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"BIRDERS NOT AFRAID TO HAVE FUN!"

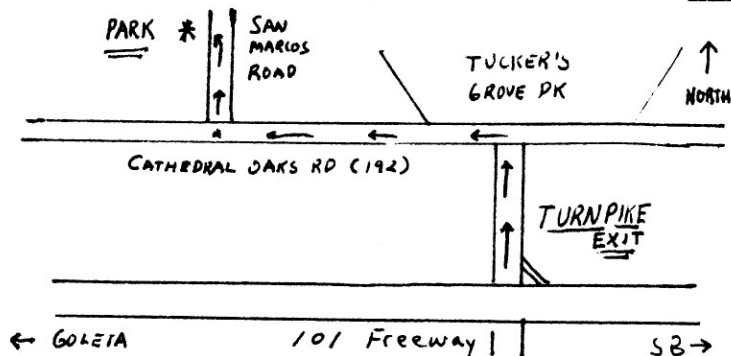
(EXCITEMENT MOUNTS AS ANNUAL MEETING NEARS)

The JUNE ANNUAL PICNIC: You are invited to attend Audubon's last meeting until Fall. A great meal organized by our bird-brained committee, prepared by some eagle-eyed members, and presented in a setting of majestic sycamores, oak and bay trees, alongside a stream. The election of the new Board of Directors will be the main business.

Come, on Sunday, June 4th, to a private park at 1027 San Marcos Road (see map). Dinner will be served at (approximately) 2:30 P.M. We'll provide BBQ tri-tips (or vegetarian loaf), relish tray, baked beans, tossed green salad, garlic bread, dessert, beverages and napkins. Only \$6 per person; \$4 for children under 12. Guests and friends are welcome to attend. REMEMBER: bring your own cup, plate, and utensils.

DEADLINE for reservations is Tuesday, May 30. For further information, call Tomi Sollen (966-4836) after 6 P.M.

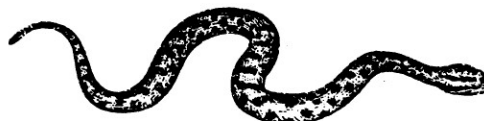
FUN begins at 1PM, when the private park opens to Auduboners (and friends) for games & frivolities, including volleyball, basketball, swimming in the heated pool, and fine views of the resident acorn woodpeckers (a brazen bunch). SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS & R.S.V.P. NOW!



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San Diego	(619)435-6761
San Francisco	(415)528-0288



WESTERN PIGMY RATTLESNAKE

BIRDATHON! Saturday, MAY 6, all day

Auduboners, free-lance birders: this is it! Our annual Birdathon. Get sponsors to pledge/donate as much as possible for every bird species you see today! Proceeds will be used for Carpinteria Creek clean-up project, Audubon youth activities, and Audubon Sabal Palm Sanctuary. Sign up sponsors on your own, and/or get sponsor sign-up pamphlet and bird-check-list from our new office, or call Wynne Tufnell (682-0607) after 5:00 PM. RON HIRST will lead Birdathoners all-day to find as many species as possible in the Santa Barbara area. Over 80 species possible. Meet at 8 A.M. (May 6th) at The Bird Refuge OR at 1 P.M. at the Goleta Beach Park restaurant. Let's prove our national title for the Christmas bird count was no fluke, AND let's raise some much needed (tax-deductible) money for our Audubon nature projects! All this, and its FUN too. Be ready to take part: for more info, please call 682-0607 or Ron Hirst (967-4966). SEE YOU THERE! GOOD BIRDING!



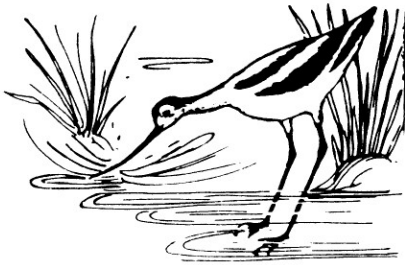
SANTA BARBARA AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

May-June-July

May 6

Saturday,
7:30 A.M.

ALISOS CANYON. A 2-part trip; the first an "easy" walk along a stream viewing wildflowers and riparian breeders like orioles, grosbeaks and Lazuli Buntings. Participants can then either retrace the easy route or continue up a steep trail looking for Costa's hummers, swifts and Mariposa Lilies. Meet at Turnpike Von's. Bring water & snacks. Birdathoners welcome. Leader: Guy Tingos (687-8266).



May 13

Saturday,
7:00 A.M.

RIVERBOTTOM. 5 miles west of Buellton. Chance to see yellow-breasted Chat, nesting tree swallows. Bring lunch, beverage & snack. Meet at K-Mart, Storke&Hollister. Leader: John Flavin (565-1229).

May 20-21

Sat/Sunday
9:00 A.M.

MOJAVE. Overnight trip to Lancaster and Edwards AFB + California City. Migrants, vagrants, specialty birds like LeConte's Thrasher, BlackTern and Ibis possible. Overnight at Motel 6 (824-4571). Meet at Turnpike Von's. Bring snacks, water; appropriate clothing & hats recommended. Carpooling suggested. Leader: Ron Hirst (967-4966). Early motel reservations essential. Return Sunday evening.

May 27

Saturday,
7:00 A.M.

GRASSLAND-ROADSIDE. Sweeney Road, near Lompoc. Might see Blue Grosbeak, Grasshopper Sparrow, Lazuli Bunting, Costa's Hummer. Meet at K-Mart, Storke&Hollister. Bring lunch, snack, beverage. Leader: John Flavin (565-1229).

June 3

Saturday,
7:00 A.M.

DE LA VINA CANYON. By De la Vina Ranch, Santa Ynez tributary. Beautiful area; should see many birds. Meet: K-Mart. Bring: lunch, snack & beverage. Leader: John Flavin (565-1229).

June 10

Saturday,
8:00 A.M.

NOJOQUI FALLS PARK. Beginner's walk and lunch in this pleasant park. Bring the family. Yellow-billed Magpies and Purple Martins resident. Meet at K-Mart, Storke&Hollister. Bring lunch. Leader: Ron Hirst (967-4966).

July 15

Saturday,
8:30 A.M.

BEGINNERS' WALK. Botanic Gardens and Rocky Nook Park. Meet at Rocky Nook (Mission Canyon). See many summer resident species. Leader: Ron Smith (687-2990).

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Changes in the air! The Goleta Valley Community Center invited the Audubon Society to be a participant in their newly created Coastal Resources Information Center Room (CRIC).

The Audubon Board of Directors made several decisions: ONE, to move from the Goleta Depot to become part of the CRIC room by the end of April. Audubon's new address (effective, May 2nd), 5679 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, 93117. The Center is on the ocean-side of Hollister between Fairview & Ward Blvd. Audubon's office telephone stays the same: 964-1468. Our volunteer staff will maintain the same hours: 10-2, Monday-Friday (plus the answering machine). TWO, our Dial-a-Bird phone will be moved to the home of KAREN BRIDGERS, our excellent Bird Alert volunteer (and News-Press writer).

We're looking forward to this change because it will save rent money that we can use to expand our conservation & education programs.

Please remember, BIRDATHON DAY, MAY 6th! Make your pledge, and join us at our new office for the bird counters' reports, between 5-7 P.M.

Our ANNUAL MEETING is June 4th. Elections. 2 new nominees and 9 remaining members will be elected to the Board of Directors. A gala picnic lunch party will also take place: please plan to be there (see Front Page article).

At this time, I would like to thank the Board and participants active in our Society. Very special thanks to our office coordinator & Board member, Audrey von Bieberstein, and to Ron Smith, who are retiring from the Board.

*Thanks to All,
TOMI SOLLEN, President*

From the Education Committee

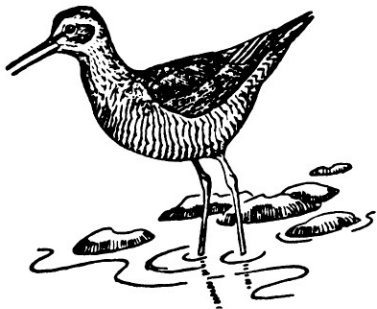
The education committee appreciates the many generous cash donations which have enabled us to provide the Audubon Adventures program to ten classrooms during this school year.

We've also presented about 30 slide shows in March to elementary classrooms in Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Carpinteria, in response to requests from teachers. We need contributions of your Audubon magazines, because we like to leave several copies in each classroom. Call ADA BABINE (962-2042), or bring them to the monthly meeting if you can give us your back issues.

We're fortunate and delighted to have a new committee member, CAROLINE BRAWNER. Caroline is new to Santa Barbara, and comes to us from the BayArea. She has a degree in environmental studies, and a rich background of experience and knowledge of wildlife. She's already a great asset to our endeavors.

We hope to find funding for a badly needed new slide projector, so we can continue to expand our program. We've prepared a new show about eagles which is suitable for adult audiences, and we'd welcome inquiries about it (from community or service organizations). We also welcome your suggestions & comments, and any involvement from the general membership, and greatly appreciate the support we get from you.

ADA BABINE, Education Chairman (962-2042)



PLEASE, DONATE JUST AN HOUR

Having a well-staffed Audubon Office makes our membership out-reach and community service work so much more effective.

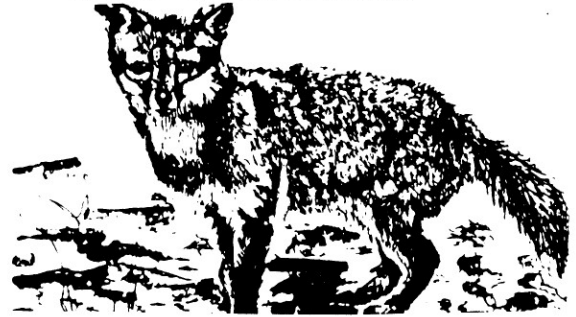
Won't you please check your calendars, and search your hearts, and see if you can't donate even 1 or 2 hours per week to help staff our Audubon Office?

With such a large, active south coast chapter, we are always at a loss why it's so hard to get volunteers. Volunteering time is easy, it's tax-deductible. Let's start our new, centrally located Goleta Community Center Office right. Volunteer!

SPECIAL THANKS to the anonymous donor who gave valuable camera equipment he'd used for nature photography. Appraised by Brooks Institute (thanks to Pam Henson): 2 Exacta cameras (1950 & 1960) and 2

telephoto lenses remaining. If you are interested, please call the Audubon Office now! 964-1468.

AUDREY VON BIEBERSTEIN



BAN STEEL-JAWED TRAPS!

Our local Audubon group has joined w. numerous nature and conservation groups in lobbying the County Board of Supervisors to restrict the use (if not completely ban) the steel-jawed traps. Audubon believes these devices are unnecessarily cruel and painful to captured animals (other means of capture exist), and pose an indiscriminate danger to hikers, children, and non-targeted wildlife. JOY PARKINSON and others worked very hard to persuade the Board of Supervisors to take action. We are pleased to inform you that they have! Severe restrictions on their use to soon go into effect.

However, the battle should NOT stop here. The traps are in widespread use thru too many parts of California, and elsewhere in the country. Please, whenever communicating (for whatever reason) with state or federal officials, enclose a postscript urging them to expand the ban to their own jurisdictions too. You will be protecting the feet of many children and birders, and eliminating the suffering of untold animals.

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RON HIRST ATTENDS AUDUBON LEADERSHIP MEETING

Audubon Board member (and outstanding field-trip coordinator) RON HIRST was able to attend the Biennial California/Nevada Leadership Conference of the Audubon Society in Davis, California this year (in early April). National Audubon President Peter Berle briefed participants, and representatives from Cal. Fish & Game, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife spoke on items like: fund-raising, the Desert Protection Act, Bush Administration outlook, etc. U.S. Fish & Wildlife announced "added protection" for the Least Bell's Vireo (in our area) and the likelihood of adding the California Desert Tortoise to the Endangered Species List. A very exciting & useful conference!

RON HIRST

RESERVATIONS FOR SUNDAY JUNE 4TH
ANNUAL MEETING & BARBECUE LUNCH

YES: I plan to attend. Please reserve

_____ adults @ \$6

_____ children (below 12 yrs)
@ \$4

\$_____ Total Enclosed
(full payment preferred)

NO Tri-Tip, please. I prefer the
Vegetarian Loaf instead

Please make checks payable to: Santa Barbara
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Mail this form AND your check for the full
sum to: Tomi Sollen, 825 North Soledad St.,
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1. SB Botanic Garden Docent Training program now
seeking volunteers; meet Thursdays (April-July) at
9-12 A.M. Call JACKIE ROCHEFORT (563-2451) to apply.

2. The Sea Center (Stearns Wharf) is featuring a
superb exhibit: "Wings at the Water's Edge", paint-
ings by Jonathan Alderfer (March-June). Alderfer is
a member of the LA Audubon Board (& a superb artist).

El Tecolote Editor extends Special Thanks to Audrey von Bieberstein for all her help each month!

NATIONAL AUDUBON OIL-SPILL ALERT!

We've received a major Bulletin from
National Audubon about the Exxon Valdez
oil-spill disaster in Alaska. Audubon's An-
chorage leader, Dave Cline, and his members
have been working round-the-clock. But the
death-toll to sea-birds, fish and wildlife
has been VERY HIGH.

Despite this calamity, elements within
the Bush Administration and Congress are
still pushing to expand oil exploration in
Arctic Wildlife refuges and federal park-
land there (not to mention expanding oil-
lease exploration off our own California
shores!).

NATIONAL AUDUBON urges all members (and
readers of Audubon publications) to write
A.S.A.P. to our Congressmen (Lagomarsino),
our Senators (Cranston & Wilson), to the
President (Bush), and to Interior Secretary
Lujan. The purpose of these communications
is to: 1. Demand complete, safe restoration
of Prince William Sound area (Alaska), no
matter what the cost to Exxon; 2. To prevent
any future expansion of Arctic park or sanc-
tuary drilling before a full review of need
for these projects and proposed safeguards;
and 3. recommend full review of offshore
exploration, drilling & transport of existing
U.S. energy facilities.

Please, don't delay. Write!

3. The Planning & Conservation League Foun-
dation doing their annual Meeting & Benefit
Auction fundraiser, 5-3, Sacramento. Call Tomi
Roberts (916)444-8726, if interested.

4. Audubon Golden Trout (Sierra) Workshop.
July 30-August 19. Joint Audubon effort. Con-
tact CINDI MCKERNAN, 1230 Friar Lane, Redlands,
Ca, 92373; (714)793-7897 for a great experience

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