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CARPINTERIA CREEK CLEANUP

Audubon's special late-summer project to improve local habitats. Meet where 6th Street dead-ends at the creek. Please wear sturdy shoes or wading boots. Work gloves recommended. Trash bags and trucks for removal provided. Refreshments, and lunch at the park for volunteers. Please call the Audubon Office for lunch reservations: 967-5200 or 964-1468. This is a major conservation effort; let's all pitch in and make it a big success!



NATIONAL AUDUBON CONVENTION: TUCSON, AZ

"Our Southwest: Challenged by Growth" is the theme for this year's Audubon Society National Convention, in Tucson, Arizona between September 12-16. If at all possible, plan to try to be there. National President Peter A. Berle has promised that this will be "our largest and most varied Convention yet."

Featured speakers will include: Paul Ehrlich, Morris Udall, James Kolbe, Dennis DeConcini, former presidential candidate Bruce Babbitt, Cliff Robertson, and Carlos Nagel, President of the Friends of Pro Natura in Mexico.

President Berle will report on his personal meeting with President Bush, on the Alaska situation (Exxon Valdez disaster & other oil development schemes in "preserve" areas), as well as new developments in the key "Spotted Owl Case" in the Pacific Northwest, Audubon efforts in the Brazilian rainforests, and bi-national coordination with Mexico.

Workshops will cover: Wetlands/Riparian Habitats (5 topics); Water Resources (6 topics, including Mono Lake and the Platte River); Public Lands (6 topics, including the Exxon/Alaska natural disaster); Energy (4 topics, including Global Warming and Waste/Recycling); Pollution (4 topics, including Acid Rain/Fog and new Clean Air Legislation).

For reservations or more info, please write

AUTUMN PROGRAMS AT AUDUBON

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

RON HIRST, our popular Field Trip Chairman, will give a slide presentation of highlights from his travels in SRI LANKA. Come view the scenes of people, temples & wildlife in the vast nature parks of this remote spot on earth.

As an added feature, GERRI FIN-KELSTEIN, from the California Wildlife Protection Initiative, will show a brief film, "Spirit of the Mountains," and discuss the current petition drive.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th

JOHN FLAVIN, avid local birder, presents "Birds of Prey"; scenes in Africa & America of stunning variety.

Each program: Farrand Hall, SB Museum of Natural History, Mission Canyon. 7:45PM-Refreshments; 8:00PM-Program. FREE PARKING. Guests Welcome.



PROTECTING NATURE: THE AUDUBON WAY

AUDUBON CONVENTION (contd.)

A.S.A.P "Audubon Convention, 4150 Darley Avenue, #5, BOULDER, COLORADO, 80303 OR telephone our Western Region Office in Sacramento (916) 481-5332, or the National Audubon Office in New York (212) 832-3200.

Field trips and events at this biennial event will be superb. If the chance to mingle with hundreds of the most dedicated nature and bird lovers from around North America interests you, please don't let that driveable distance to Tucson stop you from going.



AUDUBON EDUCATION PROJECTS UPDATE

From Committee Chair Ada Babine:

The Education Committee meets on a bi-monthly basis. Regular Committee members are: Virginia Collett, Lila Eisberg and Ada Babine. Caroline Brauner also served, but has re-located to the Bay Area.

We presented approximately 110 SLIDE/LECTURES to public & private schools, and other children/adult groups, broken down as follows: VIRGINIA: 43 shows @ 125 hours; LILA: 25 shows @ 50 hours; and ADA: 40 shows @ 130 hours (the hours also including "volunteer" time between slide presentations).

Ten classrooms received the AUDUBON ADVENTURES PROGRAM for school-year 1988-89, and because our pleas for financial support brought in \$200 we met our Audubon Adventures budget.

Special Thanks to BETTY BAZZI, whose generous gift (In Memory of her son Dean) let us acquire a badly needed new projector. We now have 3 well-functioning machines, and 1 older model to be disposed of.

Exciting new innovations are taking place in our Program. Only the continuing lack of volunteers stops us from being fully successful. If YOU can help, Sign Up Now; CALL 964-1468.

Besides the local work your Audubon dues support here in Santa Barbara County (See: Carpinteria Creek article), such as The Bird Refuge restoration project, the Lake Los Carneros protection plan, the lobbying on the steel-jaw trap issue, the Los Padres Forest habitat preservation work, etc., etc., your Audubon membership is helping power major environmental progress here in the Western United States on critical ecological questions recently in the news:

1) The Great Spotted Owl. Audubon has been active in the Pacific Northwest working with timber companies, then the courts, to save "old growth" habitats for the Great Spotted Owl; in so doing Audubon is helping the courts (and EPA) define "how far" government agencies and private concerns must go to preserve endangered species. This ongoing case is creating important legal precedents applicable throughout the United States.

2) Mono Lake. Audubon has worked in partnership for years with the Save Mono Lake groups to not only save what's left of Mono Lake's distinctive eco-system and geology, but also to forge an effective long-range balance between growing water needs of developing urban areas, and critical threshold habitat needs of pristine natural areas being drained of water to feed urban growth. The courts have recently found in favor of Audubon on the Mono Lake issue, and ordered LA to Cease & Desist taking more Mono water. Simultaneously, a compromise in Sacramento, supported by Audubon, is trying to permanently and fairly resolve the thorny money/water/local-need vs. development-need/politics hammerlock that's frozen the Mono Lake question for so long. A by-product has been a new, fairer water program between LA and the Owens Valley.

3) Oil Drilling & Shipping and Coastal Safety. Audubon chapters along the Pacific littoral were saddened, but not surprised, by the Exxon Valdez disaster in Prince William Sound, Alaska. Audubon has worked with local, state & federal agencies all through the 1980s to expand coastal and wetland preserves and buffers in Alaska (and California), and to require stricter transport and safety regulations from the Energy Industry. Audubon participated vigorously before President Bush's Task Force on future Off-Shore Drilling, and was at the fore-front of Prince William Sound Disaster cleanup and management. Industry efforts to expand leasing & development into heretofore untouched (California) coastal zones and (Alaska) wilderness areas will remain controversial. To the oft-heard question: Who speaks for the trees and the wildlife? the increasing reply is AUDUBON.

FIELD TRIPS & CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 26

9-12 A.M.

CARPINTERIA CREEK CLEANUP

See front-page article. On-going Audubon project to improve Carpinteria Creek. Wear wading boots or sturdy shoes. Bring work gloves. Refreshments provided. Call 967-5200 for sign-up.

AUGUST 27

7:30 A.M.

SANTA CLARA RIVER ESTUARY

Half day. Abundant shore-birds highlight this prime birdwatching area that includes river, beach & pond habitats. Wading footwear is recommended. Meet at Von's on Coast Village near the Bird Refuge. Leader: Shawneen Finnegan (967-2450)

SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 A.M.

DEVEREUX SLOUGH/COAL OIL PT.

Meet at entrance to Devereux at the corner of Storke & El Colegio. Walk alongside the slough to the ocean promontory. Birdlife can be abundant & varied this time of year. Leader: Ron Hirst. 967-4966.

SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 A.M.

BEGINNERS'S WALK

Lake Los Carneros. Meet at The Stow House parking lot. Good spot for late summer & and year-round residents. Early migrants possible. Leader: Rob Lindsay. 964-9514.

SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 A.M.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP

S.B. Audubon will participate again this year in the Adopt-A-Beach national campaign, & will take CoalOilPoint Beach. Data from prior cleanups was useful in drafting plastic dumping law (Illegal since 12/88) and will be helpful gauging compliance. Meet at Beach House parking lot, at the end of

(contd.)

SEPTEMBER 24

7:30 A.M.

Devereux Slough Road. Volunteers needed. Please call the Audubon Office: 964-1468. HelpOut.

GOLETA BEACH & CAMPUS LAGOON

Meet at the east end parking lot of Goleta Beach Park. Great diversity of migrating & resident shore birds and waterbirds on hand. Leader: Rob Lindsay. 964-9514.

SEPTEMBER 30

7:00 A.M.

SANTA MARIA AREA

Half-day visit to fields & beach in Santa Maria & Guadalupe yields Lesser Golden Plover, Mountain Plover, and typical & atypical birds. Meet at K-Mart, corner of Storke & Hollister. Bring lunch. Leader: Brooks Allen. 965-3949.

OCTOBER 7

8:00 A.M.

GOLETA CREEKS.

Half-day. Migrant birds favour our willow-lined creeks. Meet at Patterson Ave. bridge at SanJose Crk. above Cathedral Oaks. Leader: Karen Bridgers. 964-1316.

OCTOBER 14-15

2-days
7:00 A.M.

MONTEREY BIRDING WEEKEND

ShearWater Journey's pelagic trip starts at 7AM Saturday. Storm Petrels, Shearwaters, Auklets, etc. Sunday visits to local vagrant/migrant hot-spots. Call A.S.A.P. for added information & reservations. Boat fee: \$42; hotels: \$26-70+. Leader: RonHirst. 967-4966.

OCTOBER 28

9:00 A.M.

CARPINTERIA SLOUGH.

Rare habitat with accompanying birdlife will be observed & explained by outstanding UCSB docent Wayne Ferren on this walk through the Slough. Meet at the Slough end of Carpinteria Avenue. Bring appropriate footwear. Call: 964-1468 or 967-4966 for info.

Editor's Note. RON HIRST deserves very special commendation for assembling these programs far in advance; to avoid last moment alterations of times or leaders, please always try to call ahead to reconfirm the info printed here at Audubon Office: 964-1468



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Next Board Meeting (open to all members) will be at
the Audubon Office, 7PM, Thursday, September 7.

Editor's Note (in listings with 2 phone numbers, the
first number listed is work, the second is home).

The President's Message:

This summer has been an exciting one for the
Santa Barbara Audubon Society. We have completed
our move into our new, more centrally located of-
fice at the Goleta Community Center on Hollister.
We held a very successful Annual Meeting & Picnic
amidst the groves along Maria Ygnacio Creek and
Old San Marcos Road, attended by over 60 members
and guests. Elections confirmed old and some new
officers and committee leaders. Part of the pro-
cess of change, unfortunately, also means bidding
farewell to dedicated Board members who have had
to step down, and I want to again express my very
deepest thanks & appreciation to them, and Audrey
at the Office, for their invaluable support of Audu-
bon. Exciting trips & programs are planned for Fall.
Volunteer to staff our Office & be the first to know

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