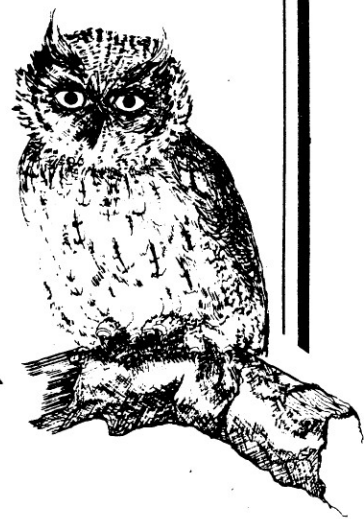


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MONTHLY PROGRAM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1987

Join us at 8:00 P.M. in Farrand Hall at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Our season opener will be "Environmental Crisis in Central America: The Role of U.S. Environmental Community." Slides, lecture, and question-and-answer period presented by Florence Gardner, Developmental Director for Environmental Projector on Central America. Wilderness, endangered species, pesticide use, agricultural development, deforestation, and erosion--all serious impacts on avian species of the North American flyways.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY
AUGUST 30 Harbor/Bird Refuge: Meet at Bird Refuge at 8:00 A.M. Good trip to view early fall migrants and post-nesting birds along the coast. Excellent for beginners.

Leader: Guy Tingos (687-8266)

SATURDAY
SEPT. 5 Santa Maria River mouth: Meet at K-Mart Shopping Center at Storke Road and Hollister near Jack-in-the-Box at 7:00 A.M. Bring lunch. Moderate hiking. May get feet wet. This is a fantastic area for fall migrants--Golden Plover, Pectoral Sandpipers, Falcons, etc.

Leader: Jim Hodgson (969-1209)

WEDNESDAY Local beginners' walk at Botanic Gardens: Meet by Gift Shop
Sept. 9 at 8:30 A.M. Our summer walks were a success, so we plan to
continue these once-a-month around town. These are casual--
no birding experience necessary though all are welcome.

Leader: Mary Ann Ambrose (685-1386)

THURSDAY Monthly Board meeting at Goleta Library, 7 P.M.
Sept. 10

SATURDAY Sept. 19 Hollister Ranch: Twenty-five lucky people will again be allowed to visit this beautiful area--fall shorebirds and warblers to be the highlight. Call Brooks Allen (965-3949) to reserve a space. Members will get first priority. Moderate hiking. Bring lunch.

FRIDAY MONTHLY PROGRAM-- See above.
Sept. 25

SUNDAY Goleta Beach/Devereaux Slough: Meet at Goleta Beach parking
Sept. 27 lot behind the restaurant at 8:00 A.M.--fall shorebirds, early
waterfowl, warblers, etc. Bring water, easy hiking, 2-3 miles
total. Leaders: Mary Ann Ashmore (685-1286)

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SUNDAY Rocky Nook Park/Botanic Garden: Meet at Rocky Nook in back of
Oct. 4 parking lot at 8 A.M. Fall woodland species. Excellent for
 beginners.

Leader: Mary Ann Ambrose (685-1386)

SATURDAY Goleta "Hot Spots": Meet in Von's Parking lot (Turnpike) by
Oct. 10 Home Federal Banking Station at 8 A.M. to wander around creeks,
 waterfront and who knows where else to see fall vagrants and
 regulars.

Leader to be announced later.

FRIDAY Monthly Program: Neil Taylor from Cachuma Lake (he runs
Oct. 23 the nature trips by boat). Details next month.

SUNDAY Santa Barbara "Hot Spots" -- see next newsletter.
Oct. 25

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Board is off to a busy start this year. Signature gathering has begun for the Wildlife, Coastal and Parkland Conservation Bond Act. Volunteers are needed to sit at tables to gather signatures. Please call me if you have any time to give. Also, be sure to sign an initiative. Tables will be at shopping centers Thursdays and weekends. We hope to offer more weekend field trips this year like our Big Bear adventure led by Joan Lentz and Tom Wurster.

Tomi Sollen will represent us at the National Audubon's Convention August 25th in Bellingham, Washington. Many local chapters are looking for some serious discussions regarding finances and chapter participation in decision-making.

This month begins our change in dues-sharing from National. We will be evaluating the significance of this loss. The Board will hold a special work session in September to review expenditures, etc. My first goal as President will be to provide the membership with as accurate a picture as possible of our financial status.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our activities. I welcome your input also.

I was very pleased to see our summer bird walks well attended. We will continue with one weekday walk per month. Join us!

(Special thanks to Betty Bazzi for her outstanding work on publicity that has boosted attendance.)

Mary Ann Ambrose

STEARN'S WHARF 115th BIRTHDAY PARTY: Continuing the Board's efforts to raise funds for our chapter, they have endorsed participation in this coming event (Saturday, October 17, 1987, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.). We will have a table and need items to sell: crafts, baked goods, cold foods and drinks (no aluminum cans or styrofoam cups), plants, cut flowers, books, or any other creative marketable item you can offer. Call Marge Cappiello, 967-9569, to inform us what you can contribute (time at table or items).

OFFICE: We have a new substitute. Welcome Claude Monter who comes all the way from Carpinteria. Audrey will contact others who have offered to work with office or library. THANKS!

SIDNEY TARBOX: 1903-1987

It is with deep sorrow that we mark the passing of this member of SBAS, active for many years, whose faithful and unselfish services were the base of much of our current foundation. As a Board member, Sidney contributed his expertise to the formulation of our by-laws and the outline of each board position. He organized our Education Committee over 10 years ago, and, along with his beloved wife Mary, contributed many hours to presenting slide shows to nursing homes, schools, and other community groups to further our Audubon cause. He will be sorely missed.

THANKS LIKE THESE:

"Thank you for coming to our class. The slides were neat! I didn't know that elephant bird eggs were one of the kinds of eggs. I also didn't know the last condor was captured 3 weeks ago. I had a question that did not get answered-How do birds perk up their feathers? Also wanted to know how flamingos keep their balance on one foot. I like birds, too. I think birds are nice. They are both harmful and helpful. I don't know how you can memorize all the different kinds of names of birds. I always was curious about what bird is the biggest and which is the smallest in the world."

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MAKE IT ALL WORTHWHILE! ! !

Curious is the key word: children are curious and willing to learn. We have the opportunity, through our Audubon Adventures program, to reach kids and make our mark on the future.

Wouldn't you like to help--by volunteering some time to go out to classrooms, or by sponsoring an Adventures class for \$25? Call Mary Ann Ambrose (685-1386).

FLOOD CONTROL AND OUR CREEKS

Our summer hasn't been idle. Members have been busy on a particularly sensitive and vital local issue. You may have followed it in the paper--articles and letters to the editor. Current methods of creek clearance by the County Flood Control District are unsatisfactory and destructive, especially to bird life in this precious habitat.

The hearings were held before the County Board of Supervisors. Some progress was made. A biologist is to be hired to assist in the decision-making process and new methods of clearance are to be researched. We are hopeful these changes will alleviate the problems. County Flood Control has for years cleared creek beds indiscriminately under a blanket permit from Fish and Game without accepting input from the public.

Special thanks go to Karen Bridgers, Paul Lehman, Bill Greene, et al. who attended hearings and spoke on this issue. We must remember how important such activity is to us.

SWAP MEET

Though much delayed, the sale was a success with income realized of \$309.15. Thanks to Marge Cappiello for the use of her garage for storage and her driveway for the sale.

The following members and other friends of SBAS contributed to the huge garage sale on July 18. Thanks to Audrey von Biberstein, Minna Smith, Mary Ann Ambrose, Adella Barnard, Marge Cappiello, Bill Chadwick, Patty Bellinger, Tish Curtis, Betty Bazzi, Sue Higman, Bonnie Adams, Tomi Sollen, Judy Otten, Margaret Kearns, June Kelley, Meg Rindlaub, Larry Aytes, Frank Bieber, Debbie Shaeffer, Dorothy Martone, and especially to Jim and Sharon Hodgson who worked tirelessly to set up and dismantle all the things.

SURPRISE!!

This is a test to see if you read the back page!

Actually, its a change of format to see if we can stick to 4 pages. Instead of running the list of officers every month, we will list them only twice each year. If you have not kept your last issue with the lsit, watch for it again, or call the office if you need a name & number.

ANDERSON CAMERA

has nature photography classes - call Dave at Anderson's for details.

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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!

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