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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to our outgoing board members. Tomi, Joy, Wynne and Marge have contributed greatly of themselves and set fine examples for our newboard to follow.

Stimulating monthly programs have been scheduled till January, but I need someone to become a committee or board member to help schedule subsequent programs. Please call me if you're interested.

Everett King, Bonnie Gail and I went to the So. Cal. Audubon Coordinating Council meeting in Ventura in August. A few of the groups and individuals reporting included Cal. Dept of Fish and Game on budget issues and anti-hunting legislation, John Borneman on national Audubon issues including Ancient Forests (vote YES on Prop. 130, vote NO on Prop. 138), Beth Huning on national Audubon education resources, Jesse Grantham on western wetlands, the Condor Experimental Release Program (Andean Condors are doing well, even reaching the Santa Ynez Valley! California Condors are to be released in '91 or '92).

Thanks to all of you who wrote letters to UCSB about how bad their West Campus (Devereaux) development plan is. National Audubon also wrote a letter. A group of concerned individuals and organizations, including our local Audubon, SierraClub, Nature Conservancy, Santa Barbara Land Trust, Save Ellwood Shores, Wayne Ferren and Paul Lehman will be meeting to discuss the issue in September.

Let's hope that we can figure out a way to sensitize the university to the importance of this area to people and wildlife.

-RON HIRST.

HELP WANTED!

The Chapter seeks an Auduboner willing to help cover gaps in office staffing, mainly telephone coverage, for up to four hours weekly. Pleasant office, and of course you talk to the nicest people! Call Joy Parkinson, SBAS office 964-1468 or 967-9371 for more information. Thanks.

3rd ANNUAL COASTAL EVENT SET FOR COAL OIL POINT

S.B. Audubon strongly supports the third annual Adopt-a-Beach cleanup campaign, which is again focussed on Coal Oil Point. Trash is collected, and also analyzed to support State and Federal actions to conserve coastal and ocean resources and marine habitats.

Volunteers are needed to help the program succeed. See inside calendar for more details.

Sign on NOW - Call

SBAS office - 964-1468



NIGHT FLIGHT

TO BE VIEWED AT SEPT. 28 MEETING

Bird migration studies are the subjects of the next SBAS meeting, on Friday, September 28th, at 7:45 p.m. in Farrand Hall, S.B. Museum of Natural History.

Guest speaker Robert L. McKernan, research biologist at UC Riverside, and San Bernardino County Museum's staff ornithologist, will present an insightful talk and slide show at the meeting.

Entitled "Peering Into Darkness: Bird Studies in Southern California," promises to be one of the better lectures of the year.

REFRESHMENTS 7:45 P.M. PROGRAM 8:00 P.M.

REMINDER: BRING OWN CUP, PLATE, FLATWARE!

- September 6 Monthly meeting, Board of Directors. SBAS office,
Thursday 7:00 pm 5679 Hollister Avenue. Members welcome.
- September 8 DEVEREAUX SLOUGH. A beautiful September starter trip,
Saturday 8:00 am to see the Fall shorebirds, wetlands birds, warblers,
and more. Meet at K-Mart Shopping Center, Hollister at
Storke (oceanside, off 101), near Jack-In-Box.
- Leader: Guy Tingos 687-8266
- September 15 GOLETA BEACH TO UCSB LAGOON. Fine birding along the
Saturday 7:30 am slough, ocean, and the lagoon. Shore and wetlands birds,
and maybe visitors. Always a rewarding walkabout. Meet
at parking lot near the Goleta Beachside Restaurant.
- Leader: Rob Lindsay 964-9514

September 22
Saturday

9:00 am to 12 Noon



COAL OIL POINT. Local action, part of state and national events on all coasts of the nation. Third Annual cleanup at this beach, as part of the ADOPT-A-BEACH programs, to clean and reclaim our beaches, shores, and oceans. Sponsored by California Coastal Commission, Coastal Resources Information Center, and others. Community Environment Council aids, with trucks, tools, and bags. FREE T-SHIRTS to participants. From 101, Storke Road towards Ocean, to Devereaux Slough Road, to parking lot at end of road. Get parking permit from Ron Hirst or Tomi Sollen on site, for this restricted spot. Boots or waders are helpful, but not necessary. Sign-on! SBAS 964-1468.

September 28
Friday 7:45 pm

MEETING. "Peering Into Darkness: Bird Studies in Southern California." Guest Speaker - Robert L. McKernan. (See story, page 1). Don't forget to bring your cup, plate, and flatware, for refreshments - help save the environment!

September 29
Saturday 7:30 am

ROCKY NOOK PARK - MISSION CANYON -BOTANIC GARDEN. Great starting trip for beginners and newcomers, to get acquainted with birds of the Santa Barbara foothills and creeks. (Yes, the drought notwithstanding, Mission Creek still flows.) Meet at park parking lot.

ADVANCE LISTINGS

Leader: Everett King 962-4397

October 6
Saturday 7:30 am

McGRATH STATE BEACH PARK, Ventura. An old favorite, McGrath is a wonderful location for shorebirds, ducks and gulls. Rarities are also often found there. Old tennis shoes or waders are recommended. Meet at S.B. Bird Refuge.

Leader: Ron Hirst 967-4966

October 26
Friday 7:45 pm

MEETING: "Amphibians and Reptiles of S.B. and Ventura." Curator Paul Collins, slide show, live animals and specimens. (more details next month)

*Call Audubon office - (805) 964-1468 (daily 11 AM - 4 PM) for questions or confirmation of trips and schedules.

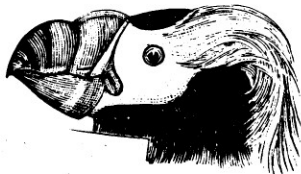
C.R.I.C. PLANS ALL DAY CRUISE TO ISLANDS
OFF-SHORE BIRDS-MARINE MAMMALS- WHALES !!!



The Coastal Resource Information Center is sponsoring a Channel cruise aboard the 88-foot CONDOR on Saturday, November 17. We will be looking for whales and other marine animals, as well as birds.

CONDOR will cruise along the mainland coast to Pt. Concepcion then, weather permitting, cross to the west side of San Miguel Island to see the elephant seals and other pinnipeds.

Birds which may be seen include Northern Fulmar, Manx Shearwater, Common Murre, Cassin's Auklet and Rhinoceros Auklet. If we are very lucky we may see a Black-footed Albatross, an Ancient Murrelet, or even a Tufted Puffin.



Tufted Puffin

In the event that we cannot get to San Miguel, we will explore the north shore of Santa Cruz Island, and visit the Painted Cave.

CONDOR will depart from Sea Landing at 6 AM and return about 6 PM. Fare is \$40 per person. We must have reservations in by October 17 to secure the charter.

Please make checks payable to CRIC, and mail to: Joy Parkinson, Coastal Resource Information Center, 5679 Hollister Ave., Goleta, CA 93117. You will receive a letter of confirmation and information in October.

Call SBAS 964-1468 or CRIC 964-6477

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New Bill Will Save Last Ancient Forests

Culminating a year of intensive work and strategy, activists have put forward a proposal in Congress to preserve the remaining stands of old growth, or ancient forests, in the Pacific Northwest.

The Ancient Forest Protection Act of 1990 (HR 4492) aims to establish an "ancient forest reserve system" that includes all of the remaining ancient forests on public lands (about two million acres) and "associated forests." These associated forests are second-growth areas that link the highly fragmented stands of old growth so that endangered wildlife can move through "corridors," increasing habitat range and likelihood of survival. The bill was introduced on April 5 and is sponsored by Reps. Jim Jontz, Claudine Schneider, Bob Mrazek, and 30 others.

The Ancient Forest Protection Act is critical to the survival of old-growth forest and the more than 150 endangered species it supports, including the spotted owl, marten, and fisher. The act is needed because previous attempts to lower the rate of cutting of these forests to sustainable levels and to redirect the sales program have failed dismally.

Audubon lobbyists believe that the Ancient Forest Protection Act is a revolutionary step forward. Says Brock Evans, Audubon's vice-president for National Affairs, "The momentum is building at last to do something to protect ancient forests. How well we succeed now depends on the willingness of each American to put pressure on their representative to support the bill."

You can help by writing your representative and asking him or her to cosponsor HR 4492. You can also send in your tax-deductible contribution of \$100, \$50, \$25, or whatever you can afford, to support our lobbying efforts, to Ancient Forest Campaign, c/o Audubon Activist, 950 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022...



...MEANWHILE, U.S. FORESTER SPARES GIANT TREES IN EXCHANGE FOR LUMBERING RIGHTS

In a related development, an L.A. Times story on July 21, by-lined by Maura Dolan, reported that the U.S. Forest Service had reached agreement with the State of California's Attorney General John K. Van de Kamp, loggers, conservationists, and other groups, to scale downward its two-year-old plans for clearcutting and logging in the Sequoia National Forest.

U.S. Forester Paul Barker and Van de Kamp called it "a step towards saving the old growth forests," while Mickey Dulas, leader of the Redwood Summer Coalition, accepted it conditionally pending study of the detailed agreement.

The agreement enables loggers and Forest Services to proceed with lumbering which had been held up for two years by controversy.



SBAS AND UNITED WAY START NEW OUTDOORS
PROGRAM FOR HANDICAPPED GROUPS

Santa Barbara Audubon Society has created a new conservation and educational program this year involving water, habitats, local animals and plants, and of course, birds.

The new Outdoor Classroom Project includes five half-day outdoor field trips with groups, arranged by the Braille Institute, the Boys Scout's Mission Council's handicapped troop, the Girls' Clubs, and Vista Del Monte, with initial funding generously provided by the United Way of Santa Barbara County.

Audubon normally reaches able-bodied adults, but has not reached disabled, handicapped or the sight-impaired, who could benefit both physically, socially and mentally from conservation experiences.

The project is under the coordination of Rob Lindsay, a biology teacher at Carpinteria High School, and ornithology instructor at SBCC.

GREAT PICNIC ROUNDS OUT BUSY YEAR

Over 60 people joined in picnic and elections at Giorgi Park in June to end another successful year for the Chapter.

Tomi Sollen again thanks all who helped throughout the year, especially in making the office move to its new quarters.

Tomi especially wishes to note all our thanks to Marge Capiello, the Parkinson's, Carol Rae, Anne Eissler, and husband Bob for their large picnic efforts.

Tomi notes a sad ending to the event, with the Painted Cave fire's destruction of the Park's pool buildings a few days later.

FOUR COURSES EXPAND BIRDING
OPPORTUNITIES IN S.B. AREA



In addition to the Audubon trips listed on page 1, we note that there are four bird classes starting off the Fall season during September, each meeting once weekly - in the field - for 9-10 sessions of two hours each, at some of the best birding spots.

SBCC Adult Ed offers a beginners class, starting on Monday, September 10th, at 8:30 A.M. at the Museum of Natural History, with Joan Lentz, instructor.

Adult Ed also offers an intermediate level course, starting on Tuesday, September 11 at 8 A.M., under instructor Paul Lehman, at the same location.

Museum of Natural History sponsors the third course, on Wednesday, for birders of varied interest levels, starting on Sept. 12. at 8:30 A.M., led by Joan Lentz, also at the Museum.

Botanic Garden rounds out as sponsor of the fourth class on Thursdays, starting on September 13th at 8:30 A.M. in front of the Garden's gift shop, with Joan Lentz again as leader.

The courses are popular, and fill out quickly. Pre-registration is recommended for the Natural History and Botanic Garden courses, which give priority and discounts to their members. For further information and fees, call:

S.B. Adult Ed: 687-0812

S.B. Museum Nat. History: 682-4334

S.B. Botanic Garden: 563-2521



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