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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.

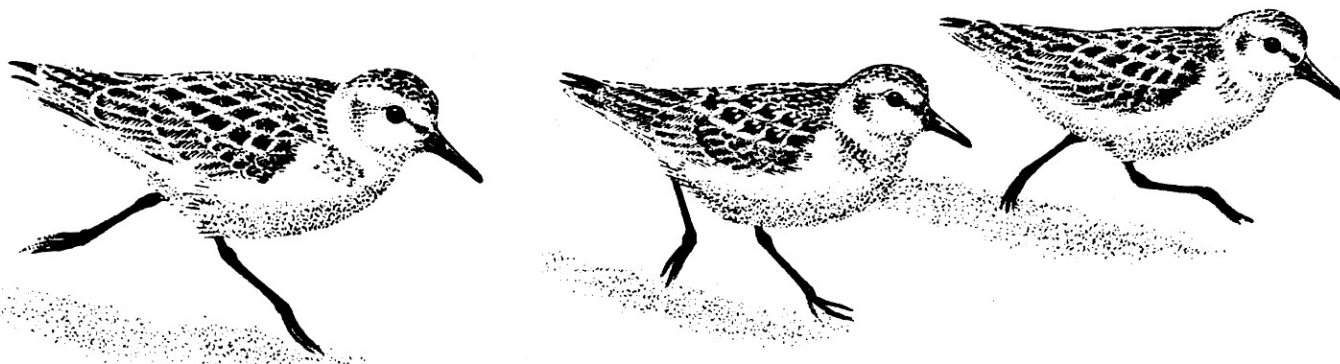
The course will consist of six class meetings on Tuesday evenings with field trips on the following Saturdays, including an overnight trip in December to the Carrizo Plains to see the Sandhill Cranes. Three meetings will be held early in the semester (September - October) and the remainder later in the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



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

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 montaine habitat close to Santa Barbara. In addition to the possiblity 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

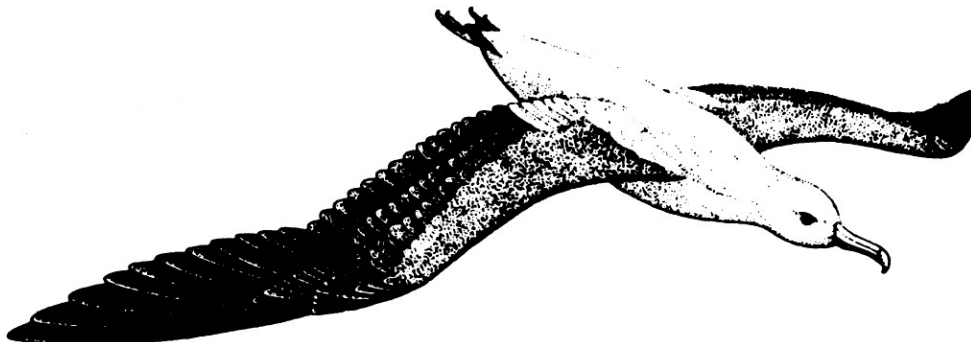
Salton Sea For any of the more adveturous birders, we will take a weekend jaunt down to the sea. This is a marvelous area for birds, though it will be quite hot during the day. Many species found here are found nowhere else in California. Examples include : Laughing Gull, Gull-billed Tern, Fulvous Whistling-Duck, 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

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

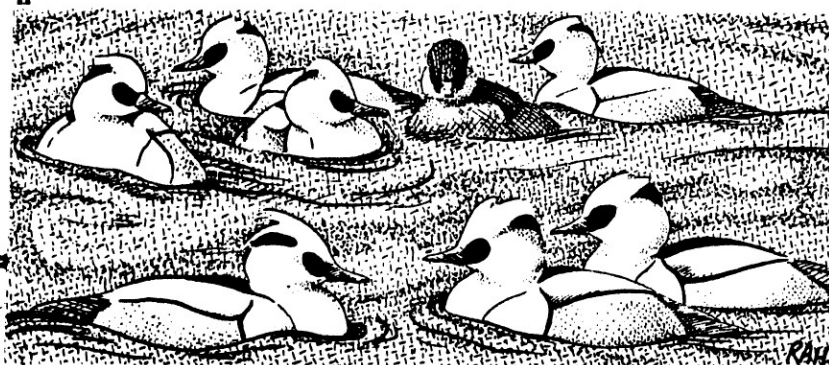
A Birder's Guide to Minnesota - Eckert

The Hungry Bird Book - Arbib and Soper

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 White

A Field Guide to Wildflowers - Peterson
 and McKenny

A Field Guide to Rocky Mountain Wildflowers -
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 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 !!!

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
 Tingos, 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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Monthly programs are held at 8:00 pm in Farrand 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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