Population & Habitat
by Dave Wass

It looks like the issue for the Twenty First century is going to be overpopulation—how to recognize it, how to educate people about it, how to formulate a national and a local policy to deal with it, how to form a constituency to exert the political will to make it happen, on the national and on the local level.

Audubon’s approach, formulated by Pat Waak, is based on birds. Birds need habitat; an increasing human population needs more land and is continually taking over nearby habitat to fill its own needs, which deprives birds (and other wild life) of their own habitat. This is an ongoing process which up to now has left birds on the short end of the stick. Unless we wish to deliberately reduce wildlife numbers, we will have to seriously consider limiting our own numbers.

Audubon is not going to try to remake the world in a week, a month, a year, or a decade. At the national Audubon level and at the local level we will approach this problem the Audubon way—basing our plans on the best science, finding and using the best qualified experts, working with other like-minded groups, and encouraging all members to participate and express their opinions.

We have a long way to go, but as the Chinese saying goes, a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

We are on our way.

1998 Monterey Bay Bird Festival
A Window on the Flyway
October 3 & 4

MONTEREY BAY and its surrounding landscapes offer some of the most diverse and spectacular birding opportunities on the Central Coast. Headquartered at one of California’s rarest jewels, Elkhorn Slough, the 1998 festival will feature unique field trips, workshops, and activities designed to inspire both novice and experienced birders and introduce birding opportunities in the Monterey Bay Area.

For information, a registration packet and a schedule of events, contact the Elkhorn Slough Foundation at (831) 728-5939. E-mail inquiries may be sent to:

csf@elkhornslough.org.

Website: www.elkhornslough.org.

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October Programs

Wednesday: October 21
Endangered Species of the Channel Islands
with
William Faulkner
Field Naturalist
Doors open 7:30 p.m./program 8:00 p.m.
at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Farrand Hall
Free

William Faulkner, Field Naturalist for the Channel Islands National Park, will offer a vivid narrated slide show on the different threatened and endangered species of the Channel Islands, some of which exist nowhere else on earth, and explain the various forces, some natural, some human-induced, which are causing their peril. Discover the amazing biology of our offshore neighbors, and one of America’s least known National Parks.

Friday: October 30
Seabirds of North America
with
Kevin Zimmer
Doors open 7:30 p.m./program 8:00 p.m.
at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Farrand Hall
Co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
Fee: $5.00

Kevin Zimmer is an internationally known birding expert who has led “Victor Emanuel Nature Tours” for over 15 years. Widely published in scientific journals for his field research on Brazil’s neotropical birds, Zimmer’s first book The Western Bird Watcher remains a near-definitive guide. Zimmer is currently working on the Peterson Field Guide to North American Seabirds. He holds a Ph.D. in avian biology from New Mexico State U.

Welcome New Members

SANTA BARBARA AUDUBON Society extends a warm welcome to all new members. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming Audubon programs and field trips. 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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Linda M. Terrell
Erica Victor
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Local Chapter — Santa Barbara Audubon Society C13 7XCH
Field Trips

Trout Club, Santa Barbara
1998 October 04, Sunday, 6:45 am
Fall foothill migrants
Alison Kent, 805/967-7983
101 to La Cumbre exit in Santa Barbara. Go north on La Cumbre Rd. and turn left into Five Points Shopping Center and park at Carl's Jr. at 3925 State St. We all must form carpools so as to take the fewest cars to the Trout Club. Alison will meet us at the Trout Club so at 5 Points stand by your car wearing your binoculars so fellow participants can recognize you, then pool up. Take Hwy 154 to old San Marcos Rd and park on the left side 350 yds south of 154 by about 7 am. We will be guests of Alison, a resident of the Trout Club, which is normally off limits to birders. Wear trail shoes, and long pants in case of poison oak. Bring H2O and maybe a snack. Trip over by mid-morning.

Lake Los Carneros, Goleta
1998 October 24, Saturday, 8:00 am
Least Bittern, rails, fall passerines
Karen Bridgers, 805/964-1316,
kbbridgers@msn.com
Los Carneros exit from 101 north on Los Carneros Rd to Stow House parking lot next to fire station.
Finish before noon.

Looking ahead...

Pacific Missile Test Center at Point Mugu
1998 December 12, Saturday, 6:45 am
waterfowl, rails, egrets, shorebirds
Paul Keller (coordinator) 805/968-7804.
wrentit@jps.net
Reservations required
Drivers may appreciate gas money.
From the east take 101 north to Cabrillo Blvd. (left lane exit just past town of Montecito.) Take Cabrillo and turn right onto Los Patos Way and look for Andree Clark Bird Refuge parking on the left. From the west, take 101 south to Los Patos off ramp (after Milpas exit) and turn right into Bird Refuge parking. Carpool from here. If you want to meet us at the Game Preserve (private and normally off limits) take Hwy. 101 to Camarillo. Exit Los Posas and go south to Hueneme Rd and turn right. Go west and turn left on Casper Rd. About a mile after the left bend on Casper Rd turn right into the game preserve and park by the green bungalows by 8:15 am. Bring water and snack. Scopes useful. Trip over by noon.

Ventura County Game Preserve, Oxnard
1999 February 06, Saturday, 7:30 am
Virginia Rail, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, American Bittern, White-faced Ibis, Yellow-headed Blackbird
Guy Tingos, 805/681-0026,
gtingos@west.net
Drivers may appreciate gas money. From the east take 101 north to Cabrillo Blvd. (left lane exit just past town of Montecito.) Take Cabrillo and turn right onto Los Patos Way and look for Andree Clark Bird Refuge parking on the left. From the west, take 101 south to Los Patos off ramp (after Milpas exit) and turn right into Bird Refuge parking. Carpool from here. If you want to meet us at the Game Preserve (private and normally off limits) take Hwy. 101 to Camarillo. Exit Las Posas and go south to Hueneme Rd and turn right. Go west and turn left on Casper Rd. About a mile after the left bend on Casper Rd turn right into the game preserve and park by the green bungalows by 8:15 am. Bring water and snack. Scopes useful. Trip over by noon.

Unless otherwise noted, field trips are free and reservations are not needed. If you would like a loaner pair of binoculars for a trip, call the leader.
THE NEW WORLD WIDE WEB SITE FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS has been updated again. Here’s the new address:
http://socal.ca.audubon.org/trips.htm

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