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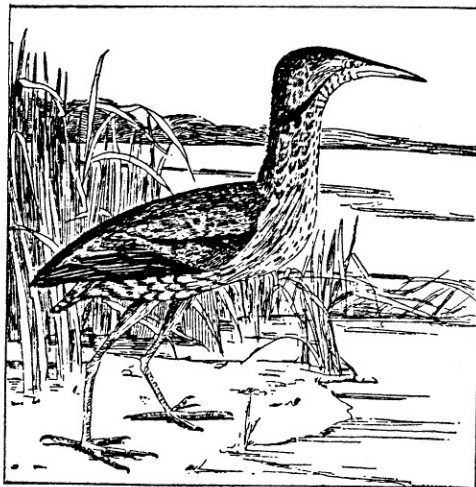
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MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Farrand Hall
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Museum of Natural History
2559 Puesta del Sol
Santa Barbara



NATURAL HISTORY OF CARPINTERIA SLOUGH

Slide Show/Lecture

by

Wayne Ferren

Friday
APRIL 29
8:00 pm

A FALKLAND ISLANDS/ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE

Slide Show Presentation

by

George Andrews

Friday
MARCH 25
8:00 pm

Regardless of what you call it, be it "El Estero", "Sandyland", or "Carpinteria Slough", a wetland by any other name is still a wetland, and if you don't already know how precious these vanishing ecosystems are, you really should attend this presentation. For those of you who *do* realize how endangered our wetlands are, come and look at slides and hear about the history, the current situation, and the projected future of this particular wetland. As well as being the manager of Carpinteria Slough Reserve, Wayne Ferren is the Curator of UCSB's Herbarium.

When birds and other warm-weather seekers fly south for the winter, it is doubtful that the constant sub-zero temperature of the 5th largest continent is what they have in mind as their destination. Be an armchair traveler and let George Andrews take you on an adventure to and through the Falkland Islands and the Antarctica without your having to leave the comfortable climate of Santa Barbara in the spring time. Although you'll have to really use your imagination to pretend that a folding chair is an armchair, your imagination will not have any trouble while watching George Andrews' wonderful slides.

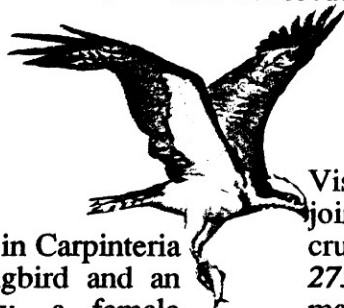
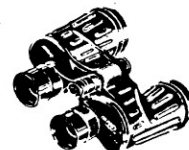
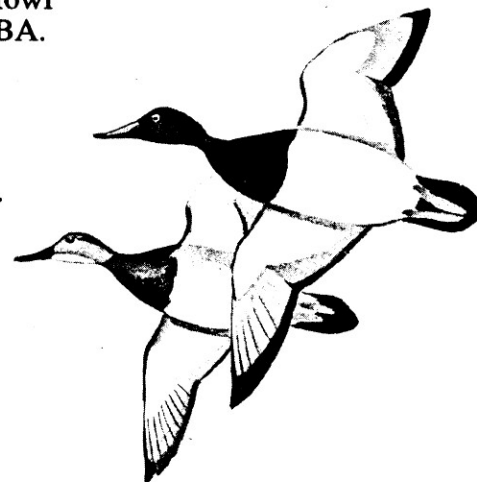
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CALENDAR OF MONTHLY EVENTS

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Thurs 7:00 pm</p> <p>March 5
Sat 7:30 am</p> <p>March 16
Wed 8:30 am</p> <p>March 19
Sat 8:00 am</p> <p>March 25
Fri 8:00 pm</p> <p>March 30
Wed 8:30 am</p> <p>April 6
Wed 8:30 am</p> <p>April 17
Sun 8:00 am</p> <p>April 20
Wed 8:00</p> <p>April 24
Sun 7:00 am</p> <p>April 29
Friday 8:00 pm</p> <p>April 30
Sat 7:00 am</p> <p>May 7
Sat 7:30 am</p> <p>May 14/Sat</p> <p>May 21, 28, &
June 5</p> | <p><u>Board Meeting</u> - Goleta Library (Members always welcome!)</p> <p><u>Oso Flaco Lake, Santa Maria</u> - Good trip for wintering waterfowl and shorebirds. Meet at K-Mart shopping Center. Leader TBA.</p> <p><u>Beginner's Walk</u> - Botanic Gardens. All levels of birders welcome. Leader: Mary Ann Ambrose (685-1386)</p> <p><u>Bird Refuge/Santa Barbara Harbor</u> - Meet at the Bird Refuge. Leader: Mary Ann Ambrose (685-1386)</p> <p><u>Monthly Program</u> - A Falkland Island/Antarctic Adventure George Andrews - see cover.</p> <p><u>Beginner's Walk</u> - Meet at the Bird Refuge parking lot. Leader: Mary Ann Ambrose (685-1386)</p> <p><u>Beginner's Walk</u> - Botanic Gardens. All levels of birders welcome. Leader: Mary Ann Ambrose (685-1386)</p> <p><u>Tuckers Grove/San Antonio Creek</u> - Meet at Tuckers Grove parking lot. Leader Mary Ann Ambrose (685-1386)</p> <p><u>Beginner's Walk</u> - La Purisima Mission/Nojoqui Falls. Meet K Mart prkng lot by Jack-in-the-Box. Bring lunch/drinks, layer clothing, walking shoes, flat walk 3 miles. Mission fee \$1.00. Possibly Purple Martins, Blue Grosbeak. Home by 2 pm. Leader: Mary Ann Ambrose (685-1386)</p> <p><u>Hollister Ranch</u> - Good trip for spring migrants. Bring lunch/water. Meet at Jack-in-the Box, Hollister/Storke. Limited to 25 people so sign up <i>early</i>. Call leader Brooks Allen (965-3949) 10am-10pm for reservations.</p> <p><u>Monthly Program</u> - Natural History of Carpinteria Slough, Wayne Ferren. See cover.</p> <p><u>Zaca Lake</u> - Good spring birding in SB county's only natural lake. Bring lunch/water. Meet at 5 Pts Shpng Ctr by Big-5 sporting goods. Leader: Jim Hodgson (969-1209)</p> <p><u>Refugio Canyon</u> - Excellent chance to see Blue Grosbeaks, Lazuli Buntings, Orioles. Meet Jack in the Box, Hollister/Storke. Bring lunch/water. Leader: Guy Tingos (687-8266)</p> <p><u>Birdathon</u> - details next issue</p> <p><u>Annual Breeding-bird Census</u> - Join John Flavin for his annual census of the Santa Ynez River. Three consecutive weekends. Details next issue.</p> |
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BIRD REPORT

Local birds reported were a Snow Goose in Carpinteria near the polo grounds, a Tropical Kingbird and an Eastern Phoebe at the SB Cemetery, a female Oldsquaw in the SB Harbor. In Goleta were three Red Crossbills, and the Grackle was still at the horse corral. A male White-headed Woodpecker was at Cachuma Lake, as well as a female Tufted Duck which was visible from the dam overlook.

WEEKDAY BIRDING CRUISES

Visitors are invited to bring along their binoculars and join birding naturalist Brooks Allen who will lead cruises of **Cachuma Lake** to observe the more than 275 species of birds identified there, including the majestic Bald and Golden Eagles. Right now, "Birding Cruises" will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 pm to 3 pm at Cachuma Lake. Cost is \$7.00/adult, \$3.50/child; reservations suggested. Call the Cachuma Marina 688-4040 for information and reservations.

BIRDATHON

You loved participating in the Christmas Count, right? The thrill of discovery, that feeling of satisfaction at day's end? Why wait until next year to do it all again?

Why not join in the fun of counting spring birds in the annual BIRDATHON to be held May 14, and make money for the Santa Barbara Audubon Society at the same time?

You count as many species as you can (in teams or alone) in a 24-hour period, and you have sponsors who have pledged "X" amount of money per species that you count. (Find out just how good a birder your friends *think* you are!). Details to follow. Call me early (658-1386) to sign up. Mary Ann Ambrose

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year, 1988, is SBAS' 25th anniversary. Many of you are more knowledgeable of our history than I am. But I'd say it is a history to be proud of (a future to be looked forward to!), wouldn't you? Let's make 1988 a special celebration and salute of our history by participating in special events such as The Birdathon, a membership drive, a special anniversary dinner for our annual meeting, and other events to be planned for fall.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Board meeting of Feb. 4, discussed getting ET mailed out sooner; Lee to talk to mailing service. Considering selling advertising space in ET so can publish monthly again. Names suggested for the committee to nominate new board members; Audrey to contact. Next year's budget committee will be M.A. Ambrose, A. Eissler, and A. von Bieberstein. All subcommittee chairs should get year-end financial statements to Treasurer before March meeting for annual report. No decision on how to celebrate 25th anniversary.

Marge Cappiello hopes to attend regional convention in Asilomar end of March. NAS Birdathon video viewed. Board agreed to support Calif. for Parks & Wildlife. Suggested that Sue Higman be nominated for conservation award. Decision made to send resolution to County re Public Work's tree-trimming methods. Jan 7 meeting was a social potluck in Marge's home honoring Minna Smith. Minutes of 12/10 were approved then.

MISSION CREEK

Hats off and special thanks to William Greene and the Mission Creek Alternative Task Force, who have worked diligently to provide the City with alternatives to the Army Corps of Engineers' proposed cementing for flood protection! Well done, Bill!

TRAIL HIKERS

Out of SBAS' 1200 or so members, how many use the trails that the Montecito Trails Foundation maintain and helped to acquire? This non-profit organization is having its annual fund-raising/membership drive. Please call Sue Simpson 969-2708 for more information.

JUNE BALLOT

Watch your June ballot for the Wildlife, Coastal, and Park Land Conservation Bond Act of 1988. Last fall, 570,000 signatures were obtained, 40% *more* than needed, which qualified this bond act for the ballot. Many people worked long, hard hours here in Santa Barbara County, led by Mike Feeney (Tom Roger's assistant) and Carla Frisk (Jack O'Connell's assistant). Thanks to those of you who signed petitions. You will be hearing more on this, closer to June.

BOLSA CHICA WETLANDS PROPOSED MARINA

A boat harbor is proposed for 300 acres of wetland habitat in Bolsa Chica. Write to your local representatives to oppose this special-interest legislation SB 1517 which has no redeeming features. Protect this wetland!

Senator Hart/State Capitol Rm 2057/Sacram. 95814
Assmblymn O'Connell/127 El Paseo/Sta Barb 93101

BIRD SPECIMENS

Have you ever wondered what you might do with those dead birds or mammals you find in your yard or along the road or trail? Did you know they can provide, if in good condition, valuable scientific data on local creatures? Paul Collins at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (682-4711) would like to receive such specimens for the museum's collection. They cannot be too decomposed or too smashed. Complete the information below and take it to the Museum along with your find. Plastic bags make excellent containers, and freezing is best if you can't get it to the museum right away. You could have a museum specimen with your name tagged on it as the collector!

COLLECTION DATA VERTEBRATE ZOO, SBMNH

Specimen: _____

Precise Locality: _____

County: S. Barb State: CA

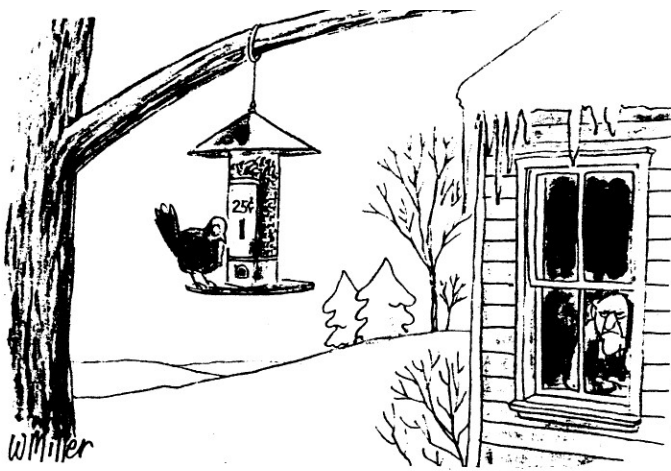
Date Collected: Day ____ Month ____ Year ____

Collector: _____

Address: _____

How Obtained: (Dead on Road, etc.) _____

Remarks: _____



OVER-POPULATION VIDEO

"What is the Limit?" is the name of the video that National Audubon Society has produced on overpopulation and its many ramifications. National has distributed it to local chapters. It is 20-minutes long, on VHS tape, and has a companion discussion-guide entitled "Where Do We Go from Here?" to accompany it. It may be checked out of our SBAS library by SBAS members, high schools, or civic groups, etc.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joy Parkinson, Rob Lindsay, and John Flavin have all volunteered to serve as the committee to nominate next year's board members. Thank you folks.

ANOTHER VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We will need another regular office volunteer by mid-June. One day per week. Please call if you can help or even substitute. Thanks!

AUSTRALIA

Been thinking of a birding expedition to "down under"? Monarch Tours has an offer that not only puts together a fabulous tour package for local Auduboners but would greatly assist SBAS as well. If we get a group of 15 people for a tour, Monarch Tours will donate the *dollar amount of one full fee* (around \$1200-\$1500) to SBAS. Call Mary Ann Ambrose (685-1386) if you're interested.

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THE BIRDS COME FLOCKING

As many of you know, there is a very useful field guide of Santa Barbara County for birders and other travelers. Copies are for sale in our office of The Birds Come Flocking by Helen and Teri Matelson. We want to thank them both for donating all proceeds from *our* sales of their book to Santa Barbara Audubon Society.

I would like to donate \$_____ to help offset the \$150 boat rental for Xmas Count, without which many species could not have been counted.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Remember SBAS is a non-profit organization, so all of your contributions are tax deductible.

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