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SANTA CRUZ ISLAND SCRUB-JAY JAUNT!

ADD ISLAND SCRUB-JAY TO YOUR LIFE LISTS!

Having trouble padding that life list? Seen all local residents and rare transients? Then for a mere \$65, JOIN US ON AUGUST 31st, 1996, for a thrilling marine mammal, seabird and island foray in search of the *Island Scrub jay*, a species whose AOU status is due in part to its non-migratory habit isolating it geographically from other races of scrub-jay. We leave from SEA LANDING on Saturday, August 31st at 8am sharp aboard the *Condor*. Use the coupon below to sign up and reserve your space today!

Itinerary: Leave from Santa Barbara Harbor aboard the *Condor* under the watchful care of Captain Fred Benko and crew for a day of marine mammal watching and a hike around Prisoner's Harbor and Cañada del Puerto on The Nature Conservancy's Santa Cruz Island Preserve where Island Scrub-jays are common. At mid-afternoon we will board the *Condor* and return to Santa Barbara by about 5pm. This is a must for seabird, marine mammal, and your first-time Santa Cruz Island trip!

Leaders: Seabirds - David Koeppel and Brad Schram. Marine mammals - Captain Fred Benko and Peter Cantle of TNC.

Clothing: Dress in layers. Island hike can be hot while boat ride may be foggy, windy and cold. Expect sea spray, so bring raincoat and hat. Sun block a must. Shoes must grip wet deck as well as be fit for leisurely two hour hike on rocky stream bed - if you need them to hike, please do not wear boots on board - pack them separately for use on shore.

Seasick?: Remember, take internal remedies an hour before sailing. Carry snacks; ginger concoctions can calm stomachs.

Feasting: Bring a lunch and *non-alcoholic* drinks, water, or buy all on board the *Condor*.

Insects: Yellow jackets are common, so remember they like to share your food! Insect repellent, for those who must.

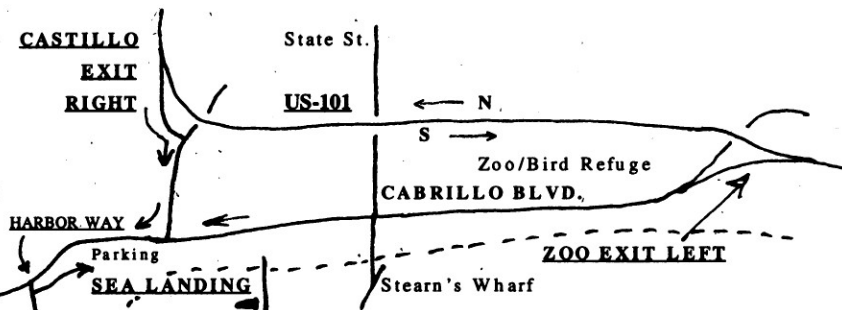
Toilets: The *Condor* has heads. There are no facilities on shore, so know your poison oak - "leaves of three, let it be!"

Optics: Binoculars a must! Cameras welcome. We'll travel close in to many deep coves. The Painted Cave should be worth several photos - so, don't forget the film, and bring plenty!

How to get there: Follow instructions below, see map.

From North: Exit 101 at Castillo Street, right at bottom but immediately enter left lane to go straight through next light; at end of Castillo, turn right onto Cabrillo...

From South: ZOO Exit, LEFT lane - left at bottom and follow Cabrillo through waterfront to harbor, passing several stop lights to get there... Take left turn into harbor parking once Castillo has been exited or passed - depending on the direction from which you entered the City.



CLIP AND SEND THE COUPON BELOW FOR YOUR PERSONAL RESERVATIONS! THE DEADLINE FOR THIS TRIP FAST APPROACHES!

To reserve your space send \$65.00 and complete name, address, and phone for each participant. No refunds after July 12 unless some one on waiting list can replace you or we cancel the trip. Please do not send your own replacement, as that would not be fair to those on the waiting list! Detailed information and map will be sent with confirmation of your reservation.

Checklist "Birds of Santa Barbara County" by Paul Lehman and Joan Lentz describes relative abundance by season of the 448 species recorded in mainland Santa Barbara County and offshore waters through June 1993.

1996 August 31 boat trip to Santa Cruz Island. no. _____ x \$65 = \$ _____

"Birds of Santa Barbara County" checklists. no. _____ x \$1 = \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Others in group: _____

Make check to "Santa Barbara Audubon Society", and send to:

Island Scrub-jay, Santa Barbara Audubon Society
5679 Hollister Ave, Ste 5B, Goleta, CA 93117

Our FUND RAISER was highly successful! More than \$2,500 came from several dozen members! We especially thank Cathy Rose for her generous contribution! To all - past and present - THANK YOU!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Alicia Acosta, Vera Altschuler, B. Birkland, Lin Black, J. Boysel, Mary Bugnon, Julie Choi, David Compton, Chris De Frimian, Thomas Emory, Frank A. Fetscher, Gaye Julia Marie Fraser, Ricardo Galvao, Elizabeth G. Gerig, Cindy Ghrist, Doodles Habecker, Corinne Hindmarsh, May Hutchinson, Robert Koegel, Ron Kronenberg, Angela Locke, Derek Lohuis, Sally McElrath, Patrick McNulty, Bertha M. Meyer, Angeles Perez, Mrs. Robert G. Peteler, Steven Pfeffer, Todd Richardson, John Snodgrass, Patty J. Soxman, Frances J. Starr, Carol Edwards Stern, Beverly Susi, Guida Veronda, Timothy Walker, Yolande Whitmore.

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

July 13 Saturday 9 am to 3 pm. Central Coast Council meets at Museum of Natural History, Fleischman Auditorium. Come find out the Monterey to Camarillo Audubon Chapters concerns, and meet State Audubon representatives!

July 27 Saturday 5 pm (yep, that's right!). Carpinteria Salt Marsh led by Reserve Manager, Wayne Ferren. From North: Exit 101 at Carpinteria Avenue, and take Carp. Ave. to Estero Way (Apple St. on AAA maps!). From South: Exit 101 at Casitas Pass Road, turn left (south) to Carp. Ave. then right on Carp. Ave. and through town to Estero Way (Apple St.). Meet the crowd at the gate to the Reserve. Bug repellent for those must. Join Wayne at picnic table. High tide 7:55 pm should help us find/see/hear the Endangered Clapper Rail. Other birds to see include Belding's savannah sparrow and numerous herons and water and shore birds. **Carpool** from Andree Clark Bird Refuge at 4:30 pm. Call Paul Keller (968-7804) or the SBAS office (964-1468) for details and other instructions.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Friday, September 27, 1996, 8:00 pm program 7:30 pm refreshments \$5 admission. Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Call 964-1468 for details.

Back by Popular Demand, **Jon Dunn** returns with another of his workshops, this one being a "**Sparrow Identification Workshop**", designed to take stress and mystery out of the "Little Brown Jobbies" (LBJ's). If you've ever puzzled over a fleeting glimpse of little brown birds and wondered what kind of rare - or common? - sparrow you just missed, help is on the way!

Nationally known field ornithologist, bird tour leader, and author Jon will show slides and teach us the fine points of sparrow identification. Auduboners remember Jon's successful visit last September when he instructed us on shorebirds. A former resident of Santa Barbara, Jon was the major consultant for National Geographic's "Guide to the Birds of North America". He co-authored (with Kimball Garrett) "The Birds of Southern California", and is compiling data on a soon-to-be-published field guide to warblers of North America. Bring your binoculars to appreciate feathers! Bring your questions, and your sparrow tales to share during after-talk refreshments!

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