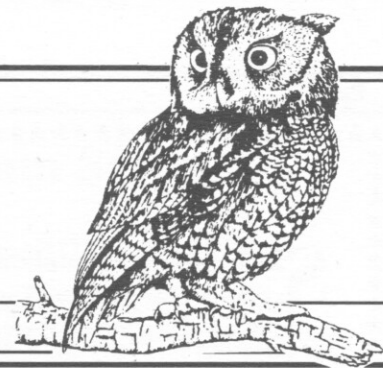


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Devereux Watershed Awareness Day Saturday, May 20th By Dave Wass

The Devereux Watershed has long been a sought-out area, for study and enjoyment, by professional conservationists and knowledgeable amateurs. Its variety and wealth of species, habitats, ecosystems, and natural beauty have something for everybody.

Until recently, only limited efforts have been made to acquaint the general public with this cornucopia of resources. But now, using the combined talents of the Natural Reserve System, the University, your **Audubon Society** and many other cooperating and interested organizations, the Devereux Watershed will be highlighted and explained for all to appreciate and enjoy.

Using Coal Oil Point as a center, experts will provide one hour guided tours all day long, starting at nine in the morning, until every curiosity has been satisfied. A bird derby will also commence at nine and is open to all comers. An art exhibit will be held with demonstrations of special techniques. Many local groups interested in the Devereux will have displays and demonstrations.

Starting at one in the afternoon, there will be a program of speakers addressing such topics as hydrology, birds, mammals, watershed restoration, Chumash history, threats and impacts, and land use history. A special offering will be a performance of a musical composition by local composer **Brian Hodel**, dedicated to the Devereux.

At three in the afternoon those groups and individuals interested in sharing information about the Devereux will meet to share and organize.

The last event will take place at eight in the evening when there will be a bat viewing and listening program, complete with audio detection apparatus.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or wish to assist in this event, please phone **Chris Sandoval**, head of Coal Oil Point Reserve at 685-0255; or **Dave Wass**, Conservation Chair at 682-6962.

Don't miss your day at the Devereux -- May 20th!



Please see complete schedule on page 6.

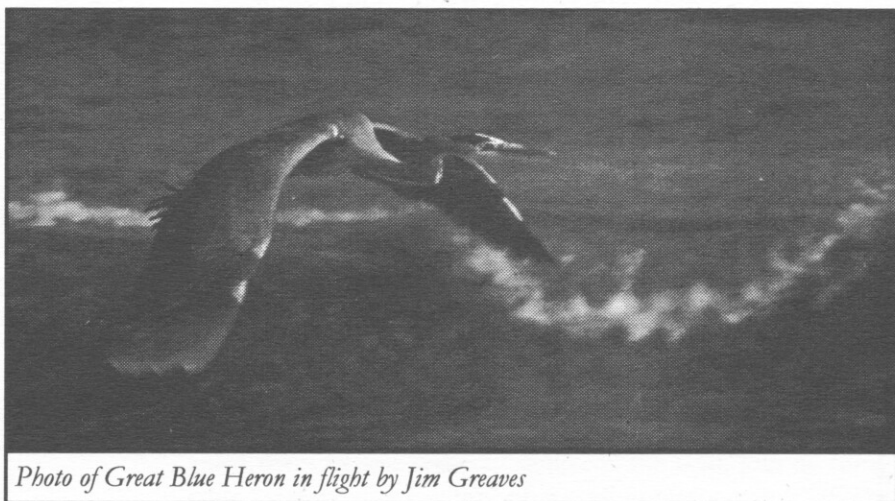


Photo of Great Blue Heron in flight by Jim Greaves

Devereux Watershed Awareness Day Bird Derby

Meet at 9:00 AM south of the preschool located east of Devereux Slough. We will organize teams. This is an unusual event in that *everyone* in a team must see *each* bird species! There will be prizes for the winning team! For more information call **Paul Keller** at 968-7804.

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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!

Jane Allen
Michael Armtz
Daniel F. Barica
Dineh Bhuckory
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Borgar
Jan Burr
Sally Ann Camp
Todd Whitney Carey
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Roch & Madlyn Monchamp
Ms. Karla Nilsen
Victoria Nobles
Margaret O'Brien
Earl Osterhoff
Willard M. Peffley
Enid Pence
Sheldon & Kathy Pfefer
The Prines
Tori Prual
Kendy Radasky
Francisco Xavier Ramos
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M. W. Rindlaub

Sur Roesshe
Janice W. Ross
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Stuart Webb
Barbara Weisblott
Jenny Wilmer
Jack Wolfe
Diane Wondolowski
Sara Woodburn
Jill M. Wright



Chapter News

Audubon Opportunities!

Do you have two or three spare hours a week? Your local SBAS chapter is looking for **office volunteers**. Would you be interested in serving on the **Board**? Elections are in June for one-year positions.

If you would like to learn more about these opportunities please contact **Lee Moldaver** at the office, 964-1468, or **Darlene Chirman** at 692-2008.



Earth Day is April 22!

Events will be held on the west campus of Santa Barbara City College from 10 AM to 6 PM. Please stop by our booth. **Volunteers** are needed for one-hour shifts. No experience necessary! If you can help please call **Catherine Graham** at 682-1357.

Count Update -- One More!



An updated total for the Christmas Bird Count is 213! A Caspian tern was discovered in a photo taken on count day. Birders missed this bird on count day but, since it was in a photo, it counts!

Thank you!

Many thanks to **Bobbie Offen** who has volunteered to assist with revising our website.



10% Discount

Use your **Audubon** membership card for a 10% discount on merchandise at the **Discovery Channel Store**, **Wild Birds Unlimited** and **Island Seed & Feed**. A big **thank you** from SBAS to these fine businesses for their support!

Santa Barbara Audubon Spring Program Series

Monday, April 3rd, 7:30 PM

Paul Lehman, Speaker

**"How Weather, Climate and Seasons
Affect Successful Birding"**

Location: Santa Barbara City College, West Campus,
Leni Fe Bland Forum. Free on-site parking.

Admission: \$10

Temperature, moisture, seasons, cloud cover -- obviously all affect birding as well as seasonal migration patterns. Join one of the nation's leading birding authorities to find out how you can use this knowledge to **improve** your birding experiences.

Paul Lehman is the author of "The Birds of Santa Barbara County" and the editor/compiler (along with Joan Lentz) of the official Santa Barbara County Birding Checklist. Formerly associated with the UCSB and a long-time leader of SBAS, Lehman has been resident in Cape May, New Jersey since the early 1990s. A former editor of "Birding Notes," Lehman is internationally known, and widely regarded as one of the leaders of America's "New Generation" of birders. He leads special birding and bird research tours all over the world, and is a published author. Lehman's birding workshop is a benefit for the SBAS.



Wednesday, May 31st, 7:30 PM

Mark Stouffer, Speaker

**"An Evening of Films and Conversation
with the Filmmaker/Author of Wild America"**

Location: Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History,
Fleischmann Auditorium. Free on-site parking.

Admission: \$10

Emmy Award winning senior documentary filmmaker for National Geographic and the prize-winning author/director of "Wild America," **Mark Stouffer** will present clips from not-yet-released nature films, conversation, and highlights from his most famous wildlife films -- all as a special benefit for the programs of the SBAS!

Mark Stouffer has been producing and directing prize-winning films for over 26 years, in a career that's taken him to some of the world's most remote places, in pursuit of some of the world's most difficult-to-photograph subjects. His films and National Geographic Specials have been nominated for Emmy Awards multiple times. In 1997 Stouffer won for his prize-winning film "Tigers of the Snow," about worldwide efforts to save the threatened Siberian Snow Tiger. A Brooks Institute graduate and respected member of the Directors Guild of America, Stouffer's films have won top prizes at film festivals around the world. Mark was one of the most popular Audubon program speakers of the 1990s, and he has offered this return engagement, featuring new clips from films **not** yet released, as a special benefit for SBAS. A reception will follow the program.

Wednesday, April 26th, 7:30 PM

Dr. Richard Johnson, Speaker

**in a one-man dramatic performance of
"The Life and Times of
John James Audubon"**

This is a special Adult Ed/Museum of Natural History/
SBAS Chatauqua!

Location: Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History,
Fleischmann Auditorium. Free on-site parking.

Admission: \$8

Who was the real Audubon? Why did he inspire a national bird and wildlife conservation group to adopt his name? How did he render his world-famous bird, plant, and animal paintings and print folios? How did his family, his country, and the world react to his passionate art?

Join us for a special **Audubon Birthday Gala** to find out! **Dr. Richard Johnson** offers his famous one-man dramatization of Audubon's life, in the discursive format of "An Evening with Mark Twain" and "Give 'Em Hell, Harry!" If you are curious about what the old West and the frontier were really like or what kind of bird and wildlife resided there before settlers "civilized" the land, join us for a truly mesmerizing evening of special entertainment! Tickets will be available April 3rd at the Museum of Natural History and the Adult Ed Schott Center.



Santa Barbara Audubon Field Trips



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

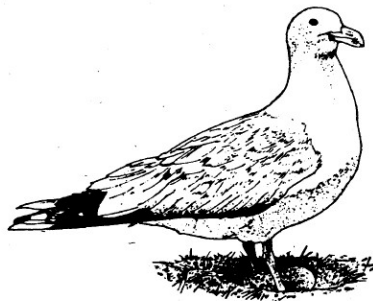
Lake Los Carneros, Goleta

Saturday, April 15th, 5:30 PM

Target Birds: Spring songbirds

Karen Bridgers, 964-1316, kbridgers@msn.com

Take Los Carneros exit from 101 north on Los Carneros Rd to Stow House parking lot next to fire station. We will first bird Stow House then work our way towards the dam slowly circling the lake counterclockwise. Finish by 7:00 PM. Let Karen introduce you to many of the neotropical migrants that may soon arrive in your backyard!



Las Crucitas Ranch, near Santa Ynez

Saturday, April 29th, 8:00 AM

Target Birds: Golden Eagle, Yellow-billed Magpie, Phainopepla, Lawrence's Goldfinch, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, buntings

Cruz Phillips, 688-8233, or Paul Keller at 968-7804, wrentit@gte.net

Drivers may appreciate gas money.

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., 3925 State St. Car pool from here. For those who want to meet us at the ranch where we will start birding at 9 AM, take 154 to Armour Ranch Rd which is 2.1 mi. west of Bradbury Dam at Lake Cachuma. Go north on Armour Ranch Rd. 1.3 mi., turn right onto Base Line Ave. for 1.1 mi., turn right onto Happy Canyon Rd. for 1.2 mi., then right onto Alisos Ave. After 0.6 mi. the pavement ends. Continue straight past 3 cattle guards to the barn and park. The first 2 hours we'll bird around the ranch house which involves very little walking. Then those up for an easy hike will bird the ranch while the others may either sit by the feeders or call it a trip. Bring plenty of water and a lunch as most of us will stay until early afternoon.

Hollister Ranch, near Gaviota

Saturday, May 6th, 7:30 AM

(at mandatory carpool place)

Target Birds: Sea and land migrants -- loons, scoters, Surf-birds, warblers, orioles and more

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

Reservations required due to limited space

Drivers may appreciate gas money.

Take 101 to Storke/Glen Annie exit in Goleta. Go south on Storke Rd. to Jack-in-the-Box parking lot near corner of Storke Rd. and Hollister Ave. Car pool from here. To reserve your space, leave your name with Paul Keller, 968-7804, wrentit@gte.net, no later than Thursday, May 4th. Limit of 5 vehicles. If you are willing to drive, let Paul know how many people your vehicle can carry as well as its license plate number and state. For those who only make the waiting list, take heart -- indications are that we will be invited to Hollister Ranch again. Bring water and lunch. Trip over by early afternoon.



Upper Santa Ynez Important Bird Area, north of Santa Barbara

Saturday, May 13th, 7:00 AM

Target Birds: Wood Duck, Common Merganser, five woodpeckers, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Long-eared Owl?, Spotted Sandpiper, Olive-sided Flycatcher, 4 vireos including endangered Least Bell's Vireo, Yellow-breasted Chat, Brown-headed Cowbird

Jim Greaves, 563-2905, greaves@silcom.com

In Santa Barbara take Mission towards mountains from 101 to the end. Turn left onto Laguna St., go 2 blocks and turn right onto Mission Canyon Rd. At Rocky Nook County Park 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 Canoas Rd. continue on what is now Gibraltar Rd. and take 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 Campground. Turn left on Camuesa Rd. and drive 3 mi. to Pendola Forest Service Station and park. Jim will meet us there. Allow about 1 1/2 hours for the drive. AAA Santa Barbara County H-14. We will carpool

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from Pendola to Mono Campground. You'll help Jim organize the trip by letting him know your plans. Bring several liters of water or drinks, breakfast and lunch, hat, shoes for a few miles of hiking in rattlesnake habitat and long pants for poison oak. Dress for cold morning and hot afternoon. Scopes not recommended. We will return to our cars by noon. If you wish to camp over Saturday night at Middle Santa Ynez Campground (just west of Pendola), you'll need to bring an Adventure Pass for your car. For nearly two decades, Jim has done breeding bird field studies in this area for the U.S. Forest Service making him uniquely qualified to lead this ambitious trip.



Audubon Protects Goleta Slough

by Darlene Chirman

SBAS is actively involved in protection of and habitat restoration in Goleta Slough. The Belding's Savannah Sparrow is dependent on coastal marshes. This state-listed endangered subspecies utilizes pickleweed habitat for breeding, is a year-round resident, and forages in the native shrubs in the slough margins.

SBAS is entering our third and final year of the Pampas Grass Control Project, removing Pampas grass, encouraging landowners and managers in the Goleta Slough Management Area to control Pampas grass, and educating the public on the invasive character of this non-native plant, and the poor wildlife habitat it provides.

The Board of Supervisors recently awarded **SBAS** a Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund grant of \$15,500, to revegetate areas cleared of Pampas grass with appropriate native plants, and to eradicate Pampas grass on the UCSB East Bluffs. Given wind seed dispersal of Pampas grass, this population threatens the cleared areas in the Goleta Slough. In addition, the East Bluff has extensive freshwater seeps invaded by Pampas grass, which have displaced sensitive plant species. These seeps once contained stream orchid and giant fern, found on our coastal streams.

In addition, the Coastal Resource Grant Program has awarded **SBAS** a restoration grant; we applied jointly with Santa Barbara County Parks. The western slough margin of Goleta Beach Park, on Tecolotito Creek, will be revegetated with native plants by Parks. On county land outside of the park, **SBAS** will remove invasive plants and enhance the slough margin with native plants. This is a total of \$33,890 for **SBAS**, including a \$5,000 match provided by the county. We'll recruit volunteers and restoration interns to assist with the project.

We hope you'll come out and help with habitat restoration. Lately, we've been watching Bufflehead, Black-necked Stilts, Great Blue Herons, Great Egrets and even a California Thrasher while working on the projects. Please see the schedule for volunteer workdays below; future dates will be on our website.



Volunteer Restoration Opportunities for April & May

Come out and make a tangible contribution to wildlife habitat and water quality improvement. It's great fun! For more information, contact Darlene Chirman at 692-2008 or Dave Wass at 682-6962. Rain cancels.

Date/Location/Contact

Sat. April 1, 8:30 AM-12:30, Goleta Slough planting, end of Ward Dr., call Darlene.
 Sat. April 15, 8:30 AM-12:00, Coal Oil Point Reserve, call Dave for site.
 Sat. April 29, 9:00 AM-12:00, San Jose Creek, Berkeley footbridge, call Darlene.
 Sat. May 6, 8:30 AM-12:30, Goleta Slough Restoration, call Darlene for site.
 Sat. May 27, 8:30 AM-12:00, Coal Oil Point Reserve, call Dave for site.
 Sat. June 3, 9:00 AM-12:00, San Jose Creek, Berkeley footbridge, note date change.

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

Name _____
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 State/Zip _____

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Calendar of Events

April 3	"Weather, Climate, Seasons and Birding"
April 15	Lake Los Carneros Field Trip
April 22	Earth Day
April 26	"The Life and Times of J. J. Audubon"
April 29	Las Cruces Ranch Field Trip
May 6	Hollister Ranch Field Trip
May 13	Upper Santa Ynez Field Trip
May 20	Devereux Watershed Awareness Day
May 31	"Evening of Films and Conservation"

Devereux Day Schedule

8:00 AM	Exhibitors set up displays
9:00 AM	Guided Tours & Bird Derby begins
1:00 PM	Formal Program begins. Opening Remarks -- Scott Cooper Musical Offering A Quick View of the Watershed: Biology and Birds Snowy Plover Hydrology Threats and Impacts Watershed Restoration Chumash History Bird Derby winners are announced!
3:00 PM	Meeting of Stakeholders
8:30 PM	Bat Observation

Exhibits -- arts and organizations -- will be open to the public from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



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