1999-2000 Santa Barbara Audubon Board of Directors Slate

This year's Nominating Committee, headed by Sally Walker, has recommended the following slate of candidates for the 1999 SBAS Board of Directors. The Board of Directors voted to approve the proposed slate at the April 8, 1999 Board Meeting. Members will vote to approve the slate at the Annual Picnic, to be held on Saturday, June 19, at Giorgi Park. Prior to approval of the proposed slate, members will vote on proposed amendments to the By-laws that will increase the size of the Board from the current 13 members to 15 members, by creating two additional at-large positions, and elevating the newly formed Science Committee to standing committee status.

Officers:

President - Everett King
Vice President - Darlene Chirman
Secretary - Jim Greaves
Treasurer - TBA

Board:

Conservation - Dave Wass
Education - Catherine Graham
Field Trips - Paul Keller
Membership - Mary Wenzel
Newsletter - Bill & Elaine Uomini
Programs - Lee Moldaver
PR - Sheila Golburgh-Johnson
Science - Kathleen Whitney
At Large - Christine Walden

Additional At Large positions (pending approval of By Law amendments)

At Large - Patrick McNulty
At Large - Morgan Ball

MAPS Update by Kathleen Whitney

AFTER LONG MONTHS of anticipation and hard work, the MAPS season is at last upon us. With the support and cooperation of the County Flood Control District and County Parks and Recreation we will be opening our first MAPS bird banding station at Atascadero Creek on May 1. This site is a particularly interesting one as it contains created wetland areas and re-vegetated stands of willow and other riparian plant species. We are hoping to observe and document the colonization of this area by breeding birds as the vegetation matures. Some of the neotropical migrant species that have returned to the site to date include: Allen’s Hummingbird, Cassin’s Kingbird, Warbling Vireo and Wilson’s Warbler. Any of these species could potentially nest on the MAPS site. Marsh Wrens continue to sing from the pond area and if

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## May & June Programs & Events

### May Date To Be Announced

**Nature Photography Workshop**

**with David Muench**

Doors open 7:30 p.m./program 8:00 p.m.

at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Farnell Hall

Co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Admission will be charged

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**Photographing Wildlife**

**with Jim Greaves**

May 13, 1999

On Thursday, May 13, Jim Greaves will make a slide presentation for the Goleta Valley Photo Club entitled Photographing Wildlife. Goleta Library, 7:30 p.m. Call Ihsan Saib at 967-9495 for further information.

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Join us at these Audubon, Urban Creeks Council, or joint projects for the two organizations. For more information on activities at right, contact Darlene Chirman at 692-2008. It's great fun, and you get to do something tangible to improve our creeks and wetlands.**

### Saturday: June 19

**Annual Audubon Picnic**

at **Giorgi Park**

N. San Marcos Road, Goleta

$12.00/person

**All members and their guests are invited for an afternoon of fun and games at the annual SBAS membership picnic, to be held on Saturday, June 19, from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Giorgi Park. To get to the park, exit Hwy. 101 at Turnpike and head toward the mountains. Turn left onto Cathedral Oaks Road, then right on Old San Marcos Road. The park is about three blocks up, on the left hand side (look for the sign on the Oak tree). Food will be served at 12:15. SBAS will provide the tri-tip, vegetarian lasagna, garlic bread, corn, drinks, ice, ice chests, plates, cups, and utensils. Cost is $12.00 per person. Members should bring a salad or dessert. Please make reservations by calling SBAS at 964-1468. Make checks payable to SBAS. Swimming pool is available.**

### Program Information

**Was not available at press time. Please check local listings for date and description.**

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### Volunteer Opportunities

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Field Trips

FIGUEROA MOUNTAIN, SANTA BARBARA CITY
1999 May 01, Saturday, 7:00 AM
montane birds and spring migrants
Dave Compton, 965-3153
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.

UPPER SANTA YNEZ IMPORTANT BIRD AREA,
1999 May 23, Sunday, 8:00 AM
woodpeckers, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Olive-sided Flycatcher, vireos, Yellow-breasted Chat, et al. Jim Greaves, 563-2903, greaves@silcom.com Reservations req. $5.00/vehicle-Adventure Pass In S.B. take Mission towards mountains from 101 to end. Left on Laguna St., go 2 blocks, turn right onto Mission Canyon Rd. Stay left at fork and turn right onto Mountain Dr. As you come to Sheffield Res. take left fork leaving 192 but staying on Mountain Dr. As you cross Las Canosas continue straight on Gibraltar Rd. up the mountain and turn right to take East Camino Cielo east. At water tank pavement gives way to 4.1 mi. of graded dirt road to Juncal cpxcpg. Turn left on Camuesa Rd. and drive 3 mi. to Pendola Forest Service Station and park. Jim will meet us there. Allow 2.5 hours for the drive. AAA Santa Barbara County H-14. Bring several liters of water or drinks, breakfast and lunch, hat, shoes for a few miles of hiking in rattlesnake habitat, and maybe a swimsuit for the hot springs. Dress for cold.

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Independent Voices

A VISION FOR OUR TIMES: The continuing construction and development explosion on the South Coast constitutes an accelerating threat to our once ample reserves of open space and biotically diverse habitat. The character of the land and the diversity of the wildlife we have been called to protect are at risk. SBAS faces its greatest challenge ever to conserve and restore wildlife habitat. I struggle with these challenges and invite you to share with me your thoughts on how best to achieve our common goals. Please write to me at P.O. Box 6599, S.B., CA 93160.

— Dave Wass

ANNE WARBURTON is a cat lover and a birdwatcher. Her four house cats are birdwatchers too. To accommodate her pets and the wild birds, Anne has enclosed her 400-square-foot patio with welded wire mesh and a clear plastic roof. The felines use a cat door to enter the patio from the house and observe the birds at feeders around the yard.

"The cats get to spend time outdoors and the birds stay safe," says Anne, an Audubon member. "My cat Sylvie especially enjoys watching the white-crowned sparrows and goldfinches that come to the feeders."

Anne's 'reverse aviary' is a great solution that protects both wildlife and cats. Audubon has joined the American Bird Conservancy in its national campaign to encourage cat owners to keep their pets indoors.

— Claudia Armann, carmann@aquamag.com

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these birds stay, this could be a new addition to the breeding birds list for the re-vegetation area. The Red-winged Blackbird colony, a new addition to the site last year, has again taken up residence in the middle basin and a Tri-colored Blackbird has been seen among them. With migration now in full swing, we can anticipate new arrivals any day. Many of our winter visitors remain on the MAPS site as well, making it a very "birdy" place indeed! Banding records for the MAPS season will be posted on our new website for those who are interested.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the individuals who contributed so generously to support this and other Science Committee projects in response to our annual fund appeal letter. I would also like to thank the many volunteers whose time and energy have made these projects possible. I realize that not everyone who expressed interest in volunteering for MAPS bird banding has been contacted and for this, I apologize. The response has been overwhelming and it was not possible to train all the volunteers this season. We are hoping to expand our MAPS involvement to three banding stations by 2000 and several potential sites are currently under consideration. Please consider joining us for MAPS 2000!
SBAS Website

**Santa Barbara Audubon** now has a website. Come visit us at: 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!

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morning and hot afternoon. Scopes not recommended. Ret. to cars by about 2 PM. To reserve your space, call Jim by May 03. Jim has campground info. for those who wish to camp over Saturday night. For nearly two decades, Jim has done breedingbird field studies in this area for the U.S. Forest Service making him uniquely qualified to lead this ambitious trip.