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## MONTHLY PROGRAM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1987

### "BUSHES FOR BIRDERS - SANTA BARBARA BIRDING HABITATS"

will be presented by Steve Timbrook, the newly appointed Director of Lotus Land ( Madame Ganna Walska's horticulturally rich estate in Montecito that is soon to be opened to the public). You may recall Mr. Timbrook's name in association with the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens, where he has been employed till this new appointment. Program begins at 8:00 p.m. in Farrand Hall at the Natural History Museum.

Pre-program workshop will look at selected birding identification difficulties, such as kinglets vs. vireos (when I was in school we called them "LBBs or LGBs" - little brown or grey birds!). Workshop begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Bird Hall of the Museum.

## MONTHLY PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1987

Due to a scheduling conflict, the program selected for March has become unavailable. However, Herb Drapkin, our Program Chair, is working to find another program. Information will be available in the next Tecolote.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COORDINATING COUNCIL TO MEET HERE

The title sounds impressive, but in fact this is a friendly and informative quarterly gathering of all local Southern California Audubon Chapters. The meeting is held to discuss current topics of importance and exchange information on activities of the chapters.

All chapter members are encouraged to attend. This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 7, 1987 at the Natural History Museum. There will be a bird walk before the meeting, and one on Sunday. Participants will also have the opportunity to view the "Birds in Art" exhibit at the museum. Art Carrol from the Forest Service will speak on the new 10-year plan for Los Padres National Foest.

Contact our office for registration information.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Adjusting to the New Year, your Editor mixed up some dates last month so please check these dates carefully for corrections. Apologies for any confusion I may have lent to your life!

- Thursday, February 5      Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m at the home of Chris Benesh.
- Saturday, February 7      SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CORDINATING COUNCIL quarterly meeting at Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History from 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Contact our office for registration.
- Sunday, February 8      Devereaux Slough - This is changed from Saturday the 7th so that those attending the conference on Saturday can participate. Meet at entrance off Storke Road at 8:00 a.m. Morning only.  
Leader: Chris Benesh  
685-7549
- Saturday, February 14      Morro Bay State Park - This trip is re-scheduled from October, this time as a one day trip. Sea ducks and rocky shore-birds should be plentiful. Group will also stop at Avila Beach to look for Rock Sandpipers. Meet at K-Mart shopping center, Storke & Hollister, at 7:00 a.m. Bring lunch.  
Leader: Brooks Allen  
965-3949
- Saturday, February 21      Bird Refuge and Santa Barbara Harbor - Excellent opportunity to check out our local talent (of birds, that is) at the waterfront. Morning only. Meet at the Bird Refuge at 8:00 a.m. Leader to be announced.
- Saturday, February 28      Cachuma Lake - Good chance to review ducks, see swans, and possibly encounter a Bald Eagle. Bring lunch. Meet at Five Points Center at 7:30 a.m.  
Leader: Jim HODgson  
969-1209
- Saturday, March 7      Beginner's BIRD WALK at the Bird Refuge & Harbor to study ducks, loons and gulls. Morning only. Meet at Refuge at 8:00 a.m.  
Leader: Brooks Allen  
965-3949
- Saturday, March 14      Beginner's Bird Walk at Rocky Nook Park & the Botanic Gardens to study woodland species. Morning only. Meet at Rocky Nook at 8:00 a.m.  
Leader: Brooks Allen

## SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Chris Benesh, Brooks Allen, Audrey von Bieberstein, Guy Tingos, Mary Ann Ambrose, Marge Cappiello, Herb Drapkin, Carol Rae, and Eric Rosa were present.

The Treasurer's Reprt was reviewed; last minute details were finalized for the SCCC meeting set for February 7; the day on which to hold Board meetings was officially changed from the first Monday to the first Thursday of each month; T-shirt designs were reviewed and a selection was made; Eric Rosa will replace Jim Hodgson as Secretary and a search will begin for a new Publicity Chair.

### CHRISTMAS COUNT RESULTS

This year the weather cooperated to give us a beautiful day and a successful count with a total of 207 species sited. We were second to Freeport, Texas once again, where 214 species were seen.

A special thank you to Joan Lentz who filled in for Paul Lehman to get the count organized and people assigned. Thanks go also to Paul for doing the compiling.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank the counters who put their time and effort into this event: Linda Addison, Brooks Allen, Jerry & Mary Ann Ambrose, Susan Barrymore, Caroline Bates, Eliot Bates, Chris Benesh, Allyn Bissel, Elaine Bissel, Linda Blum, Joe Boyd, Karen Bridgers, Bruce Broadbooks, Mary Bruick, Len Burgess, Ruth Carr, Virginia Collett, Sister Columba, Shirley Conley, Nancy Crawford, Jim Crisp, Art & Jan Cupples, Karen Dacus, Eileen & Juan Duarte, Jon Dunn, Lila Eisberg, Alan Eisner, Sister Julia Elizabeth, Lisa Ellis, Marc Fennner, Wayne Ferren, Shawneen Finnegan, Wilgetcha Freeport, Kimball Garrett, Mary Jane Gillan, Carol Goodell, Doug Gould, Eileen Gray, Nellie Gryk, Gordon Gustavson, Robb Hamilton George & Joan Hardie, Deborah Herzog, Ron Hirst, Jim Hodgson, Mark Holmgren, Avis Keedy, Fred Keller, June & Pat Kelly, Mike Kory, Rob Lindsay, Robert Logan, Clint Loomis, Fred Mache-tanz, Curtis Marantz, Helen & Teri Matelson, Guy McCaskie, Anthony Mendoza, Roger Muskat, Burke O'Connor, Jean Okuye, Tom Olson, Robin Panza, Joy Parkinson, Hugh Ranson, Tom Schoenberg, Brad & Kirk Schram, John Scott, Joan Sharp, Pamela Shaw, Minna Smith, Tomi Sollen, Nancy States, Henriella Stiles, John Storrer, Katherine Taylor, Guy Tingos, Nigel Tucker, Patty Tunnicliffe, Dion Warren, Eleanor Wolf, Tom Wurster.

The pot luck was scrumptious and made special by the special recognition plaque given to Joy Parkinson for the 1986 Christmas Count being her 25th she participated in!!

Results are printed on the following pages.

### T-SHIRT WINNER!

Thank you to all who submitted drawings for the new T-shirt design. We had several lovely pieces to choose from and it made the job more of a challenge.

The winner was Roberta Meyer's Prairie Falcon. We think it will make an exciting logo and the T-shirts went to "press" today !

### PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON

The good news is that Eric Rosa volunteered to assume the duties of Secretary on the Board.

The bad news is that this leaves us with a vacancy for Publicity, a most critical position, responsible for getting information about our activities to the media.

Those of you who are interested in working on this challenging assignment please call the office and leave your name and phone number.

### OFFICE

Virginia Collett, a veteran of our office, has volunteered to return to active duty and cover Fridays!

Thank you, Virginia!!!

### DONATIONS

SBAS would like to acknowledge and extend a sincere thank you for donations we recently received totaling \$125.

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## SANTA BARBARA AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

Area TOTALS

Record the total number seen beside each species name. Use an "x" to indicate a bird found during the count period but not on count day. Species marked by \* or not on this list require written details.

<u>11</u>	Common Loon	<u>6</u>	Virginia Rail
<u>8</u>	Artic Loon	<u>12</u>	Sora
<u>16</u>	Red-throated Loon	<u>1</u>	Common Gallinule
<u>14</u>	Horned Grebe	<u>884</u>	American Coot
<u>60</u>	Eared Grebe	<u>110</u>	Snowy Plover
<u>108</u>	Western Grebe <i>Clark's Grebe - 18</i>	<u>13</u>	Semipalmated Plover
<u>97</u>	Pied-billed Grebe	<u>489</u>	Killdeer
	Northern Fulmar		*Lesser Golden Plover
<u>5</u>	Manx Shearwater	<u>115</u>	Black-bellied Plover
<u>87</u>	Brown Pelican	<u>3</u>	Ruddy Turnstone
	*White Pelican	<u>12</u>	Black Turnstone
<u>346</u>	Double-crested Cormorant	<u>29</u>	Common Snipe
<u>46</u>	Brandt's Cormorant	<u>1</u>	*Long-billed Curlew
<u>8</u>	Pelagic Cormorant	<u>46</u>	Whimbrel
<u>38</u>	Great-Blue Heron	<u>9</u>	Spotted Sandpiper
<u>17</u>	Green Heron	<u>116</u>	Willet
<u>57</u>	Great Egret	<u>23</u>	Greater Yellowlegs
<u>87</u>	Snowy Egret	<u>1</u>	*Lesser Yellowlegs
<u>15</u>	*Cattle Egret	<u>78</u>	Least Sandpiper
<u>59</u>	Black-crowned Night Heron	<u>12</u>	Dunlin
<u>3</u>	American Bittern	<u>78</u>	Long-billed Dowitcher
	*White-faced Ibis		*Short-billed Dowitcher
<u>28</u>	Canada Goose		Dowitcher (species?)
	*"Black" Brant	<u>13</u>	Western Sandpiper
<u>2</u>	*White-fronted Goose	<u>119</u>	Marbled Godwit
	*Snow Goose	<u>230</u>	Sanderling
<u>247</u>	Mallard	<u>5</u>	American Avocet
<u>61</u>	Gadwall	<u>5</u>	*Black-necked Stilt
<u>53</u>	Pintail		*Red Phalarope
<u>132</u>	Green-winged teal + 1 "Eurasian"		*Pomarine Jaeger
<u>6</u>	*Blue-winged teal	<u>1</u>	* <del>Belted</del> Jaeger sp.
<u>16</u>	Cinnamon Teal	<u>15</u>	Glaucous-winged Gull
	*Eurasian Wigeon	<u>728</u>	Western Gull
<u>145</u>	American Wigeon	<u>4</u>	Herring Gull
<u>293</u>	Northern Shoveler	<u>1</u>	Thayer's Gull
<u>2</u>	*Wood Duck	<u>335</u>	California Gull
<u>257</u>	Redhead	<u>688</u>	Ring-billed Gull
<u>125</u>	Ring-necked Duck	<u>344</u>	Mew Gull
<u>24</u>	Canvasback	<u>136</u>	Bonaparte's Gull
<u>2</u>	*Greater Scaup	<u>129</u>	Heermann's Gull
<u>86</u>	Lesser Scaup		*Black-legged Kittiwake
<u>8</u>	*Common Goldeneye	<u>105</u>	Forster's Tern
<u>55</u>	Bufflehead	<u>9</u>	Royal Tern
	White-winged Scoter	<u>2</u>	*Caspian Tern
<u>23</u>	Surf Scoter		Common Murre
	*Black Scoter		*Ancient Murrelet
<u>340</u>	Ruddy Duck		*Cassin's Auklet
<u>5</u>	*Hooded Merganser		*Rhinoceros Auklet
<u>35</u>	Common Merganser	<u>192</u>	Band-tailed Pigeon
<u>23</u>	Red-breasted Merganser	<u>649</u>	Rock Dove
<u>60</u>	Turket Vulture		*White-winged Dove
<u>18</u>	White-tailed Kite	<u>912</u>	Mourning Dove
<u>11</u>	Sharp-shinned Hawk	<u>6</u>	Spotted Dove
<u>15</u>	Cooper's Hawk	<u>1</u>	Roadrunner
<u>118</u>	Red-tailed Hawk	<u>2</u>	Barn Owl
<u>56</u>	Red-shouldered Hawk	<u>2</u>	Screech Owl
<u>3</u>	Golden Eagle	<u>11</u>	Great Horned Owl
<u>4</u>	Marsh Hawk	<u>1</u>	Pygmy Owl
	*Prairie Falcon		Burrowing Owl
<u>5</u>	*Merlin		*Spotted Owl
<u>65</u>	American Kestrel		Short-eared Owl
<u>110</u>	California Quail		White-throated Swift
<u>5</u>	Mountain Quail	<u>4</u>	*Costa's Hummingbird
	Turkey	<u>1151</u>	Anna's Hummingbird

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	*Rufous Hummingbird (male)
<u>3</u>	*Allen's Hummingbird (male)
<u>13</u>	Selasphorus (species?)
<u>24</u>	Belted Kingfisher
<u>307</u>	Common Flicker (Red-shafted)
<u>1</u>	*Common Flicker (Yellow-shafted)
<u>587</u>	Acorn Woodpecker
<u>1</u>	*Lewis' Woodpecker
<u>1</u>	* <del>Red-breasted</del> Sapsucker
<u>13</u>	Red-breasted Sapsucker
<u>16</u>	Hairy Woodpecker
<u>52</u>	Downy Woodpecker
<u>64</u>	Nuttall's Woodpecker
<u>1</u>	*Tropical Kingbird
<u>4</u>	*Cassin's Kingbird
<u>1</u>	*Ash-throated Flycatcher
<u>212</u>	Black Phoebe
<u>65</u>	Say's Phoebe
<u>1</u>	*Western Flycatcher
<u>5</u>	Horned Lark
<u>1</u>	*Violet-green Swallow
	*Steller's Jay
<u>811</u>	Scrub Jay
	Yellow-billed Magpie
<u>5</u>	Common Raven
<u>1042</u>	Common Crow
<u>X</u>	Mountain Chickadee
<u>448</u>	Plain Titmouse
<u>2326</u>	Common Bushtit
<u>40</u>	White-breasted Nuthatch
<u>18</u>	Red-breasted Nuthatch
<u>19</u>	Brown Creeper
<u>270</u>	Wrentit
	Dipper
<u>81</u>	House Wren
<u>10</u>	Winter Wren
<u>185</u>	Bewick's Wren
<u>23</u>	Long-billed Marsh Wren
<u>18</u>	Canyon Wren
<u>X</u>	Rock Wren
<u>261</u>	Mockingbird
<u>102</u>	California Thrasher
<u>2154</u>	American Robin
<u>4</u>	Varied Thrush
<u>109</u>	Hermit Thrush
<u>77</u>	Western Bluebird
<u>4</u>	Townsend's Solitaire
<u>52</u>	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
<u>34</u>	Golden-crowned Kinglet
<u>662</u>	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
<u>291</u>	Water Pipit
<u>825</u>	Cedar Waxwing
<u>8</u>	Phainopepla
<u>24</u>	Loggerhead Shrike
<u>1228</u>	Starling
<u>159</u>	Hutton's Vireo
<u>2</u>	*Black-and-white Warbler
<u>1</u>	*Tennessee Warbler
<u>154</u>	Orange-crowned Warbler
<u>1</u>	*Nashville Warbler
<u>2</u>	*Yellow Warbler
<u>3290</u>	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon)
<u>126</u>	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)
<u>5</u>	*Black-throated Gray Warbler
<u>202</u>	Townsend's Warbler
<u>3</u>	*Hermit Warbler

<u>1</u>	*Palm Warbler
<u>172</u>	Common Yellowthroat
<u>6</u>	*Wilson's Warbler
	*American Redstart
<u>303</u>	House Sparrow
<u>669</u>	Western Meadowlark
	*Yellow-headed Blackbird
<u>855</u>	Red-winged Blackbird
<u>24</u>	Tricolored Blackbird
	*Orchard Oriole
<u>2</u>	*Hooded Oriole
<u>3</u>	*Scott's Oriole
<u>10</u>	*Northern Oriole (Bullock's)
<u>1</u>	*Northern Oriole (Baltimore)
<u>1137</u>	Brewer's Blackbird
<u>164</u>	Brown-headed Cowbird
<u>27</u>	*Western Tanager
<u>1</u>	*Summer Tanager
<u>2</u>	*Rose-breasted Grosbeak
<u>1</u>	*Black-headed Grosbeak
<u>401</u>	Purple Finch
<u>2526</u>	House Finch
<u>124</u>	Pine Siskin
<u>325</u>	American Goldfinch
<u>529</u>	Lesser Goldfinch
<u>2</u>	Lawrence's Goldfinch
<u>216</u>	Rufous-sided Towhee
<u>571</u>	Brown Towhee
<u>97</u>	Savannah Sparrow
	*Vesper Sparrow
<u>77</u>	Lark Sparrow
<u>13</u>	Rufous-crowned Sparrow
	Sage Sparrow
<u>1434</u>	Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)
<u>3</u>	Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)
	*Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed)
<u>11</u>	Chipping Sparrow
<u>1</u>	*Harris' Sparrow
<u>2670</u>	White-crowned Sparrow
<u>578</u>	Golden-crowned Sparrow
<u>2</u>	*White-throated Sparrow
<u>69</u>	Fox Sparrow
<u>56</u>	Lincoln's Sparrow
<u>3</u>	*Swamp Sparrow
<u>364</u>	Song Sparrow

Additional Species:

<u>1</u>	<u>Ross' Goose</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Wandering Tattler</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Bell's Vireo</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Solitary Vireo</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Warbling Vireo</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Black-thr. Blue Warbler</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Grace's Warbler</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Hepatic Tanager</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Clay-colored Sparrow</u>

TOTAL - 207 species

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