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## 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.

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## BIRD NOTES ON SAN RAFAEL MTS SOUGHT

Joan Lentz is in the process of compiling research on the bird populations of the San Rafael Mountains and would appreciate any information or field notes concerning birds in the following locations: Mission Pine (San Rafael 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 nowhereelse 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

On Monday, June 9, 1986, board members Brooks Allen, Mary Ann Ambrose, Audrey von Bieberstein, Marge Capiello, Jim Hodgson, Blase Maffia, Erik Rosa, Minna Smith, Guy Tingos, and Patty Tunnicliffe met at Brooks Allen's home.

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)

## LIBRARY

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

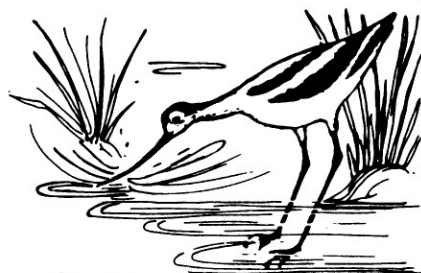
Flight to Freedom-Durden  
Everyman's Guide to Ecological Living -  
Cailliet, Setzer, and Love

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  
A Field Guide to the Insects-Borrer and White

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 pre-  
paring 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 Rattle-  
snake Skin", "Condors Observed from an Air-  
plane", "A Whip-poor-will Impaled by an In-  
sect", "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.

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members!

Jeremy & Mary Carroll  
Cecilia Carter  
Pat Daily  
Ruth Dann  
Arthur Denk  
Greg & Roslyn Hawkins  
V. Johnson  
John Kronen  
Jean Marten  
Dennis McCracken  
Mary McDonald  
Mrs. K. Munger  
Judith Pawley  
Midge Price  
Albert Walter



Wood Duck

## 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!

## 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 !!!

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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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