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MONTHLY PROGRAM - FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1987

"THE NEW ZEALAND LANDSCAPE"

Dr. Robert Norris, UCSB Professor of Geology, will present this free color slide show beginning at 8:00 p.m. in Farrand Hall at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. The varied nature of New Zealand will be illustrated with slides of glacial fiords, volcanic activity, mountains, subtropical beaches, spectacular glaciers, unusual birds and plants.

Dr. Norris, who retired recently, still teaches a class at UCSB. He has visited New Zealand many times for his research projects. His pleasant, witty manner always makes for a delightful presentation!

Pre-program workshop will discuss terns and starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Bird Hall at the Museum.

MONTHLY PROGRAM - FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1987

The final program of the season will feature Dr. Charles Woodhouse, Curator of Vertebrates at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, on "Marine Mammals of Our Offshore Waters."

Pre-program workshop will discuss some of our more beautiful summer visitors - Orioles and Tanagers.

SWAP MEET TO RAISE MONEY FOR SBAS

Sunday, May 17th marks the first of many fundraising activities to be held by SBAS. As we have mentioned, SBAS has reached a time when we must be more resourceful and independent about funding our activities and projects. This coming year marks a significant decrease in the monies we will receive from National Audubon. Combined with other factors, it is time for us to get serious about fundraising!

Jim Hodgson has volunteered to use his truck and time to go to the swap meet - helpers would be welcome. Any items you may have could make us some money: Clothes, toys, household items, whatever! If you've been wondering what to do about cleaning out those closets & garages, we can help!!

Marge Cappiello has graciously offered her garage for storage till the swap meet. Call her before going over : 967-9569. Call Jim about large items first: 969-1209. PLEASE HELP!!! THANKS!

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Friday, April 17 LAST DAY TO RESERVE SPOT ON PELAGIC TRIP -
See under May 10 below!
- Saturday, April 18 HOLLISTER RANCH:reservations required - limited
to 25 persons. Meet at KMART (Storke & Hollister)
in Goleta at 7:00 a.m. Bring lunch. Will return
around 2 p.m. Leader: Brooks Allen
965-3949
- Saturday, April 25 ANNUAL BIRDATHON: Turn a fun day day of bridging
into money for SBAS. Team up with friends and
get others to pledge \$\$ for every bird you see.
See article in newsletter.
Leader: Chris Benesh
685-7549
- Friday, April 24 MONTHLY PROGRAM _ See front page!
- Sunday, April 26 CONSERVATION DAY AT THE ZOO - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 2 MT PINOS: Meet at corner of Lockwood Valley Road
& Mt. Pinos Pkwy. in Frazier Park at 10:30 a.m.
Bring lunch; leave home by 7:30 a.m. Call Brooks
to arrange for car pooling - call if you have a
car to offer, also! Brooks will be at Mt Pinos 5/1.
Leader: Brooks Allen
965-3949
- Sunday, May 10 PELAGIC TRIP: Out to the islands aboard the CONDOR.
Bring lunch, warm clothes,& seasickness medicine.
Will meet at Sea Landing at 6:00 a.m. RESERVATIONS
AND CHECK FOR \$40.00 PER PERSON MUST BE RECEIVED
BY BROOKS ALLEN BY APRIL 17th. IF THERE ARE NOT
ENOUGH PEOPLE WITH THEIR \$\$ SUBMITTED BY 4/17,
the trip will be cancelled. BEGINNERS WELCOME!
- Thursday, May 7 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING at Marge Cappiello's
- Saturday, May 16 NOJOQUI FALLS: Meet at Five Points Center (State
& La Cumbre) at 7:00 a.m. Good chance to see
Purple Martin, Blue Grosbeak,& Lazuli Bunting.
Bring lunch. GREAT BEGINNER SPOT!!
- Sunday, May 17 SWAP MEET - see front page for details.
- Saturday, May 23 FIGUEROA MT. & DAVY BROWN CAMPGROUND: Meet at
Five Points center at 7:00 a.m. for a wonderful
day of mountain birding. Good chance to see lots
of birds, even owls. Good for beginners. Bring
lunch. Leader: Jim Hodgson
969-1209
- Sunday, May 31 ANNUAL PICNIC: Bird Walk starting at 11:00 a.m.
with Chris Benesh.

WEEKEND ADVENTURES

Several weekend natural history adventures are being planned. Join us for 2 or 3 days of exploration in areas of outstanding interest and scenic beauty.

Each limited enrollment outing will have 2 or 3 expert leaders. Bird observation will be the prime focus, but significant points of botanical, geological, astronomical, and historical interest will also be included.

Trips will be organized group campouts (motel accommodations may be available at some places). Reservations and a nominal fee required.

First trip will be to the San Bernardino Mts. - an excellent place to see lots of species - June 12 - 14, led by Chris Benesh and Tom Wurster. Details in June Tecolote.

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!

LOOK FOR LEG FLAGS

World Wildlife Fund is sponsoring a banding program of shorebirds.

Look for tagged shorebirds - the location of colored bands tells where they were captured. Accurate account of colors is vital. Report to Pan-American Shorebird Program, Academy of Natural Sciences, 19th & the Parkway, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103. Sanderlings, Knots, Ruddy Turnstones, Black-bellied Plovers, Semi-palmated plovers are species to watch.

ENTANGLING FISH NETS

Despite progress, marine mammals and birds are still drowning in entangling fish nets. S.B. 40 expands restrictions along Calif. central & northern coast while providing alternative fishing opportunities and otehr assisitance.

This is a bill worth your support - please write the Governor, your state senator, & ass-emblyperson.

ROMERO CANYON SADDLE

U.S. Forest Service, without public input has designated a motorcycle and Off-Road Vehicle staging area very near Romero Canyon Saddle on East Camino Cielo.

Montecito Trails Foundation is asking for letters to the U.S. Forest Service to discourage this use in this area because it will give ORVs access to trails.

Call Kevin Snow for further information (962-9215).

I never for a day gave up listening to the songs of our birds, or watching their peculiar habits, or delineating them in the best way that I could

John James Audubon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month I wrote of promising developments with some of the local conservation issues. Unfortunately, disaster has since struck down our efforts to preserve the wetlands/Kite roost site at Los Carneros and Hollister. The developers of the property went in at night and illegally removed all of the willows where the kites once roosted. Along with this, most of the underlying vegetation was exposed and destroyed. It was a very frustrating and sobering defeat for many involved.

Flood control has continued to remove vegetation from Atascadero creek, as reported by a couple of members, but Audubon is now working on an initiative which will be directed towards the establishment of some sort of biological assesment of flood control activities, as well as guidelines for future flood control projects. We still have a long way to go with this initiative, however. If you have any documented evidence of flood control missuse I would surely like to hear about it immediately (685-7549). It is hoped that we will be able to provide long-term protection of our riparian habitats for future generations.

With the arrival of Spring, thoughts turn to, among other things, an assesment of the past year at Audubon and plans for the new year. It is time to find the individuals who are going to guide Audubon in the next year. If you have an interest in helping out, we are very willing to accept any help you can give. I think there are a lot of good things in store for us next year, but much of its success lies in the willingness of our membership to take an active role in how the organization is run. With this in mind, I would like to say I am anxious to meet with as many of you as possible at our upcoming annual picnic to be held May 31. The location and other specifics will be announced elsewhere in El Tecolote . It is important for a good membership turnout, for this is the time when we will vote on next year's board of directors and vote on any possible revisions to our by-laws. I hope that you can be there.

I would like to conclude by welcoming two new board members- Tomi Sollen and Betty Bazzi. ~~Both are highly qualified and make excellent additions to the board.~~
Welcome aboard!

Chris Benesh

A Rare Tweet!

ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC

Join us on Sunday, May 31st at Camp Alegre' by Cachuma Lake for fun and good food - and a bit of business.

Chris Benesh will lead a nature walk from 11 a.m. - noon; we'll eat at noon; then there will be a short business meeting to elect next year's officers around 1:00 p.m.

The picnic is scheduled from 9 a.m.-5:00 p.m. There will be games, swimming, boating, volley ball, prizes, a raffle, and relaxation too!

Lunch will include chicken, beans, salad, bread, dessert, and drinks. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.50 for children under 12. These prices include \$1.00 to defray some of our insurance cost for the event.

Please send in your reservation and check to the office no later than May 26th. Mark the envelope "Picnic."

Camp Alegre (the Boy Scout Camp) is on the left off San Marcos Pass Road (Route 154) just before Lake Cachuma. We'll enter by the back gate (first entrance) not the main gate. There will be phosphorescent flagging on the sign at the turn and we'll have signs along the way to guide you to our meeting place. In the next Tecolote we'll give you the mileage and details of the raffle. SEE YOU THERE!!!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Hershel Arber, Tim Barringer, P.T. Beaudette, Margaret Belson, Joel Brandt, Mark Bright, Renee Brochester, Buena Brooks, Robert Bulkey, Robert Burgess, H. Buck III, David Callanan, Ellen Careage, Marlene Casmear, Mrs. W.J. Chambers, Jill Chatelain, Joanne Connolly, Cameron Cooper, James Corcoran, D. Davenport, Deborah Demarcus, Paul Dunn, G.W. Elliott, Donna Ensign, Loren Evert, John Fairchild, P. Feldman, Frank Fetcher, Yvonne French, Rebecca Garbett, E. Gaudreau, M. Gault, Matt Gaynes, H. Guidice, Tim Gray, A.A. Griffiths, Mrs. Brent Grossman, Keith Hanson, Gail Hardy, Dolores Harper, Hanna Haskell, Bertrand Hattenbach, Wilton Heald, Nancy Henderson, Louis Hicks, H. Holt, Harris Huey, John Hundley, Mary Isabell, Debbie Jurgensen, Kraig Kraell, Sharon Lang, Carl Luden, John Lynch, Nancy Martin, E.R. McCall, Ann McGor-ty, Beverly Mester, Wanda Michalenko, Blythe Million, Gini Minc, B. Nitta, Mary Pappador, D. Peterson, E. Peterson, Navda Penoff, David Ramsthaller, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Raxon, Lynn Richards, Liz Schoofs, Citra Seshan, Barbara Seymour, James R. Skelton, E. Smith, Janalee Smithey, Nancy Sturk, L. Sylvester, Lesley Travis, Dorothy Witcombe, C.D. White, David Whittet, John Yeo, M. Ziesenhenne -
we look forward to seeing you!

RECYCLING ACCOUNT OPENED

SBAS now has its own account with the C.E.C Recycling Centers.

There are 4 locations for deliveries: 2 in Goleta, one in Santa Barbara, and one in Carpinteria. They are in the phone book.

Aluminum, glass (clear separated from colors), newspaper, computer paper, ledger paper, and bundled cardboard are all accepted for cash.

Please drop off your recyclables and tell them to credit SBAS!!! THANK YOU!

RAFFLES

Beginning with the April 24th monthly program, we will be offering a raffle of various items as a fundraising activity. Tickets will cost 3/\$1.

If anyone has, or knows of anyone who has, a service or an item they would like to donate to be raffled please contact the office.

Things like a meal at a restaurant, a potted plant, bird related items, anything that you think might of interest - and that would give the business a bit of exposure!

DICK SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

In past years, SBAS has made it possible for interested and deserving people to participate in the unique learning adventures of the National Audubon Camp of the West in the Wind River Mts. of Wyoming. Our scholarship has made given teachers, naturalists, community leaders, students, and others the opportunity to participate in this dynamic learning program and share in concerns about our natural world and its well-being. It has been our aim to find candidates who have a strong interest and who offer promise for using their training to advance the cause of conservation.

We regret to announce, however, that due to our uncertain financial outlook for the coming year, we are unable to send anyone to this valuable program.

We are hopeful that next year we will be able to again benefit from sending a member to Wind River.



SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

All but Erik Rosa were present at the April 2nd meeting held at Mary Ann Ambrose's.

The Dean Bazzi Scholarship was awarded for the first time to Lisa Ellis, a student of Environmental Biology at UCSB with a 4.0 GPA. Lisa is a native of the Tri-Counties from Camarrillo.

Plans for membership drive activities were discussed - a Library display downtown will be initiated along with membership information to be distributed on field trips, etc.

We will pursue reprinting and publication of "Birds of Santa Barbara" as an Audubon Society publication.

There had been no response to the Bird-a-Thon as of 4/2. Other fundraising activities include setting up a recycling account and a pizza night to be scheduled next month.

Board members discussed their interests in participation for next year. It appears we will be losing some members, while others will be changing roles.

Next meeting Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Marge Cappiello's.

LIBRARY

Thank you, Martin Kellog, for all the Condor Reports, news-letters, and articles; humming-bird booklet and accompanying "sticky solutions" reprint; bird pictures; and the migration poster you donated to our library.

This material will greatly enhance our ability to be a source of information about birds!

EDUCATION

The Education Committee would like to welcome a new member, Pam McClane, who has joined us!

"Baby Birds" is very popular with the schools, so we are quite busy at present.

Anyone else who is interested in helping out can give me a call - your efforts would be most appreciated.

Mary Ann Ambrose

MISSING SLIDES?

If anyone has borrowed slides from the SBAS selection in the office, please return them or call Mary Ann Ambrose.

As the Education Committee puts together special shows for spring, we have noticed several slides that are not to be found that we know we used in prior shows! Can anyone help with this mystery??

TYPISTS

Anyone who has typing skills and would be willing to donate some time, please contact the Office and leave a message.

Much of our work includes preparing a variety of materials and you may have noticed none of us on the board are really skilled typists!

I've already made my apologies for the newsletter, but there is just as much typing for education, conservation, library, and even for the president.

So if you can find it in your good nature to help out this would be a great way to pitch in!

A WOODEN WINE BOTTLE OPENER WAS FOUND AFTER THE BIRD COUNT POT LUCK DINNER. CALL THE OFFICE TO CLAIM IT.

WATCH FOR A SURVEY

Participation in activities is noticeably down this year. In order to hopefully provide activities that warrant more interest from the membership, we will be presenting a survey in next month's Tecolote to inquire about what you like or don't like in our programs, field trips, etc. Be thinking what you would like, and what you might be willing to do to make it all happen!

1987 BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Bellingham, Washington is the site chosen for the national convention.

The theme is "Ancient Forests - Priceless Treasures" and the Pacific Northwest is certainly a perfect setting!

August 24 - August 29 are the dates, with post-convention activities as well.

Details in the office.

BOARD ELECTIONS DUE

We will be in need of new board members come June:

Guy Tingos has regretfully informed us that he will no longer be able to fill the job of Treasurer.

Because I am becoming more involved in other facets of SBAS business, I would like to find a new editor (it really is a fun job, as are they all!).

Many others are unsure of what role they will be available for.

Every committee chair has expressed their feelings that committee work would be more rewarding if there were actually committee members to share the responsibilities (and rewards).

We also are in need of someone to be Secretary next year.

PLEASE JOIN IN AND MAKE SBAS STRONG. YOU ARE NEEDED!!

AT DAWNING

The bay is like a mill-pond this morning.
No ripples catching the glow of the rising sun
That at times makes each tiny wave a diamond tiarra.

No - it is calm and, like a mirror,
It reflects many, many of our winged friends.

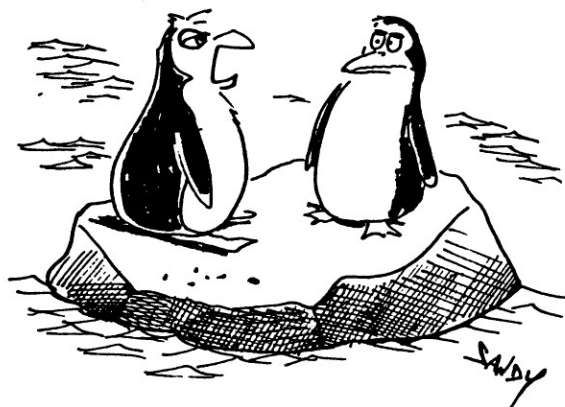
A Great Blue Heron in pursuit of his lady-love,
For now it is spring, you know.
A long string of pelicans fly low over the water.
It looks like they are flying 2-by-2,
instead of single file.

Cormorants form perfect "V's" as over the water they swim.
Diving, they make magic, spreading circles -
Then pop up with some water plants in their beaks.
It's Spring, remember, and they are making nests.

Many gulls and terns dive so suddenly it looks like
Their reflections come right out of the water to meet them!

Two old friends - a pair of gulls -
Are on our dock, squawking and bowing to one another.
Not quiet lovers, these! They want the world to know
It's Spring - and in the calm dawn
Compulsive love-making is everywhere!

Elise Vose Caward
(a SBAS member)



"I know this is only the tip of the iceberg!"

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Christmas Count		

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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