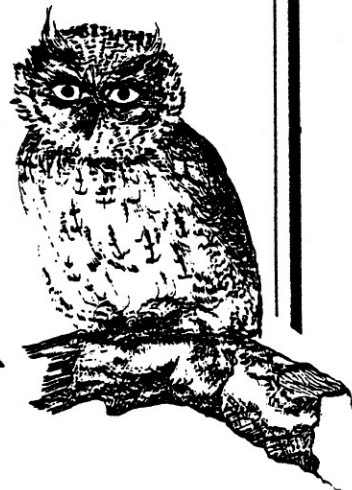


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MONTHLY PROGRAM FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1987

"BIRDING IN WYOMING: REVELATIONS OF SOME AUDUBON CAMP FOLLOWERS" is our first presentation of 1987. Local recipients of grants to Audubon's Camp of the West at Wind River, Wyoming will describe their experiences.

In addition, Linda Krieger from the Land Trust of Santa Barbara County will present slides and information of her non-profit, mini-Nature Conservancy organization's work to preserve significant habitat locally.

Pre-program workshop will sort through some local gulls and their various plumages. This can be a helpful review for all! Meet in the Bird Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Program begins at 8:00 p.m. in Farrand Hall, at the Natural History Museum.

MONTHLY PROGRAM FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1987

Steve Timbrook, formerly of the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens, and as of the first of the year, the newly appointed Director of Lotus Land (the horticulturally rich estate in Montecito soon to be opened to the public) will present "BUSHES FOR BIRDERS- SANTA BARBARA BIRDING HABITATS" at 8:00 p.m. in Farrand Hall.

Pre-program workshop to be announced next issue.

4TH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM

The Planning and Conservation League is sponsoring this meeting on January 31 and February 1, 1987 at California State University, Sacramento.

The purpose of the conference is to inform environmental activists of the major environmental issues to be considered by the legislature in 1987 and to develop priorities and strategies for action.

Please contact PCL for more details and registration information: 909 12th Street, #203, Sacramento, CA 95814 or call 916-444-8726.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 8

Monthly Board Meeting - This month to be held at the home of Brooks Allen starting at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 17

Santa Barbara Rarities with Paul Lehman will search out the rare and different birds that turned up during the Christmas Count. Meet at Von's parking lot at Turnpike at 8:00a.m.

Leader: ~~Paul Lehman~~

Chris Beresh

Friday, January 23

Monthly Program at 8:00 p.m. at Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History's Farrand Hall. This month will feature "Birding In Wyoming: Revelations Of Some Audubon Camp Followers" and Linda Krieger from the Santa Barbara County Land Trust.

Saturday, January 24

Kinevan Road and Ranch - A morning walk through this beautiful woodland should provide an opportunity to see Golden-crowned Kinglets, Winter Wrens, Fox Sparrows, and possible Varied Thrush (Kinevan Ranch is one of the most likely spots to encounter this thrush.) Meet at 5 Points shopping Center (State & La Cumbre) at 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Brooks Allen

965-3949

Saturday, January 31

Ventura County Game Preserve - SBAS returns to this great spot for ducks and White-faced Ibis after some years of absence. Meet at the Bird Refuge at 7:00 a.m. Bring lunch. Leader to be announced. *Guy Tingos*

Thursday
Monday, February 25

Board Meeting at the home of ~~Mary Ann Ambrose~~ starts at 7:00 p.m.

Chris Beresh

Saturday, February 7

Devereux Slough - This seems to be producing more birds this year so another visit is in order. Morning only. Meet at entrance at 8:00 a.m.

Leader: ~~Chris Beresh~~

685-7549

Jim Hodgson

Saturday, February 14

Morro Bay State Park - This trip is rescheduled from October, this time as a one day trip. Sea ducks and rocky shorebirds should be plentiful. Group will also stop at Avila Beach to look for Rock Sandpipers. Meet at the shopping Center at Storke & Hollister (K Mart) at 7:00 a.m. Bring lunch.

Leader: Brooks Allen

Friday, February 20

Monthly Program at 8:00 p.m. - Steve Timbrook will speak on "Bushes for Birders - Santa Barbara Bird Habitats." *7PM - Bird ID?*

Saturday, February 21

Bird Refuge and Santa Barbara Harbor - Excellent opportunity to check on our local talent (of birds, that is !) at the waterfront. Meet at Refuge at 8:00 a.m. Half day.

Leader: ~~to be announced~~

Brooks

Sat. Feb. 28 Cachuma

ALASKAN WILDLIFE NEEDS YOUR LETTERS

A magnificent 1.5 million acre expanse of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge along the coast is now threatened by a Department of the Interior recommendation to sell oil leases for exploration.

The Department's draft report to Congress states that long-term losses to wilderness and wildlife would be "inevitable" while the chance of finding oil is only 20% and would be so expensive to extract that it would be double in price! There is probably only a few months worth of oil, also.

This coastal area is significant habitat to all kinds of Arctic Wildlife including being the calving ground for the 180,000-head Porcupine Caribou herd.

Please write and express your alarm at the Department's willingness to risk destruction of any of this area. Ask them to designate it a wilderness. Send to: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Attn.: Division of Refuge Management, 2343 Main Interior Building, 18th & c Sts., NW; Washington D.C. 20240. Send copies to your Senators encouraging legislation. DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS JANUARY 23, 1987. More details available at the office.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

VANDENBURG AIRFORCE BASE

A beautiful day of birding was had by all at the base with 82 species seen. Highlights included a Surfbird at the rocky south shore and a Merlin at the Santa Inez River mouth. We ended the day studying gulls at the river mouth.

Special thanks for this trip go to Colonel Alex Abela who did a fine job of leading us around the base.

PT. MUGU N.A.S.

All 25 people showed up for a morning of birding, but due to the wind not as many species were seen as can be expected at Pt. Mugu. However, 75 species were seen, including many White-faced Ibis, a Brant's goose in the main lagoon, and an Osprey feeding on what appeared to be a Black Phoebe, although it was hard to be sure!

Our escort, Ron Dow, was a fine birder and did a nice job of showing us around.

SOUTH COAST BIRD REPORTS

Los Angeles	(213)874-1318
San Francisco	(415)528-0288
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 685-7549. Happy Birding!

EAGLE WATCH

Did you know that in addition to our wintering Bald Eagles at Lake Cachuma there is a large group from Lake Shasta that comes to Lake San Antonio up by Paso Robles for the winter?

Monterey County Parks has an annual program, this year from January 9 - March 8, where they take groups out around the lake on a delightful tour during which you will see not only Bald and Golden Eagles, but other birds of prey, as well as ducks and other waterfowl.

If you are looking for something different for a weekend trip this winter, I highly recommend this trip. Call 1-800-822-CAMP for tour and camping reservations. Cabin rentals are also available, as is a special Sunday Brunch tour!

For more details a flyer will be available in the office for review.

Mary Ann Ambrose

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Audrey von Bieberstein, Marge Cappiello, Guy Tingos, Mary Ann Ambrose, and Herb Drapkin attended the December 4th meeting.

Final arrangements were approved for the February meeting of the Southern California Coordinating Council which we will "host" here in Santa Barbara on the 7th. Notification to all participants will be in the mail before Christmas.

The budget for this fiscal year met with final approval after some deletions to keep expenditures down.

The status of local subscriptions was discussed and further decision postponed till more board members will be present.

In a last minute effort to halt grading at a development site at Hollister & Los Carneros, the board approved SBAS being one of the groups represented by the Environmental Defense Center at an appeal on December 8th. The use of part of the site as a winter roost for some 25 Black-shouldered Kites had not made it into the earlier EIR which the Board of Supervisors approved.

Jim Hodgson is resigning his position of Secretary. A replacement will be sought as quickly as possible to fill this important position! We are sorry to lose Jim's efforts but he tells us it is for very positive personal reasons.

Next Board meeting to be held on Thursday, January 8, 1987, at the home of Brooks Allen. As always, members are welcome.

OFFICE

The office is still in need of coverage on Fridays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Even if you have only one Friday each month free, if 4 of you are willing we could keep the office open!

Please consider giving some of your time to this important function.

Call Audrey von Bieberstein at 964-1468.

Sorry to announce the death of Harvey Martone, husband of long-time and hard-working SBAS board member, Dorothy Martone. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Dorothy.

MEMBERSHIP

A reminder that only new, first-time applications for National Membership are to be done through our local office. Renewals go directly to National's Boulder, Colorado address.

Also, those of you who have a local subscription, receiving only the Tecolote, will be receiving a post card for renewal. Please send in your check as you will receive no further notice and no further copies will be sent to you without this renewal!

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AUDUBON COUNCIL MEETS

The next SCAC meeting will be held in Santa Barbara at the Natural History Museum on Saturday, February 7, 1987, hosted by SBAS.

Art Carroll from the Los Padres National Forest will speak on the new 10-year plan and Pam Armstrong from Richardson Bay Audubon Society will present information on putting together a top-notch slide show. Other chapters will present pertinent info from their areas. There will also be a chance to view the "Birds in Art" exhibit.

Contact office for more details on registration.

BIRDS IN ART

An unique opportunity for all persons in our area who are bird watchers, bird lovers, and/or naturalists will be available with the arrival of a traveling art show at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. From January 15 to February 22 in the Gallery and Bird Habitat Hall of the Museum there will be displayed 50 paintings and 10 sculptures by the world's finest bird artists.

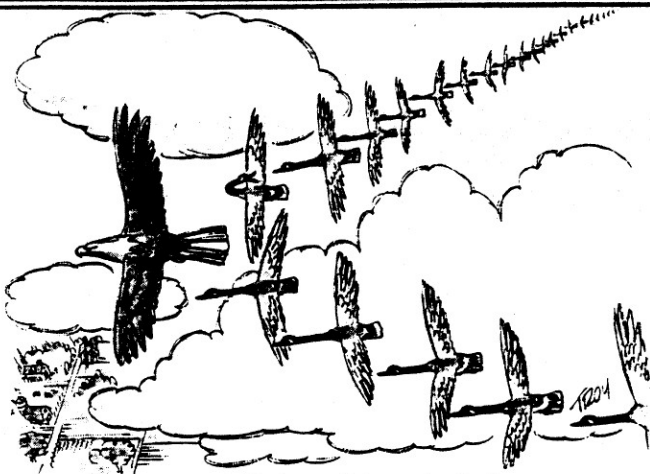
These works of art have been assembled from a collection housed in the Woodson Art Museum, Wasau, Wisconsin. The works of Roger Tory Peterson, Peter Scott, Owen Gromme, and other are represented.

Hawaii and China are the tour's destination after its visit here.

A nominal admission fee will be charged and posters and a catalogue will also be available.

It sounds like an event we will all want to see as a start to 1987!

Marge Capiello



"You tell him he can't be our leader."

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

The Santa Barbara Family Service Agency chose none other than Allen Bordofsky and family as family of the year and had a reception in their honor last November.

Allen is a past Treasurer for SBAS and currently is our accountant.

Congratulations to the Bordofsky family!

WELCOME!

We extend a hearty hello and welcome to the following new members: Marjan E. Azad, Mark R. Bergstrom, Mrs Lee Browning, Mr. & Mrs. John D. Burney, Jan Burr, Mrs. B. Carradine, Mrs Edmond Cook, John Cowden, Sylvia Curtis, Alice Dahling, Carmen Delbrook, Ralph Dubavah, Mrs. J.R. Duffey, Jade Goldstein, Pamela M. Hudson, Jean-Claude Junqua, Charles N. Li, Phil Lockwood, Michael Marzolla, Ruth McGibbon, Bruce McGuire, Leslie Moed, Mark Munson, Miss M. Schafer, Joan Sharpee, Sandra S. Simonett, Shirley A. Toepfner, Robilee K. Tonkins, Beth J. Walker, Wilma Wasen, Julie Wayne, D.B. Williams, Jojo Williams, and Marjorie Wurtz.

We look forward to seeing you all at our activities!

EDITOR'S CORNER

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Along with new diets and exercise programs, I am hoping for more participation in my local Audubon Chapter to turn up on some of those Resolution lists out there!

Participation doesn't mean long hours or rigid commitments. It means whatever time and energy you can give to help make your organization work for all. It can be typing a letter or article (In case you haven't noticed, your friendly editor is not a trained typist!), working with a committee to organize an event, making goodies for the monthly program; it's whatever you want it to be and it's needed!!

There are 1200 or so in our membership, and only 30 or so members actively participating in board activities. How about jumping in there - even if you have only 30 minutes a month, we can use you!

Happy New Year!

Mary Ann Ambrose

Every human being looks to the birds. They suit the fancy of us all. What they feel they can voice, as we try to; they court and nest, they battle with the elements, they are torn by two opposing impulses, a love of home and a passion for far places. Only with birds do we share so much emotion.

Donald Culross Peattie

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Monthly programs are held at 8:00 p.m. in Farrand Hall at the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum on the 4th Friday of each month, September - May. The November/December meeting is held the 1st Friday of December. Non-members are welcome to attend.

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