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## GENERAL MEETINGS

Due to popular request it has been decided to change the traditional Friday night general meeting. The FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH has been chosen for the Fleischmann Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History EXCEPT ON THE FOLLOWING OCCASIONS:

In OCTOBER, the general meeting will be held in FERRAND HALL (next to the Planetarium in the Museum of Natural Hist.).

In NOVEMBER, there will be NO general meeting. November and December's meetings will be combined into one and held on the FIRST WEDNESDAY IN DECEMBER in the Fleischmann Auditorium.

All meetings will be held at 8:00 pm as usual. This new schedule will be reprinted in subsequent Tecolotes, but you might want to mark your calendars now for your own convenience. Dean Bazzi is going to be doing a great job in organizing local speakers for these meetings so let's hope the change in evenings allows more members to participate.

The first meeting of this year will be held Wednesday, September 26, 1984, in the Fleischmann Auditorium at the Museum of Natural Hist. and will begin promptly at 8:00 pm. Details in upcoming Tecolotes.

## SUMMER POT-LUCK

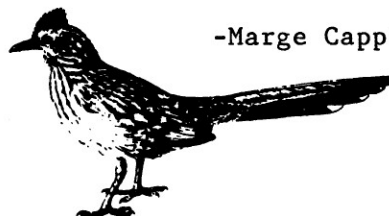
Santa Barbara Audubon's annual summer get-together is going to be a real treat this year. For those of you who missed the Annual Meeting in June at Toro Cyn. Pk. (as well as for those who attended) this is another chance at a fun gathering. How would you like to attend a pot-luck affair with free swimming available in a large pool? All this in a private park amidst a setting of magnificent Oaks, Sycamores and Bay trees beside a babbling brook.

If you will be in town on Thursday, August 9th, mark the date on your calendar so you won't miss this event. Just

prepare your favorite recipe for pot-luck dining and bring it along with your own table service. A charcoal fire will be available to cook or heat food and lemonade and apple juice will be provided.

We will expect to see everyone at 1027 Old San Marcos Rd. north of Cathedral Oaks Rd. on August 9th from 5:00 to 8:30 pm. See you there.

-Marge Capiello

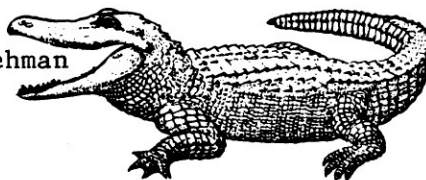


## BIRDS IN SANTA BARBARA

This has been a rather quiet summer, bird-wise, in the Santa Barbara region. This is due, in part, to the lack of late winter rains resulting in already dry wet-land areas.

The only real flurry of activity was at the beginning of June when a Golden-winged Warbler and Yellow-throated Warbler were along Carpinteria Creek, an exciting duo of eastern vagrants. Since then the few highlights include a Ring-necked Duck at Lake Cachuma (very rare in summer), a Bufflehead in Goleta (our first summer record), two very late Golden Plovers near Santa Maria in early June, nesting Belted Kingfishers in Goleta (exceptional for the coast), a Rose-breasted Grosbeak in Santa Barbara (annual in occurrence), and two Blue Grosbeaks along Atascadero Creek in Goleta (first summer record for South Coast in many years).

Paul Lehman



### FIELD TRIP REPORT

On Sunday, June 24, 14 local Auduboners joined in the excursion to Figueroa Mountain, east of the Santa Ynez Valley. Though not the best time of year for birds, a few good sightings were made. Before ascending the mountain several good birds common to the valley were seen including Yellow-billed Magpie, Western Bluebird, Acorn and Nuttall's Woodpecker, Northern Oriole, and a Great Blue Heron stalking lizards in a grassy field. Best of all was a Prairie Falcon we watched for some time as it hunted the valley.

Once on the mountain, a new assortment of birds were found including Olive-sided Flycatcher, Pygmy Nuthatch, Western Tanager and Western Wood Peewee. The summit of the mountain offered outstanding views of the San Raphael Wilderness and beyond, clear to Mt. Pinos. In addition, violet-green Swallows flashed their colors as they swooped through the canyons below. Even in the off season, our region is rich in things to see and appreciate.

Rob Lindsay

### ANNUAL MEETING AND POT-LUCK

Those of us who found ourselves at Toro Cyn. Pk. on June 9, enjoyed the sun (and shade) and the food of our 21st Annual Meeting. The only item of business was to elect our present members of the Board of Directors. Mostly the time was occupied with a bit of frisby frolick and our usual chatter and socializing. If you missed this year's event, hope to see you at the next!

-Ed.

### HONORS FOR AUDUBON YOUTH

Jason Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tallant Smith, and an eighth grade student at Laguna Blanca School has been declared the trophy winner in his classification at the annual Santa Barbara Humane Society photographic contest. His photo, "Mirror, Mirror", taken on an Audubon bird walk, portrayed a white duck reflected in the water and took top honors in the "Thirteen and Under" category. It was awarded another trophy as a selection for the annual Humane Society calendar. Jason also took ribbons for first and third places in the "birds" category for his age group. As an Audubon Society member, Jason is now a winner in the photo contest for the second year in a row.

### THANK-YOUS

We would like to thank the following people for their generous donations to the Audubon library:

.Sid Tarbox - The Audubon Society Encyclopedia of North American Birds by John K. Terres.

.Elayne Sikelianos - 5 copies of Bird Watcher's Digest

.Minna Smith - Hawks and Owls of North America (Heintzelman), and Indians of the Americas (National Geographic Society).

.Jean Hobson - Waterfowl Festival (Easton, Maryland), Enjoying Maine Birds (Maine Audubon Society), and Attracting Birds to Your Garden (A Sunset Book).

Audrey von Bieberstein

## SPECIAL REPORT - WILDLIFE REHABILITATION

Many of us are still unaware of the all-volunteer local group of dedicated individuals who have been working around the clock for the past 7 months in an enormous undertaking on behalf of Santa Barbara County wildlife. The Wildlife Rehabilitation Project is an organization licensed by the State of California to collect and rehabilitate all injured game and non-game species of animals (which does not include those on the "Endangered List"). This means that a fox hit by a car, a nest of Barn Owl chicks fallen from a cut down tree, or a Bald Eagle with a repairable broken wing can be handled, cared for and released back into its native habitat.

Although based in the Santa Ynez Valley, the Project is currently covering the entire Santa Barbara County and sometimes Ventura. Some of the animals thus far handled by the Project include a Marsh Hawk, Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawks, a Ferruginous and a Cooper's Hawk, deer, Great Horned Owls, possums, grebes, a Bald Eagle and a bobcat.

The premise upon which the group functions has to do with not only a personal love for the creatures themselves, but with the understanding that the Earth's ecological system, which includes the infinite functions of the many varieties of wildlife we so often take for granted, is entirely necessary for human survival as well. Thus, as urban and commercial development continues, there becomes an ever greater need to incorporate methods of protecting wildlife habitat from vanishing for ever. This necessitates the Project's involvement with educating the community it serves. For example, it may be necessary to make farmers aware of the importance of Barn Owls (and/or other birds of prey) in keeping their rodent population under control. Once approached in this manner, farmers and ranchers can become helpful allies. They may not only notify the Project about an injured owl but consent to the establishment of special nesting boxes in their barn(s) - a much safer roost than impermanent hay lofts.

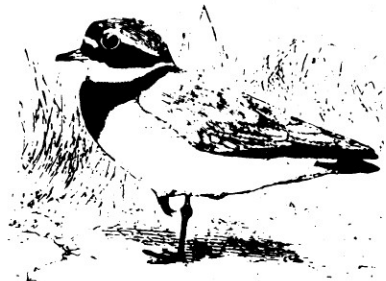
This brings us to a third area of involvement for the Rehabilitation Project which is "Habitat Enhancement". Besides building nesting boxes for various birds, a task force is presently being considered which would erect telephone poles around Lake Cachuma to enable the Osprey, a rare bird of prey, to nest and breed more abun-

dantly. Another consideration is the removal of stranded fishing line in and about the lake which many animals become entangled in - again, a big undertaking considering the current amount of wasted fishing line.

Basically, the group works closely with the local Game Wardens and directs itself to wherever and however it is needed most at any given time. The Project also responds to private calls from individuals who have located an injured animal. However, as with any volunteer organization there are the financial pressures, time involvement, and the limited amount each staff member can extend him or herself. Though currently comprised of approximately 25-30 workers, probably an average of 6 operate as a consistent core unit. Most already work full or part time, and oftentimes money for the materials needed to run their operation comes out of the pockets of the volunteers themselves.

In June, the Santa Barbara Audubon Board of Directors voted unanimously to donate \$500 (and actually did so) to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Project. Although the funds were greatly appreciated, money is not the only need. Help, for any of you who might be interested, is gladly accepted. Materials such as broken aquariums, single, double, or triple strength glass - the smallest piece being 13"x17" - are also needed. Unused lumber, formica, and hardware including metal latches, hinges, hooks and eyebolts, and handles are necessary to build cages for animals in need of care. If you have any such items, including yourself, that you can or would like to donate to the Project please call Mike Kendall at 688-2706. Evenings or weekends are best. Call the same number if you find an injured animal or would like to see how the Project operates for yourself.

-Terry Church  
Editor



## SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

The newly elected Board of Directors held the first SBAS board meeting of the new year on Thursday, June 26, 1984. Those present were Nancy Crawford, Eileen Gray, Paul Lehman, Carol Rae, Rob Lindsay, Marge Cappiello, Alan Bordofsky, John Flavin, Dean Bazzi, Skye Bass, Sylvie Robillard, and Terry Church. (A full list of all members is reprinted here for your convenience. Please retain for future reference).

This meeting was primarily organizational and there was much discussion on how the Board might direct itself and Audubon in the coming year. Meetings for the various committees were arranged to allow everyone to solidify activities and involvements.

After the election of Officers and Committee Chairs, the Chapter's By-Laws, revised by last year's Board and reviewed by Audubon's attorney, were read and corrections were made. The new By-Laws are expected to be voted on at the next board mtg.

Results of the recent questionnaire indicated a strong preference for changing the night of our general meetings. Several alternatives were suggested and the final dates are posted on the front page of this Tecolote.

Paul Lehman brought up several environmental issues as possible areas of involvement for SB Audubon. Everyone agreed it could prove to be an exceptionally busy year for this new Board. Wish us luck!

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

### GARRISON PROJECT

The two U.S. Senators from North Dakota who have pushed the Garrison program for years will accept a one year delay in construction while a 12 member commission appointed by the Secretary of the Interior studies alternatives to the current project. Garrison is a \$1.2 billion Bureau of Reclamation project primarily intended for irrigation development on 250,000 acres of land in North Dakota. It was designed to divert Missouri River water into central and eastern North Dakota and would require about 3,000 miles of canals, reservoirs, and other structures. Authorized in 1965, the project is only 25 percent complete. If continued, the project would destroy or damage over 70,000 acres of prime waterfowl marshes, several game management areas and 12 National Wildlife Refuges. These areas are located on the critical Mississippi and Central Flyways for North American birds. The loss of habitat would result in an estimated average annual loss of nearly 178,000 ducks in the U.S. alone.

### "EARN INTEREST ON YOUR PRINCIPLES..."

...is the motto used by Working Assets Money Fund, a mutual fund of the type normally called a "money market fund". Based in Philadelphia, PA, the Working Assets Money Fund offers an assortment of accounts by investing "in money market instruments that have a positive social or economic impact" while at the same time "avoiding investments in money market instruments of those firms that pollute the environment, manufacture weapons as a principal business activity, or generate electricity from nuclear power". For a copy of a detailed Prospectus call, toll free, 800/223-7010.

**REPORT CARD:** The entire April 8th issue of the Louisville, Kentucky Courier-Journal's Sunday magazine is devoted to a special report examining the U.S. role in international environmental issues. Extra copies of "America's Shame" are available for \$1 each by writing Don Towles, Direc. of Public Affairs, The Courier-Journal and Louisville Times, 525 W. Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202.

### WHO'S WHO ON THE AUDUBON BOARD

The National Audubon Society is governed by a board of 36 directors. Like chapter members, board members come to Audubon as generous volunteers, offering their talents and expertise to support the Audubon Cause in whatever ways they can. Together they set the overall pace and policies for the society. They develop and review programs, long range plans, and the general operating budget. They also appoint the president and other officers, and assist with fundraising. Even though they live around the country, board members meet four times a year, and remain active in the society year-round by serving on various board committees.

To perform all its functions well, the board needs to have members with a variety of skills, experiences, and talent. Through the years the board has included academics, scientists, private entrepreneurs, former govt. officials and legislators, and social activists. The majority of today's board members are environmental writers, artists, and lecturers, and many have received awards and honors for their community service and professional work. Nearly half began their involvement at the grassroots level with their local Audubon chapters.

Each board member is elected to serve one, two, or three, three-year terms. New candidates are usually referred to the nominating committee from past and current board members, staff, and chapter members. The committee also considers individuals outside the society who can offer specific experiences and skills needed by the board.

### SCORE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

If you'd like to find out how your representatives vote on key environmental issues, send for the League of Conservation Voters' 1983 "Voting Chart". This 32 page booklet tells how every congressman voted on 14 environmental questions considered most important by lobbyists and activists. Send \$4 to: League of Conservation Voters, 320 Fourth St., N.E. Washington, DC 20002.

TECOLOTE INFORMATION: It seems that there is some confusion concerning the hows and where's of the El Tecolote. Unlike some newsletters and magazines, the Tecolote is not distributed during the first part of the month, but reaches members towards the middle or the latter half of the month. Although an effort is made to print and mail the newsletter before that month's General Meeting it is not always possible to do this due to scheduling and articles that must be accommodated for. Therefore, please note that the announcement for each General Meeting is made during the month PRIOR to that meeting so that you need to mark your calendars a month in advance.

Another note to remember is that there is only ONE Tecolote printed during the summer months from June through August - usually in July. If, however, by the end of any distribution month you have still not received your Tecolote, please call Nancy Crawford at 964-7508 so that she can notify our mailer and send you another NL. Once again, many apologies to our readers for the inconvenience. Ed.



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#### PRESS RELEASE

Applications are being accepted for the docent training program at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. The 20 week long program will take place on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm beginning September 12. The sessions are designed to provide the knowledge, skills and practice needed to give general tours of the museum. They include lectures by staff members and research associates, field trips to other museums, touring technique instruction and practice tours. Lectures will cover material related to the museum's exhibit halls and will include sessions on birds, bird habitats, Calif. Indians, minerals, marine life, botany, insects, geology and paleontology, mammals, exhibit preparation and museum history. Please call 682-4711 for application info.

location of sighting (if possible, provide legal description of nest territory - township, range, section,  $\frac{1}{4}$  section - ideally, a copy of a topographic map should be included), date of observation, behavioral notes, and any other relevant information (e.g. evidence of nest parasitism by Brown-headed Cowbirds or threats to habitat). This information will assist State and Federal agencies in developing habitat protection and species management plans for this bird species of special concern.

#### WILLOW FLYCATCHER OVSERVATION REQUEST

The California Dept. of Fish and Game is undertaking a study of the Willow Flycatcher to document distribution, abundance, habitat requirements, and reproductive success. Please send any reports of recent sightings (within the past 10 yrs.) of breeding Willow Flycatchers to Ronald W. Schlorff, CA Dept. of Fish and Game, 1416 Ninth St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Please include your name, address, and phone #, along with the following:

#### OIL LEASE HEARINGS

152 Oil and Gas leases have been applied for in and around the Santa Barbara County area, 7 sights lying within 5 miles of the Condor reserve. A series of Energy Division meetings will be held soon to make decisions on this issue. They are:

Tues. July 24, 10:00 PM

Fri. July 27, 10:00 PM

(Planning Commission)

Mon. August 6, 2:00 pm

Mon. August 13, 2:00 pm

(Bd. of Supervisors)

Please be sure to attend if you wish to show your support on behalf of environmental conservation in SB.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS!!!

- July 3 through Aug. 19 LA County Art Exhibition - A CELEBRATION OF BIRDS: LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES  
Fuertes is considered by many to be America's greatest bird artist. This exhibit is being held at the Natural Hist. Mus. in Exposition Pk. at 900 Exposition Blvd. Open daily except Monday from 10 am to 5 pm.
- August 11 Saturday Bird Walk - SANTA BARBARA HARBOR  
Meet at 7:00 am in front of the Naval Reserve Bldg. for a short morning of birding around the harbor.  
Leader: John Flavin 965-4979
- August 18-19 Sat-Sun Overnight Condor Watch - MT. PINOS  
Meet at the Museum of Nat. Hist. at 7:30 am from where we will head to the Mt. Pinos area to spend the day looking for the endangered California Condor. We will camp in the Mt. Abel area and spend Sunday birding. Bring camping equipment, food and scopes. Arrangements will be made for those who would like to go for Saturday only.  
Leader: Jim Hodgson 969-1209
- August 24-25 Fri-Sat Shorebird Workshop I - SANTA BARBARA SHORELINE  
Because of the popularity of the Gull Workshop we've added a fall shorebird workshop that will be given by Jon Dunn and Paul Lehman. On Friday evening, Aug. 24, there will be a slide show starting at 7:30 (refreshments provided) at the Mus. of Nat. Hist. The following Saturday, Aug. 25, we will meet at 9:00 am at the Bird Refuge from where we will travel to locations to be announced, and spend the day looking at shorebirds. Reservations must be made by Aug. 17 (no refunds after this date without replacements). Workshop limited to 30. If you can't make it for the Saturday birding, you may still attend the Friday evening slide show for a small admission charge.  
Contact: Sylvie Robillard 967-8860  
Joan Lentz 969-4397 between 6-9pm for information and reservations.
- August 27 Bikeathon - LOS ANGELES TO MONO LAKE  
All are invited to participate in this 350 mile ride. The trip length is 6 days with an average daily distance of 60 miles. The route follows Hwy 14 and 395, paralleling the LA Aqueduct all the way to Mono Lake from the downtown headquarters of the LA Dept. of Water and Power. A "sag wagon" will carry rider's gear. Camping accommodations provided along entire route. Each participant must raise a min. of \$100 in pledges. Please contact Stephen Osgood at 213/477-5754 or 477-8229 for more information.
- Summer Boat Trip - FARALLON ISLANDS  
Oceanic Society Expeditions offers boat trips every Sat. and Sun. throughout the summer to the Farallon Islands. The tours are \$40 per person and last 8 hrs. Passengers remain on board. The islands, located 20 miles west of San Francisco, are noted for their abundant birdlife. For information and reservations contact the Oceanic Society Expeditions, Fort Mason Center, Bldg. E, San Francisco, CA 94123. 415/441-1106 or 415/474-3385.
- Sept. 26 Wednesday General Meeting - Details in upcoming Tecolote  
This meeting will be held in the Fleischmann Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History and begins promptly at 8:00 pm.



## MEMBERSHIP

I would like to thank you all for being so patient with membership. Due to illness, I was not able to make certain necessary changes until this month. Please check your addresses. Everything should now be current and correct. Again, thanks!

We would like to welcome the following transfers and new members to Santa Barbara Audubon: George B. Andrews, John and Janet Banning, Jean Bechtol, Lloyd Beebe, B.A. Berkus, Hector Bezanie, Jean V. Black, Jim Block, Mary I. Beckover, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Caron, Gloria Carrillo, Casey P. Cho, Bill and Sue Dahlke, Irene Davis, Herpert Drapkin, Anne T. Erikson, Maureen Evans, Margaret Eyman, Lev Fanning, jr., Philip W. Flewallen, Jane D. Flood, J. Pat Furtado, Craig Fusaro, Shirley Gavlak, Henry Genthe, Ross Grayson, Dee Haberlitz, Greg & Roslyn Hawkins, I.G. Herin, Paul N. Hollingsworth, Robin Holloway, Mary Hopson, Russell Hubbell, Brad Hufschmid, John M. Hunt, William A. Innes, Andrea Jackson, James M. Kartsimas DVM, Kevin Kelley, Lisa Kelley, John Kinnear, Stanley R. Malone III, Cliff Marhoefer, Mr. & Mrs. P.A. McCulley, John R. Novak, Dawn O'Day, Billy R. Pagel,

Cecilia Parra, Theresa Roberts, Carol S. Rosen, Judith Rothman, Donald Schroeder, Dr. & Mrs. James Sloss, Steve Soderquist, Gary Staneff, Ruth Stowell, Marilyn G. Taylor, Donald Thompson, Roy Thompson, Ann Townley, Mary A. Tucker, Evelyn D. Waer, Elaine Wesley, and Ms. Lynn Woerfel.  
Good Birding!!!

Nancy Crawford  
Membership Chairman

### SANTA BARBARA DIAL-A-BIRD

For current news of rare and unusual sightings in Santa Barbara call 964-8240 anytime, night or day. If you have any unusual sightings, call Nancy Crawford at 964-7508. Good Birding!!

### SOUTH COAST BIRD REPORTS

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| San Bernardino | 714/793-5599 |
| San Diego      | 619/435-6761 |

### AUDUBON HOTLINE

Environmental issues such as acid rain and wilderness ride the unpredictable machinery of government. They may stall out, speed up, or abruptly turn a corner. For the latest word on hot issues, call the National Audubon Society hotline: 202/547-9017.

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