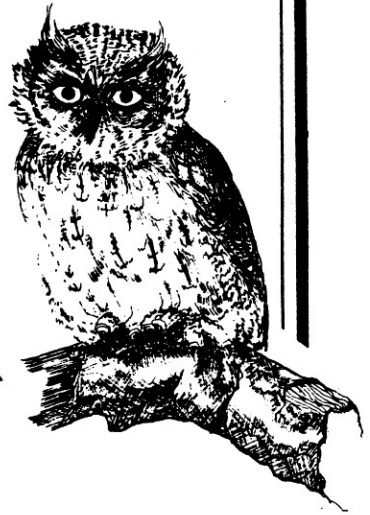


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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS--COMING & GOING

There will be many new faces on the Board Of Directors this year. Chris Benesh, Brooks Allen, Guy Tingos, and Herb Drapkin will not be with us. Many thanks go to these fine gentlemen for their hard work this past year. We are truly sorry to lose them from the board, but are assured we will still get to see them at field trips and other activities.

A special thank you to Marge Cappiello and Joy Parkinson for many long hours sorting through and updating our membership records.

For directing office and library activities, we thank Audry von Bieberstein. She has made a tremendous difference in the organization and availability of our many books and sale items, as well as our general office records.

Our office volunteers: Mary Ann Ambrose, Betty Bazzi, Virginia Collett, Lyn Gausman, and Audry von Bieberstein, along with their gracious substitutes Herb Drapkin, Marion Sanford, Margaret Lennox, and Cecile Forbes, deserve our thanks.

All of our field trip leaders: Paul Lehman, Joan Lentz, Chris Benesh, Blase Maffia, Jim Hodgson, and, of course, Brooks Allen did a marvelous job of getting us to the birds.

Carol Rae provided tasty food and drink at monthly programs. She was assisted by many, including Betty Bazzi, who made our treats personal.

I thank Lila Eisberg, Virginia Collett, Pam McLean, and especially Minna Smith for their assistance and effort to bring the word about birds and the environment to our school children.

Our new slate of officers and duties are listed on the back page of your newsletter. There is one position that remains unfilled and is essential to our operations: NEWSLETTER EDITOR. I can attest to the fact that it is a most rewarding job. With good organizational skills it is not difficult--it is fun. Only because I am assuming the duties of president do I feel we must have another person (or persons) assume responsibility for this job. I will remain available and willing to help.

Mary Ann Ambrose  
(your new president)

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 12

KICK-OFF PARTY FOR STATE PARKS BOND ACT INITIATIVE  
(Details in newsletter)

Due to a number of requests, we are going to offer some summer bird walks. These will be easy-going, geared to observing and learning about our local breeding species, observation techniques, use of binoculars, etc. These trips are ideal for beginners, as well as those who have an appreciation for summer bird life and want to just enjoy! And, of course, all are welcome to join us:

Tuesday, July 14

MORNING WALK AT THE BOTANIC GARDENS. Meet in front of the bookstore at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 23

EVENING WALK AT THE BIRD REFUGE. Meet at 6:00 p.m. in the aprking lot.

Tuesday, July 28

EVENING WALK AT THE BOTANIC GARDENS. Meet at 6:00 p.m. by bookstore. Ends before dark.

Tuesday, August 4

MORNING WALK AT GOLETA BEACH. Meet at end of parking lot past restaraunt at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 13

MORNING WALK AT DEVERAUX SLOUGH 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 18

LA PURISIMA MISSION AND NOJOQUI FALLS PARK. Meet at 8:00 a.m. in K-MART shopping Center close to Hollister. Bring Lunch and water.

Call Mary Ann Ambrose for details if you are interested in any of these.

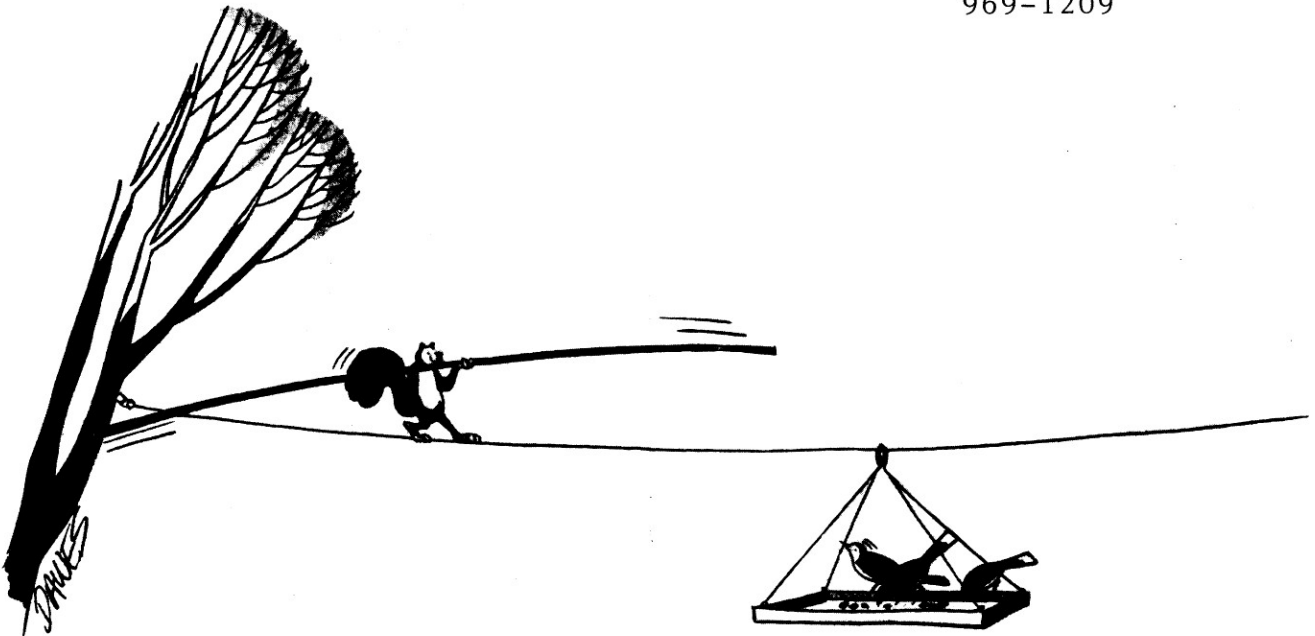
Thursday, August 6

Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Goleta Library

Saturday, August 22

FALL TRIPS BEGIN WITH MIGRANT SHOREBIRD WATCHING! SANTA CLARA RIVER MOUTH - Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Bird REfuge, Pack a lunch. Distances are not great, but walking could be strenuous - through sand and water. Wear shoes that you can get wet.

Jim Hodgson, Leader  
969-1209



## SUMMER RARE BIRDS

If you happen upon any sightings of rare and unusual birds over the summer, call Joan Lentz (966-4397) - Chris Benesh has left us for the summer! And that lovely voice you will be hearing on the tape is none other than Virginia Collett.

## SOUTH COAST BIRD REPORTS

Los Angeles	(213)874-1318
San Francisco	(415)528-0288
San Bernardino	(714)793-5599
San Diego	(619)435-6761



## SAN BERNARDINO MTS.

This was intended for the fall newsletter, but this trip was so exciting that I couldn't wait to share it with you all:

The weekend of June 12-14 marked a first for SBAS as a group of 14 of us explored the variety of birds and beautiful scenery of these mountains under the auspicious guidance of Tom Wurster and Joan Lentz!

We camped at Heart Bar Campground, a lovely spot among Jeffrey Pines at 6900 feet. From there, we made day trips to the rich montane forested area at Bluff Lake where we saw such delicacies as Williamson's Sapsuckers (in great numbers), Calliope Hummingbirds, and Dusky Flycatchers, not to mention singing Fox and Lincoln's Sparrows, and a Townsends Solitaire almost at our feet.

Another day trip explored the pinyon/juniper habitat of the desert slopes, where we delighted in Common Nighthawks, Gray Flycatchers, Gray Vireos, Scott's Oriole, and Hepatic Tanager, to name a few!

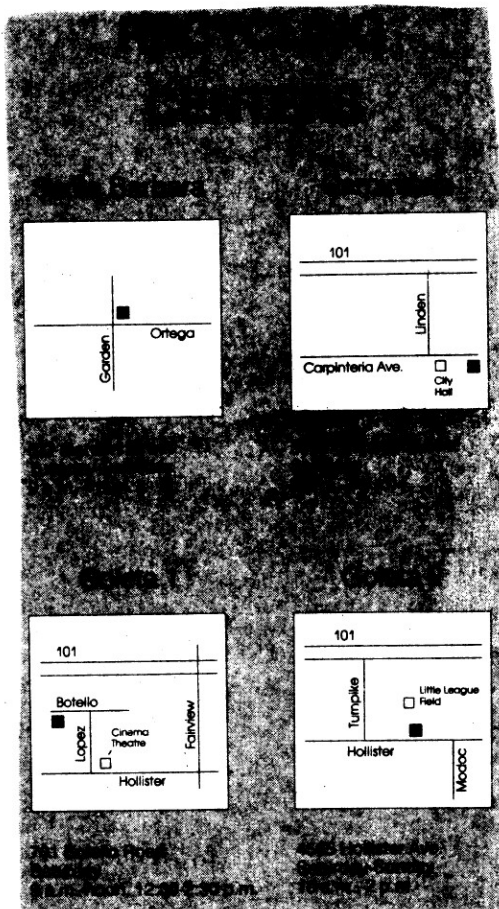
Back in camp we were thrilled by the sound of Whip-or-wills at night - from a small colony established in this valley.

Black Swifts were seen on the way up on Friday.

Much thanks to our knowledgeable and patient leaders, with whom we hope to plan more such adventures soon. Watch for more trips this year!

## BRONZE IN FLIGHT

is the title of a sculpture show featuring birds from around the world currently at the Metal Arts Sculpture Gallery in Paso Robles through July 31st. Toucans, osprey, eagles, penguins, frigates, hummers, etc. are represented. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday thru Sunday on Ramada Drive and Vendels Circle.



## PARKLAND INITIATIVE

There will be a "kick-off" party on July 12th for the State Parks Bond Act Initiative mentioned in last month's newsletter.

This initiative will put on the ballott a bond act for the permanent protection of much of California's most endangered lands - wetlands and riparian through acquisition.

The party is from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Mary Ann Mott's home: 1915 San Leandro Lane, Montecito. RSVP and anyone who can bring finger foods for the party are needed. Call Mike Feene (966-1611) or Elise Dale (966-3979) if you can attend. Jerry Meral, Executive Director of The Planning and Conservation League, will be the guest speaker.

As soon as petitions are in hand, SBAS will be out rounding up signatures for this initiative. Mary Ann Ambrose will be coordinating this effort and volunteers are requested to assist us. Whatever time you can give will be most welcome - and is much needed! Call Mary Ann Ambrose at 685-1386. Only wildlife can lose if we don't succeed.

## SWAP MEET

Originally scheduled back in May and cancelled, it has now been rescheduled as a garage sale.

It will take place at Marge Capiellio's on Saturday, July 11; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lots of good items were donated - you might want to drop by and see what's for sale! Call office for address.



"What makes you think the fish died of pollution?"

## SURVEY RESULTS

Although only 50 of 1200 surveys were returned, some valuable suggestions and ideas were shared. Thanks to you who took the time!

The survey showed that those who responded are very busy and are unable to participate in activities as they would like; another group prefers to read the magazine and is not really interested in our activities.

Your suggestions regarding field trips, programs, and workshops will be passed along to committee chairs for incorporation into the planning for the coming year.

## THE PICNIC

and annual meeting held Sunday, May 31st at Camp Alegre was a success.

Chris Benesh led a morning bird walk in pursuit of an albino Red-tail Hawk (a glimpse was caught by a few!). The Boy Scouts left a stuffed parrot on the trail for the group to encounter, but to no avail!

A delicious BBQ chicken lunch was devoured by a ravenous crowd after a highly competitive game of Bird Trivia.

Some folks even found time for canoing and more walking!!

At the business meeting, our slate of nominees for 1987-88 was approved, along with the changes in the by-laws mentioned in the newsletter last month.

Much thanks to committee members Joy Parkinson, Rob Lindsay, Chris Benesh, and Audrey von Bieberstien for thier great job of preparing the by-laws revisions.

And special thanks to Audrey and Carol Rae for all their hard work on the picnic and making it such a fun time - including the raffle, which sent quite a few home with unexpected goodies!

## SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Present at the June 4 meeting were Chris Benesh, Audry von Bieberstein, Marjorie Cappiello, Mary Ann Ambrose, Jim Hodgson, Eric Rosa, Tomi Sollen, Barbara Millet and Ann Eissler.

A new Board was selected, with Newsletter Editor remaining unfilled.

Missed May Swapmeet sale. This is now scheduled to be a garage sale on July 11th from 9 to 3.

Participation in Harbor Faire in May was a success. Will participate in Stearns Wharf Birthday Party in October.

Over the Summer signatures will be collected for State Park Board initiative. Mary Ann Ambrose will coordinate.

After several requests, some easy-going, summer field trips will be scheduled.

Budget was approved for 1987-1988. Will discuss cost savings in August.

Tomi Sollen will work on flood control district's bulldozing of creek.

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### LIBRARY

We have received many more book donations to our library recently.

From Helen Matelson:

Waterfowl Tomorrow (U.S. Dept Interior), Mind in the Waters (Joan McIntyre), Birds of the World (Paul Barruel), Birds in Our lives (U.S. Dept. of the Interior), The Gift of Birds (National Wildlife Foundation), Birds of the Tropics (M.D. England), All Color Book of Birds (Crescent Books), Birds of America (T. Gilbert Pearson, ed.)

From Jean Hobson:

Handbook of California Birds (Brown, Weston, and Buzzell), What Bird Is That? (Frank M. Chapman), and several bird guides.

THANK YOU!

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### BIRD SEED BLUES!

At this time we have no one to continue Esther and Bill Greene's wonderful work of providing SBAS with bird seed to sell.

Someone at the Harbor Faire on May 16th mentioned to Marge Cappiello their father was interested in doing this, but no name or number was given. We would love to hear from you!

Meanwhile, white millet may be obtained at:

Critters 'N Things  
5735-B Hollister  
967-4476

(this is a pet store adjacent to Horseman's Hang-Up, behind the Old Habit in downtown Goleta.)

You may purchase by the pound or by 25 lb. sacks. Soon they will also carry Black Sunflower Seed.

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### OFFICE SUBSTITUTES

Office substitutes are desperately needed because 3 of our 5 substitutes are no longer available. If you have at least one day a week where you would occasionally be available to staff our office from 10 am to 2 pm please call Audry at 964- 1468. Thanks!



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Monthly programs are held at 8:00 p.m. in Farrand Hall at the Santa Barbara Natrual 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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