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MONTHLY PROGRAM

Friday, April 27. Refreshments 7:45 pm. Program 8:00 pm.

Last Program Before Summer!

"BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES IN BORNEO". John Schmitt is coming from Norwalk to show his beautiful slides. He had a total of seven months, spread over three years, working with the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology on a scientific survey and inventory of habitats in Borneo.

SBAS board members have requested that we show the membership (and in April there is time) a sample of an Audubon Education Committee program as viewed by schools and other groups. Ada Babine, chairperson of the committee and an outstanding Goleta teacher, will present a favorite show on "BALD EAGLES".

There will be no May program, but we are planning another "PICNIC in the PARK" on Sunday, June 3. Watch next newsletter for details.



GOLDEN TROUT SCHOLARSHIP

As reported in the last issue of El Tecolote, we are offering a scholarship to Golden Trout Camp in the Sierra Nevada Mountains this year. Applicants need not be Audubon members. Students, teachers, or anyone who feels they can benefit from the experience may apply.

If you know of someone you think would be a likely candidate, tell them about our scholarship. Information about the camp is available at the office, or call Tomi Sollen, 966-4836. Tomi is one of the founders of this camp experience. Santa Barbara Audubon is one of its sponsors.

OILED BIRDS

Our thanks to the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network group who, for three weeks, drove down to Long Beach to assist in the cleaning of oiled birds--mostly Western Grebes, Scoters and Brown Pelicans. Some have been released at Point Mugu and in the Goleta Beach area. Of those, eight have died, and the bodies will be sent to Fish and Wildlife. Over 700 birds were cleaned--125 to 150 died. Not all birds ingested crude oil. Many died from ingesting other toxic foods. A sorry condition of our polluted ocean! (Information from Estelle Busch).

C A L E N D A R

- April 5
Thursday 7:00pm Board of Directors' meeting, Conference Room, 5679 Hollister Ave.
Members Welcome.
- April 14
Saturday 9:00am Beginners' Birdwalk. Bird Refuge and Harbor. This half-day trip
is especially for beginners and people who have not been on a field
trip before. Meet at the Bird Refuge. Leader to be announced.
- April 21
Saturday 9:00am Devereux Creek Cleanup. Meet at Jack-in-the-Box, corner of Storke Rd.
and Hollister Ave. Complete details below.
- April 22
Sunday Earth Day, 1990. See below.
- April 28
Saturday BIRDATHON. All day. See information below.
- April 29
Sunday 7:30am Figueroa Mountain Spring birding trip. Expect to see higher eleva-
tion birds (and magnificent views). Target species will be Northern
Pygmy Owl at Davy Brown and at the mountain top. Bring lunch and
water. Leader: Brooks Allen 965-3949

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April will be a busy month. We look forward to seeing our members participate in the EARTH DAY activities, DEVEREUX CREEK CLEAN UP and our special annual BIRDATHON.

Joy Parkinson's fundraising efforts brings this issue to you. We hope more issues will be forthcoming.

DEVEREUX CREEK CLEAN UP

(Co-sponsored by Coastal Resource Information Center)

Saturday, April 21, 9:00 am to noon.
Meet at Jack-in-the-Box, corner of Storke Rd. and Hollister Ave. Wear heavy shoes, bring gloves. Garbage bags will be provided. Collecting points will be assigned. Count Flood Control will truck the bags to the dump.

Join us and bring your friends. It is a messy job but very worthwhile. Time flies while working with environmentally sensitive individuals.

Call the office and leave your name and number if you plan to participate.

EARTH DAY 1990

April 22, Sunday, All Day

Santa Barbara Audubon will join many organizations in the celebration of Earth Day. We will have a booth at City College. We look forward to seeing our members actively supporting this event.

BIRDATHON

Saturday, April 28, all day.

Auduboners, birders: This is it!! Our annual Birdathon! Get sponsors to pledge or donate as much as possible for each bird species sighted.

This year we would like to have more participants and sponsors. Look at it as a fun and challenging field trip. Last Year Ron Hirst sighted 112 species. We raised about \$400--half for National Audubon and half for our project, the Carpinteria Creek Clean up. Our goal this year is to raise additional monies for our education program and for more newsletters.

Call the office 964-1468 and leave a message, or call Wynn Tufnell, 682-0607, or Ron Hirst, 967-4966 after 5:30 pm if you wish to participate. Sponsor Ron, Wynne, a friend or yourself and pledge 5¢, 10¢, 25¢ or more for each bird species sighted. It is tax-deductible. Pledge cards will be available

Meet at 7:30 am at the Bird Refuge or at noon at the base of the Goleta Beach pier.
JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING DAY OF BIRDING!!



EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Education Committee gives slide shows in elementary schools and to other groups and organizations which make requests. Since September, three members of the committee have carried the Audubon environmental message to more than one hundred groups, probably well over fifteen hundred people, including school children, Rotary Clubs, camera clubs, groups of retired people and groups of handicapped persons. We have also presented our programs in State Parks as part of their evening campfire.

Virginia Collett will not be able to continue in our work for the time being because of illness in her family. We miss her keenly. She has been a favorite of many who have called on her regularly for her fine bird programs.

Our committee is looking for volunteers who are willing to do this valuable community service. We will give you the necessary training and materials and even invite you to lunch once a year! Giving Audubon shows to school children is a delightful activity.

Call Ada Babine, 962-2042 if you can help, or leave a message in the Audubon office. As Uncle Sam used to say: "WE NEED YOU!!"

(Editor's Note: If you would like to see the type of program being shown to schools, etc., be sure to attend our April meeting.)

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

February and March

The La Purisima Mission field trip was wonderful! Many bird species were seen in this unique state park. Participants also enjoyed the historic Mission.

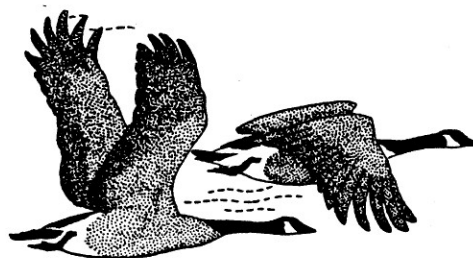
The Ventura County Game Preserve, a private hunting club had the following birds: a Peregrine Falcon flying overhead all day, a Eurasian Wigeon, Merlin, American Bittern, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, White-faced Ibis, two races of Canada Geese and thousands of ducks.

Devereux Slough provided excellent views of hundreds of ducks, plus a flicker excavating a big nest hole.

UPDATE ON THE TONGASS

You will be pleased to learn that Senator Wilson has joined the majority of senators by co-sponsoring S346, the bill to protect the Tongass National Forest in Alaska.

We are hoping that the Senate will pass this bill soon--hopefully by Earth Day, April 22.



OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

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FISHING FOR THE FUTURE
(from Audubon Science Quarterly)

Because of the increasing pressure on marine ecosystems and the woeful lack of protection for fish populations, Audubon is expanding its environmental policy analysis program to include fisheries management issues.

Many will agree marine fishery conservation is decades behind on-land conservation policies. "We still think of fish as only being a commodity of some economic value or a commodity of recreational value," says Dr. Carl Safina, Audubon research and policy ecologist. "And we don't think of fish in the ocean as the wild animal populations that they are. Fish need to be managed as wildlife populations not as commodities.".....

Currently, fisheries management is administered by the Department of Commerce. However, the Commerce Dept. is not well-oriented to deal with the uniqueness of fisheries: It is our only major food source whose supply is dependent on natural reproduction in a wild environment. (Emphasis added). The fact that fish are wild animals

makes their management needs fundamentally different from agriculture or domestic animal production, which are more appropriate concerns for the Commerce Dept....

To remedy some of the inequities inherent with the current system Safina recommends that:

- 1) Fishery management plans be developed for all recreationally and economically important fish; and
- 2) Administration of fishery management be transferred from the Commerce Dept. to the Dept of Interior, within the Fish and Wildlife Service so that management decisions can be directed by biologists...



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