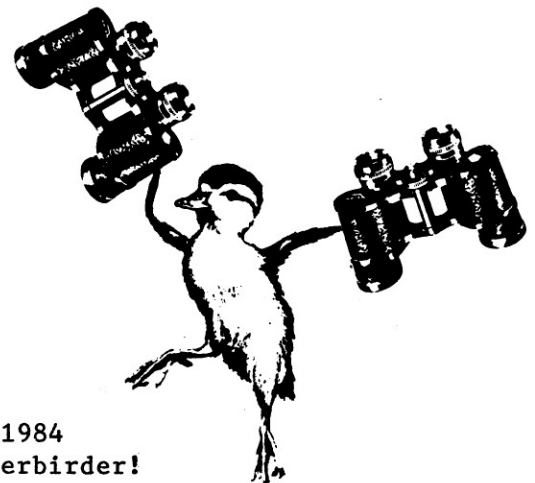
Teri Ogden 964-6572
Sylvie Robillard 967-8860
Nancy Crawford 967-7508

There is still time to participate so call Dean Bazzi so he can give you the appropriate forms, or see him at the next meeting.

Thanks!

Dean

*Sponsors may designate their contributions solely to the Audubon Mono Lake Fund if they choose.



1984
Superbirder!

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS !!

- March 23 General Meeting - MONO LAKE
Friday Meetings are held in the Fleischmann Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History and begin promptly at 8:00 pm.
- March 25 Habitat Walk - COLD SPRINGS CANYON
Sunday Meet at Cold Springs Creek crossing on Mt. Dr. at 8:30 am.
- March 31 Field Trip - NOJOQUI FALLS CO. PARK
Saturday Meet at 7:30 am near Jack in the Box at the corner of Hollister Ave. and Storke Rd. for rides and carpooling. Bring lunch since this trip will last over half a day.
Leader: Chris Benesh 968-0572
- March 30-31 UCLA Extension - "MONO LAKE: BEYOND THE PUBLIC TRUST"
Fri-Sat For information write Public Policy Program, UCLA Extension, P.O. Box 24901, L.A. 90024, or call (213) 825-7886.
- April 7 Beginner's Bird Walk - DEVEREAUX SLOUGH
Saturday This area is excellent for shorebirds and ducks as well as songbirds in surrounding vegetation. Meet at entrance to Devereaux (Kiosk at Storke Rd. and El Colegio, Goleta) at 8:30 am.
Leader: Chris Benesh 968-0572
- April 12 Habitat Walk - ATASCADERO CREEK
Thursday Meet at Patterson Ave. bridge on the ocean side of the freeway at 8:30 am for a morning walk looking for spring migrants and returning nesting species. Ducks, waterbirds and many large birds live along this creek.
Leader: Eileen Gray 967-0698
- April 15 Field Trip - SAN YSIDRO CREEK
Sunday Moderate hike through one of our local canyons. Meet at end of Park Lane in Montecito at 8:00 am. Bring water.
Leader: Joan Lentz 969-4397
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- April 27 GEN MTS - Audubon Sancts.
April 28-29 Field Trip - OVERNIGHT TO ANTELOPE VALLEY AND VASQUEZ ROCK
Sat-Sun Join us for what should prove to be a great adventure to this high dessert region of California. This trip will begin at 6:00 am at the Museum of Natural History parking lot. Carpooling can be arranged at that time. Birding will ensue en route to the Antelope Valley (120 miles SE). Once there leaders knowledgeable in the birds and plants of the region will help us explore this diverse and interesting area. The evening will be set at a campground yet to be chosen. (Hotel accomodations can be made by those who prefer not to camp). Please call Sylvie Robillard at 967-8860 or the Audubon office, 964-1468, for information and/or if you plan to attend.
- May 6 Field Trip - REFUGIO ROAD
Sunday Riparian songbirds, wildflowers and beautiful country. The trip ends in Santa Ynez near Solvang. Meet at Storke Rd. and Hollister Ave. in the K-mart parking lot near Jack-in-the-Box at 8:00 for carpooling.
Leader: Joy Parkinson 967-9371
- May 12-13 Field Trip - MONO CAMP OVERNIGHT
Sat-Sun Beautiful Santa Barbara backcountry location that is the nesting area for the endangered Least's Bell Vireo and other songbirds. Please note that Mono Camp is a primitive camp so bring drinking water, food, toilet tissue, warm clothing (it does get cold at night!) and camping gear. Meet at 7:00 am in the Museum of Natural History parking lot. It is a 2 hour

... AND MORE EVENTS...

drive to the campground over rough roads (some dirt).

~~Leader to be announced in next Tecolote.~~
Leader: Eileen Gray. Call Sylvie Robillard * or office for info.

May 20
Sunday

Field Trip - BOATING AROUND SAN MIGUEL ISLAND

We will spend an entire day birding from the boat. In addition, we will plan to stop near the seal and sea lion colony on San Miguel (not leaving the boat however). There are 28 spaces available. Departure is at 5:30 am on the SEAHAWK which docks at Sea Landing (north side of harbor off Cabrillo Blvd.). Bring a sack lunch and plenty of liquids. No ice chests or folding chairs please. Be prepared for cold, windy conditions, and bring motion sickness medication if unsure how you will feel. The price for each person is \$33.00. Send check (payable to Santa Barbara Audubon Society) to Louis Bevier, Box 3874, SB 93130. Please include your address, phone number, and name(s) for reservations. Refunds due to cancellations can only be received if a replacement is found.

Leader: Louis Bevier 964-1030

May 10
~~April 12~~

Thursday

Board of Directors Meeting - 7:30 pm. Members are welcome to attend. Meetings are held on the SECOND THURSDAY of every month at the Coast Federal Savings bank upstairs, 1330 State St. All articles for the April Tecolote MUST be submitted by this meeting.



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The last SBAS board meeting was held Thursday, March 8, 1984. Board members present were Dean Bazzi, Sid Tarbox, Paul Lehman, Alan Bordofski, Nancy Crawford, Sylvie Robillard, Marge Cappiello, Rob Lindsay, Louis Bevier, and Bob Siegle. TC.

Carol
Rae

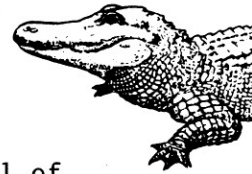
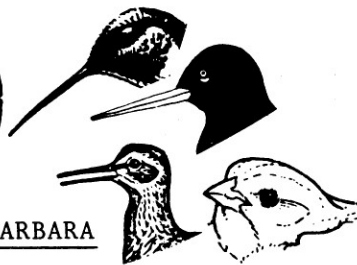
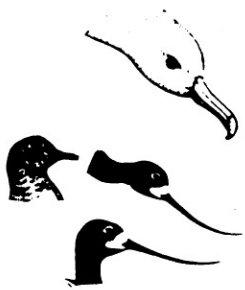
It was decided that SBAS should take an active role in restoring the North Shore of the Bird Refuge as the water quality and its function as a native preserve for bird species has sharply declined over the years. More inquiries into the proposed development near the site will also be made.

Louis Bevier reported that the Corp of Army Engineers has proposed controversial large debris dams for flood control in Mission Cyn. (There will probably be a public meeting in July). Paul Lehman, conservation chair, also reported that concern has been voiced about the New Cuyama development, including an airport which would interfere with Condor flight patterns. It was decided to look into these issues further and more information will be posted to members as it is received.

It was decided to conduct more bird workshops throughout the year, and that the annual SBAS dinner will be a BBQ in early June. Terry Church, Tecolote editor, was voted in as a new board member.

Sylvie Robillard
Secretary





BIRDS IN SANTA BARBARA

As April begins, spring migration moves into full gear with the arrival of many species of flycatchers, vireos, warblers, tanagers, grosbeaks, buntings, and orioles. However, many of you may be surprised to learn that spring migration has already been on for almost three months!! In mid-January the first Cinnamon Teal and Allen's Hummingbirds arrive from the south. This is followed in early or mid-Feb. by the return of many of our swallow species and then, in early or mid-March, by such species as Western Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Warbling Vireo, and Hooded Oriole.

For those interested in observing spring migration, try several of the local riparian creeks (e.g. San Jose Creek in Goleta, Carpinteria Creek), canyons (Mission Cyn.), or mountains (Figueroa Mt.).

Paul Lehman

FIELD TRIP REPORT

Lake Los Carneros Beginner's Bird Walk
February 19, 1984

About 25 members met at Lake Los Carneros on a sunny morning. The first plan of action was to walk to the lower lake in hopes of spotting the male and female Hooded Merganser that have been wintering there. They were there along with a Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Green-backed Heron, and immature Black-crowned Night Heron with a Black-shouldered Kite perched in the pines bordering the road. We then walked back up to the main lake to look for more water birds and to examine the restoration of the lake. Green-winged Teal, Black-necked Stilt, Cinnamon Teal and Ruddy Ducks along with several shorebirds and gull species were spotted. Land birds observed on the walk were Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Lesser Goldfinch, Black Phoebe, Robins, Coopers Hawks and Acorn Woodpeckers. All in all an excellent day of birding!

Sylvie Robillard

LAKE LOS CARNEROS NEWS

Lake Los Carneros (located near the Stow House in Goleta) is a marshy area long established as a popular breeding ground for ducks and a good wintering area for a wide variety of bird species. An advisory committee has recently been formed of interested individuals from the community including two Audubon board members: Sylvie Robillard and Nancy Crawford.

Some of the aims of the committee are:

1. To oversee the possible restoration of the area to its natural state for the wildlife there (including small mammals and raptors).
2. To preserve the site as an historical center (Stow House, Goleta Depot).
3. To restore native plants into the area with botanic trails.
4. To stop erosion and disturbance caused by offroad vehicles.
5. To include a bike path through the area.

Look for more detailed information on this exceptional project in upcoming issues of El Tecolote.



SANTA BARBARA AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Member:

As you know there is always room for improvement in organizations such as Santa Barbara Audubon and there is also a never ending need for volunteers to carry out our objectives. We would like to know how you feel about the organization and its programs, and if you would care to participate in some of these activities. WE ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR FEELINGS and will use these questionnaires to plan next year's activities! For all questionnaires received by May 1, 1984, we will raffle off a dinner for two (restaurant to be announced), an Audubon T-shirt, and an Audubon patch at the May General meeting. Results of the questionnaire will be published in the September El Tecolote.

Thank you for your time,
Carol Rae and Sylvie Robillard

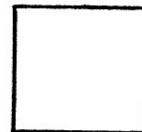
Name _____ Occupation _____
Address _____ Telephone # _____
_____ Zip Code _____

1. How did you become a member of Audubon?
___ It was a gift; ___ Enrolled myself; ___ Enrolled my family
2. Your primary reason for being an Audubon member is (check no more than two):
___ The magazine/newsletter ___ Bird study
___ Environmental conservation ___ Participate on a local level in
___ Friendships/to socialize a national conservation org.
___ To see programs
3. Do you read the SBAS newsletter El Tecolote? ___ yes ___ no
4. Do you feel the El Tecolote is informative and do you enjoy reading it? ___ yes ___ no
5. Would you be able to contribute articles and/or serve on an editorial committee for the El Tecolote? ___ yes ___ no
6. Do you attend S.B. Audubon monthly meetings? ___ yes ___ no
7. Do you feel we have a good variety of programs? ___ yes ___ no
8. Do you want to meet socially with other members at meetings? ___ yes ___ no
9. Do you feel welcome to meet and talk to board members at meetings? ___ yes ___ no
10. Please rate these program topics as to which you would most like to attend.
List in order of importance, 1-6.
___ Habitat programs (e.g. the desert) ___ National wildlife speaker
___ Wildlife (e.g. birds) ___ Nuclear, population, energy topics
___ National environmental speaker ___ Local S.B. habitat/issues programs
11. Would you attend a program by a major national speaker if we had to charge admission to recover costs? ___ yes ___ no
12. Do you like the day and time of general meetings (Friday night)? ___ yes ___ no
If no, preferred day of week _____
13. Do you like the location of the General Mtgs. (Fleischmann Aud.)? ___ yes ___ no
14. Can you bring refreshments to the gen. meetings occassionally? ___ yes ___ no
15. Do you have a topic of interest you could give a program on? ___ yes ___ no
Topic _____
16. Other feedback/comments regarding meetings/programs:

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17. Do you attend S.B. Audubon field trips/bird walks? ☐ yes ☐ no
18. Would you attend overnight field trips? ☐ yes ☐ no
19. Would you be willing to pay for overnight trips (nominal fee)? ☐ yes ☐ no
20. Would you attend bird walks if the leaders were not "bird experts" but were organizers and guides? ☐ yes ☐ no
21. Knowing that the leader need not be a "bird expert", would you be willing to lead a field trip? ☐ yes ☐ No
22. Have you seen the field trip and meeting notices in the newspaper?
 ☐ yes NewsPress___; News & Review___: ☐ no
23. Would you be willing to pay for special one-day workshops given by bird experts (e.g. Gull workshop) ☐ yes ☐ no
24. Please rank what you would like to see as the scope of the Santa Barbara organization. List in order of importance 1-6:
- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation (local issues i.e. More Mesa) | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation (national issues) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Members' activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
25. Is there anything we didn't ask that you would like to comment on?

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ATTENTION: QUESTIONNAIRE



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VOICING INSPIRATION

Toni Sammons is currently a graduate student in Asian studies at UCSB. She has been writing poetry for many years and recently won an important award for this poem. As you might guess from her words she enjoys the natural world and draws inspiration from it. When I read this poem, I felt sure that other members of Audubon would appreciate it as I did.

Eileen Gray

"ABOUT THESE LANGUAGES"

There was a time when it seemed
someone could stand in a cut of wind
in a frieze of rocks, in the right place,
and with the right tone, whistle the fish
right out of the icy sea

so how did it come to be
after the edges of continents congealed
after all the loss and sealing
the fickle heat and red-eyed storms
that our kind should be speechless
in the company of otters and foxes
struck dumb
by the intelligent
other-side-of-the-moon gaze of wolves

right now I am speaking without words to
these crows
falling so confidently out of the sky
feet first, like city angels
into the tame and ruined field

there's been a mistake! I say in this
non-voice
in which stollen fire twists and aches

they open their tin throats
and air too cold for rain
comes over the field, into mine

The End

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Audubon's
SIERRA NATURAL HISTORY
WORKSHOP
at Golden Trout Camp

Last summer I was the lucky recipient of a generous scholarship given to me by the Audubon Society so that I could attend their Golden Trout Camp in the Sierra mountains, near Lone Pine. In the first week of August I set out for adventure and received much more than just a good time. The naturalists at Golden Trout always had answers to my ceaseless questions and during the hikes we took everyday, I learned incredible amounts about the flora and fauna of the Sierra mountains. The other campers were friendly and warm, and I felt right at home. We sang around the campfire and listened to stories - it was so much fun. I loved it.

The trip was, without a doubt, the highlight of my summer and my gratitude to everyone involved is immense. The clear sunny days and cold starry nights still remain in my mind. Everything was very well organized, and we even were given the luxury (and I mean luxury) of having showers with hot water twice a week. It is impossible to properly relay my memories of the rugged serenity of the mountains and the truly inspiring conversations that I experienced at Golden Trout, but I can say that it is something I wish everyone could experience at least once. I know it would bring alot of happiness into the lives of anyone involved.

Thank you Tomi. Thank you Dean.
Thank you Audubon.

Windy Wagner

*For anyone interested in attending the 1984 Golden Trout Camp workshops, dates are:

Session 1: Sun. Aug 5-11 Sat.
Session 2: Sun. Aug 12-18 Sat.
Session 3: Sun. Aug 19-25 Sat.

For more information write or call:

Golden Trout Workshop
c/o Cindi McKernan
40 Sherril Lane
Redlands, CA 92373
714/793-7897

MEMBERSHIP

I would like to give a big THANKS to Sylvie Robillard for all of her fantastic help in getting the membership files up to date and running smoothly each month. We will be notifying local members two months before their local membership expires. If you would like to become a local member (\$10), please call the office for a new local membership form.

Welcome to the following new members:

Mrs. W.D. Allison, Maurizio Barattucci, Mr. Mark R. Bergstrom, Paula Blackwell, Stephanie Blakemore, Alex Boichel, Mr. Mark Brunette, Mrs. Dick Carlson, Mr. Gerald Carr, G.J. Hall, Mr. Charles W. Hines, Dorothy Lyons, Ms. June E. Mallozzi, J.F. Markiewidz, Mr. Robert A. Martin, Evalyn Stafford, Kim Stanley, Phillip Walker, Tracy Ward, Charles and Rosemary White, Carolyn Ashbaugh, Mrs. John Kuizenga, and Mrs. W.A. Burpee.

Welcome to new transfers into our chapter: France Komorske, Godfrey and Phyllis Beckman, Teresa Dodge, Tom Dudley, and Major Edward A. Henry.

Nancy S. Crawford
Membership Chairman

DEADLINE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

All nominations for SBAS Board of Directors must be in by Thursday, April 12. (Night of Bd. Mtg.). Nominations should include the name, qualifications (skills, experience to benefit the board), and a brief sketch of the nominee's background with SBAS and other volunteer organizations. All nominations should be in writing. Be sure nominees know they will be considered and would be willing to serve if elected.



DIAL-A-BIRD

For current news of rare and unusual sightings 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 unusual or exciting sightings, please call Nancy Crawford at 964-7508. Good Birding!!

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