

# El Tecolote

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## 2003 Christmas Bird Count Saturday, January 3, 2004

By Joan Lentz

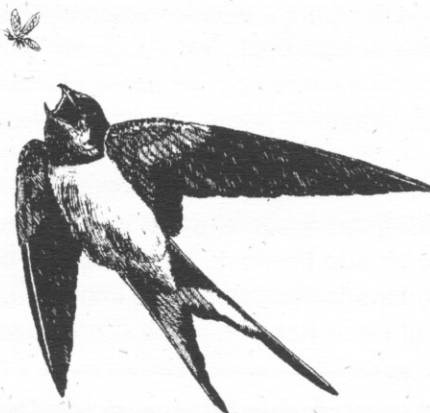
Please come help us count the birds during **Santa Barbara Audubon Society's** annual Christmas Bird Count to be held Saturday, January 3, 2004! Every year this wonderful effort on the part of over 180 local and out-of-town birders keeps Santa Barbara in the top five Christmas Counts in number of species sighted in the United States!

On the evening of Count Day, please join us at the compilation dinner at the **Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History** in Fleischmann Auditorium. The potluck dinner begins promptly at 6:00 pm and the compilation countdown at 7:00 pm. Please bring your favorite salad, main dish, or dessert to share. If your group includes out-of-towners, they may contribute drinks, bread, chips, etc. Please bring your own service.

This year's count compiler will be **Joan Lentz**, assisted by the wonderful CBC committee. **Chris Walden** has graciously agreed to take participants' sign-ups. Please call or e-mail Chris to sign-up, or fill out and mail the coupon on page 2. Chris is at 969-4256 or [walden@rain.org](mailto:walden@rain.org).

Before the count you can help us by scouting your neighborhood or anywhere else within the Count Circle for the following interesting or unusual birds:

*Cattle Egret*  
*Blue-winged Teal*  
*Greater Scaup*  
*Mountain Quail*  
*Common Moorhen*  
*Virginia Rail*  
*Black-necked Stilt*  
*Lesser Yellowlegs*  
*Long-billed Curlew*  
*Common Snipe*  
*Thayer's Gull*  
*Greater Roadrunner*  
*any owls (other than Great Horned)*  
*White-throated Swift*  
*any non-Anna's Hummingbirds*  
*Sapsuckers (other than Red-breasted)*  
*Horned Lark*



*Barn Swallow by Steven D Amato*  
3 counted in last year's CBC

*any swallows*  
*Rock or Winter Wrens*  
*Common Raven*  
*Phainopepla*  
*Nashville Warbler*  
*Black-throated Gray Warbler*  
*Yellow Warbler*  
*Hermit Warbler*  
*Wilson's Warbler*  
*any tanagers*  
*any grosbeaks*  
*Lark Sparrow*  
*White-throated Sparrow*  
*Tri-colored Blackbird*  
*any orioles*  
*Lawrence's Goldfinch*

Plus any montane species such as: *Mountain Chickadee*, *Red-breasted Nuthatch*, *Townsend's Solitaire*, *Varied Thrush*, *Brown Creeper*, *Pine Siskin* or *Cassin's Finch*.

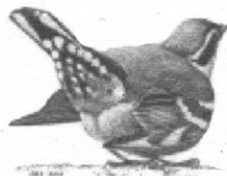
If you see any of the above or know of any other interesting birds, please let one of the following know:

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**Karen Bridgers**, 964-1316, [kbridgers@msn.com](mailto:kbridgers@msn.com)

**Dave Compton**, 965-3153, [davcompton@earthlink.net](mailto:davcompton@earthlink.net)

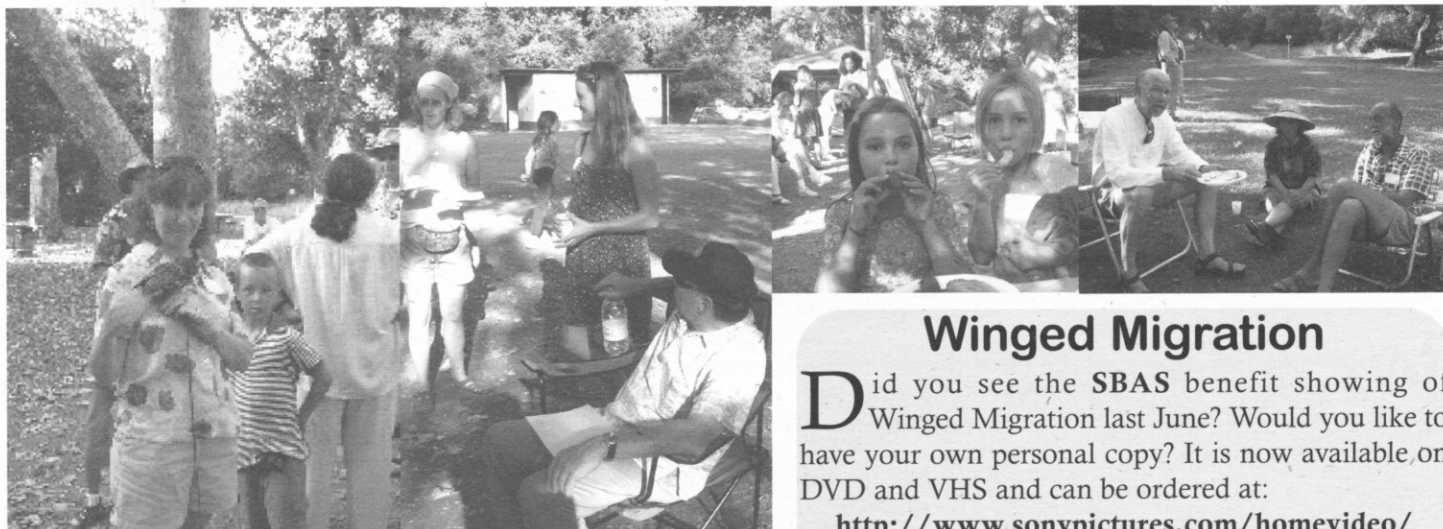
Thank you and see you at the Christmas Bird Count!



*Varied Thrush*  
2 counted in last year's CBC

## Scenes from SBAS's Annual Summer Get-together

Photos by Kendy Radasky



### Winged Migration

Did you see the **SBAS** benefit showing of *Winged Migration* last June? Would you like to have your own personal copy? It is now available on DVD and VHS and can be ordered at:

<http://www.sonypictures.com/homevideo/wingedmigration/index.html>

## December & January Volunteer Restoration Opportunities

Come help restore our wildlife habitats at the Coal Oil Point Reserve or Arroyo Hondo Preserve. To volunteer at Coal Oil Point Reserve contact **SBAS** Restoration Volunteer Coordinator **Ken Owen** at [islands@rain.org](mailto:islands@rain.org) or 568-1507; or contact Project Manager **Darlene Chirman** at [dchirman@rain.org](mailto:dchirman@rain.org) or 692-2008; or check our **SBAS** website at [www.rain.org/~audubon](http://www.rain.org/~audubon). To volunteer at the Arroyo Hondo Preserve please RSVP the Land Trust Volunteer Coordinator **Jane Murray** at [ltvolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:ltvolunteer@yahoo.com) or 684-4405.

It's planting season! Hope you can come out to help get native plants in the ground during the rainy season. We just hope it doesn't rain on the days we plan to plant! If there is uncertain weather, let us know if you are planning to attend, and we'll figure out a rain strategy.

Date	Time	Place	Contact
Sat, Dec 6	9am-12:30pm	Coal Oil Point Reserve, north shore, meet Storke Rd & Whittier Dr	Ken Owen
Sun, Dec 7	9am-12:30pm	Arroyo Hondo Preserve, bring a lunch, hike afterwards if you like	Jane Murray
Sun, Jan 4	9am-12:30pm	Arroyo Hondo Preserve, bring a lunch, hike afterwards if you like	Jane Murray
Sat, Jan 24	9am-12:30pm	Coal Oil Point Reserve, north shore, meet Storke Rd & Whittier Dr	Ken Owen



*Horned Lark  
None counted at  
last year's CBC*

### Santa Barbara Audubon Society 2003 Christmas Bird Count

Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred Area: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Would like to work with: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner ☐

Leader ☐

Feeder Count ☐

Please return to **Chris Walden**, 222 W. Mountain Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

# 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.*

## A Journey to Antarctica

**Colin McNulty, Speaker**

**Wednesday, December 10**  
(note special date)

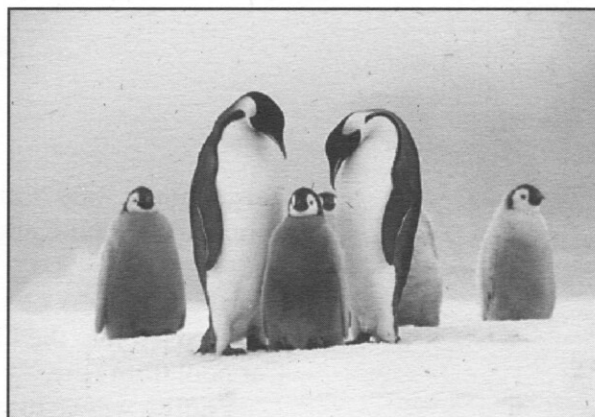
World renowned natural history photographer **Colin McNulty** will share his stunning images with us, focusing on penguins and the spectacular beauty of Antarctica. For a preview of his work visit his website at:

[http://www.naturephotosonline.com/Colin\\_McNulty.htm](http://www.naturephotosonline.com/Colin_McNulty.htm)

As an Expedition Leader aboard various cruise vessels and as a natural history guide, Colin has explored some of the most remote and beautiful places in the world. Inspired by his travels, he picked up a camera and began to share the magnificence and grandeur of the unique sights around him. His artistic nature combined with his knowledge and respect for his surroundings is reflected in his work.

Colin hopes that by sharing the beauty and diversity of these pristine locations he can encourage their preservation. "So many of us live our entire life surrounded by the comfort of familiarity. Even when we travel, we tend to stay close to places that seem 'safe.' Through my photography, I hope to make exotic places such as Antarctica more accessible to stimulate an awareness of the expansiveness of our world. The more that people understand and appreciate a place, the more likely they are to respect and protect it."

Colin makes his home in Carpinteria. Working as a photographer, he still finds time to guide natural history adventure trips and to explore the Santa Barbara area and the undersea life of the Channel.



*Emperor Penguins - photo by Colin McNulty*



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## Hooked on Hummingbirds

**Tom Kaminski, Speaker**

**Wednesday, January 28**

Avian Video Center producer **Tom Kaminski** will be presenting his latest program, *Hooked on Hummingbirds*. This highly acclaimed video reveals hummer behaviors that the naked eye never sees. Spectacular slow motion, freeze-frame and real time footage shows them flying upside down, catching insects, fighting, nesting and brooding. A number of scenes show them

engaged in generally unreported behaviors, including male threats aimed at nesting females and other threat displays that can only be described as hummer ballet. Shot in California, Southeastern Arizona and Costa Rica, it shows more than a dozen hummer species, as well as the American Kestrel, Red-naped Sapsucker, Hooded Oriole, Cactus Wren, Vermilion Flycatcher and many others. An earlier version of this video was a finalist in the national Telly Awards competition.

Tom, a board member of the Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society, has an extensive background as a cameraman, reporter, news anchor and in corporate communications. Other production credits include *Planet Galapagos* and *Fiji: Paradise Found*.



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# 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.*

## Santa Barbara Rare Birds

### Christmas Bird Count Area

**Saturday, January 10, 8:00 am**

**Target birds:** Rare birds of last week's Christmas Bird Count

**Trip leader:** Paul Keller, 968-7804, [wrentit@verizon.net](mailto:wrentit@verizon.net)



**T**ake 101 to the La Cumbre Rd exit in Santa Barbara. Go north on La Cumbre Rd and turn left into the Five Points Shopping Center and park at Carl's Jr. (3925 State St). Car pool from here.

Priority will be to get permission to look for rarities on private property. Trip over before lunch.

## Figueroa Mountain

**Saturday, January 24, 8:00 am**

**Target birds:** Mountain birds such as Steller's Jay, Mountain Chickadee, nuthatches

**Trip leader:** Dave Compton, 965-3153, [davcompton@earthlink.net](mailto:davcompton@earthlink.net)

**T**ake 101 to the La Cumbre Rd exit in Santa Barbara. Go north on La Cumbre Rd and turn left into the Five Points Shopping Center and park at Carl's Jr. (3925 State St). Car pool from here.

Bring lunch and water; dress in layers for cold. We have five Educational Administrative Passes, so carpoolers won't need an Adventure Pass. If you already have an Adventure Pass and don't wish to car pool, you might want to bring it along. Back by mid-afternoon. Will the Cassin's Finches reported last fall stick around for our trip?



*Mountain Chickadee  
5 counted at last year's CBC*



## Thank You!

**L**ast year's wonderful bird outings would not have been possible without these fine generous people: **Karen Bridgers, Lark Chadwick, Dave Compton, Wayne Ferren, Jim Greaves, George Green, George and Joan Hardie, Alan Kaufmann and Guy Tingos.** Thank you also to **Lee Carr and T. Shelley** (Lone Star Ranch), **Sangar Hendrick** (Valley View Ranch), **Bill Kohlmeier** (Ventura County Game Preserve), **Cruz Phillips** (Las Crucitas Ranch) and **Nancy Sandburg** (Preserve Manager, Guadalupe Dunes) for their generous hospitality and help with arrangements.

Thank you to everyone who joined us, especially to all of you newcomers.

**Editor's note:** And a special thanks to **Paul Keller**, our Field Trip Chair, for a job well done!



## Ventura County Game Preserve

### Oxnard

**Saturday, February 7, 7:30 am**

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

**Trip leader:** Guy Tingos, 681-0026, gtingos@west.net

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.) Take Cabrillo and turn right onto Los Patos Way. Parking lot on the 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 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 a great variety of wintering birds in superb habitat that a private group of hunters has created.



*White-faced Ibis  
By Daniel S. Kilby  
None counted at  
last year's CBC*



*Oak Titmouse  
By Kirsten Munson  
326 counted at  
last year's CBC*

## Ennisbrook Nature Trail

### Montecito

**Saturday, February 14, 8:30 am**

**Target birds:** Wintering birds of woodlands

**Trip leader:** Jack Sanford, 566-2191, jacksanford@hotmail.com

From the north or the south take 101 to the Sheffield Drive exit (in Montecito). Turn right on North Jameson Lane and then bear left onto Sheffield Drive. Turn left the first chance you get onto San Leandro Lane and go past the Crane School (on your left). When you cross the San Ysidro Creek Bridge park on either side of the road in front of the white picket fence. The trail entrance is next to a small pump station.

Wear walking shoes. Trip over by mid-morning.

## National Audubon Society Membership Application

(new members only)

Includes membership in **National Audubon & Santa Barbara Audubon Society** (C13 7XCH) and subscriptions to **Audubon** magazine & **El Tecolote**, the **SBAS** newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

- Dec 10 Program: A Journey to Antarctica  
 Jan 3 2003 Christmas Bird Count  
 Jan 10 Field Trip: SB Rare Birds  
 Jan 24 Field Trip: Figueroa Mountain  
 Jan 28 Program: Hooked on Hummingbirds  
 Feb 7 Field Trip: Ventura Game Preserve  
 Feb 14 Field Trip: Ennisbrook Nature Trail

## Web Site!

Other Audubon chapters offer interesting field trips and events too! Visit this site to schedule birding trips and participate in events all over California:  
<http://audubon-ca.org>

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Submission deadline is the 10th of the month.

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*Redhead at Devereaux Slough*  
*51 counted at last year's CBC*  
*Photo by Mike Collins*

*or current resident*

**In This Issue... Find out how you can be a part of the annual Christmas Bird Count!**