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MONTHLY PROGRAM

March 23 "THE LAST OF THE ANCIENT FORESTS" - Slides and stories from
Friday the forests of the Pacific Northwest by Sharon Teague.

Have you ever seen a whole forest of trees 10 feet thick, 200 feet tall and 900 years old? As a citizen of the United States, you own such forests in the Pacific Northwest. Your government is selling these forests to be clearcut at the rate of 100 football fields a day! Learn about the threatened wildlife and the roles they play in the ecosystem.

Ms. Teague teaches Forest Ecology and leads field trips to ancient forests through a community college in Eugene, Oregon. She is embarked on a two-month speaking tour of California, the Northeast and upper Midwest to inform the public about what is happening to their national forests and what they can do about it.

The meeting will be held in the Farrand Hall, Museum of Natural History. Refreshments 7:45 pm. Program 8:00 pm.



GOLDEN TROUT SCHOLARSHIP

Thanks to the generosity of Catherine Rose, we are able to offer a scholarship to Golden Trout Camp this year!!!

This wilderness "hike-in" camp is located at 10,000 feet in the Southern Sierra near Mt. Whitney. It offers an opportunity to explore the ecosystems of the High Sierra through daily hikes with experienced naturalists, informal workshops and evening programs.

There will be three sessions: July 29 through August 4; August 5 through August 11; and August 12 through August 18.

Would-be scholarship recipients should write a one-page letter explaining how they hope to benefit from the experience.

It is important to get your applications in as soon as possible, because space is limited at the camp.

For further information about the camp, call or visit the office. You may also call Tomi Sollen at 966-4836

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

We have received generous donations from 45 members and friends. Your gifts will enable us to be more effective as a conservation organization, in our efforts to educate the public, and in keeping you informed of issues and activities.

We are grateful for your support.
Thank you very much indeed!!

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CALENDAR OF MONTHLY EVENTS

- March 1
Thursday 7:00pm Board of Directors' meeting, Conference Room, 5679 Hollister Ave. Members welcome.
- March 10
Saturday 9:00am Devereux Slough. Co-sponsored by Coastal Resource Information Center. The slough is full of water and there will be abundant birdlife. Blue-winged Teal, Black-shouldered Kite and the Eurasian form of Green-winged Teal are often seen here. This area is threatened by UCSB expansion. Meet at K-Mart, corner of Hollister Ave., and Storke Road. Rain postpones to Sunday.
Leader: Ron Hirst 967-4966.
- March 20
Tuesday 8:30am Devereux Slough. Meet at Jack-in-the-Box at the corner of Hollister and Storke Road. Bring scope. Expect to see ducks and shorebirds.
Leader: Shawneen Finnegan 967-2450.
- March 23
Friday 7:45pm Monthly Program. "THE LAST OF THE ANCIENT FORESTS", by Sharon Teague. Farrand Hall, S.B. Museum of Natural History.
- March 30-
April 1 Eastern Sierra and Sage Grouse. 2 days. Just south of Mono Lake is a well-known Sage Grouse lek. The early-morning territorial displays will be observed. About 90 other species of birds will be seen, including some strictly higher elevation birds. Overnight at Tom's Place. 4 spaces left, reserve now with leader:
Ron Hirst 967-4966.

DATES FOR APRIL

- April 21
Saturday 9:00-12:00 noon Audubon's participation in Earth Day. Mission Creek cleanup from Carrillo to Cabrillo, in cooperation with Urban Creeks Council and Coastal Resource Information Center.
- April 22
Sunday Audubon Table at Earth Day celebration, Santa Barbara City College.
- April 28
Saturday Birdathon. Further details in April El Tecolote.



FIELD TRIP REPORTS

January and February

Kinevan Road produced the expected Varied Thrushes. Figueroa Mountain was exhilarating. We had an invigorating 2 mile walk plus lots of special birds. Our new Tuesday walk was very popular and there are plans for more. The S.B. Harbor and Bird Refuge trip had a good turnout, and excellent views of Wood Duck. Goleta Beach and Campus Lagoon were fun too on a beautiful brisk day. Ask your friends, especially non-members to come on the field trips.



BOARD ELECTIONS

The Board of Directors of SBAS consists of 11 members elected annually in June. Of the present board, 5 members will not be available to serve next year. A nominating committee has been appointed to select candidates.

If you would like to serve on the board, or recommend someone, please telephone Tomi Sollen, 966-4836. (PLEASE make sure a person is willing to serve before recommending them.)

Don't be shy! There are many good people who never get asked because no one knows they are interested.

HELP SAVE THE TONGASS

The highest nesting concentration of bald eagles in the world is found in the Tongass National Forest in Alaska. The average age of a bald eagle nest there is 400 years.

1989 was a big year for the Tongass. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a strong Tongass reform legislation by a whopping 356-60. In the U.S. Senate, 52 Senators co-sponsored a similar bill. But, since the Senate has not voted on Tongass legislation, the environmentally and fiscally irresponsible management of our largest and most pristine national forest continues unabated.



It is a must that the Senate pass a strong bill during 1990 (the House-passed bill of 1989 will carry over one year). Each day that the Senate lingers, several acres of this spectacular old-growth rainforest is senselessly clearcut, destroying habitat for bald eagles, brown bears and millions of salmon. Passage of a Tongass bill by Earth day 1990 (April 22nd) is the perfect way for our senators to demonstrate their commitment to protecting our planet.

The bill number is S346. Senator Cranston is one of the 52 senators who have co-sponsored this bill. Senator Wilson is not. His address is:

The Honorable Pete Wilson
U. S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510



AUDUBON INSTITUTE OF DESERT ECOLOGY

The 20th annual Institute of Desert Ecology will be sponsored by the Tucson Audubon Society on April 19-22, 1990, at Catalina State Park north of Tucson. The Institute is an exciting four days of field studies in Sonoran Desert ecology, under the enthusiastic tutelage of six of Arizona's foremost natural history experts. Sessions focus on relationships between plants, wildlife, and the desert environment.

Participants camp in a shaded mesquite bosque adjacent to undisturbed desert washes, canyons, hillsides, and rich riparian areas. Ample, tasty meals are catered on-site and all camp services except sleeping equipment are provided. The cost is \$245, with university credit available for an additional fee.

For more information contact the director, Mary Ann Chapman, at 300 East University, Suite 120, Tucson, AZ 85705, or call her at (602) 887-9449.

HELP WANTED

We have been in our pleasant office in the Goleta Valley Community Center for ten months. We have welcomed several of our members and would enjoy having more of you visit. However, due to a shortage of staff we are unable to keep the office open as long as we wish.

We need your help. The duties are as light and as pleasant as the office itself.

Do you have an hour or two per week that you could spare to help out? How about per month? Could you serve as a substitute occasionally? If so, please fill out the box below and mail it to the office. For more information call Joy Parkinson, 967-9371. We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Please check appropriate box(es)

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UCSB EXPANSION PLAN

Unfortunately, the Draft E.I.R. Plan locates 316 family housing units on the open spaces of West Campus and allows units 50 feet from the Coal Oil Point Nature Reserve (Devereux Slough). This development would add 1,000 residents, many dogs and cats, greater traffic and would threaten or destroy sand dune, field, and wetland habitat. Problems this year at the slough have included 4-wheel drives in the slough a few times, dogs in the slough harassing birds, people trespassing in the reserve, and higher densities of traffic with loud cars and raucous passengers.

Ron Hirst spoke against the current West Campus plan at a County Resource Management hearing and at a UCSB hearing. He has organized a letter campaign to the University of California and the California Coastal Commission which emphasizes the probable deleterious effects on the threatened, protected and endangered bird species and their habitat. Along with many rare birds, Black-shouldered Kite, Snowy Plover, Short-eared Owl, Tundra Swan, and crowd-and-noise intolerant species would be at risk of disappearing from the Devereux area forever.

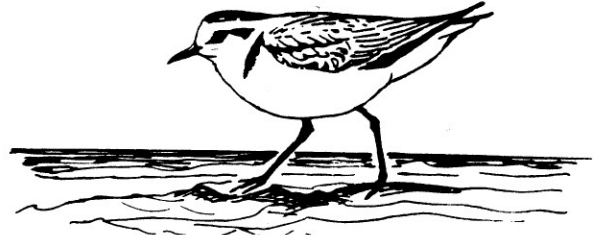
RARE BIRD ALERTS

Los Angeles (213) 874-1318	San Bernadino (714) 793-5599
Modesto (209) 571-0246	San Diego (619) 435-6761
Monterey (408) 375-9122	Santa Barbara (805) 964-8240
Morro Bay (805) 528-7182	San Francisco (415) 528-0288
Northern California (415)	S.W.Sierra/San Joaquin (209)
528-0288 or 524-5592	782-1237
Sacramento (916) 481-0118	Tucson AZ (602) 798-1005

EPA TO BECOME CABINET LEVEL POST

Senate Bill 2006 proposes elevating the EPA to cabinet level. Most of Congress and the President are in favor of this, and it may happen on Earth Day.

A stronger environmental agency will be better able to regulate and enforce nationally, implement more effective international and global research and agreements, and take more of a leadership role in carrying out public sentiment on the quality of our environment.



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