

# EL TECOLOTE

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## AUDUBON YES!

by Dave Wass

**A**udubon YES? Sounds like a high school yell that you might hear at the "Big Game." Well, when the program by that name gets rolling, you just might hear that shout from the high school students involved and their Audubon Society mentors.

You see, Audubon YES! (Youth Environmental Service) is a program to assist junior and senior high school students in finding environmental projects in which to participate, both to satisfy a desire to do something for the Earth and to fulfill a Community Service graduation requirement. Up to 15% of all high school students would like to do volunteer environmental service work, and all are required to do Community Service in order to graduate. Audubon wants to make it easy for them.

Once a month the Audubon YES! committee will publish a newsletter full of information about environmental projects in the community for interested juniors and seniors. Audubon representatives will then visit each school to explain the projects, the student organizations (e.g. science clubs) will decide in which projects they wish to participate, and the sponsoring environmental groups in the community will take over from there. Everyone involved benefits. Students have a great choice of projects, get to try out many different conservation experiences, and easily satisfy their graduation requirements. Environmental organizations find enthusiastic volunteers, acquaint them with their groups, and maybe find a new member or two.

There's more. Your SBAS YES! committee decided that this program was too good to let the students have all to themselves. The same information which goes into the newsletter will be published in local newspapers and aired on *Environmentally Yours*, Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. on channel 17 on Cox Cable. You too can be a volunteer!

Now for the good part. There are a few positions left on the Audubon YES! committee for callers, school representatives, and a typist. Time necessary — two to three hours per month. For further information and to sign on call Dave Wass at (805) 682-6962.

## Christmas Bird Count Slated for January 4, 1997 — Sign up now!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to help SBAS with its annual Christmas Bird Count, to be held this year on Saturday, January 4, 1997. On the evening of Count Day, you are all urged to attend the compilation dinner at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Fleischmann Auditorium. A potluck dinner begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. and the compilation at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a salad, main dish, or dessert. If your group includes out-of-towners, they can contribute drinks, bread, paper plates, etc. Bring your own service.

This year's compiler will be Joan Lentz, assisted by Karen Bridgers and Pat Kelly. Please fill out the coupon on page 3 and mail it to Pat or call her at 962-9916 to register.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

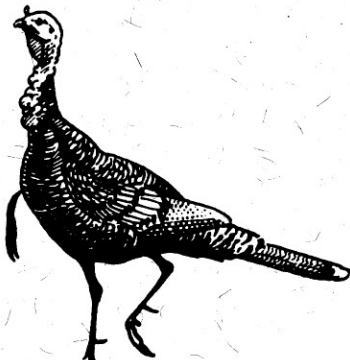
**H**appy Thanksgiving to all members and their families. Speaking of giving thanks, I'd like to acknowledge the diligent work by Nancy King, our departing Membership Chair. Many thanks, Nancy, for your service over the years.

November is also election time, as you know. Please take the time to vote and let your voice be heard. There are a myriad of issues to consider when choosing a candidate, protecting the environment being just one of them. More than any other issue, however, this one is vital to preserving our quality of life. As Audubon members, I know that you share my concern with enhancing our quality of life and responsibly caring for the environment. I encourage you to bear this in mind on November 4.

One of Santa Barbara Audubon Society's (SBAS) annual projects is Audubon Adventures — a monthly publication to elementary school children. National Audubon's Education Division produces the publication and chapters nationwide sponsor subscriptions for classrooms. The program has been very successful in providing an interesting, fun way for students and teachers to further their environmental studies.

Teachers receive a guide each month which assists them in working with children on the material presented in the publication. SBAS would like to sponsor 35 classrooms this year. The cost of providing one classroom with a one-year subscription is \$35.00. It is well worth the many hours of learning it inspires! Our Education Chair, Elan Sutton is coordinating Audubon Adventures this year for SBAS. She will also be providing ongoing outreach to schools throughout the year. Elan is looking for sponsors to help pay for classrooms and for Education Committee members to help with outreach activities. (See at right.) Please contact her if you are interested in either. Like voting, it is a wonderful way to support sound environmental ethics into the future.

Lauren DeChant  
President



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We will contact you in late December to let you know details of the area you will cover.

Before the Count, watch for the following birds, which we often have difficulty in getting: grosbeaks, tanagers, orioles, any non-Anna's hummingbirds, unusual sparrows at feeders such as White-throated or Harris's. Other species we need: any geese, dippers, pygmy-owls, or long-billed curlews. If you see any of the above or know of other interesting birds, please call Joan Lentz at 969-4397 or Karen Bridgers at 964-1316. 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.

Remember, the \$5.00 participation fee will be collected on Count Day, so don't send it in with your registration form.

**SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN ORGANIZE THE COUNT EARLY THIS YEAR!**

See Coupon on page 3.



## EDUCATION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

The Education Committee is looking for people who would like to give slide shows, talks, or contribute in some other way in local schools and retirement homes.

Please contact Elan Sutton, Education Committee Chairperson at (805) 683-1143 if you are interested.

She is also looking for artsy people who would like to help develop lending resources for teachers.

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Deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month.

# NOVEMBER PROGRAM NON-AVIAN DELIGHTS WHILE BIRDING WITH JEFF CHEMNICK



Wednesday, November 20 — NOTE NEW DAY —  
8:00 p.m. program; 7:30 p.m. refreshments  
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History — Farrand Hall  
1226 Puesta del Sol  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

For more details, call the Audubon Office at (805) 964-1468.

FOR THIS MONTH'S program, popular Audubon guest speaker Jeff Chemnick will dip into his treasure trove of travel experiences that are truly encyclopedic in scope — ranging from Arizona to Zululand. During our night's journey to near and far-away places, Jeff's presentation will bring into focus an array of non-avian delights that populate the birder's landscape, but are often overlooked, such as insects, reptiles, plants, and mammals. Jeff expresses his extensive knowledge of flora and fauna with enthusiasm and flair. Come see what you might have been missing by only following the feathers.

## SANTA BARBARA AUDUBON SOCIETY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Saturday, January 4, 1997

Yes, I/we want to joint the Bird Count team!

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred area: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dinner ☐ Leader ☐ Feeder Count ☐

Complete this form and send to:

Pat Kelly  
554 Litchfield Lane  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109  
(805) 962-9916

## NOVEMBER FIELD TRIPS

### ANDREE CLARK BIRD REFUGE & S. B. HARBOR SAND SPIT

Saturday, November 9, 9 am

Ron Hirst: (805) 967-0138

Target: Fall shore birds

Take 101 north to Cabrillo Blvd. (left exit just past Montecito); left on Cabrillo; right on Los Patos; look for Bird Refuge parking on left OR take 101 south to Los Patos off ramp (after Milpas exit); right into Bird Refuge parking. Bring children and out-of-town guests for eye-opening trip geared for the beginning bird watcher seeking expert guidance. Binoculars supplied for those who can't bring a pair. Two hour trip.

### VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE & McELLAGOTT PONDS

Sat., November 16, 6:15 am

Mark Holmgren, UCSB

Target: birds of rocky coasts, riparian areas, sage sparrows on Burton Mesa  
Meet at Jack-in-the-Box parking lot at Storke Rd. and Hollister Ave.; carpool from there. No cameras. Photo ID required. Call Paul Keller to reserve space (805) 968-7804. Back by mid afternoon so bring lunch.

### WINCHESTER CANYON,

Saturday, November 23, 7:30 am

Rob Lindsay (805) 964-9514

Target: birds of stream-side thickets

Take 101 North to Winchester Canyon exit in western Goleta; go north to Calle Real and turn right; take the next left turn onto Winchester Canyon Rd.; drive to end of public access and park in park on right. Trip over by mid-morning.

### UPCOMING TRIPS ...

December 15 - Figueroa Mountain

February 2 - Ventura County Game Preserve

*All field trips are open to the public. Unless otherwise noted, trips are free and reservations are not needed. If you need a loaner pair of binoculars for a trip, call the leader several days in advance.*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 9	Andree Clark Bird Refuge & S.B. Harbor Sand Spit field trip
Saturday, November 16	Vandenberg AFB field trip
Wednesday, November 20 — NOTE NEW DAY —	Non-Avian Delights while Birding with Jeff Chemnick
Saturday, November 23	Winchester Canyon field trip
Saturday, January 4, 1997	1996 Christmas Bird Count
Morrow Bay Bird Festival	January 17-20

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Santa Barbara Audubon Society extends a warm welcome to all new members. We look forward to seeing you at Audubon meetings and field trips this fall. We're glad you're part of the growing number of local supporters for Audubon's efforts to excite people about birds and the preservation of their habitat. Thank you for joining:

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*Officers and Committee Chairs meet the second Thursday of each month. Members are welcome to attend. Please call the office to verify dates and times at (805) 964-1468.*

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