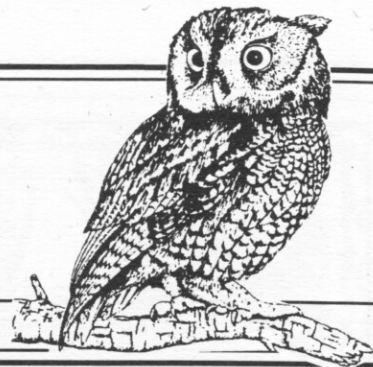


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EYES IN THE SKY: Update

By Gabriele Drozdowski



Max and now Big Baby!
Photo by Gabriele Drozdowski

Since it began in January 2000 **EYES IN THE SKY (EITS)** gave 56 presentations to approximately 2000 people, including over 1000 K-6th grade students. The majority of presentations took place in elementary schools where teacher enthusiasm is high, and also in public libraries, the Alisal Guest Ranch in Solvang, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, retirement homes, nature camps, Boy Scout meetings, and public events like Earth Day, The Monarch Butterfly Festival, and Devereux Watershed Awareness Day.

EITS also raised over \$8,500 in funds, completed housing and submitted applications for three additional birds: a Red-shouldered Hawk, a Western Screech Owl, and a Barn Owl. If approved, **EITS** will be able to present five of our areas most commonly seen raptor species to children and adults who rarely have the opportunity to see such neighbors up close – fostering greater understanding and true caring for our own region's wild inhabitants and their habitats.

Thanks to all the **SBAS** members who have so kindly supported this great new program. Thanks also to the **EITS** volunteer crew: Morgan Ball, Fred Emerson, Kari Goldenhawk, Catherine Graham, Kendy Radasky, Haley Ross, and Christine Steele, and the veterinarians at the Cat & Bird Clinic, Dr. Christine Sellers and Dr. Susan Hoegeman.

To schedule a live **EYES IN THE SKY** presentation please contact the Program Manager:

Gabriele Drozdowski, 898-0347, gabriele-d@home.com

Watch for **OWL-O-WEEN** in the next issue of **El Tecolote**: a family night at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden co-sponsored by **SBAS** and Botanic Garden.

Max update: Max's foster daughter (see picture at left) outgrew Max and our facilities and was sent on to Ventura where she continued her "college" education - learning to fly and hunt with other wild young owls in a large flight aviary. She was released back into the wild on August 5 near Ojai.

California Coastal Clean-Up Day

Volunteer Work-Day for the Environment

Beach Clean-Up at Coal Oil Point

Saturday, September 16th, 9:00 AM - 12:00

S**BAS** always cleans the UCSB West campus beaches, from West Isla Vista, through Coal Oil Point, Devereux Slough, west to Ellwood Mesa. **Volunteers** will meet at 9:00 AM at the end of Devereux Drive, corner of Storke and El Colegio Roads. Free parking passes and bags are provided. T-shirts and sponsor prizes/tokens are also provided. **Volunteers** go out in teams of two or more. Appropriate footwear for sand suggested. Light plastic gloves are provided but heavier gloves must be provided by **volunteers**. Clean-up is from 9:00 AM to 12:00, although we usually finish earlier. **Volunteers** should either leave their names and numbers at the office, 964-1468, or come on Saturday at 9:00 AM.



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Education Notes

By Catherine Graham, Education Chair

Save Your Magazines

Students in our schools will use and enjoy your Audubon magazines! Please bring your **AUDUBON** magazines to any of the following:

1. SBAS Fall Program series
2. Carport of 3934 Maricopa Drive (my home)
3. SBAS office (located in the northeast corner of the Goleta Valley Community Center)

Please box the magazines or tie them together.
Thank you!



Remember When?

Write 50 words or less on "How I Started Really Liking Birds" or "A Humorous Bird Tale." Send your entries to Catherine Graham, 3934 Maricopa Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93110. You may inspire a youthful birder when we take the stories to our live bird or slide show classes. Thanks to all who respond!

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.

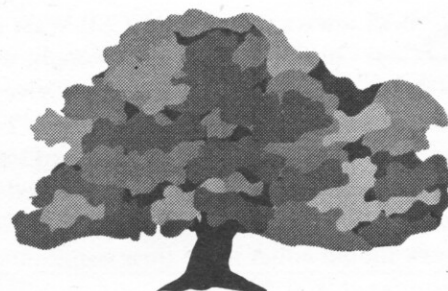
Call Catherine Graham at 682-1357 for more information.



Volunteers Wanted for Sedgwick Reserve

The Sedgwick Reserve, a University of California Natural Reserve System site managed by UCSB as part of its outreach to Santa Barbara County residents, will begin a docent training program the week of September 18th. This is a great opportunity for persons who love this unique environmental resource in the Santa Ynez Valley and want to share its treasures with others.

In addition, volunteers are needed to assist with plant and animal collections, record animal sounds, catalog photos and slides, photograph the Reserve, assist in site restoration and work in the office or on technology tasks. For more detailed information and an application, please call Nancy Emerson, outreach coordinator, at 569-7196, or e-mail her at nemerson@sbceo.org.



Santa Barbara Audubon Fall Programs

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. Doors will open at 7:00 PM. All programs, unless otherwise noted, are FREE to the public. SBAS members are encouraged to bring guests.



Colonial nests of the Montezuma Oropendola
Photo by Sam Chirman

Wednesday, September 27th Darlene Chirman, Speaker "Belize: Wildlife, Conservation and the Belize Audubon Society"

Belize is a small Central American country on the Caribbean coast. It is the former British Honduras, and independent since 1981. Only slightly larger than Massachusetts, Belize is rich in bird and wildlife. One third of its land is protected, to varying degrees. The **Belize Audubon Society** advocated for the establishment of National Parks when the country became independent. The government agreed, if the Audubon would manage them! Today the Belize Audubon Society manages eight natural areas for the government.

Darlene Chirman, President of SBAS and a Conservation Biologist, traveled to Belize this summer to participate in a University of California volunteer program called UREP—University Research Expeditions Program. Darlene and her husband, Sam Chirman, spent two weeks assisting a UC Davis graduate student with research on animal seed dispersal of forest trees in the Columbia Forest Reserve in Southern Belize.

Note: **Belize Audubon Society** is hosting an **International Birding Festival** October 8-15. Birding tours with local guides are offered. See SBAS website or **Belize Audubon Society** website <http://www.belizeaudubon.org> for more information. Or call Darlene at 692-2008 for a flyer.

"When the bird and the book disagree, always believe the bird."
James Audubon

Friday, September 8th, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Environmental Defense Center TGIF Celebration

The SBAS will sponsor Santa Barbara Environmental Defense Center's Thank Goodness It's Friday (TGIF) celebration September 8 at EDC headquarters, 906 Garden Street. There will be a special appearance by SBAS's Max, the Great Horned Owl. The \$8 admission covers two drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and live music by **Antara & Delilah**. There will also be a prize drawing.

EDC's TGIF celebrations provide an opportunity for friends of the environment to have fun and to learn about local efforts to protect nature. The EDC is a public interest law firm founded 22 years ago in Santa Barbara. EDC is noted for its many successes in protecting endangered species, promoting clean air and water, and guarding against pollution, oil drilling, and other high impact development in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura counties.



Santa Barbara Audubon Field Trips



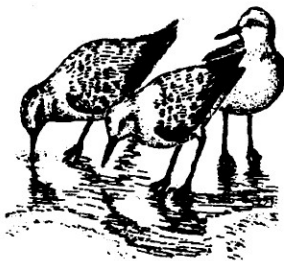
Everyone is welcome! These trips are fun for both beginning and expert bird lovers. Binoculars are useful for enjoyment of birds, but if you don't have a pair please call the trip leader and we'll lend you a spare. Trips are free unless noted.

Devereux Slough, West Campus Point Goleta

Saturday, September 16th, 5:00 PM

Target Birds: Snowy Plovers, shorebirds, Great Horned Owl
Paul Keller, 968-7804, wrentit@gte.net

Take 101 to the Glen Annie, Storke exit. Take Storke Road south to its end and turn right onto the Slough Road. Go 0.1 miles and turn left onto West Campus Lane. Drive 0.1 miles to the University Children's Center and park between the Center and the horse stables. We will first walk around the slough to the beach. Wear shoes for walking on trails, sand and maybe tar. Bring water if it is warm. Scopes are useful if you don't mind carrying them for the long walk; I'll bring mine. Trip over by 7:30 PM. Please show your appreciation for the people who will clean up this area Saturday morning as part of the Coastal Clean-Up Day by joining us for this sunset bird walk.



Pelagic Adventure Ventura County Coast

Saturday, October 14th, 8:00 AM

Walter Wehtje, (805) 491-3551, wehtje@west.net

The Conejo Valley Audubon Society has scheduled a pelagic field trip and would like to invite SBAS members. The half day trip will be with Island Packers and will start from the Ventura harbor. The cost is \$35 per person and is contingent upon getting at least 15 sign ups before Sept. 14. Walter Wehtje, who is very knowledgeable about pelagic birding along the Southern California coast, will be the trip leader. The route will not be the usual Island Packers' route, but will be specially selected by Walter to maximize our chances of seeing good pelagic birds and will be along the Ventura County coast. If you are interested please give Walter a call.

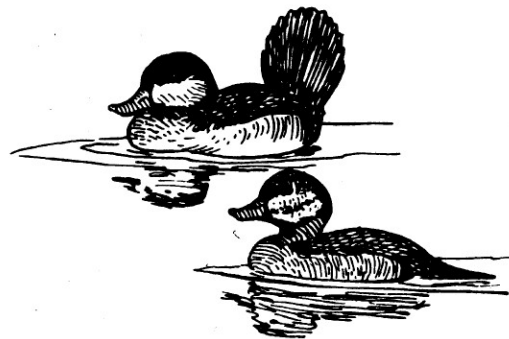


Lake Los Carneros County Park Goleta

Saturday, October 14th, 4:30 PM

Target Birds: Fall songbirds
Karen Bridgers, 964-1316, kbridgers@msn.com

Take Los Carneros exit from 101 north on Los Carneros Road 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 before sunset, 6:25 PM. Celebrate the height of Fall migration with Karen with an evening at Lake Los Carneros.



More Great Field Trips

Planning 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/>

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

Becky Hoban, (805)736-2347, bhoban@utech.net

Or visit online:

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



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.

Volunteer Restoration Opportunities for September



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, or Stephanie Langsdorf, 886-3181, acorn@silcom.com. Rain cancels.

Descriptions of the restoration projects are on our website.

Date/Location/Contact

Sat. Sept. 16, 9:00 AM-12:00, Goleta Slough Habitat Restoration, Myoporum (Jughandle) removal, call Darlene or Stephanie for meeting place.

Sat. Sept. 30, 9:00 AM-12:00, San Jose Creek Plant Maintenance, meet at east side of Berkeley footbridge, call Darlene for information.

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 _____
Address _____
City _____
State/Zip _____

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Calendar of Events

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SBAS Opportunities! Office Volunteers/Board Openings

Do you have 2 or 3 spare hours a week? Your local SBAS is looking for office volunteers. Would you like to serve on the board? Please consider one of the two open positions, Programs Chair or At-Large. Interested parties can leave their name at the office, 964-1468, or call Darlene, 692-2008.

SBAS website:
<http://www.rain.org/~audubon>

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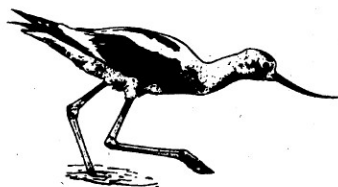
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