

# El Tecolote

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## CHRISTMAS PRESENCE REQUIRED!

### DURING THIS EVENT, CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

by Joan Lentz

Our annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) - now called "holiday bird count" [editor's note: HBC?] - needs all of you to count, count, count! Find the birds that should make Paul Lehman wish he had never left Santa Barbara!

Everyone is invited to help Santa Barbara Audubon with the annual Christmas Bird Count, to be held this year on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1995. There will be a fee of \$5/person for participation, which will be collected during the compilation.

On the evening of Count Day, you are all invited (urged!) to attend the compilation dinner at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (SBMNH). The dinner is potluck, and begins promptly at 6 pm, so that compilation may start on time at 7 pm. Please bring a salad, main dish, or dessert. If your group includes out-of-town guests, they can contribute drinks, bread, paper plates, etc. Please bring your own utensils!

This year's count compiler will again be Joan Lentz, assisted by Karen Bridgers and Pat Kelly. **Please fill out the coupon below and mail it to Pat, or call her at 962-9916! SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN ORGANIZE THE COUNT EARLY THIS YEAR!** We will be contacting you as soon as possible to let you know details of the area you will cover!

**Before** the count, watch for the following birds, which we often have difficulty finding on count day: **any grosbeaks, tanagers, orioles, dipper, non-Anna's hummingbirds, unusual sparrows at feeders, such as white-throated or Harris', any geese, swans, pygmy or other owls, long-billed curlews.** In fact, we are interested in **any species listed as rare or very rare** in the "*Birds of Santa Barbara County checklist*" by Lehman and Lentz, which may be obtained from our office for a nominal fee - call 964-1468 and leave your name and number and you will receive a call back as soon as possible.

If you know of, or see any of, the above rarities - especially during the week before the count, please call Joan Lentz (969-4397) or Karen Bridgers (964-1316). Remember, the \$5 participation fee will be collected at compilation, so do not send it with form.

#### SANTA BARBARA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Saturday, December 30, 1995

Yes, I(we) want to join the Bird Count team!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred area? If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to work with: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: ☐ Dinner, ☐ Leader, ☐ Feeder count

Complete this form and send to: **Pat Kelly**  
**554 Litchfield Lane**  
**Santa Barbara, CA 93109**  
**(805) 962-9916**



## November Program

Friday 17 November 1995

[Note: 3rd Friday of the month!]

Farrand Hall, SB Museum of Natural History  
7:30 pm. Refreshments  
8:00 pm. Program begins promptly

### Peruvian Birding

Local birder, SBAS board member and treasurer, Bob Zeman will present a slide and lecture program on birding in Peru. He and Don Rathbun (Education Committee Chairman) visited Manu for 15 days in August this year. Combined, the group they were with saw over 600 species of birds, of which Don saw more than 500 and Bob nearly 450. To keep the budget low, they camped for the duration, and only had to endure a couple of days with rain, spending most of their time birding.

Travel was primitive - walking and by dug-out canoes. Native eco-tour guides, who specialized in birds of the area and knew how and where to find them, camped with them, providing an opportunity of a life-time to live with the very people whose wildlife they studied. Bob is a 21-year member of the Adventures Club of Los Angeles, and both he and Don have birded internationally for more than a decade each.

Bob's program tonight will include about 100 slides, and he will show a short video on wildlife of the area that he purchased while there.

Come join us for this fascinating talk about yet another excellent adventure in the wilds by one of our own members.

Afterwards, stay for refreshments, pick Bob's mind about budgetary and other items, and get to know another member of the club who came to enjoy the show!

## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

**NOV. 18, SAT. 7:30 - HARBOR AND BIRD REFUGE.** 101 to Castillo exit, south on Castillo - get in left lane after leaving the off ramp! Then turn right on Cabrillo and proceed 0.2 miles west to harbor parking lot. Call **Rob Lindsay** for details, **805-964-9514**.

**NOV. 18, SAT. - CENTRAL COAST AUDUBON COUNCIL,** La Purisima Audubon, Lompoc. Ecotourism and Central Coast Birding Trail. Call **John Ayres**, President LPAS, **805-736-8312**; or **Bob Barnes** 916-481-5332. There is a trip planned to the McElligott's Ponds during the meeting, so come see what all the fuss is at Vandenberg Air Force Base!

**DEC. 09, SAT. - RANCHO JOCOSO,** on east end of Lake Cachuma. See Lewis' woodpeckers, wood ducks, mountain bluebirds, bald eagles and peregrines! **Jeff Chemnick** **805-965-0895** will meet you at 7 am at Five Points Shopping Center, 3925 State Street. Car pool to the lake. Back by noon.

**DEC. 16-17, SAT-SUN. - CARRIZO PLAIN,** San Luis Obispo County. **Don Rathbun** will lead this overnight trek to find sandhill cranes, mountain plovers and bluebirds, sage sparrows and thrashers, birds of prey we normally don't see on the South Coast, and the numerous herpetofauna we never see here! Leave Santa Barbara rain or shine from the Jack-in-the-box at Storke Road and Hollister at 8 am. Meet to carpool (**make arrangements ahead**) Saturday morning - back by dinner on Sunday. Call Don at **805-964-5521** for more information. There is a motel in the area - \$36/double occupancy, \$50/single; Bring food and drink for snacks and meals. Saturday dinner available for \$9.95 + tax and Sunday breakfast for \$7.95 + tax. Dress for hot, cold, and/or rain - all of above! Fill the tank before leaving town, as there is no gas on the Carrizo! **Reservations must be made - send check to SBAS office.**

**FEB. 17, SAT. 7:30 - VENTURA COUNTY GAME PRESERVE,** near Oxnard. A great trip! See lots of ducks, shorebirds, bitterns, ibises, merlins, peregrines, other birds of prey, and occasional rare passerines. **Guy Tingos** will lead this trek from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge parking lot, promptly carpooling at 7:30 am. Back by noonish. Call Guy to ensure a ride **805-681-0026**, or to get directions to meet at the preserve.

President's message:

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

- Lee Moldaver

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**RARE BIRD ALERT**..... 1-805-964-8240

Directors meet the second Thursday of each month. Members are welcome to attend, but please call office to verify dates and time.  
SBAS Office Phone number.... 1-805-964-1468

### OFFICE HOURS

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