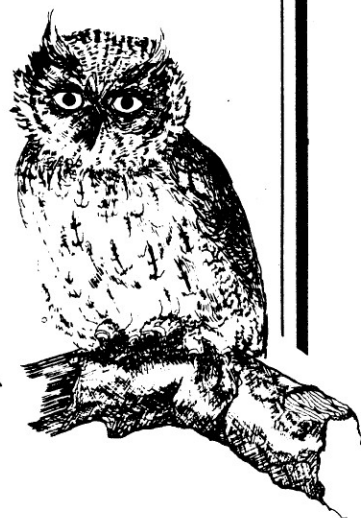


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SUMMER POT LUCK

In keeping with the tradition of the last several years, a summer pot-luck picnic is planned for this summer. This year's picnic will be held Sunday, August 4th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Giorgi Park, the site of our last annual meeting. If you missed our annual meeting, a map showing the location of the park is shown below.

As always, we will provide a hot charcoal fire and beverages. We ask that you bring your own main course, a pot-luck dish to share, and your own table service.

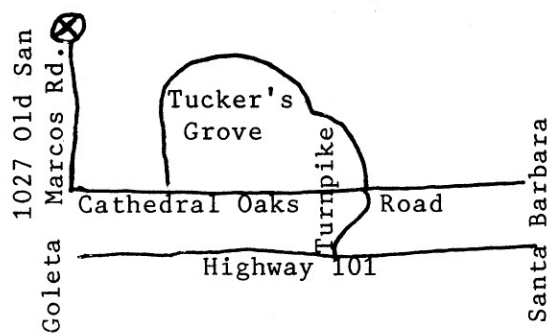
In addition to the congenial atmosphere and good food, there is a swimming pool to enjoy, a volleyball net for the athletic (and not-so-athletic), and of course the beautiful stream-side, tree-shaded surroundings of this quiet park. So plan to come down, meet the new officers of our society, exchange birding tips with fellow Auduboners, and enjoy a summer day in the park. See you there.

-Robert Lindsey

PELAGIC FIELD TRIP

A special boat trip to the waters around San Miguel Island has been planned for this September. Don't miss this chance to see the pelagic (ocean-going) birds that frequent the Santa Barbara Channel in the fall. Possible sightings include Albatross, Shearwaters, Auklets, Petrels, Sabine's Gull, and many others.

Final details for this trip will be announced in the August El Tecolote. The trip will be limited to about 35 people and reservations and a fee will be required. If you wish to make a reservation or want more information, call John Flavin at 965-4979.



PASS THE BOTTLE BILL

The Bottle Bill (AB 2020), was passed by the State Assembly Natural Resources Committee in May, and will be heard soon on the Assembly floor. Please write Jack O'Connell, Assemblyman 35th District, 127 El Paseo, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, urging him to support this important bill.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

The first meeting of the 1985-1986 Board of Directors was held June 17, 1985. Members present included Skye Bass, Guy Tingos, Teri Ogden, Penny Hannon, Audrey von Bieberstein, Minna Smith, Carol Rae, Marge Cappiello, and John Flavin.

The first order of business was to elect the officers and committee chairs for the coming year. The results are listed at the end of this article. Please note that so far a president has not been selected. Several board members are working to find a leader for the coming year, but we would appreciate suggestions from the membership of people who would be willing and competent to organize and guide the chapter in the coming year. If you have suggestions or ideas, please call John Flavin, Skye Bass, or Guy Tingos at the telephone numbers listed below.

In the meantime, Robert Lindsey has been hired by the board to continue as interim president until a replacement is found. ~~This is an unprecedented event in our chapter's history, and one we hope will never have to be repeated.~~

Meeting dates and places for the coming year have been established. The Board of Directors will continue to meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month (Sept. through May). Members are always welcome to attend. Our monthly programs are moving to a new night and location. This year, our meetings will be held in Farrand Hall, still at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. The meeting night will be the 4th Friday of each month (except November and December). So mark the following dates on your calendar:
1985 - Sept. 27, Oct. 10, and Dec. 6.
1986 - Jan. 24, Feb. 28, March 28, April 25, and May 23.

Next, a summer pot-luck picnic was arranged and a pelagic field trip was announced (see articles on p. 1).

Finally, it was decided that SBAS will host a meeting of the So. Calif. Coordinating Council of Audubon Societies sometime in the coming year. Arrangements are in progress.

Thanks to the new board for all their enthusiasm and commitment. We have a fine board and expect this to be a productive year.

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CONTRIBUTION-GIFT

Rob Lindsey has served Santa Barbara Audubon in a dual role both as President and Editor for the past several years. He has done a remarkable job and is embarking on a new responsibility on August 10th when he is getting married.

It has been suggested that anyone who wishes to contribute toward a thank-you gift and wedding gift, to send a check to Marge Cappiello, 808 Via Campobello, S.B., CA 93111, payable to her.

BIRDS IN SANTA BARBARA

This was a "quieter" spring than normal, with the volume of northbound migrants generally lower than in previous years. Spring vagrants from farther east included a Northern Parula at San Marcos Pass, and a male Hooded Warbler in north Goleta in early May, and single Summer Tanagers in mid-May and early June in Goleta. A yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler at Devereux in early June, was totally out-of-season and constituted the first June record for the local lowlands. Lastly, several observers were treated to the appearance of a Magnificent Frigatebird over Santa Barbara harbor on June 11, a record early date for this very rare mid-summer visitor.

-Paul Lehman

SOUTH COAST BIRD REPORTS

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MONO LAKE BECOMES A NATIONAL SCENIC AREA

The Mono Lake National Forest Scenic Area became official Sept. 28, when President Reagan signed the Wilson-Cranston wilderness compromise into law. The package also preserved 1.8 million acres of California wilderness and gives the Tuolumne River "wild and scenic" status, protecting it from new hydroelectric dams.

What does this accomplish? -

1. Establishes a 57,000-acre Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area as a separate unit within the Inyo National Forest. Bureau of Land Management lands within the scenic area are transferred to Inyo National Forest.
2. Requires the Forest Service to "protect...geologic, ecologic and cultural resources," and to "provide recreational and interpretive facilities." These include trails, campgrounds and a visitor center.
3. Prohibits commercial timber harvesting, unless necessary to control fires, insects and diseases.

4. Provides that hunting and commercial brine shrimp operations will be permitted.

5. Prohibits new mining, mineral and geothermal claims on federal lands within the scenic area.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Please take a moment to write Representatives Richard Lehman, John Seiberling and Sala Burton to thank them for their support for the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area (U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515).

OWENS VALLEY

The Owens Valley supported woodlands, marshes, meadows and a luxuriant cover of grasses and shrubs, all of which require water. With the completion of the original L.A. aqueduct, the Owens River was diverted about 15 miles below Big Pine. South of this point, tributary streams and springs were also diverted. As a result, the 40 miles of Owens River between the aqueduct intake and Owens Lake became a dry bed. Only remnants are left of woodlands, marshes and meadows that were there. Please write Owens Valley Committee, P. O. Box 513, Big Pine, CA 93513 for more information, and offer your support.

(1984-1985)
EDUCATION COMMITTEE YEARLY REPORT

The SB Education Committee was started in Fall of 1973. We celebrated our 13th productive year! A social and luncheon was held late in May at a local restaurant. Our personnel consists of: Jane Murray-who covers all of Carpinteria; Lila Eisberg, Virginia Collett, and Sam Sklar who take care of Montecito, Santa Barbara, and the Hope Schools area; Herb Drapkin, Nancy Crawford and Karen Bridges who cover Goleta. Leon Yellensky will join us in September. Also Skye Bass is a very valuable Committee worker who assists in the editing, assemblying and reproduction of the slides.

During October through January we gave our Kodachrome slide show on "Neighborhood Birds of Santa Barbara" to some thirty classes, reaching both the private and public schools. The presentations vary according to the grade level and are suitable for grades Kindergarten through the High Schools.

In the Spring we featured three shows:

1. "Rock'a-Bye Baby"-a show about the wonders of bird song, territorial and courtship behavior and nest building.
2. "Lake Cachuma Show"-a show geared to the attendance of special sixth grade classes at Lake Cachuma.
3. "Save Our Streams"-conservation show depicting the effect on plants and creatures dependant on the streams for existence and the vanishing wildlife habitat.

We also undertook the new Audubon educational program called "Audubon Adventure", which features a four page newspaper, and we sponsored five teachers and their classes. After a careful analysis by Lila Eisberg, who supervised this program, we have decided to renew and again sponsor five classes for '85-'86. We were bombarded in the Spring with numerous requests for slide shows and kept our three projectors busy.

In evaluating the statistics we attended sixty schools and spoke to some 2500 students, teachers and adults. Our prime object is to spread the importance of protecting our natural world. We also believe that this awareness must be cultivated at an early age and with this goal in mind, insure our future environmental existence. We intend to pursue our gratifying volunteer work after the summer with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

-Minna E. Smith, Chairperson

ENDANGERED SPECIES FUNDING NEEDS HELP

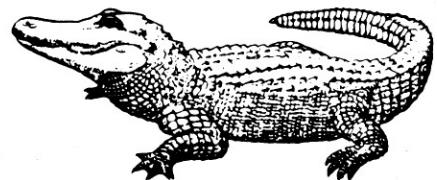
Just two years ago Assemblyman Bob Campbell successfully carried legislation allowing taxpayers to "checkoff" a donation on their income tax form to the State's Rare and Endangered Species Fund. The Dept. of Fish and Game has received over a million dollars in contributions. The problem is these donations are not tax deductible. State Assemblyman Frank Vicencia is trying to make these donations deductible.

The State Dept. of Finance opposes this, and actual loss of revenue to the State would be miniscule. Write to the Governor asking him to sign AB47 when it reaches his desk, at the State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As always, the Education Committee is in need of volunteers to help meet the great demand for our programs. The need is especially great in the Goleta area, though help anywhere would be greatly appreciated. In addition to people willing to present shows (we naturally provide for all the training and preparation new volunteers require), someone willing to receive requests for shows and coordinate volunteers in Goleta would be most appreciated.

Our Education Committee provides one of the most important contributions of SBAS to our community. Please help to insure that we continue to be able to offer this service and spread the message of conservation. Thanks for your help.



LIBRARY NEWS

Thanks to those who responded to our request for bookends and recent Audubon Magazines. We still need more metal bookends.

Two donations from Wendy Edwards:
The Nesting Season-The Bird Photographs of Frederick Kent Truslow, and
Birds of North America-A Personal Selection
by Eliot Porter.

We received more books from Dean Bazzi's library, donated by Joe and Betty Bazzi. Many of these are plant and insect books.

Gift from Joan Lentz of her recently published book: Birdwatching-A guide for Beginners by Joan Lentz and Judith Young.

Thank you Ethel George Lyans for your recent gift of books to our library.

A Golden Guide to Birds of North America and two Peterson Guides.

Song and Garden Birds of N. Amer. and Water, Prey, and Game Birds of N. Amer. (both from Nat. Geographic Society)

The Audubon Illustrated Handbook of American Birds (Edgar M. Reilly, Jr.)

Unexpected Treasure (Buyukmihci with Fantel) (the story of her own 250-acre wildlife refuge in the marshlands of New Jersey)

Buttercups and Daisy (Cragoe) (about the Cragoes' Farm Nature Reserve)

Conversations with a Barred Owl (Clarkson)-the confession of a new bird watcher-a spirited book as well.

How to Talk to Birds (and other uncommon ways of enjoying nature the year round) (Richard C. Davids)

Birds of the Pacific States (Hoffmann)-1927

Common Birds of Santa Barbara (Spaulding) (1928)-the original of the book we have for sale in the office.

Birds of California (Wheelock) (1904).

-Audrey von Bieberstein

WELCOME OFFICE SUBSTITUTE

Please welcome Sue Dahlke as an office substitute. (She'll be in the office on Fridays through the summer).

FOR SALE

A black and white drawing of a Peregrine Falcon, by John Schmitt. He drew it while guarding nesting in southern San Luis Obispo County in 1978. The one in the office is Impression No. 1 of a signed, limited edition of 115.

Other poses are available, some with landscape. Solid oak frame. \$40.00 (of which SBAS gets 40%).



AMTRAK TICKETS AVAILABLE AT GOLETA DEPOT

We have been informed that Amtrak tickets can now be purchased at the Goleta Depot, home of the SBAS office. Rail travel is not only fun, but a very energy-efficient mode of transportation. So if you're planning a trip, consider the train.

While you are at the Depot, take a look at the recently completed railroad museum, and, of course, stop by the SBAS office for chapter information, bird seed, birding information and checklists, library books, and so much more. The Goleta Depot can be found near the Stow House at 300 N. Los Carneros Rd. in Goleta. All aboard!



A QUIZ FOR BIRDWATCHERS

A clue of the bird's name is given in the left column of this quiz. Please insert the correct name of the bird in the right column. For example: A YUMMY COOKIE

Answer: ORIOLE

1. A STICKY ROLL OF PAPER

2. REPETITION

3. HOLIDAY FEAST

4. VANITY WITH HOMELY FEET

5. TURNED IN TOES

6. THIEVES

7. A STITCH IN TIME

8. HIS EMINENCE

9. PEACE

10. DOWN THE HATCH

11. SAD ON MONDAY MORNING

12. PARADES, DECORATED BUILDINGS

13. SARCASTIC

14. NINE LIVES

15. ROLLED IN A LAS VEGAS GAME (trick question)

16. BY NO MEANS DUMB

17. MARATHONER

18. HOW SILLY CAN YOU GET

19. BEACH MUSICIAN

20. A TIMBER SCULPTOR

Answers will be given in the next issue of El Tecolote in September.





Reflections of a Novice Bike-a-thoner

David Wimpfheimer

The morning of Aug. 27 found me at the Department of Water and Power's Los Angeles headquarters with 45 other eager bike-a-thoners. At the shout of "go," we were on our way, and I began to wonder whether commuting to work across the Golden Gate bridge was adequate training for a 350-mile bike ride across deserts and mountains to Mono Lake.

After we crossed the San Fernando Valley, the temperature edged toward 100° as the climb began toward a 3,000-foot pass in the San Gabriel Mountains. The "Support and Gear" (SAG) wagons, with their cold water and fruit, were much appreciated. Despite flat tires and muscle cramps, I managed to crawl into Palmdale just at sunset.

At Tuesday's breakfast, watching my fellow cyclists wolf down eggs, bacon, hash browns, pancakes and chocolate milk, I realized my weak condition was partially due to improper diet. I resolved, like a marathon runner, to load up on carbohydrates.

This was our longest day—85 miles through the hot Mojave Desert. In the late afternoon our ride was spiced by the sandstone strata of Red Rock Canyon. On the descent into Inyokern, we proved that cyclists could reach speeds of 50 mph.

I discovered that bicycle travel allows one to experience sounds, smells, temperatures and other aspects of the environment that are never appreciated inside a car. Moreover I began to take pride in feeling my body strengthen and respond to a challenge.

I felt that pride riding to Lone Pine in the southern Owens Valley. The dry bed of Owens Lake—a barren expanse of alkali—was our companion to the east. Once steamboats had plied its waters and birds had fattened along its shores. Its fate at the hands of the water weekers fueled our resolve to save Mono Lake.

The next morning the clouds around Mt. Whitney's summit cleared, and we enjoyed expansive views of the precipitous Eastern Sierra and the lofty Inyo and White mountains. I remarked that this was one of the few areas in the country that approached Alaska in the magnitude of its scenery.

In Bishop we were welcomed by Father Christopher Kelley and many friends at the St. Timothy's Church. Father Kelley held a special mass, and stressed the need to strengthen our ties to the natural world which sustains us. I knew that after he blessed our bikes I would not have any more flat tires. A rich lasagne dinner at the church continued our carbohydrate loading.

The fifth day was the highlight of the trip. After pedaling through lush green fields and cottonwood-shaded lanes, we climbed 3,000 feet in 10 miles up the old Sherwin Grade. I had been warned about the grade, but I was stronger now and pulled up the switchbacks without difficulty. As we climbed out of the Owens Valley, we encountered pinon pines and Jeffrey pines above them. Along lower Rock Creek were lush aspens and chattering chickadees. By the time we reached Tom's Place, we were at 7,000 feet. Cycling into Mammoth Lakes, I again reflected that this was the ideal way to travel, one's senses fully exposed to the environment.

By the last day, we didn't want the trip to end or to have to return to the "real" world. Only 30 miles remained. We paused at Deadman Summit for photographs—at 8,000 feet, the highest point on the trip. From there it was all downhill.

We arrived at Mono Lake like triumphant warriors. We were greeted by a rousing, heartwarming welcome. WE MADE IT! In spite of aches and the award for the most flat tires, I felt the bike-a-thon exceeded my greatest expectations. I'll be back next year.



WATCH OUT FOR SUMMER MOSQUITOS!

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