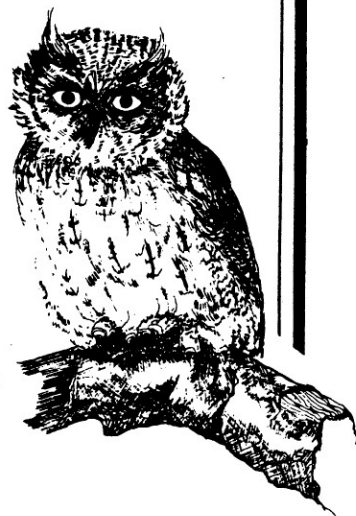


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Robert Lindsay
President and Editor

January 23
Wednesday

General Meeting - As previously announced, our guest will be Dr. Larry Friesen of Santa Barbara City College. His program will be a fascinating look at the world of insects. The meeting begins at 8:00 pm in Fleischmann Auditorium at the Natural History Museum.

February 27
Wednesday

General Meeting - This night, Will Murray of The Nature Conservancy will present the film "Santa Cruz Island, the Garden of Eden". This film was produced by TNC not only to show the remarkable beauty and diversity of this island, but to help explain the importance of preserving such places. Join us in this intimate look at our off-shore neighbor. Meetings begin at 8:00 pm and are held in the Fleischmann Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The SBAS office is always in need of volunteers to keep the office open and running smoothly. The need is especially great for people willing to serve as alternates when our regular staff members are not able to attend. If you think you might be interested, please call the office and let us know. We'll give you all the training you need (which isn't much). With **your** help, we can keep the office open every day. Please lend a hand if you can. A volunteer organization like ours needs the help of all of us. Our office number is 964-1468. The office is open Monday to Friday from 10 am until 2 pm.

ENDANGERED SPECIES TAX CHECK-OFF

California's income tax checkoff program for rare and endangered species got off to a half million dollar start last spring but more will be needed in succeeding years. If you are a California tax payer, you too can contribute to this important fund. Just look for the endangered species line on your California Income Tax return and fill in any even dollar amount, from \$1.00 to \$100.00 or more.

Last years \$500,000? It is being used to purchase critical habitats for a number of endangered species, enhance and protect other habitats and to encourage more donations. Conservation has never been simpler. Your contribution will have an important positive impact on the endangered wild species problem.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

DECEMBER - Members present were Robert Lindsay, Louis Bevier, Carol Rae, Allan Bordofsky, Teri Ogden, Nancy Crawford, Skye Bass, Marge Cappiello, Eileen Gray, Paul Lehman, and Minna Smith. Further discussion was held concerning our position on the proposed Parker Hotel/Convention Center. After reviewing all pertinent information, the consensus held that our opposition was justified and appropriate.

Planning began for the Dean Bazzi Memorial Fund. Several ideas were presented that will be discussed with Bazzi family. These include a scholarship fund, the creation of a Botanic Gardens Bird Checklist, and sponsorship of environmental inventories of rare and important California habitats.

Herb Drapkin was elected to join the Board of Directors. Mr. Drapkin is rather new to the Santa Barbara area but has a great deal of educational experience and expertise and will no doubt make an excellent addition to our board.

Rob Lindsay reported on the recent Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors meeting concerning More Mesa. The public hearing on this matter has been put off until May, 1985, at the request of the owner and prospective developer.

JANUARY - Members present were Robert Lindsay, Teri Ogden, Skye Bass, Marge Cappiello, Minna Smith, Eileen Gray, Sid Tarbox, John Flavin, and Herb Drapkin.

Rob Lindsay reported on his consultation with the Bazzi family concerning the Dean Bazzi Memorial Fund. The current intention is to use the fund for a Botanic Gardens bird checklist, and a scholarship to a UCSB biology scholarship. Marge Cappiello reported on her inquiries to the Botanic Gardens and University concerning these ideas. More information must be acquired before final decisions on how to operate and administer these programs are made.

Tomi Sollen, past board member and SBAS officer, informed us of the unfortunate state of the Bird Refuge. Excessive trash dumping and other matters of concern seem to be taking place there, further damaging this habitat. Eileen Gray volunteered to contact Mayor Lodge to inquire about this matter.

John Flavin agreed to coordinate the 1985 Bird-A-Thon. Carol Rae was selected to coordinate the upcoming Dick Smith Scholarship for 1985.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

This month, it is my pleasure to select Paul Lehman as the Volunteer of the Month. Though Paul is most deserving in this, the month following the Christmas Count, I want to thank him as well for the countless other services he performs for SBAS. He has been in charge of every Christmas Count for years, regularly contributes to our newsletter with his Birds in Santa Barbara articles, and as Conservation Chair for the board, provides expert analysis and advice. Paul has taught many of us more about birds and birding than any one I can think of and deserves a hearty thanks from all of us. Keep up the good work, Paul.

DEAN BAZZI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Dean Bazzi, long an active important member of SBAS, a memorial scholarship is being established. Our thanks to the many who have contributed so generously. Further contributions will be gratefully accepted to help honor and remember our departed friend. Please make checks payable to the Santa Barbara Audubon Society and indicate that it is for the Dean Bazzi Memorial Fund.

In addition to the scholarship, we hope to establish a Botanic Gardens Bird Checklist in Dean's memory. Though this would be a self-supporting project once established, start-up funds must be provided. Please join those who have contributed.

Our condolences again to the Bazzi family and to the many who were close to Dean.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS !!

- January 23 General Meeting - See Pg. 1 for details.
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- January 26 Field Trip - Figueroa Mountain. Join us on this trip through the Santa Ynez Valley and up on to the only accesible high peak in the Santa Barbara area. A great variety of birds are sure to be found. Be sure to dress warmly. Meet in the parking lot at Von's Market, Hollister Ave. at Turnpike, at 7:00 am. Leader: Rob Lindsay
968-8895
- February 3 Field Trip - Lake Cachuma. A repeat of the November trip. This 5-hour boat trip around the lake requires advance reservations. Please contact John Flavin at 965-4979 if you wish to attend this trip. Those going will meet at the lake marina at 9:00 am. Free parking at the park entrance, \$3 inside the park. Leader: Chuck Boyer
- February 5 Botanic Garden Walk - Walks begin at 9:00 am and start in front of the bookstore at the Botanic Gardens. These walks last about 90 minutes.
- February 9 Field Trip - Carrizo Plains. If you missed the December trip, here's one more chance. The trip last month turned up ten species of raptors plus Sandhill Cranes, Mountain Plovers, Mountain Bluebirds, and many others. A visit to the San Andreas Fault will be included in this trip. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 5:00 am. Bring lunch and water. Leader: John Flavin
965-4979
- February 14 Board of Directors Meeting - 7:30 pm. Members are welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the Coast Federal Savings Bank building, upstairs at 1330 State St. in Santa Barbara. All articles for the February issue of El Tecolote must be submitted by this meeting.
- February 17 Field Trip - Oso Flaco Lake & vicinity. This is a great spot that has not been visited by SBAS for too long. Meet in the K-Mart parking lot at Hollister Ave. and Stofke Rd. at 7:30 am. Bring a lunch and water. Leader: Jim Hodgson
969-1209
- February 19 Botanic Garden Walk - Same as February 5.
- February 23 Field Trip - Devereaux Slough. This trip always holds a bounty of marsh and shorebirds and often turns up a few rarities. Meet at the kiosk at the entrance to the Devereaux property at the end of Storke Rd. at 8:00 am. Leader: Chris Benesh
968-9434
- February 27 General Meeting - See Pg. 1 for details.
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CHRISTMAS COUNT REPORT

Our 1984 Christmas Count, though not as good as the last two years, still yielded over 200 species. Even our off years are pretty spectacular. The following is a list of birds seen along with the number of individuals sighted.

1. Common Loon (9)
2. Artic Loon (8)
3. Red-throated Loon (23)
4. Horned Grebe (6)
5. Eared Grebe (84)
6. Western Grebe (247)
7. Pied-billed Grebe (118)
8. Northern Fulmar (19)
9. Black-vented Shearwater (435)
10. Brown Pelican (93)
11. Double-crested Cormorant (278)
12. Brandt's Cormorant (117)
13. Pelagic Cormorant (8)
14. Great Blue Heron (54)
15. Green Heron (22)
16. Great Egret (36)
17. Snowy Egret (42)
18. Cattle Egret (93)
19. Black-crowned Night Heron (109)
20. American Bittern (5)
21. Least Bittern (1)
22. Canada Goose (40)
23. Mallard (335)
24. Gadwall (59)
25. Pintail (125)
26. Green-winged Teal (193)
27. Blue-winged Teal (9)
28. Cinnamon Teal (21)
29. American Wigeon (252)
30. Northern Shoveler (357)
31. Wood Duck (3)
32. Redhead (86)
33. Ring-necked Duck (40)
34. Canvasback (15)
35. Greater Scaup (1)
36. Lesser Scaup (63)
37. Common Goldeneye (6)
38. Bufflehead (87)
39. Oldsquaw (2)
40. White-winged Scoter (62)
41. Surf Scoter (261)
42. Black Scoter (2)
43. Ruddy Duck (388)
44. Hooded Merganser (1)
45. Common Merganser (2)
46. Red-breasted Merganser (21)
47. Turkey Vulture (61)
48. White-tailed Kite (21)

49. Sharp-shinned Hawk (23)
50. Cooper's Hawk (16)
51. Red-tailed Hawk (120)
52. Red-shouldered Hawk (68)
53. Ferruginous Hawk (3)
54. Golden Eagle (4)
55. Osprey (1)
56. Marsh Hawk (12)
57. Prairie Falcon (1)
58. Merlin (4)
59. American Kestrel (109)
60. California Quail (154)
61. Mountain Quail (3)
62. Virginia Rail (4)
63. Sora (8)
64. American Coot (1629)
65. Snowy Plover (55)
66. Semipalmated Plover (10)
67. Killdeer (514)
68. Black-bellied Plover (163)
69. Ruddy Turnstone (1)
70. Black Turnstone (17)
71. Wandering Tattler (1)
72. Common Snipe (11)
73. Long-billed Curlew (3)
74. Whimbrel (108)
75. Spotted Sandpiper (16)
76. Willet (147)
77. Greater Yellowlegs (17)
78. Lesser Yellowlegs (2)
79. Least Sandpiper (131)
80. Dunlin (12)
81. Long-billed Dowitcher (102)
82. Western Sandpiper (14)
83. Marbled Godwit (56)
84. Sanderling (254)
85. American Avocet (1)
86. Black-necked Stilt (4)
87. Pomarine Jaeger (5)
88. Parasitic Jaeger (1)
89. Glaucous-winged Gull (22)
90. Western Gull (1518)
91. Herring Gull (13)
92. Thayer's Gull (4)
93. California Gull (822)
94. Ring-billed Gull (706)
95. Mew Gull (476)
96. Bonaparte's Gull (339)
97. Heerman's Gull (453)
98. Forster's Tern (58)
99. Royal Tern (8)
100. Cassin's Auklet (9)
101. Band-tailed Pigeon (868)
102. Rock Dove (658)
103. Mourning Dove (805)
104. Spotted Dove (23)
105. Roadrunner (2)
106. Barn Owl (6)

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107. Screech Owl (5)
108. Great Horned Owl (22)
109. Burrowing Owl (1)
110. Costa's Hummingbird (2)
111. Anna's Hummingbird (1113)
112. Allen's Hummingbird (1)
113. Belted Kingfisher (26)
114. Common Flicker (336)
115. Acorn Woodpecker (571)
116. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (1)
117. Red-breasted Sapsucker (11)
118. Hairy Woodpecker (12)
119. Downy Woodpecker (37)
120. Nuttall's Woodpecker (49)
121. Cassin's Kingbird (8)
122. Black Phoebe (214)
123. Say's Phoebe (96)
124. Western Flycatcher (2)
125. Greater Peewee (1)
126. Horned Lark (35)
127. Swallow sp. (2)
128. Scrub Jay (746)
129. Common Raven (14)
130. Common Crow (1321)
131. Mountain Chickadee (5)
132. Plain Titmouse (244)
133. Common Bushtit (1804)
134. White-breasted Nuthatch (40)
135. Red-breasted Nuthatch (10)
136. Brown Creeper (3)
137. Wrentit (296)
138. Dipper (4)
139. House Wren (91)
140. Winter Wren (8)
141. Bewick's Wren (145)
142. Long-billed Marsh Wren (30)
143. Canyon Wren (13)
144. Rock Wren (3)
145. Mockingbird (302)
146. Bendire's Thrasher (1)
147. California Thrasher (87)
148. American Robin (3340)
149. Varied Thrush (1)
150. Hermit Thrush (175)
151. Western Bluebird (172)
152. Mountain Bluebird (18)
153. Townsend's Solitaire (3)
154. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (25)
155. Golden-crowned Kinglet (19)
156. Ruby-crowned Kinglet (758)
157. Water Pipit (583)
158. Cedar Waxwing (1125)
159. Phainopepla (3)
160. Loggerhead Shrike (64)
161. Starling (2752)
162. Hutton's Vireo (67)
163. Black-and-white Warbler (1)
164. Orange-crowned Warbler (156)
165. Virginia's Warbler (1)
166. Nashville Warbler (2)
167. Yellow Warbler (2)
168. Yellow-rumped Warbler (3338)
169. Black-throated Gray Warbler (3)
170. Townsend's Warbler (112)
171. Hermit Warbler (1)
172. Grace's Warbler (2)
173. Palm Warbler (1)
174. Common Yellowthroat (135)
175. Wilson's Warbler (1)
176. House Sparrow (655)
177. Western Meadowlark (604)
178. Red-winged Blackbird (587)
179. Tri-colored Blackbird (17)
180. Orchard Oriole (4)
181. Hooded Oriole (1)
182. Northern Oriole (8)
183. Brewer's Blackbird (1764)
184. Brown-headed Cowbird (197)
185. Western Tanager (28)
186. Summer Tanager (1)
187. Rose-breasted Grosbeak (1)
188. Black-headed Grosbeak (2)
189. Purple Finch (242)
190. Cassin's Finch (1)
191. House Finch (2022)
192. Pine Siskin (320)
193. Red Crossbill (33)
194. American Goldfinch (475)
195. Lesser Goldfinch (390)
196. Lawrence's Goldfinch (5)
197. Rufous-sided Towhee (175)
198. Brown Towhee (637)
199. Savannah Sparrow (129)
200. Lark Sparrow (29)
201. Rufous-crowned Sparrow (10)
202. Dark-eyed Junco (2331)
203. Chipping Sparrow (4)
204. White-crowned Sparrow (3413)
205. Golden-crowned Sparrow (1146)
206. White-throated Sparrow (1)
207. Fox Sparrow (67)
208. Lincoln's Sparrow (68)
209. Swamp Sparrow (1)
210. Song Sparrow (269)

Many thanks as always 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 contributed to the tabulation dinner.

Good birding to all in the year ahead!

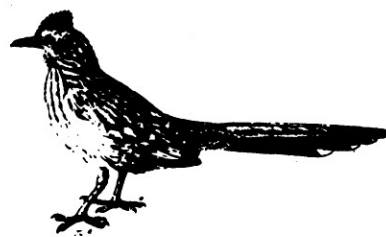


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