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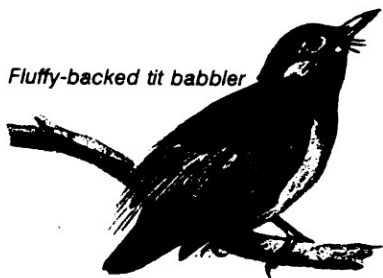
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Fluffy-backed tit babbler

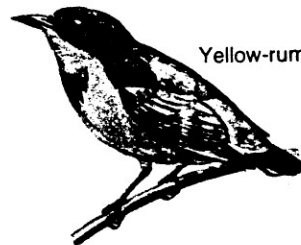


MONTHLY PROGRAM

Tuesday

November 10, 1987

Yellow-rumped flowerpecker



"Birds of the Bush", a multi-media slide show on birds of Australia will be presented at Fleischmann Auditorium. Admission is \$1.00, children under 12 will be admitted free. This special fund-raiser will take the place of our Friday evening monthly program. Please join us for this event. Many Australian birds occur only on that continent. The Fleischmann Auditorium is located on the grounds of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta Del Sol Road, next to the Mission. Show will begin at 7:00 pm. (Note earlier time since it is a week night. There will not be a pre-program workshop.) See you there!

Splinters from the Board

Present at the October 8 meeting were: Mary Ann Ambrose, Marge Cappiello, Anne Eissler, Jim Hodgson, Blase Maffia, Tomi Sollen, Ron Smith, Lee Sutter, and Audrey von Bieberstein.

We have a new secretary, Wynne Tufnell, who will begin her duties next month.

Agreed upon a need to create financial goals. Membership on par with last year. Promoting new membership was discussed.

Committee was formed (Ron, Lee and Jim) to assist Audrey in clearing books from the library. Some will be stored at Ron's, some sold, some given away.

Problem with last monthly program: speaker not sticking to subject matter and going over time period. This will not be allowed to occur in the future.

Tomi Sollen will represent SBAS at the Audubon Coordinating Council meeting in Huntington Beach, November 7; topics wetlands/coastal zone planning. Mary Ann will attend a brown-bag lunch to hear Gary Hart at CEC; will report back to us.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

October 25 Santa Barbara "Hot Spots" - Half-day trip; Fall vagrants.
 Sunday 8:00 am Leader is Guy Tingos (687-8266). Meet at Bird Refuge.

November 5
Thursday 7:00 pm

Board Meeting - Goleta Library

November 7 Lake Los Carneros - Meet next to Goleta Depot in parking
Saturday 8:00 am lot. Excellent for beginners; waterfowl, woodland
 winter residents. Led by Jim Hodgson (969-1209).

November 10 Monthly Program Special Fundraiser "Birds of the Bush"
Tuesday 7:00 pm Multi-media slide show of Australian birds and
 countryside, Fleischmann Auditorium. See front page for
 details.

November 14/15 Morro Bay Weekend - Fantastic for waterfowl, shorebirds,
Saturday/Sunday white pelicans, and possibly Peregrine Falcons. Make
own accommodations. Call Brooks Allen for time and
meeting place (965-3949).

November 18 Beginners Walk - Botanic Gardens. Meet by gift shop
Wednesday 8:00 am for a relaxed walk and easy birding. Mary Ann Ambrose
 (685-1386)

November 22 Figueroa Mountain Meet at 5-Pts Shopping Ctr. Bring
Sunday 7:00 am Tunch/water. Excellent for Montane species; possibly
 eagles. Leader Mary Ann Ambrose (685-1386)

December 12 Lake Cachuma Meet at 5-Pts Shopping Ctr. Good trip for
Saturday 7:30 am wintering waterfowl and eagles. Bring lunch/water.
Leader Jim Hodgson (969-1209).

January 2 Christmas Bird Count - Details next issue.
Saturday

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Birds of Santa Barbara

Avian highlights in Santa Barbara county from early September to early October included single Spragues and Red-throated Pippits in Goleta, (the former great-plains species occurring locally for the second time ever and the latter a very rare visitor from Siberia. A beautiful Painted Red-start was in Hope Ranch for one day only in late September, while a Canada Warbler was in Carpinteria and a Hooded Warbler was briefly seen in Goleta.

Other rarities from the East were a Chestnut-collared Longspur, two Dickcissel, and a Chestnut-sided Warbler.

Returning for its ninth year was the patriarch of Santa Barbara rarities, the Montecito Grace's Warbler.

Several montane species occurred in the coastal lowlands in unprecedented numbers: four separate White-headed Woodpeckers, a flock of Pinyon Jays, and good numbers of Pygmy Nuthatches.

Farther afield, Ventura County recorded a Yellow-green Vireo (from Mexico), a Connecticut warbler, and a Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (from Siberia).

Paul Lehman



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A special meeting of the board was held on September 24 to discuss finances. Due to the reduction in dues-sharing by National and the ever-increasing costs of doing business, we must find ways to make ends meet. Our annual budget averages \$12,000 - \$5,500 of which has been used just to produce and deliver this newsletter to our 1,100 members and subscribers.

Our income has averaged \$8,000, most of which comes from NAS membership renewals (approximately \$6,000 per year). The rest has come from interest on what was a substantial savings account (the result of two generous estate donations several years ago).

However, to make up for our expenses vs. income, the last several years we have drawn an average of \$4,000 to \$5,000 from savings each year. Our current savings balance is \$13,500, which will be used up in three years' time if other means of revenue are not found.

We can increase our membership; we get \$15 from NAS for each of these; we do intend to have more membership drives. It would take 350 new members each year just to maintain status quo; that may not sound like a lot, but to gain that many each year would be a significant feat.

We will cut back on El Tecolote until more revenue is found. As of January 1988 we will publish only six times per year (every other month). We will stick to four pages only (except for Bird Count registrations). This will save us \$1,600 annually.

A special committee is being formed to pursue revenue sources-donations, estate-planning, and fundraising. If you have suggestions or wish to participate, please call me. Your generosity would be most appreciated if you could contribute to the continued efforts of our Local Chapter.

Next month, more details will be given on what you get for your money.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

(No pay, but good percs.)

Assistant Program Director

Blase Maffia could use a partner to help set up the pre-program workshops and monthly programs. Give him a call at 685-4930.

Office Help Needed

A volunteer is needed to work Wednesdays (maybe trade days). Hours are from 10 to 2. Call Audrey von Bieberstein 967-2866.

Volunteer Needed

Have a little spare time? Marge Cappiello needs help in processing applications. With the reduced new member rate of \$20 she's getting swamped. Please call her soon at 967-9569. Thanks

LIABILITY INSURANCE

A special thank-you to Farmer's Insurance Agent George Stiny for writing us an affordable office liability insurance policy. George saved us \$700 a year which made the difference in whether or not we would continue to even have an office!



LIBRARY

We are grateful to June and Bill Gardner the Sid Tarbox Estate, and Ausma Lacey for their generous contributions of books, magazines, slides, and other materials to enrich our library and/or our coffers.

We are in the process of removing some books (extra copies, etc.) because of overcrowding. These will be for sale at the office for reasonable prices, and some will be brought to the monthly meetings.

To inform Chris Benesh of
rare sightings: 964-1468



Christmas Count

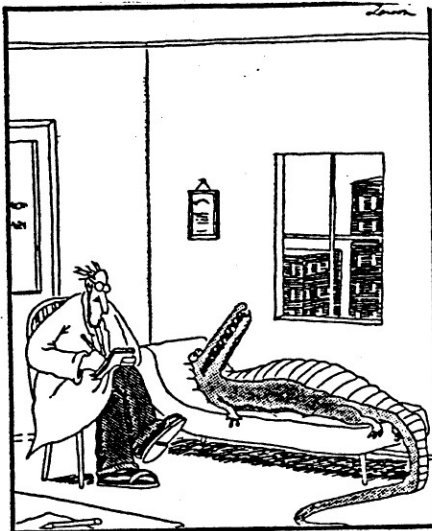
Mark your calendars for
Saturday, January 2 and
join in the nationwide
Audubon bird count. More
information next issue.

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RECYCLING

Please help us raise funds by crediting
your recycled goods to Santa Barbara
Audubon Society's account. Aluminium cans
are now worth more (54¢ per pound) thanks
to new State law. Glass and paper also
accepted. Call our office for details.

Special thanks to Gary Coombs for allowing
us to collect aluminium cans at the
Goleta Depot's Summer Activities.



"You know those teeny tiny little birds
that walk around so trustingly inside a
crocodile's mouth? Well, I just been
eatin' those little guys like popcorn."

National Conference

The National Audubon
Conference in
Bellingham Washington,
August 24-27 was
attended by about 700
members, including our
reporters Tomi and Bob
Sollen. The main
thrust was saving what
is left of the
old-growth forests.
This incredible
habitat is so complex
that it is only now
beginning to be
understood. Logging
is destroying this
irreplacable ecosystem.

Other topics included
the Audubon Society's
Sanctuaries Program,
marine wildlife
protection, solid
waste management,
urban wildlife, acid
rains, nuclear waste,
and energy
conservation.

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