HAPPENINGS AROUND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AUDUBON COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING
Ventura Audubon Society will be hosting this August 2, 1986 meeting from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Church of the Foothills. Following the meeting there will be a field trip to the Santa Clara River estuary. This is a great opportunity to get together and discuss common concerns. At the river, Ventura Audubon will be detailing their efforts to protect the Least Tern nesting area. For more information and reservations, contact our office. Lunch will be available for $3.00.

MONO LAKE BIKE-a-THON
The 7th annual Los Angeles to Mono Lake Bike-a-Thon takes place August 25-30. Cyclists cover 350 miles after securing pledges to benefit Mono Lake. Support vehicles and camping are provided and prizes are awarded for the most money raised. Registration deadline is August 8, 1986. For info, send SASE to: Mono LAke Bike-a-Thon, 1355 Westwood Blvd. #6, Los Angeles, CA. 90024. (213)477-8229. We have more information at the office also.

SHOREBIRD WORKSHOP WITH JON DUNN
A slide show/lecture will be held in Studio City Friday evening, August 29 to study all the western shorebirds; a field trip will follow on Saturday, August 30, 1986. Dunn is an acknowledged expert on shorebird identification, a member of the California Rare Birds Committee, and a professional bird tour leader. You can attend just the lecture. Call L.A. Audubon for prices and reservations. (213)876-0202.

PELAGIC WORKSHOP WITH ARNOLD SMALL
Another Slide show/lecture with field trip sponsored by L.A. Audubon. Lecture on Friday, September 26 with trip to Santa Barbara Island on Sunday, September 28. Mr. Small is a recognized authority in the birding world. He has authored several books and teaches UCLA bird identification extension classes. (213)876-0202 for info.

BIRD NOTES ON SAN RAFAEL MTS SOUGHT
Joan Lentz is in the process of compiling research on the bird populations of the San Rafeal Mountains and would appreciate any information or field notes concerning birds in the following locations: Mission Pine (San Rafeal Peak), Big Pine, or Malduce. Also, she is interested in comparing these with the birds found on Pine Mountain (Reyes Peak area particularly) and Mt. Pinos in Ventura County. Any help or information would be welcome. 433 Pimento Ln., sb93108 (805)969-4397
CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

August 16-17  Salton Sea  This is a marvelous area for birds, though it is quite hot during the day. Many species found here are found nowhere else in California. Examples include: Laughing Gull, Yellow-footed Gull, Gull-billed Tern, Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Wood Stork, Bittern, rails, and various migrating sandpipers. There is always the possibility of some rarity showing up as well. Anyone interested should call Jim to arrange a meeting place.

Leader: Jim Hodgson  969-1209

August 31  Santa Clara River Mouth  This Sunday trip should be packed with shore birds. Possible encounters include: American Avocet, Black-necked Stilt, Least Tern, Snowy Plover. Attention will be given to learning to identify those sometimes elusive shore birds!
Meet in Von's parking lot (Montecito) at 7:30 a.m. Bring lunch, etc.
Leader: Chris Benesh  968-9434

September 6  Sandyland Slough  This Saturday morning trip will explore a local area for its store of shore birds. Possible encounters include: various sandpipers, rails, herons. Meet at Von's parking lot (Montecito) at 8:00 a.m.
Leader: Brooks Allen  965-3949

September 21  Hollister Ranch  Riparian woodland birds, shorebirds, ducks, among other possibilities can be expected in walking this exciting area. Again, a good chance to learn identification of a variety of species. Meet in K-Mart parking lot at Hollister & Storke at 6:30 a.m. Bring lunch, etc.
Leader: Brooks Allen  965-3949

September 27  North Goleta Creeks  Spend a fun Saturday with Karen Bridgers exploring some of the best warbler habitat around. Watch next issue for details.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD


After welcoming the new board members and saying good-bye and thanks for a job well done to Terry Ogden, it was on to the business at hand.

The Dean Bazzi Memorial Checklist, entitled "Wildlife in Santa Barbara Botanic Garden", is finished and thanks to a sizeable contribution from Joe & Betti Bazzi it will soon be printed.

SBA will host a Western Regional Conference sometime after the New Year. Planning for that meeting will begin next month.

The annual picnic was deemed a success with tentative plans to do the same thing next year.

And now, the news you have all been waiting for: Yes, we finally have a President! The honorable Chris Benesh has taken the job, with Audrey von Bieberstein and Brooks Allen as Vice-Presidents, Guy Tingos as Treasurer, and Jim Hodgson as Secretary. For a complete list of committee chairs and other board members see the back page.

Next board meeting is a pot luck at Mary Ann Ambrose's home starting at 6:00 p.m. (283 Savona, Goleta)
We have recently received the following gifts for our library:

- Thanks to Martin Kellogg for Bird Nests I Have Found—Behrends
- Wintering Bald Eagle—Nat'l Agric. Chem. Assoc.
- Annotated Field List—Birds of Southern Calif.—Pyle, rev. 1961
- Gifts of an Eagle—Durden
- Hummingbird Garden—Haiku by Waser, drawings by Rugg
- Flight to Freedom—Durden
- Everyone's Guide to Ecological Living—Caillet, Setzer, and Love
- Several booklets about specific birds and sanctuaries
- Also various bird prints

Thanks to Joe and Betty Bazzi for Wild Birds of the Americas—Shortt
- Birds of the Channel Islands National Park—Jones, Stefani, and Collins

And thanks to Rebecca Eldredge of the Botanic Gardens Library for many issues of Condor magazine (1948–57), a publication of the Cooper Ornithological Society, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley. As I was preparing the magazines for our library, I was distracted by the short articles that followed the longer "learned" ones—such as "Catching Petrels by Flashlight", "A Fatal Meal for a Young Robin", "Brook Trout Eating Dippers".

"Swimming Pigeons", "Birds Scolding a Rattlesnake Skin", "Condors Observed from an Airplane", "A Whip-poor-will Impaled by an Insect", "Behavior of Birds During a Forest Fire", and Waldo Abbot's notes on the Black-throated Blue Warbler seen at the S.B. Museum of Natural History! Fascinating reading, as was the article on social behavior of Cliff Swallows. These magazines may be checked out, of course, and we even have some extras to give away.

For sale:
- Birds of the Pacific States by Ralph Hoffmann
  2 copies, $34.00 each
  Out of print and scarce.
  More information in office.

- Birds of California by Dawson
  3 vol. set, published in 1923
  $135.00
  Contact Audrey in office.

OFFICE

We are fortunate that the office is staffed every day this summer: Leoti Fisher (Monday), Audrey von Bieberstein (Tuesday), Lyn Gausman (Wednesday), Virginia Collett (Thursday), and Betty Bazzi (Friday). Our substitutes—old and new—are Herb Drapkin, Dorothy Wilson, Marion Sanford, Mary Ann Ambrose, and Margaret Lennox. We can't thank you all enough!

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Los Angeles 213/874-1318
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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!!!
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MONTHLY PROGRAMS ARE HELD AT 8:00 P.M. 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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