

El Tecolote

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"Nothing is more priceless than the rich array of animal life"

with which our country has been blessed. *It is a many-faceted treasure.*" Thus spake Richard Nixon, signing the Endangered Species Act into law in 1973. His words have been lost to hoards of his greedy followers two decades later. The "wise use movement" and its wummies continue to: steam-roll; "savage cut" perfectly healthy old forests; strip-mine land surfaces ("beef - it's what's for dinner"); and clamor to totally exploit wildlife refuges for their own short-sighted profits. A sorry cynicism - if monetary gain results, then non-human "life" is worthless, to be crushed, and aborted. No moral nor ethical dilemmas here!. No understanding of moral admonitions to "husband" wisely what "god" created. Cowboy-booted arrogance. No responsibility for killing fields. Just greed.

Bear in mind, however, that *free enterprise and capitalism are not synonymous*. One is mere barter. The other describes a system fraught with hundreds of losers for every "winner", death to those who stand in its way. Call and write your congress-persons. Urge them to put their hearts where their mouths are. Life is *not* cheap. It is not for sale, because we did not create it. The earth can no longer sustain pompous warlords and barons. Their days are gone. We can no longer abide blind exploitation of non-renewable resources. If we can cure cancers and polio, ought we to consider creating other options for non-human lives that daily astound us? Or is it merely enough to destroy, since, after all, we are all powerful? Are we thus enriched? I think not. We *are* capable of preserving life's diversity on this (our *ONLY*) planet. *Shouldn't we demand that governments do the BEST to accomplish that worthy respect?*

Recently, Andy Caldwell, COLAB's *servant* ("Goleta Valley Voice", January 31, 1996), said there are no local sources of energy other than oil, nuclear and hydro-electric (our local dams were *not* built to create electricity! and, I'm aware of no nuclear plant in town). To lose them would plunge us into darkness. The man is already in the dark, ostrich-like, hiding from *the sun* above his hat.

The great engine that runs *the* economy of this planet still burns brightly. Abusers know no bounds! Oil barons dip their pipes in sand, believing the smelly goo is all. The three energy "sources" Caldwell extols were (*and still are*) powered by *the* universal source of life on *this* planet. If they hadn't noticed, capitalism did not create the sun, nor was it done with our machinery! Yet, it supplies 100% of the potential energy available. Why wait a billion years for *our* bodies to become oily, to be used for fuel? Kind members, urge the technocrats you know, and lazy politicians out there, to fund and develop methods to harness *solar energy*. The source *is* at hand! Living within the means of *Earth* could prevent endangered species!

-Jim Greaves

May/June Events

ANNUAL PICNIC, JUNE 2ND:

Giorgi Park, Goleta. SUNDAY, Noon to 3 pm. Get involved - help the helpers! CALL office 964-1468 for those details!

Tri-tip or vegetarian - we need to know!

Cost \$8/person. Ron and Dave will do Bird Brain! Come and play. It will be a glorious day for people and beasts!

MAY 05 Sunday: Farren Road, Goleta, 8

am. Bird a narrow valley canyon. Meet

at Jack-in-box at southeast corner Storke and Hollister. Carpool. Wear boots. Ends mid-day. Bill Hintze, 967-8941 will show us Grasshopper, Lark, and Rufous-crowned sparrows, Costa's hummers, Blue grosbeaks, and more!

MAY 10: TGIF, Environmental Defense

Center. 5:30 pm, 906 Garden Street, call

963-1622 for additional dates. Adults \$7/children under 12 free. Come meet the legal eagles defending the planet.

MAY 10-11: Ballinger Canyon camp.

East of Cuyama Valley. Meet 5:30 pm

Friday May 10 Carl's Jr. lot in Five Points Shopping Center (3925 State St.). Paul Keller, 968-7804. Gas money, hat, sun block, food for 3 meals, drink.

Trip return late afternoon, Sat. Santa Barbara Canyon 4 diehards!

Wildflower Route 33 return highway.

Lesser nighthawk, poorwill, Brewer's, black-chinned, sage, black-throated sparrows, many hawks! *All to help...*

MAY 11: Saturday INTERNATIONAL

MIGRATORY BIRD DAY: Get out and bird wherever you be! Call Joan Hardy 964-4090 for details; send your results!

see next page for additional Events...

Have a mahvelous summer! Enjoy the wild array!

Western Screech-owl pen and ink © Eileen J. Gray.

EVENTS continued:

MAY 18 Saturday: East Camino Cielo. 7:30 am, Carl's Jr. parking lot in Five Points Shopping Center (3925 State St.). Car-pool trip to noon. Bring snack or lunch and drinks. Call Rob Lindsay, 964-9514. Mountain quail, Black-chinned, Sage, Lark, Rufous-crowned sparrows, other migratory and chaparral resident species.

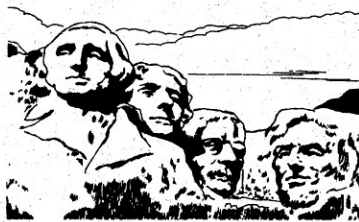
MAY 18 Saturday: Statewide Tri-colored blackbird count. Second statewide count designed to "picture" total number of tri-colors in California, and find/survey areas where they breed. Anyone interested? Call Bob Barnes 916-481-5332, or write NAS, 555 Audubon Place, Sacramento, CA 95825, or Lyann Comrack, Coordinator, California Partners in Flight 916-657-4436, or write Fish and Game, 1416 9th St., Rm. 1280, Sacramento, CA 95814.

JUNE 08 Saturday: Nojoqui Falls County Park. Meet 7 am. Everett King 569-2307 will lead this trip from Carl's Jr. (where else!?) in Five Points Shopping Center. Bring lunch and drinks. Dress for hot day, but prepare for fog! Purple martins, Northern parula? (bred 1992!), Spotted owls? (seen in mid-1980's), other migrant types.

JUNE 23 Sunday: San Antonio Creek, near Vandenberg, N. part of county. 7 am at Jack in the box, Hollister x Storke in Goleta. Paul Keller 968-7804 leads. Dress for hot, ready 4 fog. Bring lunch. Blue grosbeaks, Chats, Chestnut-backed chickadees, buntings, Swainson's thrush!

JULY 13 Saturday: Central Coast Audubon Council meets in Santa Barbara!!! Join Lee and others regarding ECO-TOURISM and other local issues - separate from LA and N. Cal. Call SBAS office 805-964-1468 for more details.

JULY 27 Saturday 5 PM (yup, that's right!): Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve. Led by Reserve Manager, Wayne Ferren 893-2506 (office); or call Paul Keller 968-7804 or the SBAS office 964-1468. for details or instructions. From north take 101 south to Carpinteria Ave exit and take Carp. Ave to Estero Way (Apple St. on AAA maps!); from south take 101 to Casitas Pass Rd. then south and turn right on Carp. Ave. - either way drive to meet the crowd at the gate to the Reserve. Bug repellent for those who don't want to be in touch with the ickier side of life, bag dinner, etc. Join Wayne at picnic table to **hopefully hear/see Clapper rail.** High tide 7:55 pm should flush rails for viewing, if we can find any! Sign release form for self and any minors (whether you send them with others, or they are with you). Belding's savannah sparrows and herons. Or carpool from Andree Clarke Refuge 4:30 pm.

**FROM THE PRESIDENTS' DESK TO YOU**

Please urge your congresspersons and Senators to support closure of loopholes in clear cutting legislation that passed last winter - urge them to **support HR. 2745.**

May 11 is International Migratory Bird Day. We will be a part of that fine program. Of the 463 species that periodically are spotted in Santa Barbara, dozens belong to that marvelous sub-group: neo-tropical migratory song-birds. These birds may winter in Latin America as far south as Brazil and Argentina. But come spring, they head north along the famed "western flyway" to upper Canada, Montana, even Alaska. To be part of this year's activity, leave your name/number at the office 964-1468.

Birds and Audubon were much discussed at our Western Conference at Asilomar this year. Our new National President, John Flicker, who helped put together The Nature Conservancy's successful Everglades "rescue" package, was full of enthusiasm for Audubon's new Strategic Plan. We've mentioned the latter in these columns over time. In a nutshell, National Audubon re-focuses all its energies and programs into a tier of actions relating to birds, their habitats, and environs. All the education programs and legislative efforts will re-focus onto the original "core values" of Audubon, and doing so at the "grass roots" - us.

One aspect of this change is the naming of Dr. Frank Gill, Chief Ornithologist at Philadelphia Academy of Sciences, as Audubon's national Science Director. Another is emphasizing chapter-level and state-level activities, authorized locally, and increasingly funded locally as well. One of the first demonstrations of this change will be here in California. *(continued on page 6)*

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the following transfers, new and renewing:

Mary Y. Adams, Dr. Grace Altus, D. B. Bagley-Boothe, Cherie L. Baroni, J. Barrie, Mrs. C. M. Belkonen, Amanda Burmeister, Elizabeth Burnham, Barbara A. Clark, K. Crawford, Judi A. Conroy, Linda Deeter, Arthur J. Denk, Cecile Forbes, Anne W. Haigh, William C. Hanway, Anita Harkins, Michael Iven, Robert L. Korte, Laurie R. Lerner, Pat Lindsay, David Martin, Kristen O'Grady, Alden Orput, Maureen Perry, Collette M. Piacebtini, Norm Reinwald, Donald W. Rice, Carol Schneider, Ed-Sev Scott, Herbert Seltzer, David Shea, Mary Showers, Stacey Thompson, Amy Warnock, Herman Warsh, Mrs. Norman E. White, Edward C. Wilkinson, the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Barbara, and the Santa Barbara Eye Surgeons Medical Group. **Thank you for joining us! Good Birding!**



La dee dah, dum duh dee ...

... a diver's life for me ...

Even sharks gotta eat ...!

CALIFORNIA GNATCATCHER NESTS IN VENTURA

On Sunday, March 3rd, while birding near Moorpark, local birders, Mark Holmgren, Bill Hintze, John Gallo and Jim Greaves found **California gnatcatcher** that had been seen there in summer 1995. Two males and a female were located that day, in typical gnatcatcher and Cactus wren habitat. It was especially gratifying because they also found the first nest of the species (subspecies?) for Ventura County since the 1920's! Not only was this a "modern" first this far north of their stronghold along the southern California coast, but it was also the earliest nesting record known this decade, eclipsing recent ones in San Diego, Orange and elsewhere by at least a week!

That first nest was a victim of predation, but at press time a month later there were two pairs incubating eggs (by early April). The importance of this find may be in its impelling the need **finally** to reduce and re-direct the rapid, gross urbanization and desecration of every vacant hill in Ventura County. A primary benefit for the bird may lie in the knowledge that there are more of them than originally suspected - or at least they use more of what has always appeared to be their "type" habitat - unless these are some of the unfortunates displaced by the recent rape of San Diego coastal sage scrub-covered hills and ocean bluff tops. Were a banding program, such as was done with Least Bell's Vireos, under way, sufficient data might be generated that could answer questions about the species' rate and distances of dispersal. Only time will tell. Meantime you could ask your legislative reps [whoever they be] to protect the Federal Endangered Species and the California Environmental Quality Acts as the greatest laws ever passed to protect all creatures great or small - including our own progeny and societies.

A VERY SPECIAL EVENT IN SACRAMENTO

The California Native Plant Society, the California Chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration, and the Western Section of the Wildlife Society host a 3 day

Conference on the Ecology, Conservation and Management of Vernal Pool Ecosystems

(June 19-21, 1996, Hilton Hotel, Sacramento, CA)

The program will include more than 2 dozen experts and researchers from numerous colleges and universities in California, the Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Fish and Game and the Water Resources Department, as well as many fine consultants.

On Thursday, our own WAYNE FERREN will both chair a section (Conservation and Management) and present a "Review of 10 years of Vernal Pool Restoration and Creation in Santa Barbara".

Info: William Hull TWS Western Section, 1-510-465-4962. It's worth it - depending on your student, professional, or other status with the groups, pre-May 20 registration costs \$100-180, post 5/20 costs \$110-190!



Male California (coastal black-tailed) gnatcatcher, near Moorpark in Ventura County, 03 March 1996, with nesting material. © Jim Greaves

NEW/CHANGED BIRD NAMES: picnic clues...?

Other news of species/subspecies. It's officially, again, **White-tailed kite** **FINALLY!** **Spotted towhee** (formerly rufous-sided, preceded by - what else, spotted towhee) is now a separate species from the eastern rufous-sided (now **Eastern Towhee**). **Bullock's** and **Baltimore orioles** again are... themselves! **(Santa Cruz) Island Scrub-jay** is now separate from the **Western Scrub-jay** (all scrub jays are now hyphenated for your in-convenience). Many species that are Something something-species are hyphenated: like the above something-jay, or the **Western** and **Eastern screech-owl**. But a horned owl is not hyphenated because of its unique horned-ness - it was formerly Great-hyphen-horned however! Why the little owl (*el tecolote*) looks like the great horned one is anybody's guess - play a screech-owl call at half speed and it deepens to that of the great horned, as well as sounding quite similar in its cadence and resonance...! In other news, while **Pacific-slope flycatcher** was formerly Western flycatcher, the other race of Western Flycatcher is not "Cordilleran-hyphen-slope'd, but simply Cordilleran "Western" flycatcher. Subspecies - varieties - morphs - races - forms - confusion - - - - A-A-A-A-R-R-R-G-G-H!!

Condor gang makes appearance in wilds north of SB Co!

On Saturday, April 6th, a poorly advertised field trip to Castle Crag near Santa Margarita Lake netted Jim Greaves and Paul Keller 14 free-flying condors of 15 actually seen that day. There was no way to confuse these with the considerably smaller Turkey vultures and tiny Common ravens that argued and flew about nearby. From directly beneath, we were able to adequately fill the frame of camera and binoculars, their proximity overpowering the scope Paul hauled up the mountain! Well worth the time for those who have not yet seen one (like Jim prior to the trip). They do not count, however, on your life list until they breed - in the wild - so there will be a few years' wait, as condors do not reproduce until age 6 or so, according to local expert, and long-time condor monitor, Jan Hamber. The youngest of the birds, recently released at Castle Crag, had been raised by real condors (their parents) in the zoos, rather than the puppets that fed the previously released birds. Within a few weeks of releasing them at the Crag, the older condors, set free 40-plus miles to the south, had found them, and, judging by reports of late, they seem not to want to leave the "gang" they have formed in San Luis Obispo County. One bird, that had been feared lost, was found in Monterey County! Despite the somewhat obnoxious-looking antennae and wing tags, it was indeed a sight to behold as they circled overhead, cruising to within 50 meters to peer down at what they may have perceived to be dead things with cameras, waiting to be tasted! A highly recommended experience!

"WHY?"

For the last year I've tried to fathom and understand what motivates the members of Devereux Wetlanders. That dedicated group treks to Ellwood Acres every Saturday morning to spend three to four hours diligently working to restore and enhance that abused and distressed palustrine wetland! Their first 6 months, the only chore was to laboriously dig and cart away untold stalks of *Rumex crispus* (curly dock) and *Picris echioides* (bristly ox tongue). Through the pounding heat of a long summer they bent willingly to the thankless task. Oh yes - at 10:30 a generous rasher of chocolate chip cookies is the only apparent reward!

The, in October last year, the focus shifted to growing plants from seed and cuttings as well as transplanting various shrubs to the hot house, all to be planted beginning in January: California sage, elderberry, toyon, milkweed, evergreen oak, blue-eyed grass (not really a grass!) and purple needle-grass. Tray after tray of seedlings were arrayed for inspection and water in the greenhouses of Santa Barbara High. To provide trade for other plants, this tireless and faithful crew propagated another 1500 of the needles grasses!

Finally, in January, the climax - the actual planting began. What a joy to turn the soil and insert the seedlings, to water them in their final homes, habitat full of earth worms! Then to stand back, all sweaty, strangely elated, tired - to survey the new vistas of plants, and think ahead five, ten, twenty years to envision a future of groves of vigorous oak, fields of luxuriant purple needle-grass, banks of blue-eyed grass, and thickets of toyon and elderberry!

Still they come, every Saturday, to pull new shoots of dock and ox tongue, trails to build, heavy buckets of hand carried water toted for the thirsty plants, and new areas to scout for future projects!

The question remains - why do these volunteers continue this seemingly endless quest? Why does George come week after week, with a personal vendetta for the flood of eucalyptus shoots? Why does Brenton, his daughter Iris strapped to his back, continue to lead and direct and advise and bow his seven-foot frame to the earth in suppliant labor? Why does Catherine generously give such great parties? Why does Stephanie conceive of such clever projects and single-handedly complete them? Why does Annette decide to leave a job, go back to school and seek a career to protect the environment? Why does the other Dave ride his bicycle 12 miles every week to work on a stubborn and cantankerous wetland? Why does Elan find the time and energy, after a hectic work week to spend 3 hours on her knew, planting needle grass? Why does Sylvelin appear, like an angel, just when you need her to make the day go well? Why does a pro like Lauren want to spend her spare time scrambling in the mud with the rest of us? Why does Chris open her home and larder and heart to us after the morning's work is done? Last of all, Dougal. Why has he put up with us for so long, given so much of himself, and gotten so little in return?

Too many "why's" here! No answers. Only more why's. Just one thing is for sure - the warm and enveloping, continuous gratitude and love I feel for these people, their efforts, their enthusiasm, and their spirit! For them and the many un-named, I plant a tree of thanks and appreciation! Until next week!

- Dave Wass 682-6962

SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE !!**WHOM TO CALL AND WRITE**

Oil/toxic Spills 800-852-7550; 1-800-69TOXIC; 1-818-551-2800; 911; 1-916-262-1816 (Sacramento Office of Emergency Services)

County Supervisors, The Honorable: Naomi Schwartz (568-2186), or Jeanne Graffy (568-2191), or William Wallace (568-2192), or Timothy Staffel (737-7700), or Tom Urbanske (346-8400), or write to: 123 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101, or call the switchboard (568-2190) for information and recording.

City Council, Santa Barbara, 564-5318 for Mayor and Members.

White House, The Hon. President Bill Clinton, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20500; or call comment line 1-202-456-1414, (fax 1-202-456-2461). Do not refer to him as "Mr. Bill..."!

Senate, The Hon. Dianne Feinstein, call 1-202-224-3841 (fax 1-202-228-3954); Hon. Barbara Boxer, call 1-202-224-3553 (fax 1-202-310-0980). Both at US Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

House of Reps, The Hon. Andrea Seastrand, US House of Representatives, Wash., DC 20515, or call 1-202-225-3601.

Governor, The Hon. Pete Wilson, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814, or call 1-916-445-2843 (fax 1-916-445-4633).

State Senate, The Hon. Jack O'Connell, 228 W. Carrillo, Suite F, Santa Barbara, CA 93101; call 966-2296 (fax 966-3707) - they will fax your messages to the Capitol, or call 1-916-445-5405.

State Assembly, The Hon. Brooks Firestone, POB 2698, Santa Barbara, CA 93120, call 965-1994 (fax 965-2046). Capitol number is 1-916-445-8292 (fax 1-916-327-3518). SBAS for others!

"EVANGELICALS CALL IT TODAY'S NOAH'S ARK"

From "San Diego Union-Tribune" Feb. 01, 1996, by Dori Meinert, Copley News Service. - "WASHINGTON --- Calling the Endangered Species Act the 'Noah's Ark of our day', a group of evangelical Christians yesterday announced a \$1 million advertising crusade against congressional proposals that would reduce protections for endangered species and their habitat.

"Church leaders and their supporters say they are seeking to counter what they call the disproportionate influence of the religious right political movement on environmental issues and other concerns in this election year.

"Congress and special interests are trying to sink the Noah's Ark of our day - the Endangered Species Act," said Calvin B. DeWitt, a professor of environmental studies at the University of Wisconsin who co-founded the Evangelical Environmental Network.

"Since Republicans took control of Congress last year, the 1973 Endangered Species Act has been targeted by conservatives and property-rights activists who say it puts animals' interests above human interests.

"But DeWitt, a zoologist who has worked in regions ranging from the deserts of Southern California to the wetlands of the Midwest, argued that the Bible commands humans to protect all God's creations.

"The group, which says it represents about 1,000 churches, met with Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

"Babbitt praised the group's efforts, saying that 'extremists in the new Congress, driven by an extinction lobby of special interests, are trying to suffocate this act.'

"Specifically, the group opposes a bill drafted by Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Tracy, that critics say would weaken protections for the land on which endangered species live and dilute existing protections for marine life from commercial fishing.

"A Pombo spokesman said the group 'obviously is a phony front for environmental extremists.'

[It's obvious to me who the extremist is - Ed.]

Even though we picked up on this late, more than a month after its initial appearance in the press, please, as you have been admonished throughout the year by Dave Wass and Lee Moldaver - write to the above politicians and urge them to keep life alive! The birds and fishes and snakes and I thank you!

CALL FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR FIELD TRIPS

This fall (late summer hopefully), we will have a host of new field trips and other activities for your enjoyment. However, the activities are productive only if people participate. A major part of that participation is *suggestions from members* for places to visit.

For instance, with the recent change in status of **Island Scrub-jay** and **Western Scrub-jay** there should be a rash of requests for trips to Santa Cruz Island to view the bird and "tick" it off on life lists. Paul Keller (968-7804) will be attempting to make it so - some time in late summer or early fall (when none of the competitive field trips are in full swing!). In addition to several other birds, there are also races of **Song sparrow** and **Rufous-crowned sparrow** that are unique to Santa Cruz and the other islands.

Both Paul and Jim Greaves (563-2905) would like to hear from you about any trips or activities in which you would like to see Santa Barbara Audubon participate in the coming "Audubon year" (September 1st to June 10th±). We especially want to hear from people interested in the overnight trips, island trips, and "rare bird" trips. *But*, it is important that if there are events you would like to see us do that we have **6-8 weeks lead time** for *El Tecolote*.

CALL FOR PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

We still do not have enough program suggestions for the coming year. If any of you would consider sharing the latest trip with us, or know of an interesting excursion, call the office and leave information for our soon-to-be nominated and elected Program Chair.

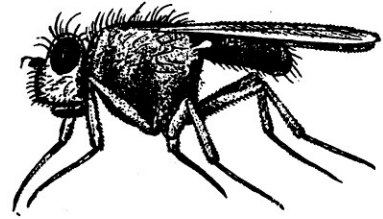
CALL FOR BIRD PHOTOS

With this issue, we hoped to begin the arduous task of *finally* using photographic illustrations which includes a photo of the rare and "threatened species" coastal California gnatcatcher. Several issues back, we printed a silhouette of Pied-billed grebe. During the coming year, we would like to print one or two per issue, so if you have any photographs of an interesting subject (pose, etc.) that is sharp quality, please consider sending a print to the editor at the office address (printed on last page).

QUIZ OF THE MONTH

What North American native bird is found in all 50 states and is not in any of them as a "vagrant" (out of place)? Answer in the fall - send your suggestions and we will publish the names of the first three respondents. Please also consider sending puzzles, or curiosity questions for inclusion in up-coming issues.

We still have not received any letters or comment from members since last summer! So, perhaps you will do some interesting events *this* summer that could be shared with members at the Picnic, June 2nd, or a later date - such as a program...



May fifth, *cinco de mayo*, the fun begins! After enjoying an outing with Bill Hintze on Farren Rd in Goleta *this* morning, consider a mellow evening at the...



Merrie May Musical

Save Ellwood Shores
Benefit Concert



"Costa Azul"
Latin jazz/salsa
&
Light rock, R&B
Celtic/folk
Acoustic originals
3 class acts:

Rebecca Troon
Michael Frey
"EarthRise"



Sunday May 5

6-10:30 pm

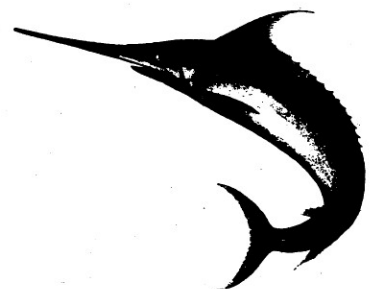
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President's message (continued from pg. 2)

Before, Sacramento Audubon was the key office for the entire Western Region of National Audubon. Now, Dan Taylor and his team will only have to concentrate on California issues and California legislation.

People ask why Santa Barbara Audubon is always pushing \$20 Total Membership over just a subscription to our local newsletter. Two key reasons are evident. First, chapter gets a big chunk of each new national membership to help our local projects. Second, each national member helps increase the total "heft" National Audubon can bring to Federal conservation and education projects. In Washington, D. C. it means a stronger defense of the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts, the Arctic Refuge protection programs, etc. Locally, it means better ability to support Audubon Adventures for elementary schools (now available in a bi-lingual edition) and to invest in major habitat preservation efforts like the Wilcox property or along the Gaviota Coast.

Because we are asked to be involved in more bird, nature, and education projects than ever before, we are contemplating asking you for help to replenish our Land Preservation Fund. You can find out more about these exciting projects by attending our Annual Meeting and BBQ Picnic, with special awards, prizes, and a special guest speaker. Still resisting inflation at only \$8! Back at lovely Giorgi Park this year. Sunday, June 2nd, noon to 3 pm. Vegetarians WELCOME!

I hope that at that meeting I will be able to list your name as a new committee chair or board member. It means you will have already called Nominating Chair Jeff Chemnick at 965-0895 to volunteer. And it means next year you will be thanked and commended for exceptional service the same way I now thank: our tireless Treasurer Bob Zeman, devoted (out-going) Education chair Don Rathbun, energetic Tecolote editor Jim Greaves, meticulous Membership chair Nancy King, ever imaginative field trip chair Paul Keller, that dynamically optimistic conservation chief Dave Wass, and our entire dedicated board and team of office volunteers. See you at the Picnic, June 2nd.

Thank you all for participating so often!

- 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

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