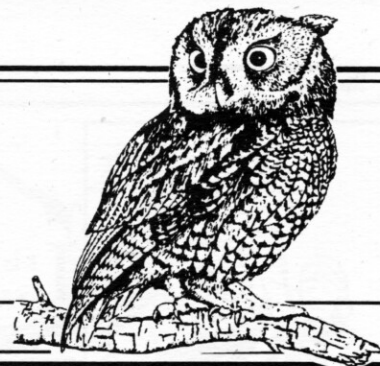


# El Tecolote

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## Double-duty for Max

By Gabriele Drozdowski

Our education ambassador Max the Great Horned Owl has adopted a wild orphaned Great Horned Owl nestling. Max was introduced to the youngster on April 26 - safely inside a kennel placed in his aviary. This was to make sure Max wasn't going to eat his new roommate. A day went by and it looked like Max was developing all the proper parenting responses. When the baby begged for food, Max dutifully grabbed a mouse, jumped on top of the kennel with it, and sat there waiting. When we finally opened the gate, Max fed the baby two mice right there. He's been a devoted foster parent ever since, and the baby is growing huge (see photo).

Each spring many baby birds become orphaned or displaced for various reasons: tree trimmings, wind storms, sibling rivalry, clumsiness, etc. Max himself was such an orphan, but unfortunately he did not have the opportunity to be raised with other owls until it was too late. Max became imprinted onto the people who raised him, and therefore cannot be released into the wild. But although he himself was raised by humans Max can still properly parent an orphan such as this because the initial feeding instinct is stimulated not by personal experience but by the baby's begging sounds. Max not only feeds the nestling but also role-models owl behavior. Currently he's teaching how to tear food apart. Unlike Max, this little baby has a very good chance of developing normally for eventual release back into the wild.

AND - Max still goes out into classrooms!

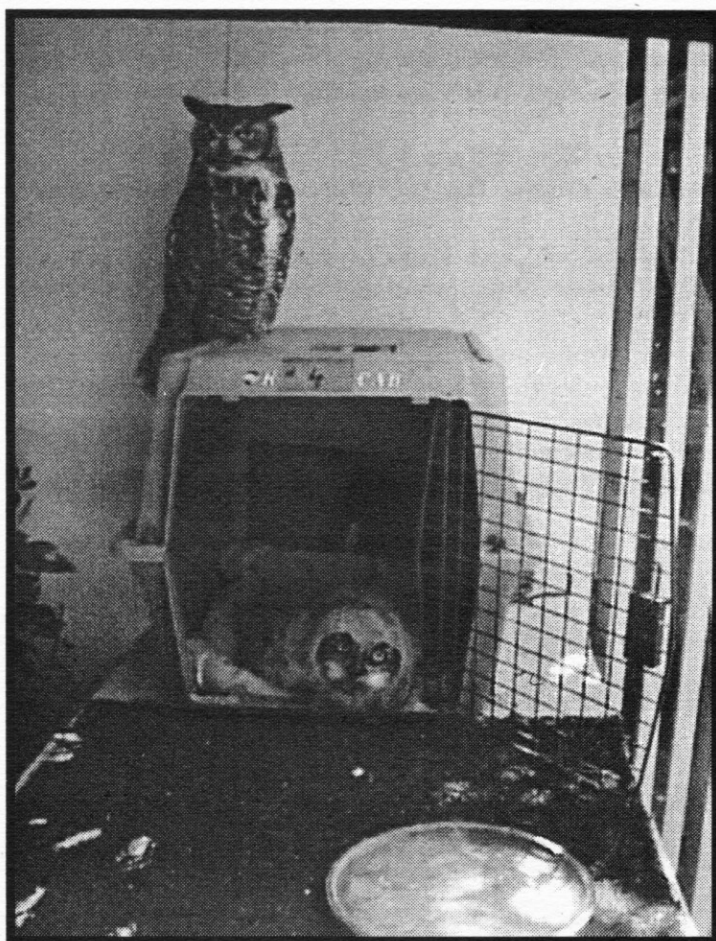


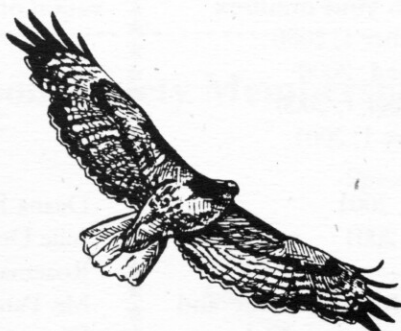
Photo of Max and nestling by Gabriele Drozdowski



### Eyes In The Sky

On April 13, EITS received a grant in the amount of \$7,000 by an anonymous donor. The grant will allow 150 elementary school classrooms to receive presentations with our two species ambassadors: Max the Great Horned Owl and Ivan the Red-tailed hawk.

Thanks a million, anonymous!



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## A Wonderful Year of SBAS Education!

By Catherine Graham, Education Chair

It is time to thank those of you who have made contributions to our educational programs this year. **Dave Wass** has been doing a great job with his Environmentally Yours program on Channel 17. Unexpectedly I was a recent guest for SBAS. I hope many members and non-members tuned in.

Our first venture into the Science Fair was exciting. Congratulations to the four winners and thank you to the judges **Kendy Radasky** and **Kathy Kefauver**.

**Ben Hitz** and **Don Rathbun** presented excellent slide shows to school classes. Our students also enjoyed bird walks.

Earth Day was a great success. Thank you **Kendy Radasky**, **Christine Steele**, **Lisa Ann Kelly**, **Julie Kummer**, **Dave Wass**, **Melinda Budin**, **Darlene Chirman**, **Lee Moldaver** and **Paul Shaw** for helping to staff our table.

Thank you **Jim Greaves**, **Rob Lindsay** and others who have advised me and have been part of the education team this year. A special thank you is in order for **Gabriele Drozdowski** and her crew who care for our two educational birds.

Thank you everyone who donated money to **Eyes in the Sky** and **Audubon Adventures**. Because of your generosity many children became excited about birds, wildlife and their environment this year. Thank you **Home Improvement Center** for donating a gift certificate of \$100 toward the construction of housing for two additional bird ambassadors.

Remember that everyone can contribute to education in small but important ways. You might want to bring your used Audubon and wildlife magazines to the Audubon office for distribution. You might want to put an environmental message at the end of your e-mail messages. And don't forget our students next fall.



### Editors' Message By Bill and Elaine Uomini

Thank you everyone for your submissions to **El Tecolote**! It has been exciting to work with you and great fun to see the submissions for each issue appearing in our e-mail or mailbox. We know it took you a great deal of time and effort to prepare an article or to gather information for a schedule of events or to take and submit a photograph. We appreciate it very much!

All of our readers are welcome to submit articles, photographs, drawings or information to **El Tecolote**.

#### 2000/2001 El Tecolote Schedule

Deadline for submissions	Arrival in your mailbox
August 10, 2000	September 1, 2000
September 10, 2000	October 1, 2000
November 10, 2000	December 1, 2000
January 10, 2001	February 1, 2001
(Bird Count included in this issue!)	
March 10, 2001	April 1, 2001
May 10, 2001	June 1, 2001

Have a wonderful summer filled with friends, family and birds! The next **El Tecolote** will arrive in your mailboxes in September.



### 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!



Deana Blackwood	Heidi Haynal
Julie Doppel	Steve Hovey
Rosemarie Fennell	Thomas Piacentini
Mr. Paul Flum	Connie Renteria Jr.
Diane Gait	Emmet Sargeant
Daniel Gira	Richard Stearns
Phillip Glenn	Mr. Charles L. Stratton
Samantha Green	Sherman Vincent

## Santa Barbara Audubon Society General Meeting



All Santa Barbara Audubon Society members are invited to a Special Program and Dessert Potluck and short business meeting for the election of the **2000/2001 Board** in mid to late July. Members will be notified of the date, time and location. Election of the slate will be conducted by all **SBAS** members in attendance.

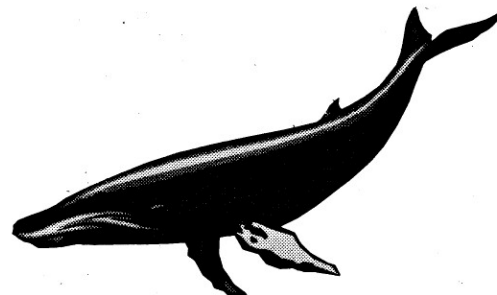
The position of Program Chair is open. This is a great opportunity for you to join the Board and participate in policy formulation. We also invite you to participate in the chapter by becoming an office volunteer or joining the Education, Conservation or Science committee. Our Board meetings will shift as of July to the second Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 PM, in the **SBAS** office in the Goleta Valley Community Center. All **SBAS** members are welcome.

### Santa Barbara Audubon Society Slate of Nominees, 2000-2001

President: Darlene Chirman  
 Vice-President: Lee Moldaver  
 Secretary: Mary Wenzel  
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 Science Chair: Kendy Radasky  
 Newsletter Chair: Bill and Elaine Uomini  
 Publicity Chair: Sheila Goldburgh-Johnson  
 Membership Chair: Patrick McNulty  
 At Large/Web Master: Jim Greaves  
 At Large: Lisa Kelly  
 At Large: Satee Arame



### Mountains to the Sea: Making the Connection



**Thursday, July 13th, 7:00 PM**

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

Local experts and activists will take you on a journey from the ridgeline of the Santa Ynez Mountains, down the watersheds draining the mainland, to the coastline, through the Santa Barbara Channel, and out to the Channel Islands. Visual images, such as GIS imagery and slides of local landscapes and flora and fauna, will be a key component of the event.

In 1980 a 1,252 square nautical mile portion of the Santa Barbara Channel was designated the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. This sanctuary is of national significance because of its exceptional natural beauty and resources. More than 27 species of whales and dolphins use the sanctuary at least part of the year, as well as 5 species of pinnipeds, 60 species of birds and 23 species of sharks. The secluded and relatively undisturbed waters of the Sanctuary provide homes for several endangered species including the blue, humpback and sei whales, southern sea otters, the California Brown Pelican and the California Least Tern.

This event is sponsored by the Environmental Defense Center, the Center for Marine Conservation, the Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper, the Sierra Club, the Environmental Defense, the Gaviota Coast Conservancy, the Conception Coast Project, and by **SBAS**.





## 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.*

### East Camino Cielo

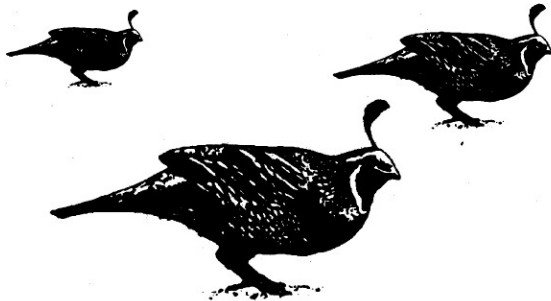
#### Santa Barbara

**Saturday, June 10th, 7:30 AM**

**Target Birds:** Mountain Quail (to be heard but not seen?), Goldfinches, Black-chinned Sparrow, Sage Sparrow, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Lazuli Bunting  
**Rob Lindsay, 967-0835**

*Drivers may appreciate gas money.*

**T**ake 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. We have 3 administrative passes, 1 for each of 3 cars, so no need to buy an Adventure Pass. However, we may need more than 3 cars so whether you drive or not, if you have a valid Adventure Pass, please bring it along. Dress in layers and bring water. Trip over before lunch. Find out why veteran birders love sparrows -- their songs have an unforgettable charm.



### Thank You Field Trip Leaders!

**S**BAS would like to thank this year's field trip leaders for helping us enjoy the birds! Thank you **Karen Bridgers, Jeff Chemnick, Dave Compton, Wayne Ferren, Cora Fields, Jim Greaves, Ron Hirst, Mark Holmgren, Paul Keller, Rob Lindsay, Gene Lynch, Patrick McNulty, Gage Ricard and Guy Tingos.** We appreciate your time, enthusiasm and expertise. You gave us a wonderful year of birding adventures!

If you would like to lead a trip in the future, please contact **Paul Keller**, Field Trips chair. Paul will no longer make the initial request because he does not want to burden our generous leaders with the awkward task of having to say no.



### Carpinteria Salt Marsh Preserve

#### Carpinteria

**Friday, July 28th, 6:00 PM**

**Target Birds:** Clapper Rail, shorebirds, waterfowl, Belding's Savannah Sparrow

**Wayne R. Ferren, Jr., 893-2506 (office)**

**T**o get to the Preserve 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, the 1st right. Walk past gate, normally locked but open for this event, into the preserve. As you walk into the preserve notice a small kiosk on your right. You must fill out a release form which you'll find in the kiosk. Also enter your name in the registry. Trip ends at dusk when we hope that the incoming tide will flush Clapper Rails into view. Come promptly at 6 PM with a sack dinner and relax at the picnic table or come anytime later and join us. Wayne, the Manager of the preserve, will share his knowledge of the ecology of the preserve which he was instrumental in creating. Bring a friend!



### More Great Field Trips

**P**lanning a trip within California? Want to do some birding? Other Audubon chapters offer interesting field trips too. You can visit this **Audubon** site to schedule birding trips and find out about other interesting programs in California.

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

## California Central Coast Birding Trail Brochure

Sponsored by the National, California and Central Coast Audubon Chapters. Call the SBAS office, 964-1468, to receive a beautiful glossy brochure detailing 25 birding locations along the Central Coast Birding Trail.



## Central Coast Birding Rally Northern Santa Barbara County October 6th - October 8th

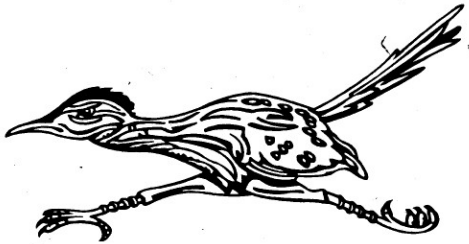
A "Birding Rally" is an event that puts teams of birders in competition with each other to identify the most species of birds within a specific area and time frame. We are fortunate that our neighbor to the north, **La Purisima Audubon Society**, will be hosting such an event this October. Please mark your calendar and save these dates. For more information contact:

**Gene Lynch**, (805)736-8889, [grlynch@sbceo.org](mailto:grlynch@sbceo.org)

**Becky Hoban**, (805)736-2347, [bhoban@utech.net](mailto:bhoban@utech.net)

Or visit online:

<http://homepages.go.com/~lpas/rally.html>



## Volunteer Restoration Opportunities for June & July

Come out and make a tangible contribution to wildlife habitat and water quality improvement. It's great fun!

For more information contact Darlene Chirman, 692-2008, [dchirman@rain.org](mailto:dchirman@rain.org), or Stephanie Langsdorf, 571-8831, [acorn@silcom.com](mailto:acorn@silcom.com). Rain cancels.

Descriptions of the restoration projects will soon be on our website.

### Date/Location/Contact

- Sat. June 3, 9:00 AM-12:00, San Jose Creek Plant Maintenance, meet at Berkeley footbridge, call Darlene for info, note date change.
- Sat. June 10, 8:30 AM-12:30, Goleta Slough Habitat Restoration, call Darlene or Stephanie for meeting place.
- Sat. July 15, 8:30 AM-12:30, Goleta Slough Restoration, call Darlene or Stephanie for meeting place.
- Sat. July 29, 9:00 AM-12:00, San Jose Creek Plant Maintenance, meet at Berkeley footbridge, call Darlene for info.

## 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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June 10	East Camino Cielo Field Trip
July 13	Mountains to the Sea
July 28	Carpinteria Salt Marsh Preserve Field Trip

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