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Editor

OCTOBER MONTHLY PROGRAM

Friday, October 25, is Double Feature Movie Night. Our films will be "Last Stronghold of the Eagle" and "Project Puffin." The program begins at 8:00 pm in Ferrand Hall, Museum of Natural History. Non-members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served following the program.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MONTHLY PROGRAM

Friday, December 6, is member's slides night. This is the time that our own local members proudly display in a "show and tell" session the best of their photographic efforts. We are looking forward to fascinating views of faraway places including: Galapagos Islands, South Africa and Hawaii, plus several other equally photogenic bird habitats.

Joan E. Lentz, a local resident who, with Judith Young, co-authored the new book, "Bird Watching- a Beginner's Guide" will be present to autograph copies which will be available for sale.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 pm in Farrand Hall of the Museum of Natural History. Refreshments will be served before and after the meeting. We look forward to meeting you.

GILL NETS



For the last several years, the use of gill nets to catch large numbers of fish has resulted in the unnecessary killing of many marine mammals and birds, which feed on these fish. The mammals and birds are trapped in the nets, and drown because the nets are left under water for long periods. Since these killings were first discovered, we have been trying to put an end to gill net use. We urge you to write to Congressman Pete Wilson expressing your concern over the continued destruction of coastal wildlife.

Chris Benesh
Conservation Chairperson



BIRDS IN SANTA BARBARA

By Paul Lehman

September and early October represents the peak of fall landbird migration. This season saw generally fewer migrants overall than in past years, although there were a number of unusual sightings to keep observers interested. Probably the most unusual species seen was an, alas brief, Yellow-throated Vireo in Santa Barbara, the first record of this eastern species in the county. Other exceptional sightings included a Broad-winged Hawk in Goleta, a Scarlet Tanager in Santa Barbara, single Red-eyed Vireos in Goleta and Carpinteria, a Mourning Warbler in Goleta, and three Dickcissels in Goleta. Single Chestnut-sided, Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, and Blackburnian Warblers were seen; these species of eastern warblers are each usually seen once or twice per year in this region. In Carpinteria, a Solitary Vireo of the bright, eastern subspecies was seen, as was an individual of the gray, Great Basin race, both unusual for this area. Lastly, a Green-tailed Towhee was present in Goleta; this species is surprisingly rare in Santa Barbara County given it breeds commonly as close as the mountains of northern Ventura County.



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 !!!

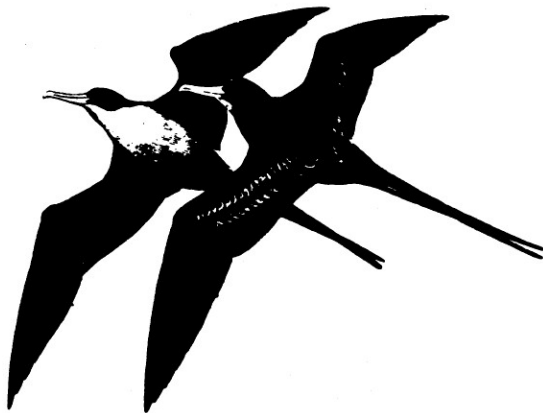
SBAS CHRISTMAS COUNT !!!

Once again it is time to start planning for one of our biggest events, the annual SBAS Christmas Bird Count. This year's count will be held on Saturday, January 4. That sounds like a long way off, but it isn't, so start planning now. This is a most enjoyable event and people at all levels of expertise are needed, from back-yard birders to the truly expert.

If you wish to join the fun, just fill out the form in this Tecolote and send it to Paul Lehman by early December at the address given on the form. Paul has consented once again to be our count compiler and deserves our thanks and support. As in past years, this year's count will end with a festive dinner at 6:00 pm (promptly!) at which time the day's totals will be compiled. If you wish to attend, check the dinner box on the form in this Tecolote.

We are still in need of a boat on count day to count pelagic species up to three miles off shore for all or part of the day. If you know of an available boat, please call Paul at 967- 2450.

Though all the details are not yet set, there will also be a Sespe Christmas count on December 30. The form for this count is also in this Tecolote. If you have questions or need further information, call Paul Lehman.



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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Friday
October 25 Monthly Program- See page one for details.
- Friday
October 26 Field Trip- Santa Maria River Mouth. Shore birds, sea birds. Always a good area. Meet at shopping center at Turnpike and Hollister at 8:00 am. Bring lunch and water.
Leader: Jim Hodgeson
969-1209
- Sunday
November 3 Field Trip- Devereux Slough. Meet in parking lot at Isla Vista School at 8:00 am. Half day.
Leader: Chris Benesh
968-9434
- Saturday
November 9 Field Trip- Nichols-DeLongpre Ranch at Lake Cachuma. Meet in parking lot at Turnpike and Hollister at 8:00 am. Bring lunch.
Leader: Jim Hodgeson
969-1209
- Thursday
November 14 Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 pm. This meeting is being held at Jim Hodgson's house, at 525 Alston Road, Santa Barbara. This meeting is also going to be a pot-luck, and members are invited to attend.
- Sunday
November 17 Field Trip- Goleta Beach and Atascadero Creek. Meet at Goleta Beach parking lot at 8:00 am. Half day.
Leader: Guy Tingos
687-8266
- Saturday
& Sunday
November 23
and 24 Field Trip- Carrizo Plain and Condor lookout. This will be an over-night campout at the campsite just east of the Condor lookout. We will spend the first day at the Condor lookout and the east end of the Carrizo Plain. The following day we will cover the rest of the Plain. A visit will be made to see the San Andreas Fault. Meet at the Museum of Natural History parking lot at 7:00 am. Bring food and camping gear.
Leader: John Flavin
965-4979



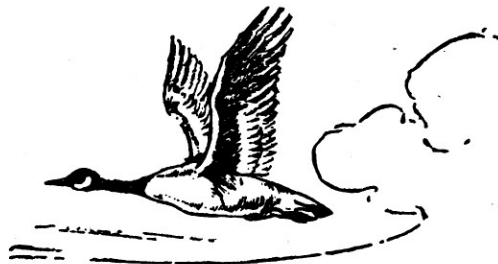
SUMMER BIRD QUIZ

Please accept our apologies for not having printed the answers to the Summer Bird Quiz. Unfortunately, they were misplaced during the recent change of editors, along with the identity of the person who contributed the quiz! Any leads as to who sent in the quiz would be greatly appreciated.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?!?

Thanks to all those who wrote in to tell us the meaning of "El Tecolote." According to the Spanish Department at Santa Barbara City College, "Tecolote" is the Eagle Owl of Mexico and Central America. However, this definition will vary from district to district.



SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

On Thursday night, October 10, board members Chris Benesh, Herb Drapkin, John Flavin, Jim Hodgson, Teri Ogden, Hugh Ranson, Minna Smith, Guy Tingos and Audrey von Bieberstein met at the Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu St.

There was a lot of business to take care of that night. Hugh Ranson was elected the new editor unanimously. We also voted to support the City Council recommendation to reduce the domestic bird population from 400 to 100 birds by relocation (vote 9-0). New projects are in the works for the Carrizo Plains and Carpinteria Creek (new bike path). The board needs more information about these projects before making any decisions on them.

Our next meeting will be at Jim Hodgson's house (see calendar). This is a combination of pot-luck and business. Bring your favorite dish and join us!

Teri Ogden
Secretary

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS

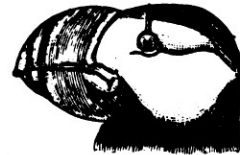
After some delay and confusion due to promised duplicate slides, our fall program on MIGRATION got underway at Franklin School, October 7 and 9. Jane Murray is again covering Carpinteria. Lila Eisberg and myself will appear in Montecito and Santa Barbara. Leon Yellensky, a new convert, will also begin giving presentations. Virginia Collett and Herb Drapkin have agreed to work in Goleta. No word yet from our migrating member, Sam Solar, who joins us from October to June from the East Coast. Our time is completely filled for October, and part of November is also subscribed. We are being received with great enthusiasm.

Bravo to all the committee and best wishes for a successful season! Any member with the time and inclination who wishes to participate-----call Minna E. Smith, 966-7971 early mornings.



LIBRARY NEWS

We purchased a copy of Robert and Esther Tyrrell's Hummingbird book for our library. If you would like to buy one, and have it autographed, call the office for details.



SPECIAL THANKS !!!

We were fortunate to have had great guest speakers to start off this year's series of monthly programs. Through the efforts of Marge Cappiello (program director), and Herb Drapkin (publicity director), SBAS had a large audience for Robert and Esther Tyrrell's presentation on Hummingbirds. SBAS gives a big "Thank you" to both Marge and Herb for their considerable time and effort in bringing about this captivating meeting. We also thank Carol Rae (hospitality director) for a bountiful refreshment table. The evening was a success because of the efforts of these three people.

SBAS

Santa Barbara Christmas Count

Saturday, January 4, 1986

Please fill out this form and return to: Paul Lehman

P.O.Box 1061

(optional)

Name(s) _____

Goleta, Ca 93116

___ Leader

Phone _____

___ Feeder Count

Address _____

___ Dinner

Area preferred _____

Would like to work with _____

Sespe Christmas Count

Monday, December 30, 1985

Please fill out this form and return to:

Paul Lehman

Name(s) _____

P.O.Box 1061

Goleta, Ca 93116

Phone- _____

Address _____

MEMBERSHIP GIFT

Once again it's the time of year to think about Christmas presents! Why not consider giving your friends the perfect gift, a local membership to the Santa Barbara Audubon Society. Just fill out the form below, and send it to the office with your check for \$10.00.

Santa Barbara Audubon Society

LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

(\$10.00 per year)

Date: _____

Name _____

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Barbara Audubon Society and mail
to: Carol Rae

Address _____

Membership Secretary

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Phone _____

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Rare Bird Alert	Chris Benesh	968-9434

Monthly programs are held at 8:00 pm in Ferrand Hall at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History on the 4th Friday of each month, September through May. The November-December program is held the 1st Friday of December. Non-members are welcome to attend.

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