

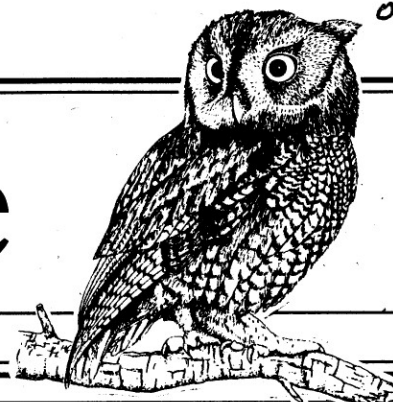
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Population & Habitat

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.

Restoration Dates for Volunteers

Please contact Darlene Chirman to participate
dchirman@rain.org or 805/692-2008

Atascadero Creek Planting	Saturday	October 10
<i>rain date</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>October 18</i>
Pampas Grass Removal	Saturday,	October 17
<i>rain date</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>November 1</i>
San Jose Creek Planting	Saturday	October 31
<i>rain date</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>November 7</i>

1998 Monterey Bay Bird Festival

A Window on the Flyway October 3 & 4

MONTEREY BAY and its surrounding landscape 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:

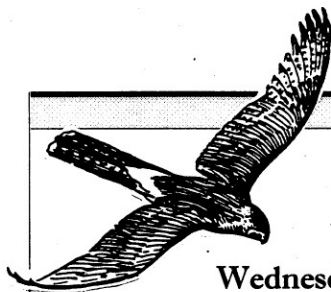
esf@elkhornslough.org.

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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wildlife habitats.

Special new-member rate of \$20

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Make check payable and send to:
National Audubon Society
Membership Data Center
P.O. Box 5100
Boulder, CO 80321-1000

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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,

kbridgers@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.

The trip will begin at Mugu's Pizza across the Main Gate off Hwy 1 at Wood Rd at 8:00 am. If you want to meet us at Mugu's Pizza you must

let me know. To reserve your space call me no later than Nov 24, Tues. If you get my machine, EN-UN-CI-ATE CLEAR-LY AND SLOW-LY, spelling as necessary, your last name, first name, middle initial, social security number, citizenship status, phone number, and if you are under 18 years old, your age. Limit of 25 people; we need at least 15 participants for the trip to go so barring medical emergency or death in immediate family, if you sign up show up. You must be at least 12 years old. Leader will be someone yet to be assigned from the Point Mugu environmental staff who will show us around until about noon. Bring Photo ID, lunch, water, dress in layers for hot, fog wind or showers. Scopes useful, cameras not allowed.

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

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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.

Calendar of Events

October 3&4	Monterey Bay Bird Festival
October 4	Trout Club f.t.
October 21	Endangered Species of the Channel Islands
October 24	Lake Los Carneros f.t.
October 30	Seabirds of North America

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>

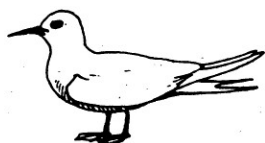
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