BIRD CLASS OFFERED AT SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE.

A short course on "The Biology of Birds" is being offered this fall semester at Santa Barbara City College. Taught by former SBAS president Robert Lindsay, this class will deal not only in field identification of local birds, but with a variety of other topics like the mechanisms of flight, bird migration, the evolution of birds, and their physiology and anatomy.

The course will consist of six class meetings on Tuesday evenings with field trips on the following Saturdays, including an overnight trip in December to the Carrizo Plains to see the Sandhill Cranes. Three meetings will be held early in the semester (September - October) and the remainder later in the term (November - December).

Anyone interested in this course should contact the registrars office at City College for sign-up information. Don't miss this opportunity to learn some more about our fascinating feathered friends.

DEAN BAZZI MEMORIAL CHECKLIST

The checklist to the "Wildlife of the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens," which is being produced in memory of Dean Bazzi, is now at the printers and will be available soon. The first copy of the checklist is going to be presented to Dean's parents by Ralph Philbrick, the director of the Botanic Gardens. The presentation will take place at the gardens at 10:30 am. on June 10th, and members are invited to attend.

The checklist was compiled by Louis Bevier and staff from the Botanic Gardens, and is being funded by the Audubon Society.
June 7-8.

Morongo Valley Weekend - This is an outstanding place for birding in the springtime. Possibilities include Brown-crested Flycatcher, Vermilion Flycatcher, Summer Tanager, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, and a whole host of other migrants. We will likely camp at Joshua Tree National Monument, but check with the leader for any last minute changes. Meet at the entrance to the Morongo Valley Nature Preserve at 8:30 am. Take Interstate 10 to Highway 62. The preserve is adjacent to Covington Park in the town of Morongo Valley.

Leader: Jim Hodgson
969-1209

June 14-15.

Mt. Pinos - This will be an overnight trip to a unique montane habitat close to Santa Barbara. In addition to the possibility of Condors, this trip should provide many special mountain birds like Calliope Hummingbird, Townsend's Solitaire, Dusky Flycatcher, and others. Also, many of the meadows will be in bloom. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 6:00 am.

Leader: John Flavin
965-4979

August 16-17

Salton Sea - For any of the more adventurous birders, we will take a weekend jaunt down to the sea. This is a marvelous area for birds, though it will be quite hot during the day. Many species found here are found nowhere else in California. Examples include: Laughing Gull, Gull-billed Tern, Fulvous Whistling-Duck, and many more. There is always the possibility of some great rarity showing up as well. Anyone who is interested should call Jim to arrange a meeting place.

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AUDUBON T.V. SPECIALS

On Sunday, July 20th at 8:00pm, the first program in NAS's World of Audubon Specials is going to be aired on Public Television. The subject is "The California Condor", narrated by Robert Redford.

The second program is on the Black-footed Ferret, narrated by Loretta Swit, and will be shown on August 11th at 8:00pm.
If the Earth were only a few feet in diameter, floating a few feet above a field somewhere, people would come from everywhere to marvel at it. People would walk around it, marvelling at its big pools of water, its little pools and the water flowing between the pools. People would marvel at the bumps on it, and the holes in it, and they would marvel at the very thin layer of gas surrounding it and the water suspended in the gas. The people would marvel at all the creatures walking around the surface of the ball, and at the creatures in the water. The people would declare it precious because it was the only one, and they would protect it so that it would not be hurt. The ball would be the greatest wonder known, and people would come to behold it, to be healed, to gain knowledge, to know beauty and to wonder how it could be. People would love it, and defend it with their lives, because they would somehow know that their lives, their own roundness, could be nothing without it. If the Earth were only a few feet in diameter.*  

*Author Unknown

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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 !!!

LIBRARY

We are grateful to Sue and Bill Dahlke for a gift of the following books to our library:
A Guide to the Behavior of Common Birds - Stokes  
A Birder's Guide to Minnesota - Eckert  
The Hungry Bird Book - Arbib and Soper  
A Field Guide to the Insects - Borror and White  
A Field Guide to Wildflowers - Peterson and McKenny  
A Field Guide to Rocky Mountain Wildflowers - Craighead, Craighead, and Davis

OFFICE

We are sorry to lose Sue Dahlke as an office substitute (she is moving away), but shall welcome Virginia Collett as a regular volunteer for the summer, beginning in June. We are still short one day a week temporarily, so please call us if you can help.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

This was the last meeting of the current board. Many thanks go to the board for all the work done during the past year.
Jerry Ambrose of the Parks Department was present at the meeting, and he presented a revised plan for the development of the Bird Refuge. Changes had been made in the plans because of a letter sent by Guy Tingo, who wrote of his concerns over the original plans. The Parks Department are going to follow some of Guy's recommendations, which will make the refuge more attractive to wild birds. Thanks Guy! We are looking forward to seeing the work get started, and hope it receives the necessary funding.
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The SBAS Newsletter, is published 11 times annually and is free to members. Subscriptions to non-members cost $10.00. For information about membership, please call our office.

Monthly programs are held at 8:00 pm in Farnand 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.