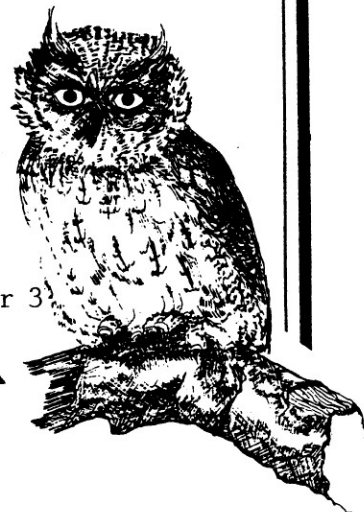


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MONTHLY PROGRAM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1987

"BUSHES FOR BIRDERS: A BIRDWATCHERS GUIDE TO SANTA BARBARA PLANT COMMUNITIES" will be presented by Dr. Steve Timbrook, Director of the Ganna Walska Lotusland Foundation.

Dr. Timbrook has been a popular speaker at previous Audubon programs. Prior to becoming the first director of Lotusland, a botanical preserve in Montecito, Steve was coordinator of education at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden for over 10 years. He holds an M.A. in Ornithology and a Ph.D. in Biology from UCSB. Many of you may be familiar with him from participating in one of the many field classes he has taught through the Botanic Gardens.

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

The workshop topic this month will be ducks - how to zero in on field marks. Preprogram workshop begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Bird Hall.

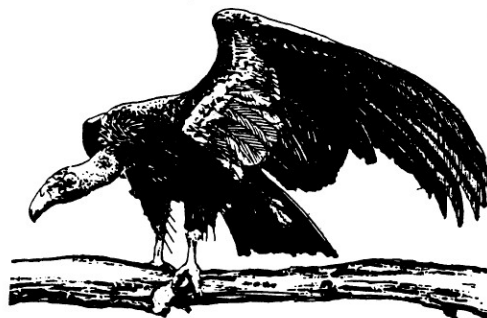
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"WHALES, SEALS AND DOLPHINS: INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING AND ILLEGAL KILLINGS" is the topic to be presented by Michael Bailey, a director of the international conservation organization, Earth Trust.

The greater the efforts we make to fathom the secrets of birds, the more our knowledge expands, the clearer becomes our realization that the secrets of birds will remain mysteries of nature as long as she abounds with the miracles of life.

Hans Dossenbach



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 26

Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Audrey vonBieberstein.

Friday, February 27

Monthly program at Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Preprogram workshop begins at 7:00 p.m. and will discuss ducks. Speaker begins at 8:00 p.m. See first page for details.

Saturday, February 28

Cachuma Lake - Good chance to review ducks, see swans, and possibly encounter a Bald Eagle. Bring lunch. Meet at Five Points shopping Center at 7:30 a.m.

Leader: Jim Hodgson
969-1209

Saturday, March 7

**LAKE LOS CARNEROS - Date is the same, but location was changed since we just had a trip to the harbor, etc. 2/21. Meet at Depot parking lot off Los Carneros (by the fire station) at 8:00 a.m. Morning only.

Leader: Brooks Allen
965-3949

Saturday, March 14

Beginners' Bird Walk at Rocky Nook Park and the Botanic Gardens to study woodland species. ~~Morning only. Meet at park at 8:00 a.m.~~

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Thursday, March 26

Board Meeting. Location to be announced.

Friday, March 27

Monthly Program. See first page for details.

**** WATCH NEXT NEWSLETTER FOR FIELD TRIPS AFTER MARCH 14th****

Sunday, May 10

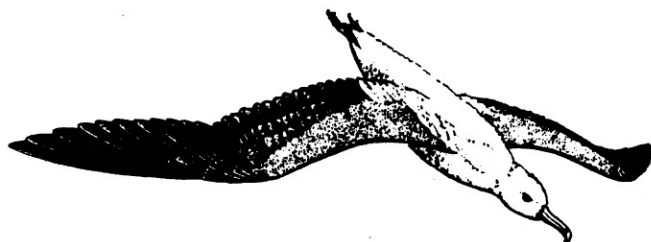
PELAGIC TRIP TO SANTA CRUZ ISLAND -

We have reserved the Condor for a delightful one-day excursion around the island. However, RESERVATIONS AND MONEY MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 17th OR TRIP WILL BE CANCELLED. Make reservation with Brooks Allen. He must receive your check for \$40.00 per person no later than April 17th. A Minimum of 30 people must sign up - so bring your friends (with their checks!!).

Los Angeles (213)874-1318
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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!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There had been a recent surge in the number of conservation issues needing to be addressed by our membership. It is important that we all give our input regarding these issues to the appropriate agencies - it is not a pleasant lot, but issues we must face.

The first of the issues at hand is one that crept quietly into existence without notice, and has resulted in the destruction of significant local riparian habitat. The County Flood Control Agency has recently destroyed habitat at Atascadero, San Jose, and Carpinteria Creeks among others. For those of you who may not be familiar it is these three creeks that produce much of the best bird habitat in the county, and it is this habitat that is responsible for making Santa Barbara famous worldwide in birding circles. At this time the creeks have been so altered that they will not be productive for years to come. It is not that we are not sympathetic to the needs of flood control, but the damage done was far too extensive to be necessary - in addition to annual plants that were cut back, long-standing trees were removed. And this came after several birders in the county had made an informal agreement with Jack Fertig of County Flood Control as to the amount of clearing needed. This trust was completely violated by the actions of the agency. It is important that this "quiet issue" get the attention it deserves. Write to Flood Control, the County Board of Supervisors, the News-Press and help change the manner in which clearing is done.

Secondly, it is important to make the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara aware of our concern for the Least Bell's Vireo and its critical habitat around Gibraltar reservoir. The proposed raising of the dam to increase the city's water supply would destroy this critical habitat for the second largest breeding population of this endangered species. The area has been designated critical habitat, but our input is still needed to convince authorities of the right course of action. This species is getting alot of bad press which it does not deserve!

The third issue I wish to bring to your attention is the wetland area adjacent to Los Carneros Road at Hollister Avenue in Goleta. This area is currently the only local winter roosting site for the Black-Shouldered Kite. It also is a significant piece of wetland habitat with extensive willow growth and several rare wetland plants. A development project at this site was temporarily restrained from grading while permits are sought from the Army Corps of Engineers (somehow this is out of the hands of County officials). There is still time to persuade the A.C.E. to deny permission for development. Write Fred Butler (addresses below) and the County Board of Supervisors.

On a positive note, there is currently land for sale on the More Mesa property in Santa Barbara. It will be important to persuade the county to purchase this property to make an open space preserve.

Also on a positive note, be aware that a Land Preservation Bill is to be introduced to the legislature in 1988. It is designed to provide funds for very extensive land acquisition. For more information contact Michael Feeney at 962-4375. Work is to begin on a thorough petition signature drive to get it on the ballot.

Please help Santa Barbara Audubon act as a force - make your feelings known!

Thank you.

Chris Benesh

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FUNDRAISING

In the last couple of years, Audubon has relied on savings funds to help us pay for our expenses. So in an effort to reverse this trend, we are putting together several fundraising activities to assure that Audubon can remain a successful organization in the community.

The first way in which we hope to make some needed funds is with T-Shirt sales. So though we are now charging \$ 11.00 for them, the money is going to our cause. Roberta Meyer has come up with a great new design which everyone should have.

We are also making plans to have a couple of movie nights which will hopefully attract interested members of the community.

We also hope to get together a swap-meet sale in the next couple of months. We have some people to help out, but we need a place to store the items before the sale. So if there is anyone out there who has space available, or knows where we might find some, please let us know.

Finally, we would like to develop a concerted recycling effort with aluminum cans and metal. Details still need to be ironed out, but hopefully we can pick up the material at monthly meetings and sale it the next day.

The final idea so far is just in its incipient stage, but we would like to organize a birding excursion to wonderful Southeast Arizona this May but it would be dependant on enough interest from the community. This would be a guided tour, and would certainly be highly successful. So drop a line to Chris Benesh at the office if its sounds appealing.

If you have any ideas on fundraising or could help out with any of the above projects, please let us know. Fundraising has been long overdue here at Santa Barbara Audubon.

Chris Benesh



WE NEED YOUR CANS !!!!

SCCC MEETING RESULTS

Much thanks goes to Marge Cappiello and Blase Maffia for organizing a successful quarterly meeting of the Southern Cal. Audubon Chapters here in Santa Barbara on February 7!

Art Carroll from the Forest Service highlighted the meeting with a summary of the why, how, and what now of the Forest Service 10-year plan for Los Padres.

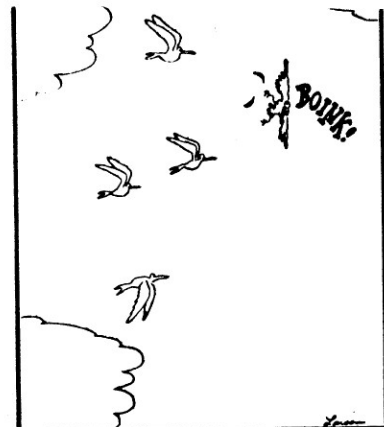
Some future events that you might be interested in noting are:

A tour of Los Cerritos Wetlands in Long Beach on Saturday, March 14 - this is a 30 acre remnant of the original Los Alamitos Bay in southeast Long Beach. El Dorado Audubon hopes to head efforts to reclaim more of this marsh.

Jeff Froke, caretaker of Starr Ranch Preserve in Orange Count, announced a calendar of events for this Audubon land for this spring, which includes open house and tours. If you have never visited this spot, it is well worth it!

Tomi Sollen announced 3 one week sessions at Trout Camp in the Sierras this August. For info write Linda McKennan, 40 Sherryl Lane, Redlands, CA 92373. or call (714)793-7987.

Details on teh Los Cerritos trip and on Starr Ranch will be available at the office.



When migration routes encounter the window of vulnerability

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Chris Benesh, Audrey vonBieberstein, Jim Hodgson, Herb Diapkin, Carol Rae and Erik Rosa attended the February 5th meeting.

A committee was formed to review the by-laws of SBAS and resolve some discrepancies that currently exist.

Chris reported that fundraising efforts are underway to promote passage of a State Land Acquisition Bond that will be used to buy valuable open spaces in each county. A signature drive begins in May or June and if the bond is passed one million dollars will be spent locally for every 5,000 signatures on the petition! ABAS will be working with the organizers of the drive.

Various fundraising possibilities were discussed. One possibility that met with general approval was to have members donate items to be sold at the swap meet. Before we can begin such an effort we need to find some space in which to store donations until we actually go to the swap meet. So an appeal is going out to the membership for the donation of storage space.

All members are encouraged to purchase a new SBAS T-shirt. We have 2 designs - the lovely Prairie Falcon done by Roberta Meyers, and a Yellow-billed Magpie done by none other than Chris Benesh!

Minna Smith has resigned her position on the SBAS Board due to her inability to attend Board meetings on our new meeting night of Thursdays. We hope her many contributions to SBAS will continue as our recognition of her will for her many years of devoted service!

OFFICE

We have copies of Blase Maffia's key to ID gulls available for sale for 12¢.

Also available for sale for 6¢ is a list of shrubs and plants which will attract birds to your yard.

DONATIONS

We thank Sylvia M. Wenaas of Rio Rancho, N.M., for her donation in memory of her friend Leva Rasmann, a member of SBAS who died October, 1986.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee has put together its Spring program, "Baby Birds" and notice has gone out to the community. Spring shows are more popular so we expect to be busy. Volunteer are still sought to give programs in the community. Call Mary Ann Ambrose, 685-1386

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/SUBSCRIBERS

Following are the names of our new additions. We hope to see and hear from you all! Welcome!

Marion Alves, Duane Barker, Mrs. D. Bartel, Mrs. E.S. Bills, Steve Butler, Esther Burke Malcom Campbell, Charles Case, Henry Childs, Bruce Clark, Frances Collins, Carole Confar, Lisa Cote, Randy Cox, Mrs. A. Cunningham, Dr. Joel De Weese, Ms. E. Edge, The Fitzpatrick's, Rowena Hammond, Sandra Hanly, Mrs. Byran Hayden, Mrs. M. Higgins, Hourihan Family, Rhett Hudston, Lisa Hybarger, Clint Irwin, Helen Ivanhoe, Sally Jones, Barbara Kargard, Michael Leeds, Joan Leipnik, Mrs. F. Lloyd, Mrs. Marjory Macey, Jan Mack, Andrew Mills, Catherine Nash, Rev. J. Perry, Jeffery Reece, Charles Restivo, Lucy Roone, Judith Sackett, Maureen Sanders, Mrs. Sherilyn Scranton, Gustaf Sederholm, Lois Selhurst, Jean Silva, Jimmie Sims, Avis Smith, G.M. Stagg, Linda Ticer, Steven Thorns, Kay Warta. Adella Barnard, Pat Boyd, Maomi Johnson, Johnson McIvers.

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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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