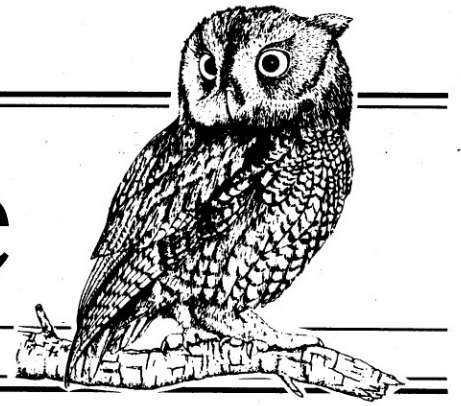


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## Urban Creeks Council & Audubon Team up for Restorations

Everyone in Santa Barbara is aware of the ocean and creek pollution problems and the efforts underway to identify the pollution sources and find solutions. Wetlands and riparian (creekside) vegetation serve as natural filtration systems for removing excess nutrients and pollutants from water before it enters the

creek. YOU can make a difference by helping in a restoration project. Take a look at the volunteer workdays; you may want to help out on the creek nearest your home. These are projects of Santa Barbara Audubon, Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council, or joint projects. Call the project manager for more information.

—Darlene Chirman

DATE & TIME	PLACE	CONTACT
Saturday, February 27 9:00 AM to Noon (rain date march 6)	San Jose Creek Planting Meet Berkeley Foot Bridge	Darlene 692-2008
Sunday, February 28, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Cieneguitas Creek Planting Meet Vieja Valley School Parking Lot	Stephanie 962-0996
Saturday, March 6 9:00 AM to Noon	Bohnett Park Clean-Up & Restoration Meet corner Victoria & San Andreas, Westside	Jason 682-5312
Sunday, March 14 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Atascadero Creek Planting Near Goleta Beach	Darlene 692-2008
Saturday, March 20 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Cieneguitas Creek Planting Meet Vieja Valley School Parking Lot	Stephanie 962-0996
Saturday, March 27 9:00 AM to Noon	San Jose Creek Planting Meet Berkeley Foot Bridge	Stacey 967-360
Saturday, April 3 9:00 AM to Noon	Bohnett Park Clean-Up & Restoration Meet corner Victoria & San Andreas, Westside	Jason 682-5312
Saturday, April 10 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Atascadero Creek Planting Near Goleta Beach	Darlene 692-2008
Saturday, April 10 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Cieneguitas Creek Planting Meet Vieja Valley School Parking Lot	Stephanie 962-0996
Saturday, April 24 9:00 AM to Noon	San Jose Creek Planting Meet Berkeley Foot Bridge	Stacey 967-360
Sunday, April 25 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Pampas Grass Removal Goleta Slough - call for mtg. place	Darlene 692-2008

## S. B. Audubon Society Website Up and Running

SANTA BARBARA AUDUBON now has a website. Come visit us at: [www.audubon.org/chapter/ca/santabarbara](http://www.audubon.org/chapter/ca/santabarbara). You can find up-to-date information on field trips, programs, volunteer opportunities, restoration dates, conservation committee issues, science committee projects, and more!

Please take a look and give us feedback at: [sbaudubon@silcom.com](mailto:sbaudubon@silcom.com)

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## March & April Programs

**Wednesday: March 24**  
**Antarctic Adventures:**  
**Birding Antarctica**  
 with  
**Brad Schram**

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  
 Free

BRAD SCHRAMM IS RETURNING from his latest birding foray to Antarctica just two weeks before his talk, so we'll be among the very first to see the amazing sights of the world's most remote continent. A highly regarded bird author and Nature tour leader, Schram was recognized at the last Christmas Bird Count for 25 consecutive years of active participation in Central Coast birding. A bird and nature tour leader, he will be returning just ten days before his scheduled talk and is in Antarctica as we go to press. Please join us for a slide journey to one of the the earth's extremest regions.

**Earth Day**  
**Sunday, April 18, 1999**  
**De La Guerra Plaza**

COME CELEBRATE Mother Earth at Santa Barbara's annual fete for the planet on Sunday, April 18. Festivities will again be held at De La Guerra Plaza from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

S.B. Audubon Society will host a booth with information on our local chapter and general promotion of the Audubon Society. If you can help out during the day or would like to help design this year's educational display, please contact SBAS president Everett King at 805/569-2307.

We hope to see you at Earth Day and hope a few people can step up to help out. Thanks!

**Wednesday: April 28**  
**Rare, Tropical, & Exotic:**  
**Treasures of the**  
**Santa Barbara Zoo Aviary**  
 with  
**Lauri Warner**  
**Lead Bird Keeper**

Doors open 7:30 p.m./program 8:00 p.m.  
 at the Santa Barbara Museum of  
 Natural History, Farrand Hall  
 Free

AN EXPERT, BEHIND-THE-SCENES look at the care, feeding, and study of the diverse collection of rare, tropical and exotic birds at the Zoo. How do you keep birds from such divergent climates healthy? How well are they able to reproduce in captivity? What do they eat? Which are difficult to work with; which are most interesting? You will be surprised. Our speaker, Lori Warner has worked at the Zoo for 3 years as its Lead Bird Keeper. Originally from upstate New York, she attended UCSB, where she received her B.S. in aquatic biology. Like so many talented graduates, she made Santa Barbara her home. After a stint with Island Packers, Warner volunteered at the Zoo for 2 years before hiring on there.


**Birds of the Channel Islands: A**  
**Treasure in Our Own Backyard**  
 lecture by Paul Collins  
**Monday, April 12, 1999, 7:30 PM**  
**S.B. Museum of Natural History**  
**Bird Habitat Hall, \$3.00 at the door**

AS PART OF the Year of the Channel Program co-sponsored by SBCC, SBBG, and SBMNH, Paul Collins, Senior Associate Curator of Vertebrate Zoology at the Museum, will present an illustrated slide lecture about the avifauna of the Channel Islands based on data compiled over the past 150 years. This lecture will overview some of the findings that will be presented in an upcoming book, *Birds of the Channel Islands*, co-authored by Lee Jones, to be published this year.




## Field Trips

### CARPINTERIA SALT MARSH NATURE PARK ON ASH AVE.




1999 March 13, Saturday, 1:00 PM  
shorebirds, waterfowl,  
Belding's Savannah Sparrow  
Wayne R. Ferren, Jr., 805/893-2506 (office)  
From Ventura take 101 north to Casitas Pass Rd.  
Go south and turn right on Carpinteria Ave.  
Drive west on Carpinteria Ave to Estero Way  
(Apple St on AAA map) turn left and drive to  
gate. From Santa Barbara take 101 south to  
Carpinteria Ave exit and take Carpinteria Ave to  
Estero Way (1st right). After a brief tour of the  
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Preserve Wayne, the Re-  
serve Manager, will show us the new Nature Park  
of which he was instrumental in creating. Those  
who wish to car pool meet at the Andree Clarke  
Bird Refuge parking lot at 12:30 PM.

### CAMPUS LAGOON AND VICINITY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA



1999 March 27, Saturday, 7:30 AM  
Shorebirds and Spring migrants  
Paul Keller, 805/968-7804, wrentit@jps.net  
From the north take 101 to Glen Annie, Storke  
exit and go south on Storke Rd to the end. Turn  
left onto El Colegio Rd and go east into the  
UCSB main campus. Bear left onto Ocean Rd  
then turn right onto University Rd. At the East  
Gate bear right onto Lagoon Rd and turn left  
into Lot 6 and park in the southern end of  
Lot 6 by the Marine Biotechnology Laboratory  
(555). From the south take 101 to 217 to UCSB.  
At the East Gate bear left onto Lagoon Rd.  
Scopes useful. Dress in layers. Trip over by mid-  
morning.

### TOM'S PLACE, MONO CO.



1999 April 10-12, Friday through Sunday  
Meet at Tom's Place Saturday morning.  
Sage Grouse, Red-naped and Williamson's Sap-  
sucker, Pinyon Jay, Black-billed  
Magpie, Sage Thrasher, Dipper, montane birds.  
Don Rathbun, 805/964-5521,  
dgrathbun@worldnet.att.net  
Reservations required (limited space)  
\$40 plus gas and meals  
Take Hwy 395 north 9 to 10 mi. north of the  
Mono Co. line to the top of the grade. Turn

right on Crowley Lake Dr. Turn right after 1st  
or 2nd cattle guard (1 or 2 miles). We hope to  
see Sage Grouse on their lek early in the morn-  
ing when it's really cold so bring lots of warm  
clothes. Scopes useful. Reserve your space by  
sending your check for \$40.00 made to Santa  
Barbara Audubon Society, 5679 Hollister Ave  
Ste 5B, Goleta CA 93117-3402, 805/964-  
1468, [saudubon@silcom.com](mailto:saudubon@silcom.com). We've reserved  
a cabin that sleeps 8 (7 plus Don) so the first 7  
that reserve are assured a space. After that  
we'll see what's available and for what price.  
Bring munchies if you like but we plan to eat  
our meals at Tom's Place. We hope to be back  
before dinner time on Sunday. If you're inter-  
ested in carpooling include a note with your  
check saying how early you can leave on Fri-  
day, how late you can be back on Sunday, and  
either how many riders you can take or state  
that you're looking for a ride. Drivers bring  
chains.

### LAKE LOS CARNEROS, GOLETA

1999 April 17, Saturday, 8:00am  
spring migrants  
Karen Bridgers, 805/964-1316,  
[kbridgers@msn.com](mailto:kbridgers@msn.com)  
Los Carneros exit from 101 north on Los  
Carneros Rd to Stow House parking  
lot next to fire station.  
Wear walking shoes. Finish before noon.

### FIGUEROA MOUNTAIN, SANTA BARBARA CTY

1999 May 01, Saturday, 7:00 AM  
montane birds and spring migrants  
Dave Compton, 805/965-3153  
Drivers may appreciate gas money.  
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. Car pool from here. Bring  
lunch and water. Back by mid-afternoon.

*Unless otherwise noted, field trips are free and reserva-  
tions are not needed. If you would like a loaner pair of  
binoculars for a trip, call the leader.*

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FIELD TRIPS

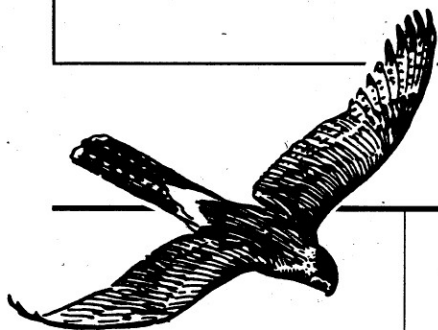
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# Calendar of Events

March 13, Saturday	Carpinteria Salt Marsh f.t.
March 24, Wednesday	<i>March Program: Birding Antarctica</i>
March 27, Saturday	Campus Lagoon & Vicinity f.t.
April 10-12, Saturday- Monday	Tom's Place, Mono Cty. f.t.
April 12, Monday	<i>Birds of the Channel islands: A Treasure in our own Backyard - lecture</i>
April 17, Saturday	Lake Los Carneros f.t.
April 18, Sunday	Earth Day Celebration at De La Guerra Plaza
April 28, Wednesday	<i>April Program: Rare, Tropical &amp; Exotic Birds at the Santa Barbara Zoo</i>
May 1, Saturday	Figueroa Mountain f.t.

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<b>RARE BIRD ALERT</b>	<i>Lists rare birds sighted recently.</i>	964-8240

*Officers and Committee Chairs meet the second Thursday of the month. Members are welcome to attend. Please call the Audubon office to verify dates and times (805) 964-1468; FAX (805) 967-7718. Cover art by Daryl Harrison.*



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