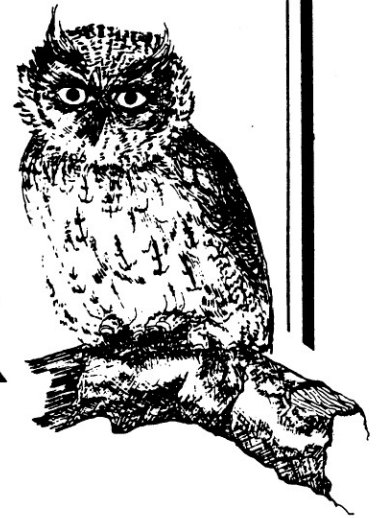


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## GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 1986

Our first meeting after the summer break promises to be an exciting one!

We are fortunate to have Mr. Jon Dunn presenting a color slide show of "Birds of Alaska." As usual the meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. in Farrand Hall at the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum.

Mr. Dunn has traveled extensively in Alaska and will share his experiences. He is a well known expert on shorebird identification, a member of the Rare Birds Committee, a professional bird tour leader, and a popular speaker.

Be sure to join us for this season opener!

In addition to our regular meeting an old favorite activity will be reintroduced. At 7:30 p.m. in the Bird Hall of the museum one of our expert birders will conduct a discussion of a particular identification problem, including attention to calls.

For this meeting Chris Benesh will present a few common warblers. This brief session should enhance your identification skills.

If you have some specific species you would like to talk about let Chris or Brooks Allen know for future meetings.

## SANTA BARBARA ISLAND

Ventura Audubon Society is sponsoring a trip to Santa Barbara Island on Saturday, September 13, 1986. The cost is \$40.00. Call the Office for details.

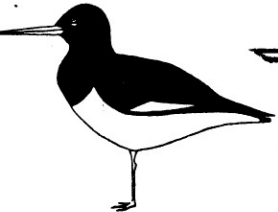


NOTICE: Any articles, announcements, ads, anecdotes that you would like to see printed in the Tecolote - or if you have any suggestions for additions - please give the editor a call or mail your items to the office on or before the second Thursday of each month. Membership participation is truly appreciated. Thanks!

The Editor

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- 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 at 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 (Montecito) parking lot 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. LIMITED TO 24 PEOPLE AND 5 VEHICLES. You must make a reservation with Brooks to attend.  
Leader: Brooks Allen  
965-3949
- September 27 North Goleta Creeks Spend a fun Saturday with Karen Bridges exploring some of the best warbler habitat around. The promised details are not available at the time we are going to press; however, the information will be available at the office (964-1468) by the time you receive this. It will also be in the next newsletter!
- October 24 General meeting will feature Richard Jones from Sonoma who will present "Birds of Southeast Asia." Mr. Jones leads bird trips to this part of the world and will be bringing some information on future trips.



Curlew

## SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Monday, August 4, 1986 saw a board meeting held at Mary Ann Ambrose's home with all board members present - something that hasn't happened in a long time (if ever).

Coming this February, Santa Barbara Audubon will be hosting a Southern California Coordinating Council meeting concerning pertinent environmental issues of the area. Be watching for times, location, agenda in coming months.

On June 10, 1986 a special ceremony for the Dean Bazzi Memorial Checklist was held at the Botanic Gardens. In a touching ceremony Dean's parents were presented with the original artwork, nicely framed by the Botanic Garden. Entitled "Wildlife in Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens," the checklist can be purchased at the gardens or at the SBA office for 50¢.

We also received an update on the bird refuge and on Lake Los Carneros. There will be a hearing on September 4 at the County Administration Building concerning Lake Los Carneros. Your attendance would be helpful if you are interested. Call the office for details.

Herb Drapkin has volunteered to be liaison between the Los Padres Interpretive Association and SBA. Sierra Club liaison to be named at a later date. The purpose is to lend better coordination to field trips and other events.

## EDUCATION 1985-86

The Education Committee has completed a successful year. The chairperson (Minna Smith) wishes to thank Lila Eisberg, Virginia Collett, and Jane Murray for their able assistance.

Our new chairperson is Mary Ann Ambrose and we welcome her.

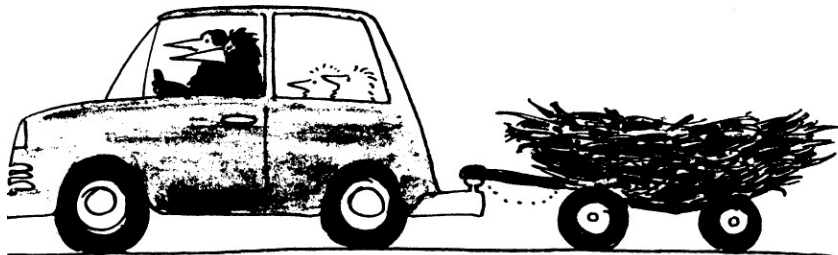
## EDUCATION 1986-87

Activity for education continues through the summer, with requests from summer school, state parks, and senior centers.

Jane Murray, who covered the Carpinteria area, has given notice that she will be unable to continue as a volunteer. Her efforts will be missed.

Anyone who is interested in making presentations in the Carpinteria area would be welcome to replace Jane. In addition, because of the ever increasing demand for Audubon presentations we are seeking volunteers for the entire area to help us. Its fun to go out and talk about one of your favorite subjects (birds) and to get all those thank you's later!

Please give Mary Ann Ambrose a call (685-1386) this month - we are just getting ready to put our fall shows together.



## NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Ben Berkowitz  
Elizabeth Collins  
David Fayram  
George Fearing  
Karen Feeney  
Patrick McNulty  
Marti Strong

## OFFICE

Recently the board has had some discussions about having our office open on Saturdays. As other considerations are being researched, we need to establish if there is any interest in staffing the office on Saturdays. Anyone who might be interested in working in the office on Saturdays please call Audrey von Bieberstein (964-1468).

## CHICKADEE

Chickadee, chickadee why do you stay watching that white rose grow through the day?

You see a cat spying, you see his tail sway, but not even his hiss will scare you away.

You sit on that branch as you stare at the rose

But you notice the cat as he twitches his nose.

He creeps ever closer, only then you decide

"I'll watch the rose later for now I must hide."

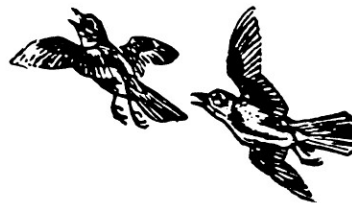
You fly to the top-most branch of a tree

As the cat turns his head and a noise makes him flee.

You then fly down and perch by the rose -

Watching its movement,  
Watching it grow.

Brenna Murray  
10 years old



## 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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