

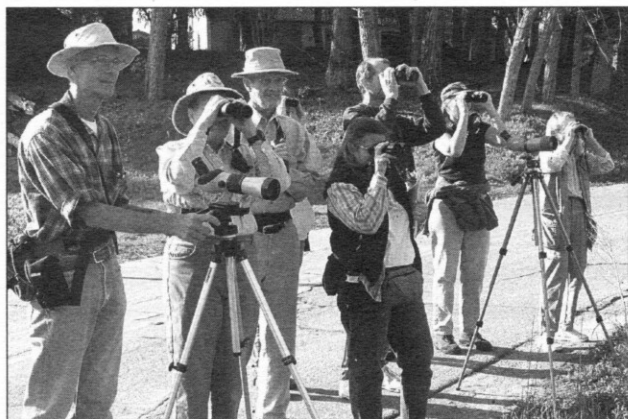
El Tecolote

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BIRDERS GIVE ALL IN SUCCESSFUL COUNT!

By Joan Lentz



Mike Collins and team check Devereux Slough
Photo by Roger Millikan

Santa Barbara Audubon Society's annual Christmas Bird Count, on January 4, 2003, featured diligent pre-Count scouting, superior teamwork on Count Day, and the fabulous local enthusiasm for which we are famous. Every year, it seems, gets better than the year before! Approximately 175 observers fanned out over the 15-mile diameter Count Circle (centered at the corner of Highway 154 and Foothill Rd) and tallied an amazing 210 different kinds of birds seen or heard in the 24-hour period.

The weather was divine—how lucky can we get?—after a couple of weeks of rain. The rain was great. It helped us by creating the ponds and puddles that attract waterbirds.

Every Count is different. This one's secret was in the depth of species seen on the regular list. Over the years, one learns how important it is to "build the list" before you get the "rare" additions. And our waterfowl helped us here. So did the doves and the

owls. We had all five species of doves and all five species of owls checked off.

What were some high counts for certain species? Long-billed Curlew stands out with 24, Common (now called Wilson's) Snipe with 54, and Western Gull with 4475.

On the other hand, this year we specialized in "one ofs." That is, one of each of the following: Least Bittern, Canvasback, Greater Scaup, Ruddy Turnstone (what's happening with them?), Red-naped Sapsucker, Tropical Kingbird, Golden-crowned Kinglet, and Phainopepla.

It was a strange year for montane birds. These species, that traditionally stay in the mountains in winter, sometimes wander to lowland areas. Although this was not a true montane flight year, we did have Mountain Chickadees, Red-breasted Nuthatches, a Townsend's Solitaire, a Brown Creeper, and a few Pine Siskins which helped in the total.

The Count had its share of rarities, of course. Some birds, like the Zone-tailed Hawk, returned for its 10th year in north Goleta, and the Rusty Blackbird, back for its 4th year in south Goleta, seem like old friends by now. And the Short-eared Owl on More Mesa (who knows if it's the same one or a different one every year?) was counted at dusk. But there were some new vagrants that showed up on Count Day, too. A Yellow-bellied Sapsucker in a tree at Goleta Valley Junior High School, a Least Flycatcher on the zoo property, 2 Lewis's Woodpeckers on La Patera Ranch, 4 White-winged Doves in south Goleta, and a Black Scoter in Goleta Bay all added to the excitement. One species, the Elegant Tern, was a first for the Santa Barbara CBC. Four were seen on Count Day, a testament to possible range expansion on the part of this bird. Normally, the very similar Royal Tern is a regular winter visitor here.

Bad misses on Count Day were most oriole and grosbeak species. Perhaps the fact that the Blue Gum Eucalyptus trees bloomed later in the season than normal contributed to the lack of orioles and grosbeaks, because they usually feed on the nectar of these blossoms.



Daryl and Carolyn Rutherford's group check San Jose Creek
Photo by Paul Barrett

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Santa Barbara Foundation Awards SBAS Second Grant

Santa Barbara Foundation (SBF) has awarded \$20,000 for SBAS's "Meet Your Wild Neighbor" (MYWN) Science Education Outreach Program. This program, created in 2002 with a previous grant from SBF, educates 1st through 3rd grade students in Santa Barbara elementary schools about wildlife they see every day on their school grounds, backyards, parks and neighborhoods. This five week multi-dimensional lesson series combines visits from live hawks and owls, storytelling, neighborhood bird walks, art activities and a field trip to Lake Los Carneros.

Students receive innovative colored curriculum card sets featuring pictures and information about 12 of the most com-

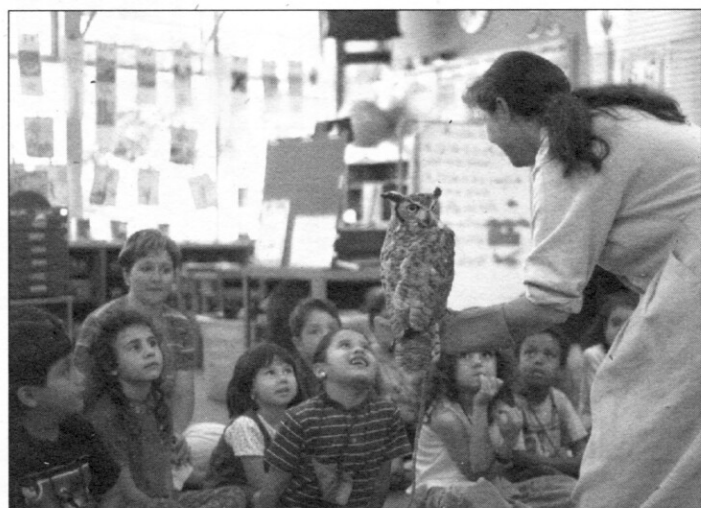
monly seen local birds, as well as a sound CD with their calls. Children receive their own species check list, on which they can list the birds they notice either by sight or sound. The card set can be played like a game, and shared with family members at home. All lessons match California State Science Education guidelines for each grade.

The program's inspiration comes from director **Gabriele Drozdowski**, long-time children's entertainer, educator, writer and wildlife rehabilitator. Ms. Drozdowski has personally cared for over 2,200 individual orphaned, oiled, injured and displaced wild birds over the last 11 years - from tiny storm-petrels, loons, and herons to hawks, owls, falcons and vultures. The majority of birds come in due to conflict with human activities.

When asked what inspired her to create this program Ms. Drozdowski comments: "Nature has given so much to me. I was severely emotionally and physically abused during my childhood, and had it not been for the peaceful hours I spent roaming through the meadows and pine forests of Bavaria where I grew up, I probably would have given up. But the peace, beauty and serenity I experienced through the "mothering" of nature gave me a reason to keep trying throughout many difficult years. Wildlife rehabilitation and MYWN are one way of giving back. Maybe I can't save the world, but often I can save a small beautiful piece of it. I love to give back by sharing my stories with children - especially those living in our poorest neighborhoods, those in need of lifelines. My wild education partners Max (Great Horned Owl), Ivan (Red-tailed Hawk), Squirt (Red-shouldered Hawk), and Sedona (Peregrine Falcon) enchant and inspire children. Through MYWN they too can experience the beauty, magic and power that I found in meadows and forests. I use humor a lot. I have many funny and poignant stories of true encounters. The children absolutely love the program; they are so thirsty for this information, and want to know how they fit into nature, and how to relate to the wild beings around them. At the same time they are also learning their science curriculum, which pleases the teachers."

McKinley School first grade teachers who participated last year had this to say: "10+ Outstanding in all areas. This was truly a worthwhile educational experience. It has had a lasting effect on our students. We loved everything! WOW! Can't wait for next year." Second grade teacher **Ann Tonkin** adds "One aspect of her visits that we had not considered was how what she taught transferred out of the classroom and into the school at large. The first and second graders started teaching their friends and siblings to identify the birds around the campus and as the spring progressed it seemed like the whole school was watching the birds and the nests around our campus!"

Eight classrooms at McKinley School participated in the pilot project last year. The 2003 grant will bring MYWN to 24 classrooms at McKinley, Adams, Cesar Chavez and Cleveland Elementary Schools.



Gabriele and Max enchant an Adams School Classroom

Nest Boxes for Kestrels, Screech Owls or Flickers

By Catherine Graham

There are too few natural nesting sites locally. Now is the time to situate one of our available nest boxes on your property. Complete directions are included. There is a \$35 donation for an assembled kit or \$20 donation for an unassembled. Profits benefit our school programs. For ordering, pickup or delivery please call **Catherine Graham** at 682-1357.



*American Kestrel
34 counted at CBC*

Santa Barbara Audubon 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 open at 7:00 pm, and are free to the public. SBAS members are encouraged to bring guests.

Art of the Arroyo Hondo Preserve

John Iwerks, Speaker

Wednesday, February 26

John Iwerks, well known for his striking paintings of Santa Barbara's environmental features, will take us on an artist's tour of the Arroyo Hondo Preserve. Committed to keeping open fields and wild spaces forever, John's work over the years with the Museum of Natural History, the National Park Service, the Nature Conservancy and now Arroyo Hondo, reflects his view that landscape painting can serve as a "vital force in the preservation of open space."

John takes a wonderfully varied approach to painting, reflecting his knowledge in geology, paleontology, Native Peoples' culture and living life forms. John notes that "conversations with historians such as **Jim Blakely** and **J. J. Hollister** are exciting and have added immeasurably to my growing interest and understanding of the Arroyo Hondo Canyon and its surroundings." As a member of the Oak Group, he and other 'plein air' artists have donated significant contributions to groups as varied as The Nature Conservancy, The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County and The Marin Agricultural Land Trust through the sale of their art.

Please join **John Iwerks** for a unique view of the spectacular Arroyo Hondo Preserve.



The Land of Life-giving Waters

Warren Ferren, Speaker

Wednesday, March 26



*Great Blue Heron on nest
By David S. Kilby
43 counted at CBC*

Have you ever wondered why the area from Gaviota to Carpinteria has such abundant and varied birdlife and why **SBAS** usually does so well in the annual Christmas Bird Count? As they say, "It's the water!" This area has many examples of the types of water habitat extant in the lower forty-eight states. And, the greater the variety of habitats, particularly water habitats, the greater the variety of birds.

Wayne Ferren, the Director of the Museum of Systematics and Ecology at UCSB, will present a program to help us appreciate and understand the role that these habitats play in contributing to the pleasure of our bird watching.

He will show us slides that are representative of the various habitats and their associated birds. And, best of all, we will be able to tap into that special source of experience and wisdom—**Wayne Ferren**. This program will be of interest to avid birders, those just getting their feet wet, and to anyone who works, plays or "bathes" in the beauty of our diverse water resources.

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This year, one of our out-of-town visitors remarked to me at the wonderful dinner at Fleischmann Auditorium, "Gee, we just don't have anything like the preparation and scouting that you all do for your Count." To that, I have to say that there is NO Christmas Count that can compare with the spirit and teamwork shown by that of Santa Barbara's. What an honor it is to work with such people as **Dave Compton**, **Rebecca Coulter**, **Joan Hardie**, and **Chris Walden** who helped me organize and compile the Count. I want to thank **SBAS** for sponsoring the Count, and **Lee Moldaver** for helping to set up the dinner. I want to thank those who scouted for days before the Count, still others who led people in groups on Count Day, and all of the beginners who said to themselves, why not go out and help count birds today?

And, in the big picture, preliminary results suggest that Santa Barbara was third nationwide, after Mad Island Marsh, TX, at 243 and Freeport, TX, at 216. Being Number Three feels terrific!



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.

Lone Star Ranch, east end of Lake Cachuma

Saturday, February 15, 7:00 am

(at carpool place - drivers may appreciate gas money)

Target birds: geese, Common Goldeneye, Wood Duck, Lewis's Woodpecker, Bald Eagle, Clark's Grebe, American White Pelican

Leaders: Joan & George Hardie, 964-4090, jhcynwren@aol.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 (you all will have to take the initiative,) or meet Joan & George at the ranch (4001 Hwy 154, pipe gate with star) at 7:30 am.

Wear walking shoes. Scopes useful. Bring water. Back before lunch. Enjoy ranch owner Lee Carr's hospitality at one of the best inland winter birding areas in the county.



White Pelican

Ventura County Game Preserve, Oxnard

Saturday, February 22, 7:30 am

(at carpool place - drivers may appreciate gas money)

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

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



*Peregrin Falcon
By Daniel S. Kilby*

We will carpool from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge parking lot. From the east take 101 north to Cabrillo Blvd (left lane exit just past town of Montecito). Turn left on Cabrillo and turn right onto Los Patos Way. Parking lot on left. From the west take 101 south to Los Patos off ramp (after Milpas exit) and turn right into parking lot.

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 am. While birding the Preserve we must pack ourselves into the fewest cars possible.

Bring water and snack. We won't have to walk far from the cars for any of our several stops. Scopes useful. Trip over by noon. Come see both game and non-game birds in superb habitat that a private group of hunters has created.

Campus Lagoon and Vicinity, UCSB

Saturday, March 22, 8:30 am

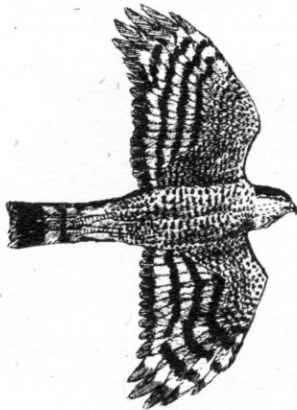
Target birds: shorebirds, water birds and spring migrants

Leader: Paul Keller, 968-7804, wrentit@verizon.net

From the north take 101 to Los Carneros Rd exit and go south past Hollister Ave and turn left at the light at Mesa Rd. Continue through the north edge of campus on Mesa Rd to the light at the East Gate. Go straight 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. Wear trail shoes. Dress in layers. Trip over by 10:30.





Sharp-shinned Hawk
By Steven D Amato
17 counted at CBC

SBAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT – January 4, 2003

LOONS

- 15 Red-throated Loon
- 11 Pacific Loon
- 37 Common Loon
- 17 loon sp.

GREBES

- 68 Pied-billed Grebe
- 9 Horned Grebe
- 27 Eared Grebe
- 1075 Western Grebe
- 6 Clark's Grebe

SHEARWATERS

- 0 Northern Fulmar
- 64 Black-vented Shearwater

PELICANS

- 409 Brown Pelican

CORMORANTS

- 221 Double-crested Cormorant
- 71 Brandt's Cormorant
- 2 Pelagic Cormorant

HERONS

- 1 American Bittern
- 1 Least Bittern*
- 43 Great Blue Heron
- 28 Great Egret
- 27 Snowy Egret
- 1 Cattle Egret
- 11 Green Heron
- 69 Black-crowned Night-Heron

SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS

- 1 Gr. White-fronted Goose
- 1 Snow Goose*
- 3 Ross's Goose*
- 0 Brant*
- 53 Canada Goose
- 0 Canada Goose (small race)
- 3 Wood Duck
- 148 Green-winged Teal
- 366 Mallard
- 36 Northern Pintail

- 2 Blue-winged Teal*
- 6 Cinnamon Teal
- 157 Northern Shoveler
- 102 Gadwall
- 0 Eurasian Wigeon*
- 172 American Wigeon
- 1 Canvasback
- 51 Redhead
- 115 Ring-necked Duck
- 1 Greater Scaup*
- 55 Lesser Scaup
- 100 Surf Scoter
- 0 White-winged Scoter*
- 5 Common Goldeneye
- 122 Bufflehead
- 5 Hooded Merganser
- 6 Common Merganser
- 13 Red-breasted Merganser
- 180 Ruddy Duck

NEW WORLD VULTURES

- 115 Turkey Vulture

HAWKS

- 0 Osprey*
- 30 White-tailed Kite
- 15 Northern Harrier
- 17 Sharp-shinned Hawk
- 17 Cooper's Hawk
- 70 Red-shouldered Hawk
- 116 Red-tailed Hawk
- 5 Golden Eagle

FALCONS

- 34 American Kestrel
- 6 Merlin
- 0 Peregrine Falcon*

QUAIL & TURKEYS

- 34 Wild Turkey
- 151 California Quail
- 2 Mountain Quail

RAILS & GALLINULES

- 4 Virginia Rail
- 7 Sora
- 1 Common Moorhen
- 696 American Coot

PLOVERS

- 114 Black-bellied Plover
- 118 Snowy Plover
- 2 Semipalmated Plover
- 196 Killdeer

STILTS & AVOCETS

- 19 Black-necked Stilt
- 0 American Avocet

SANDPIPERS

- 25 Greater Yellowlegs
- 0 Lesser Yellowlegs*
- 343 Willet
- 6 Spotted Sandpiper

- 74 Whimbrel
- 24 Long-billed Curlew
- 297 Marbled Godwit
- 1 Ruddy Turnstone
- 57 Black Turnstone
- 239 Sanderling
- 6 Western Sandpiper
- 106 Least Sandpiper
- 7 Dunlin
- 34 Long-billed Dowitcher
- 54 Wilson's Snipe
- 0 Red Phalarope*

JAEGERS, GULLS & TERNS

- 1 Pomarine Jaeger*
- 1 Parasitic Jaeger
- 1 jaeger sp.
- 8 Bonaparte's Gull
- 696 Heermann's Gull
- 81 Mew Gull
- 301 Ring-billed Gull
- 376 California Gull
- 3 Herring Gull
- 2 Thayer's Gull*
- 4475 Western Gull
- 27 Glaucous-winged Gull
- 0 Black-legged Kittiwake*
- 6 Caspian Tern*
- 56 Royal Tern
- 83 Forster's Tern
- 166 Black Skimmer

ALCIDS

- 7 Common Murre
- 0 Cassin's Auklet
- 27 Rhinoceros Auklet

PIGEONS

- 1172 Rock Dove
- 625 Band-tailed Pigeon
- 2 Spotted Dove
- 572 Mourning Dove
- 4 Common Ground-Dove

CUCKOOS

- 4 Greater Roadrunner

OWLS

- 4 Barn Owl
- 5 Western Screech-Owl
- 20 Great Horned Owl
- 1 Northern Pygmy-Owl
- 1 Burrowing Owl

SWIFTS

- 299 White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

- 824 Anna's Hummingbird
- 4 Costa's Hummingbird*
- 1 Allen's Hummingbird*
- 2 Selasphorus sp.

SBAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT – January 4, 2003

KINGFISHERS

13 Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

772 Acorn Woodpecker
1 Red-naped Sapsucker*
13 Red-breasted Sapsucker
44 Nuttall's Woodpecker
38 Downy Woodpecker
9 Hairy Woodpecker
115 No. (Red-shaft.) Flicker
0 No. (Yel.-shaft.) Flicker*

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

315 Black Phoebe
55 Say's Phoebe
1 Tropical Kingbird*
28 Cassin's Kingbird*

LARKS

0 Horned Lark

JAYS & CROWS

3 Steller's Jay
769 Western Scrub-Jay
14 Yellow-billed Magpie*
1342 American Crow
7 Common Raven

CHICKADEES & TITMICE

5 Mountain Chickadee
326 Oak Titmouse

BUSHTITS

1977 Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

7 Red-breasted Nuthatch
72 White-breasted Nuthatch

CREEPERS

1 Brown Creeper

WRENS

2 Rock Wren
13 Canyon Wren
158 Bewick's Wren
27 House Wren
6 Winter Wren
22 Marsh Wren

OLD WORLD WARBLERS & THRUSHES

1 Golden-crowned Kinglet
637 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
81 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
136 Western Bluebird
1 Townsend's Solitaire
157 Hermit Thrush
715 American Robin
2 Varied Thrush
247 Wrentit

THRASHERS

166 Northern Mockingbird
102 California Thrasher

WAGTAILS & PIPITS

175 American Pipit

WAXWINGS

554 Cedar Waxwing

SILKY FLYCATCHERS

1 Phainopepla

SHRIKES

17 Loggerhead Shrike

STARLINGS

1090 European Starling

VIREOS

131 Hutton's Vireo

WOOD WARBLERS, TANAGERS & SPARROWS

157 Orange-crowned Warbler
3 Nashville Warbler*
4 Yellow Warbler*
2915 Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler
114 Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler
10 Black-th. Gray Warbler
145 Townsend's Warbler
1 Hermit Warbler*
1 Palm Warbler*
1 Black-and-white Warbler*
215 Common Yellowthroat
8 Wilson's Warbler*
1 Summer Tanager*
4 Western Tanager*
0 Rose-breasted Grosbeak*
0 Black-headed Grosbeak*
179 Spotted Towhee
428 California Towhee
7 Rufous-crowned Sparrow
6 Chipping Sparrow
7 Lark Sparrow
0 Sage Sparrow
120 Savannah Sparrow
49 Fox Sparrow
239 Song Sparrow
37 Lincoln's Sparrow
0 Swamp Sparrow*
7 White-throated Sparrow*
412 Golden-crowned Sparrow
1266 White-crowned Sparrow
614 Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco
1 Dark-eyed (Sl.-col.) Junco
0 Dark-eyed (Gr.-head) Junco

BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES

366 Red-winged Blackbird
3 Tricolored Blackbird
328 Western Meadowlark
303 Brewer's Blackbird
28 Great-tailed Grackle

12 Brown-headed Cowbird
0 Orchard Oriole*
0 Hooded Oriole*
0 Baltimore Oriole*
3 Bullock's Oriole*
0 Scott's Oriole*

FINCHES

45 Purple Finch
1468 House Finch
11 Pine Siskin
477 Lesser Goldfinch
0 Lawrence's Goldfinch
276 American Goldfinch

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

312 House Sparrow

ADDITIONAL SPECIES

1 Black Scoter
1 Zone-tailed Hawk
4 Elegant Tern
4 White-winged Dove
1 Short-eared Owl
2 Lewis's Woodpecker
1 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
2 Least Flycatcher
3 Barn Swallow
3 Chestnut-backed Chickadee
1 Rusty Blackbird

GRAND TOTAL: 210 Species

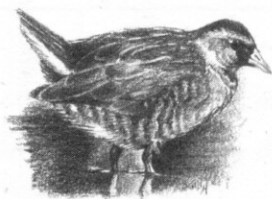
COUNT PERIOD BIRDS

1X Lawrence's Goldfinch

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



*Spotted Towhee
 179 counted at CBC*

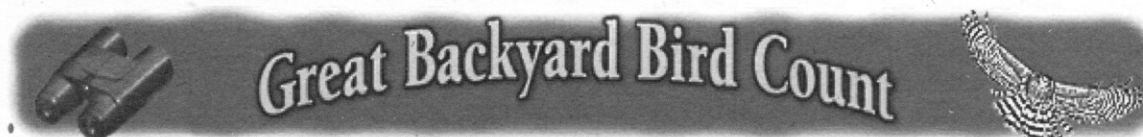


Sora by Daniel S. Kilby
7 counted at CBC

Volunteer Restoration Opportunities for February and March

Come help restore our wildlife habitats in Goleta Slough or Coal Oil Point Reserve or Arroyo Hondo Reserve. To volunteer at Goleta Slough or Coal Oil Point Reserve contact **SBAS** Restoration Volunteer Coordinator **Ken Owen** at islands@rain.org or 568-1507; or contact Project Manager **Darlene Chirman** at dchirman@rain.org or 692-2008; or check our **SBAS** website at www.rain.org/~audubon. If you would like to volunteer at the Arroyo Hondo Preserve please RSVP the Land Trust Volunteer Coordinator **Jane Murray** at 684-4405 or ltvolunteer@yahoo.com.

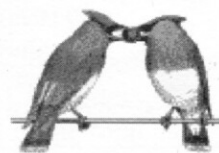
Date	Time	Place	Contact
Sun, Feb 2	9am-12:30	Arroyo Hondo Preserve, bring a lunch, hike afterwards if you like	Jane Murray
Sat, Feb 8	8:30am-noon	Coal Oil Point Reserve, north shore, meet Storke Rd & Whittier Dr	Ken Owen
Sat, Feb 15	8:30am-12:30	Tecolotito Creek, Goleta Beach Park, first west lot, slough side	Ken Owen
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February 14 - 17

Did the Christmas Bird Count whet your appetite for more? Did you miss out on the CBC and don't want to wait until next Christmas to get involved? Here is something that you can do to help your bird friends - and it is fun and easy. Join the 6th annual Great Backyard Bird Count. All ages and skill levels are welcome. It doesn't matter whether you identify, count and report the 5 species coming to your backyard feeder or the 75 species you see during a day's outing to a wildlife refuge. Everyone's contribution is important.

This event is sponsored by the Cornell Laboratory, the Audubon Society and Wild Birds Unlimited. To find out more go to <http://www.birdsource.org>



Cedar Waxwings
554 counted at CBC

National Audubon Society Membership Application

(new members only)

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Calendar of Events

Feb 14-17 Great Backyard Bird Count
 Feb 15 Field Trip: Lone Star Ranch
 Feb 22 Field Trip: Ventura Game Preserve
 Feb 26 Program: Art of Hondo Preserve
 Mar 22 Field Trip: UCSB Campus Lagoon
 Mar 26 Program: Life-giving Waters

Protect Birds, Wildlife and their Habitats

SBAS is seeking volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors. The position of Secretary will open in April and other positions in July. Please contact President **Darlene Chirman** at 692-2008 for more information.

The Conservation Committee needs monitors to be the voice for natural resource protection for local development projects. Examples are the Dos Pueblos Golf Course and Goleta Beach erosion control project. To learn more please contact Conservation Chair **Dave Wass** at 683-0705.

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