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SEPTEMBER MONTHLY PROGRAM

We are indeed fortunate to open our monthly programs for 1985-86 with the guest speakers scheduled for September 27. Robert and Esther Tyrell, the team who gave us the magnificent new book, "Hummingbirds, Life and Behavior", will be coming from their home in El Monte, California to present a lively, informative program.

Bob is one of the foremost photographers of hummingbirds and his photos have appeared in National Geographic, Natural History and other magazines. He has developed his own special photographic techniques to achieve the superb slides he will show us.

Esther, his wife, who wrote the text of the book, will narrate the fascinating story of day to day activities, nesting, preening, molting and territorial aggression that unfolds on screen.

Come early to insure seating in the smaller auditorium we are using this year. The meeting will begin at 8:00 pm and will be held in FERRAND HALL adjoining the planetarium building at the Museum of Natural History. Copies of their book will be available for purchase. Standing room crowds at Pasadena Audubon and other local chapters has been the response to this popular program.

We look forward to seeing many of you. As usual, refreshments will be available at the close of the evening. To cap this enjoyable event, we are giving away hummingbird feeders as door prizes.

HELP NEEDED FOR SPECIAL FIELD TRIP

Wheelchair residents of Hillside House will be the guests of the Santa Barbara Audubon Society at a special birding trip to Lake Los Carneros on Saturday, October 26, 1985. Co-chairmen for this event are Brooks Allen and Louis Bevier. We need volunteers to help on this trip. If you can help us on this trip, please call the Audubon office. Your help will allow us to continue and expand this kind of service to our community. Won't you help?

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The volunteer for this month who deserves special recognition is Esther Greene, our bird seed lady. This recognition is long overdue for Esther has been in charge making our seed available for nearly two years now. This service was entirely her idea and creation and she has done a great job from the beginning. From the reports we've gotten, ours is the best seed on the South Coast and our local bird feeders (and birds) have Esther to thank.

Robert Lindsay

SOUTH COAST BIRD REPORTS

Los Angeles	213/874-1318
San Bernardino	714/793-5599
San Diego	619/435-6761



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 Chris Benesh at 968-9434. Good birding !!!

TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

Upon nomination by John Flavin at the August 1st board meeting, Jim Hodge-son and Bill Dahlke were to join our Board of Directors for the coming year. We welcome their inclusion in our governing body and look forward to the contributions they will make to SBAS in the coming year. Welcome aboard, and thanks for your willingness to serve.

QUESTION FOR THE MONTH

Surprising though it may seem, we have not been able to come to a consensus on exactly what El Tecolote means. If you think you know, please send your definition (and source) to the office at 300 N. Los Carneros, Goleta, CA 93117. We'd sure appreciate hearing from you.

OFFICE NEWS

We are happy that our office continues to be staffed daily, and I'd like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Carolyn Selzer, who makes a weekly trip up from Ventura to serve as an office volunteer. That's dedication!

All of our substitutes have been most helpful this summer. If you would enjoy being an office substitute, please call. We'll show you in an hour what to do.

We still have two framed pictures of Peregrine Falcons for sale from the series produced by John Schmit. We also have a few hummingbird feeders left (at our very special price).

The request-of-the-month is for a new or used desk chair with seat intact, a step to upgrade our office.

Audrey vonBieberstein
Office Coordinator



LIBRARY NEWS

Since our library continues to grow, we are adding another shelf, and books are overflowing to our library cart. Thanks to Caroline Frost for another copy of How to Attract Birds and to Guy Tingos for bird guides to Southeastern Arizona and Southern California (lane).

We appreciate the response to our request for recent Audubon magazines and metal bookends. Keep the latter coming!

Audrey vonBieberstein
Librarian

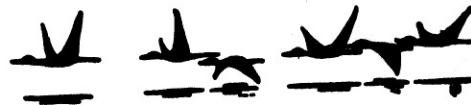
CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Sunday
September 8 Field Trip - Condor watching trip to southern Kern County. Possibly the last chance to see California Condors in the wild. (Severe losses to the remnants of the wild population have been suffered in the last year.) Six Condors were seen in this area on our June trip. Meet at the Museum of Natural History parking lot at 7:00 am. Bring lunch and water.
Leader: John Flavin
965-4979
- Thursday
September 12 Board of Directors Meeting - 7:30 pm. Meetings are held in the community room, upstairs at the Coast Federal Bank building at 1330 State Street in Santa Barbara. Members are encouraged to attend.
- Sunday
September 15 Pelagic Field Trip - Join us for this boat trip around San Miguel Island. Meet at Sea Landing at 5:30 am for a 6 o'clock departure. Bring lunch, water, and motion sickness pills. Make reservations with John Flavin at 965-4979. The cost is \$30 per person. Make checks payable to Sea Landing and mail them to John Flavin at 205-B Los Agujas Ave., Santa Barbara, CA, 93101. All checks must be in his hands by September 7 at the latest. Otherwise bring cash to the boat. There are 35 spaces available so sign up early.
Leader: Louis Bevier
964-1030
- Saturday
September 21 Field Trip - Santa Clara River Mouth. On this ½-day trip, we'll be looking for lots of shorebirds and other migrants. Meet at the Museum of Natural History parking lot at 7:30 am.
Leader: Chris Benesh
968-9434
- Friday
September 27 Monthly Program - Tonight, Robert and Esther Tyrell will present their program on hummingbirds in FERRAND HALL. See page 1 of this issue for details.
- Saturday
September 28 Field Trip - Rocky Nook Park and the S. B. Botanic Gardens. This is a great time and place to see many of the landbird migrants that pass through our area each fall. Meet at Rocky Nook Park, near the Santa Barbara Mission, at 8:00 am for this ½-day trip.
Leader: Skye Bass
962-8484



MEETING DATE CORRECTION

Last month, it was incorrectly stated that our October program would be held Oct. 10. The correct date for that meeting is OCTOBER 25, the 4th Friday of that month. Our apologies for the error.



ATTENTION BIRDERS

I am putting together an Annotated Checklist of the birds of Deveraux Slough and immediate surroundings and am interested in records of any unusual or interesting birds seen there, as well as common birds seen out of season. If you feel a sighting was at all interesting to you, chances are it is important for my project. Please try to include dates and year, numbers seen, and approximate location of bird(s) at the slough. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Send records to: Chris Benesh

c/o Santa Barbara Audubon
300 N. Los Carneros
Goleta, CA 93117

For questions, call Chris at 968-9434

WILD ANIMAL REHABILITATION CENTER

As you know from previous editions of El Tecolote, a local Wild Animal Rehabilitation center is being established but a permanent headquarters to house the center has yet to be acquired. If you know of an empty, rentable building with water and electricity that might be of interest to the center, please call the Audubon Office at 964-1468 and pass the word. This is an important and much needed service in our area. Please help us get it going if you can. Thanks.

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