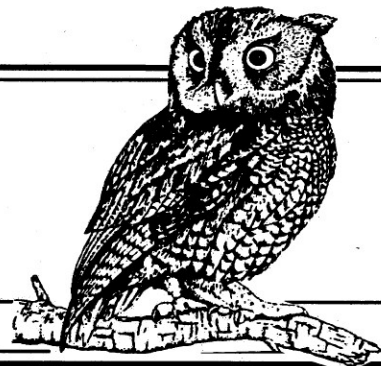


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SANTA BARBARA BIRDERS SECOND IN U.S. WITH 212 SPECIES!

By Joan Lentz

WOW! That sums up **Santa Barbara Audubon's** annual Christmas Bird Count held January 2, 2000. It was a blockbuster of a millenium count. Terrific teamwork, great birds appearing on Count Day, and a generous dose of good luck added up to a winning combination. When the counting was over and the compilation dinner at the Museum of Natural History began, nobody suspected we would finish with 212 different kinds of birds sighted in one 24-hour period.

A Christmas Bird Count of this magnitude depends upon many, many people. Chris Walden, who helped with sign-ups and phone calls, was absolutely invaluable. The leaders who supervised groups of birders during the day were superb. The birders who scouted the area and turned up rarities before Count Day deserve huge praise. And co-compilers Karen Bridgers, and Joan and George Hardie were indispensable. Thanks to **Santa Barbara Audubon** for sponsoring a great event!

The day dawned clear and chilly. So far so good. Then, a brisk northwest wind picked up. Unfortunately, the boating contingent of birders had to turn back due to rough seas. By noon at Goleta Beach, we just weren't sure what success we might have in the afternoon. Karen Bridgers, who led the noon countdown in Goleta, sent birders scurrying off in many directions to search for several of the species we were still missing.

Let's face it, birding conditions in Santa Barbara had been challenging. We knew we were up against a severe lack of rainfall,

which would make waterbirds and shorebirds scarce. We needed every bit of our Count Circle scouted, so we could send birders to the most productive spots. Trouble was, there seemed to be a general lack of bird numbers everywhere, and rarities were in short supply.

But somehow, on January 2, everything fell into place. The Zone-tailed Hawk, back for a seventh winter, was found roosting with the Turkey Vultures in Stow Park in Goleta. A female Black Scoter floated around Santa Barbara Harbor. Two Short-eared Owls hunted at dawn on More Mesa. Hummingbirds galore showed up to be counted: adult male Costa's, Allen's and Rufous hummers were unusual. It's been ages since we've had an interesting flycatcher on the Count, but this year, a Pacific-slope Flycatcher was found on Arroyo Burro Creek. Add to that a Common Poorwill near Gibraltar Dam, a Sage Thrasher in a hedge at the Valle Verde retirement residence, and a Pine Warbler at Bella

Vista Open Space in Goleta and you have the recipe for a great Bird Count.

What was the most numerous bird on the Count? Yellow-rumped Warbler with over 3000 individuals. Next came White-crowned Sparrows, followed by Bonaparte's Gulls.

Santa Barbara is famous for its ability to pull out "one" of a lot of species. But one is all it takes! We tallied one each of the following: American Bittern, Cattle Egret, Snow Goose, American Avocet, Long-billed Curlew, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Nashville Warbler, Hermit Warbler, Summer Tanager and Pine Siskin.

"The thing that stood out about this Count was the amount of teamwork," one birder said at the end of the day. "It seemed like everyone was able to contribute something special."

With over 150 birders participating, we've found the secret to a good bird count--lots of birders find lots of birds!

And for the first time in many years, Santa Barbara is in second place in the number of species counted, behind Mad Island Marsh, Texas, which had 220. That's something to crow about, isn't it?

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California Audubon Support Props 12 and 13!

- **Prop 12 is for parks and open space.**

Prop 12 is the safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection bond. It includes much needed funding for dilapidated state and local parks as well as funds for land acquisition, habitat restoration, coastal protection, open space protection in fast-growing suburbs, protection of remaining wildlife areas, as well as playgrounds, zoos and soccer fields, urban conservation corps, and recreation for at-risk youth.

- **Prop 13 is for cleaner water.**

Prop 13 is the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection bond. Outdoor recreation is a huge industry in California. Birds and other wildlife depend on clean water and healthy wetlands. Prop 13 makes our drinking water safer by funding watershed restoration, improving sewage treatment, and reducing "non-point source" pollution caused by runoff in urban areas.

- **Why do we need Prop 12 and Prop 13?**

Voters approved similar bond acts in the '70s and '80s but the funds ran out years ago. Props 12 and 13 contain enormous potential for Audubon and its chapters. These



bond acts provide funding and grants to state and local agencies that protect and restore land and wildlife habitat. Local projects that we support and our own projects will be eligible for bond funds.

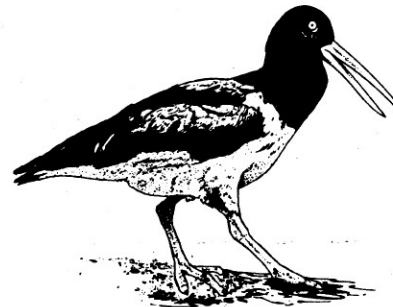
- **Who supports Prop 12 and 13?**

National and CA Audubon, the League of Women Voters, the Nature Conservancy, and the CA Chamber of Commerce are a few of the many organizations that support these Props.

For more information, including summaries of Prop 12 and 13, see the Conservation page on the Audubon-California website:

<http://www.audubon-ca.org/>

- **Register to vote by February 7!**
- **Vote Yes on Prop 12 and Prop 13 on March 7!**



Another Owl Rescued!

By Jim Greaves

On December 6, Gabriele Drozdowski, an expert wildlife rehabilitator and representative of the **Santa Barbara Audubon Society** in local schools, received a call from the manager at Von's in La Cumbre Plaza. They had a small owl in the store, and could she come catch it? She leapt at the chance!

A couple of hours later, with the help of husband Jim Walker and store employees Cynthia Varela and Ryan Neese, the little burrowing owl was safe in a pet travel box. After a day of rest and observation, the owl was released in an open area in Goleta. The flight was true and strong, and it settled to earth a hundred yards from its release point.

Unlike two recent burrowing owls Gabriele had tended, both of which were grossly underweight by the time she obtained them, this one was in excellent condition, still about average weight -- thanks entirely to the quick response of the caring folks at Von's!

Santa Barbara Audubon Society once again extends our gratitude to people of the Goleta Valley, and for the care and concern Von's showed for this little wild creature. As tough a bird as it may be in its own world, on its own terms with its own prey, these little ones are no match for the complex world with which we have surrounded its few remaining open spaces. Perhaps in this season of caring, the little owl delivered a poignant reminder about the rapidly dwindling spaces we are leaving for all wildlife.

Thanks again to Ryan and Cynthia whose assistance helped Gabriele and Jim catch the owl before it could be injured or starve. Thanks also to the Santa Barbara News-Press, whose excellent coverage last month of the previous owls' travails, no doubt led to a timely rescue and successful release of this unintended prisoner of our culture.

And, as always, a big thank you to all the dedicated wildlife rehabilitation specialists, whose works help us gain a larger awareness, and preserve a greater number of the wild creatures in our midst.



Santa Barbara Audubon Winter Program Series

*All programs, unless otherwise noted, will take place at Farrand Hall,
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Mission Canyon, Santa Barbara. Free on-site parking.
All programs, unless otherwise noted, will begin at 7:30 PM, a change from last year. Doors will open at 7:00 PM.
All programs, unless otherwise noted, are FREE to the public. SB Audubon members are encouraged to bring guests.*

Wednesday, February 23rd

Paul Keller, Speaker

**"Birding Madagascar, South Africa
and the Greater Antilles"**

Paul Keller will discuss the birds, plants, and animals of Madagascar, the giant Indian Ocean island off the coast of Africa, and parallels to the isles of the Caribbean Sea.

Besides being a top mathematician and a stellar ceramist, **Santa Barbara Audubon's** field-trip director is also an intrepid international birder, par excellence. Join Paul for the sights and sounds of some of the world's more distant and exotic birding locales - Madagascar, the Cape region of the Republic of South Africa, and the Greater Antilles. Whether you are planning your own trip or adventuring through someone else's binoculars and eyes don't miss this one!

Wednesday, March 22nd

**"Favorite and Secret
Birding Spots of the Masters"**

Yes, back by popular demand after five long years! A panel program of maps, slides, tips, secret locations, and amazing tales, from **Santa Barbara Audubon's** most popular field-trip leaders.

Where do local "experts" go to scout those hard to find "resident" species? Special off-the-beaten track locations on the Central Coast, and Flyway segments. How do they know where to look, when to look, how to approach? What kind of equipment to they prefer? Whether you're a first-time birder still learning the ropes, or a seasoned veteran, you'll pick up real "insider" knowledge when you join our "Leaders Night" panel of **Santa Barbara Audubon's** top leaders!



Items of Local Interest!

There are three special reasons to give your January/February 2000 copy of *Audubon* magazine a close look.

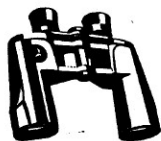
First, **SBAS** member Guy Hand's article "Planting on Barren Ground" (page 26) gives a vivid description of restoring Scotland's ancient "wildlands." In November, **SBAS** was privileged to have Guy speak on "The Natural History of the Highlands." Those of us who saw his wonderful program and fantastic slides will enjoy reading Guy's luminous account of a Scottish group's work to "right ancient wrongs," or as British writer Peter Taylor says, "to make us whole again." Those who missed the program can do a bit of catching up in *Audubon*. Kudos to Guy Hand!

Second, "The Day of the Condor" by Frank Graham, Jr. (page 46) tells the multi-faceted ever-evolving tale of California Condor preservation. By press time, some of us will have seen Jane Hendron's January much anticipated program "The Condor Recovery Program" which will also focus on these fascinating birds.

Third, "The Channel Islands, Underwater Wilderness" by photographer Jeff Rotman and writer Deborah Knight (page 62) highlights the Channel Islands National Park. Here in our own "backyard" is an underwater wilderness area. This article takes you under the waves to a kelp forest rich with life. "Imagine swimming through a forest - an underwater forest!"

The winter 2000 issue of *California Wild* features photographs by **SBAS** board member Jim Greaves. These photos can be seen in the article by Liese Greensfelder. Also in this issue are articles about Salmon recovery, wolves and more. Pick up a copy before they're all gone! Congratulations Jim!





Santa Barbara Audubon Field Trips

Everyone is welcome! These trips are fun for both beginning and expert bird lovers. Binoculars are useful for the full enjoyment of birds, but if you don't have a pair please call the trip leader and we'll lend you a spare. All trips are free unless otherwise noted.



Ventura County Game Preserve

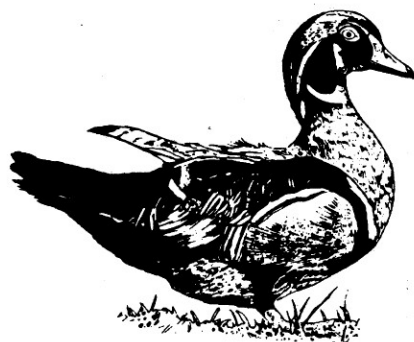
Oxnard, Ventura County

Saturday, February 5th, 7:30 AM

Target Birds: Virginia Rail, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, American Bittern, White-faced Ibis, Yellow-headed Blackbird

Guy Tingos, 681-0026, gtingos@west.net

Carpool from Andree Clark Bird Refuge. 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. Bring water and snack. Scopes useful. Trip over by noon.



Lone Star Ranch

East End of Lake Cachuma

Saturday, February 19th, 7:00 AM

Target Birds: Common Goldeneye, Wood Duck, Lewis's Woodpecker, Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, American White Pelican, Mountain Bluebird

Jeff Chemnick, 965-0895, jchemnick@cwix.com

Take 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. Wear walking shoes. Bring water. Back before lunch. Enjoy the best of local winter birding along with Texas hospitality as owner Lee Carr hosts this ever popular trip to what we used to call Rancho Jocososo, the (former) ostrich farm.

Santa Barbara Harbor and Andree Clark Bird Refuge

Saturday, March 4th, 7:30 AM

Target Birds: Waterfowl, shorebirds, winter songbirds

Rob Lindsay, 967-0835

From the South take 101 north and exit at Garden St, turn left (south), go to the end and turn right at Cabrillo Blvd. Continue past the light at Castillo St where Cabrillo Blvd turns into Shoreline Dr. From the north take 101 south to Castillo St (Harbor exit, turn right (south), go to the end and turn right onto Shoreline Dr. Continue west on Shoreline Dr and take the 1st left turn which takes you on Harbor Wy and into the harbor. Park in the 90 min area and meet at the old Navy Bldg. Dress in layers for damp chill. Scopes useful. Those with a tight schedule may wish to leave from the harbor; those that wish to bird 'til mid-morning will follow Rob to the bird refuge; finally, those that wish to sleep in may arrive at the bird refuge at 9-ish and wait for or catch up with the group there. (To get to the bird refuge turn left onto Cabrillo Blvd from either Garden or Castillo St, turn right onto Los Patos Way, then look for Bird Refuge parking on the left.) Rob, a high school biology teacher, can answer questions about the biology as well as the identity of the birds that we will encounter making this trip ideal for those new to birdwatching.



Campus Lagoon and Vicinity University of California, Santa Barbara

Saturday, March 18th, 8:00 AM

Target Birds: Shorebirds, waterbirds and spring migrants

Patrick McNulty, 967-9900, mcnulty@gte.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 10:30 but Patrick will accommodate those who want to bird longer.

SBAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT -- January 2, 2000



LOONS

5	Red-throated Loon
3	Pacific Loon
15	Common Loon
8	loon sp.

GREBES

161	Pied-billed Grebe
12	Horned Grebe
49	Eared Grebe
447	Western Grebe
12	Clarks's Grebe

SHEARWATERS

0	Northern Fulmar
0	Black-vented Shearwater

PELICANS

286	Brown Pelican
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CORMORANTS

414	Double-crested Cormorant
25	Brandt's Cormorant
3	Pelagic Cormorant

HERONS

1	American Bittern
0	Least Bittern*
36	Great Blue Heron
35	Great Egret
70	Snowy Egret
1	Cattle Egret
7	Green Heron
70	Black-crowned Night-Heron

SWANS, GEESE, & DUCKS

0	Gr. White-fronted Goose
1	Snow Goose*
6	Ross's Goose*
2	Brant*
48	Canada Goose
1	Canada Goose (small race)
12	Wood Duck
105	Green-winged Teal
435	Mallard
12	Northern Pintail
2	Blue-winged Teal*
25	Cinnamon Teal
127	Northern Shoveler
102	Gadwall
3	Eurasian Wigeon*
128	American Wigeon
9	Canvasback
20	Redhead
73	Ring-necked Duck
2	Greater Scaup*
69	Lesser Scaup
18	Surf Scoter
0	White-winged Scoter*
2	Common Goldeneye
130	Bufflehead
11	Hooded Merganser

23	Common Merganser
21	Red-breasted Merganser
229	Ruddy Duck

NEW WORLD VULTURES

163	Turkey Vulture
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HAWKS

2	Osprey*
45	White-tailed Kite
11	Northern Harrier
21	Sharp-shinned Hawk
21	Cooper's Hawk
60	Red-shouldered Hawk
118	Red-tailed Hawk
3	Golden Eagle

FALCONS

53	American Kestrel
2	Merlin
3	Peregrine Falcon*

QUAIL & TURKEYS

21	Wild Turkey
133	California Quail
0	Mountain Quail

RAILS & GALLINULES

3	Virginia Rail
11	Sora
1	Common Moorhen
1320	American Coot

PLOVERS

118	Black-bellied Plover
155	Snowy Plover
22	Semipalmated Plover
253	Killdeer

STILTS & AVOCETS

13	Black-necked Stilt
1	American Avocet

SANDPIPERS

24	Greater Yellowlegs
1	Lesser Yellowlegs*
152	Willet
12	Spotted Sandpiper
28	Whimbrel
1	Long-billed Curlew
78	Marbled Godwit
2	Ruddy Turnstone
28	Black Turnstone
310	Sanderling
5	Western Sandpiper
102	Least Sandpiper
3	Dunlin
20	Long-billed Dowitcher
13	Common Snipe
0	Red Phalarope*

JAEGERS,

GULLS & TERNS

1	Pomarine Jaeger*
5	Parasitic Jaeger
3	jaeger sp.
1823	Bonaparte's Gull
474	Heermann's Gull
76	Mew Gull
237	Ring-billed Gull
354	California Gull
4	Herring Gull
1X	Thayer's Gull*
874	Western Gull
5	Glaucous-winged Gull
0	Black-legged Kittiwake*
1X	Caspian Tern*
160	Royal Tern
129	Forster's Tern
320	Black Skimmer

ALCIDS

0	Common Murre
100X	Cassin's Auklet
0	Rhinoceros Auklet

PIGEONS

720	Rock Dove
559	Band-tailed Pigeon
0	Spotted Dove
486	Mourning Dove
0	Common Ground-Dove

CUCKOOS

2	Greater Roadrunner
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OWLS

2	Barn Owl
3	Western-Screech-Owl
7	Great Horned Owl
2	Northern Pygmy-Owl
2	Burrowing Owl

SWIFTS

192	White-throated Swift
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HUMMINGBIRDS

1126	Anna's Hummingbird
3	Costa's Hummingbird*
1	Allen's Hummingbird*
0	Selasphorus sp.

KINGFISHERS

23	Belted Kingfisher
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WOODPECKERS

667	Acorn Woodpecker
0	Red-naped Sapsucker*
11	Red-breasted Sapsucker
29	Nuttall's Woodpecker
35	Downy Woodpecker
13	Hairy Woodpecker

- 145 No. (Red-shaft.) Flicker
0 No. (Yel.-shaft.) Flicker*

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- 280 Black Phoebe
46 Say's Phoebe
1 Tropical Kingbird*
23 Cassin's Kingbird*

LARKS

- 0 Horned Lark

JAYS & CROWS

- 2 Steller's Jay
688 Scrub Jay
4 Yellow-billed Magpie*
1901 American Crow
8 Common Raven

CHICKADEES & TITMICE

- 2 Mountain Chickadee
231 Oak Titmouse

BUSHTITS

- 1915 Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

- 5 Red-breasted Nuthatch
18 White-breasted Nuthatch

CREEPERS

- 3 Brown Creeper

WRENS

- 1 Rock Wren
2 Canyon Wren
171 Bewick's Wren
35 House Wren
3 Winter Wren
26 Marsh Wren

OLD WORLD WARBLERS & THRUSHES

- 1 Golden-crowned Kinglet
716 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
135 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
94 Western Bluebird
0 Townsend's Solitaire
154 Hermit Thrush
274 American Robin
10 Varied Thrush
155 Wrentit

THRASHERS

- 135 Northern Mockingbird
50 California Thrasher

WAGTAILS & PIPITS

- 370 American Pipit

WAXWINGS

- 310 Cedar Waxwings

SILKY FLYCATCHERS

- 7 Phainopepla

SHRIKES

- 29 Loggerhead Shrike

STARLINGS

- 656 European Starling

VIREOS

- 78 Hutton's Vireo

WOOD WARBLERS, TANAGERS & SPARROWS

- 129 Orange-crowned Warbler
1 Nashville Warbler*
0 Yellow Warbler*
3110 Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler
94 Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler
9 Black-th. Gray Warbler
225 Townsend's Warbler
1 Hermit Warbler*
2 Palm Warbler*
2 Black-and-white Warbler*
203 Common Yellowthroat
5 Wilson's Warbler*
1 Summer Tanager*
8 Western Tanager*
2 Rose-breasted Grosbeak*
0 Black-headed Grosbeak*
76 Spotted Towhee
559 California Towhee
9 Rufous-crowned Sparrow
12 Chipping Sparrow
6 Lark Sparrow
3 Sage Sparrow
205 Savannah Sparrow
44 Fox Sparrow
221 Song Sparrow
53 Lincoln's Sparrow
3 Swamp Sparrow*
6 White-throated Sparrow*
438 Golden-crowned Sparrow
1992 White-crowned Sparrow
691 Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco
1X Dark-eyed (St.-col.) Junco
0 Dark-eyed (Gr.-head) Junco

BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES

- 212 Red-winged Blackbird
7 Tricolored Blackbird
355 Western Meadowlark
382 Brewer's Blackbird
53 Great-tailed Grackle
82 Brown-headed Cowbird
0 Orchard Oriole*
2 Hooded Oriole*
1 Baltimore Oriole*
10 Bullock's Oriole*
1X Scott's Oriole*

FINCHES

- 62 Purple Finch
1378 House Finch
1 Pine Siskin
193 Lesser Goldfinch

- 0 Lawrence's Goldfinch
226 American Goldfinch

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- 160 House Sparrow

ADDITIONAL SPECIES

- 1 Black Scoter
1 Zone-tailed Hawk
1 Prairie Falcon
1 Murrelet sp.
2 Short-eared Owl
1 Common Poorwill
1 Rufous Hummingbird
1 Pacific-slope Flycatcher
1 Violet-green Swallow
1 Chestnut-backed Chickadee
1 Sage Thrasher
1 Plumbeous Vireo
1 Pine Warbler
1 Vesper Sparrow
1 Grasshopper Sparrow

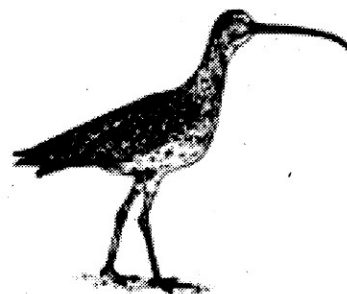
GRAND TOTAL:

212 Species

OTHER COUNT PERIOD BIRDS

- 1X American White Pelican
1X Gray Flycatcher
2X Barn Swallow

* = Rare - requires written description
X = Seen in Count Period (3 days before and 3 days after Count Day) but not on Count Day



Audubon Adventures

You can help a classroom of children begin a life of wildlife appreciation for only \$35.00 per classroom. **SBAS** underwrites the cost for some classrooms. However, we also encourage individuals and businesses to sponsor Audubon Adventure kits so that even more children can benefit. Audubon Adventures is a nature-study aid for 4th through 6th graders. Call Catherine Graham at 682-1357 for more information.



Carpenter Needed!

A volunteer carpenter is needed to help with the construction of housing for birds of prey. You can help the **SBAS** "Eyes in the Sky" program! Call Gabriele Drozdowski at 898-0347 for details.



Welcome New Members!

Santa Barbara Audubon Society extends a warm welcome to all new members. We look forward to seeing you at Audubon programs and field trips. We're glad you're part of Audubon's efforts to excite people about birds and the preservation of their habitat. **Thanks for joining!**

Gen. & Mrs. Jack Barnes
Robert Barrett
Pamela Cooper
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More Great Field Trips

Planning a trip? Want to do some birding? Other Audubon chapters offer interesting field trips too. You can visit this Audubon site to schedule birding trips all over Southern California.

<http://www.audubon.org/chapter/ca/socal/trips.htm>

Volunteer Restoration Opportunities for February & March

Date/Location/Contact



Come out and do something to improve our creeks and wetlands, and provide better wildlife habitat. It's great fun! For more information, contact Darlene Chirman at 692-2008 or Dave Wass at 682-6962. Rain cancels.

Sun. Feb. 6th, 8:30 AM-12:30, Pampas Grass/Planting, call Darlene for site.
Sat. Feb. 19th, 8:30 AM-12, Coal Oil Point Reserve, call Dave for site.
Sat. Feb. 26th, 9:00 AM-12, San Jose Creek, Berkeley footbridge, call Darlene.
Sat. Mar. 4th, 8:30 AM-12:30, Pampas Grass/Planting, call Darlene.
Sat. Mar. 18th, 8:30 AM-12, Coal Oil Point Reserve, call Dave.
Sat. Mar. 25th, 9:00 AM-12, San Jose Creek, Berkeley footbridge, call Darlene.

National Audubon Society Membership Application



Yes!

I want to join Audubon and help protect wildlife and wildlife habitats.

Special new-member rate of \$20

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

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Calendar of Events

Feb. 5	Ventura County Game Preserve Field Trip
Feb. 19	Lone Star Ranch Field Trip
Feb. 23	"Birding Madagascar & Greater Antilles"
Mar. 4	SB Harbor & Bird Refuge Field Trip
Mar. 18	UCSB Campus Lagoon Field Trip
Mar. 22	"Favorite Birding Spots of the Masters"

SBAS website:

<http://www.audubon.org/chapter/ca/santabarbara>

Website Help Needed!

Have you been lurking, wishing there were something you could do to help our local Audubon chapter? Do you know html? Do you love being on line, tweaking a web page? If your answer is yes, you can volunteer to help expand the content of the **SBAS** website. This is a great way to contribute. We need your expertise! Please e-mail:

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