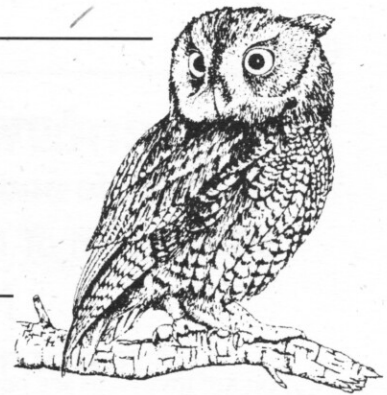


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Exciting Count - Probable Second in Nation!

By Joan Lentz

Santa Barbara Audubon Society's annual Christmas Bird Count, held January 3, 2004, turned up some terrific birds and totaled an amazing species count of 208! That number could be enough for second place in the nationwide friendly rivalry between our Count and those in south Texas. The traditional frontrunner, Mad Island Marsh, had a total of 230 species this year, and Freeport, Texas, which often comes in second, had only 205 species. Looks like Santa Barbara has a good shot at being Number Two!

The highlight of this Bird Count centered around two highly unusual birds tallied on Count Day: a Verdin, a bird normally found in interior deserts, and a Williamson's Sapsucker, a bird normally found in montane coniferous forests. Only in Santa Barbara could you chance upon two birds from such opposite extremes! Both were new species to the Christmas Count, and the Verdin was an entirely new species never before seen in our county.

The cold dry weather leading up to the Count spelled disaster for numbers of waterfowl and other waterbirds (ducks and geese were way off). The lack of rainfall explained lower waterbird figures, but did not shed light on the widespread decline – in comparison to recent years – of numbers of sparrows, along with waxwings and robins. There were fewer owls. And the montane species, those birds that venture down from the mountains to forage in the lowlands, were at an all-time low. Not a single Pine Siskin turned up anywhere, in contrast to recent years.

Bucking the trend was the record high number of Long-billed Curlews on the Count: a total of 38. Snowy Plovers, too, were at a high level with 305 individuals at Sands Beach at Devereux Slough.

Despite the difficulties outlined above, wonderful birds were uncovered within the Count circle. Some were "stake outs", those birds that we knew about beforehand, others were unexpected. A Eurasian Wigeon was at Coal Oil Point Reserve. The Zone-tailed Hawk (returning for its 11th

winter in Goleta) was spotted soaring over North Fairview Ave. A Tropical Kingbird was at Glen Annie Golf Course. Two Cassin's Vireos and a Chestnut-backed Chickadee turned up near Atascadero Creek in Goleta. A Harris's Sparrow was in a flock of White-crowned Sparrows at Elings Park on the Mesa. The Verdin was in the foothills at the base of San Marcos Pass. The Williamson's Sapsucker was in pine trees on the UCSB Campus. And a Hooded Oriole and a Pacific-slope Flycatcher were found in Montecito.

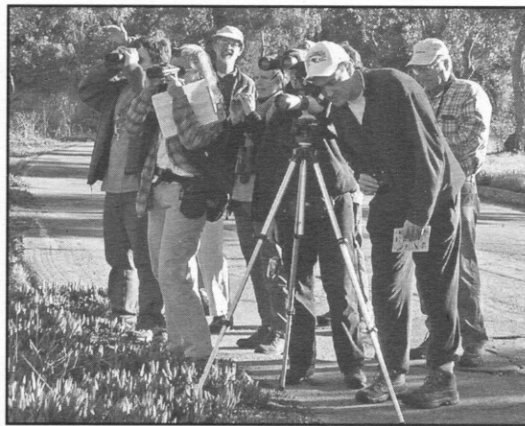
A couple of Black-headed Grosbeaks appeared at backyard feeders to be counted. A Red-naped Sapsucker was spotted in a pepper tree opposite the Kellogg Ave. tennis courts. An unusually high number (23) of Barn Swallows flew overhead on Count Day, along with a flock of 5 American White Pelicans.

As always, the spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation among the birding community was high! This monster Count is not possible without the following people: **Chris Walden**, who skillfully helps place the folks that have signed up and handles an enormous amount of paperwork and e-mailing; the Compilation Committee, which consists of **Dave Compton**, **Rebecca Coulter**, and **George Roland**; and all the leaders and scouters and other birders, who just offered to do all they could to

make the Count successful.

The potluck dinner at Fleischmann Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History was filled to capacity. The crowd gave a standing ovation to **Karen Bridgers**, who was recognized by **Santa Barbara Audubon Society** with a plaque for her contribution as editor of Santa Barbara's Rare Bird Alert over the years, and for the many birding columns she has written for the Santa Barbara News-Press. Congratulations, Karen!

What a great day. Next time you run into a friend who asks you how the Christmas Bird Count went this year, you can tell them it was just super!



The Collin's group checks out Devereux Slough.

Photo by Roger Millikan

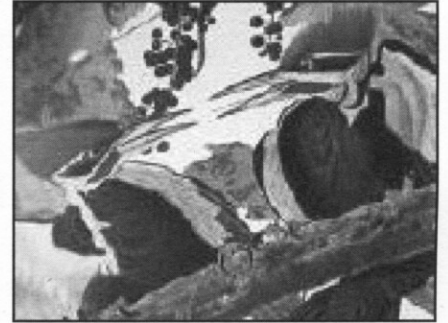
America My Country

The Life and Art of John James Audubon

SB Museum of Natural History, Maximus Gallery

February 6 - May 2

You are invited to see personal artifacts and correspondence on loan from the Audubon Museum in Kentucky. Archival portraits of his family and the places where he lived illuminate the life and work of artist and naturalist, **John James Audubon**. Also displayed are original works of art from his famous publications, *The Birds of America*, *The Viviparous Quadrupeds of America* and *The Royal Octavo Edition*.

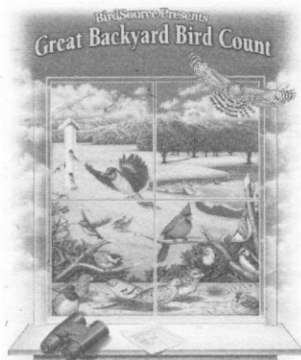


John James Audubon's Woodpeckers

Great Backyard Bird Count

February 13 - 16

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 7th 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 a joint project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Audubon Society and is sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited. To find out more go to

<http://www.birdsource.org>

SBAS Library Exhibit

In February, **SBAS** will be showcasing a display case in the Faulkner Gallery at the Santa Barbara Public Library. Our **EYES IN THE SKY** and **Snowy Plover** programs will be featured. Please check out the Great-horned Owl wing, bird nests and photos of our raptors.

Raptor Note Cards

Tony Galvan, an **EYES IN THE SKY** volunteer, recently completed a series of raptor note cards of the six **EITS** birds. These would make great gifts and Tony has graciously offered to donate a portion of his sales to **SBAS**. You can view and order the note cards at:

<http://www.dosgatos.com/notecards/>

February & March Volunteer Restoration Opportunities

Due to the generosity of one of our members, we will be doing some follow-up maintenance of our several habitat restoration sites and Pampas grass eradication in Goleta Slough. Especially if you helped plant, you may want to come see how the Tecolotito Creek site near Goleta Beach Park is doing. If you have any week-day time available, you are invited to volunteer on Intern Restoration Workdays — currently at Arroyo Hondo Preserve Monday mornings, Coal Oil Point Reserve Wednesday mornings and Goleta Slough Friday mornings. For Goleta Slough, contact **Julie Love** at jmllove818@hotmail.com or 453-4840. For Arroyo Hondo, contact the Land Trust Arroyo Hondo Preserve Volunteer Coordinator **Jane Murray** at ltvolunteer@yahoo.com or 684-4405. For COPR, contact **Darlene Chirman** at dchirman@rain.org or 692-2008.

Date	Time	Place	Contact
Sun, Feb 1	9am-12:30pm	Arroyo Hondo Preserve, bring a lunch, hike afterwards if you like	Jane Murray
Sat, Feb 14	9am-12:30pm	Tecolotito Creek, meet at Goleta Beach Park west parking lot	Julie Love
Sat, Feb 21	9am-12:00pm	Coal Oil Point Reserve, north shore, meet Storke Rd & Whittier Dr	Darlene Chirman
Sun, Mar 7	9am-12:30pm	Arroyo Hondo Preserve, bring a lunch, hike afterwards if you like	Jane Murray

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.

Two Exciting SBAS Programs

Jennifer Stroh & Gabriele Drozdowski, Speakers

Wednesday, February 25

Santa Barbara Main Public Library, Faulkner Gallery

(Please note special place)



Sedona, a Peregrine Falcon

Photo by Marnie Thomas

Come and learn about SBAS's two main education programs; the Snowy Plover Docent Program (SPDP) and EYES IN THE SKY (EITS).

The first part of the program will begin with a brief biology and natural history of the Snowy Plover, focusing on the Pacific Coast population at Coal Oil Point Reserve (COPR). SPDP Coordinator **Jennifer Stroh** will describe the changes that have taken place affecting the plovers at Sand's Beach (COPR) over the last three years and the management strategies used to help them recover. This will be followed by a discussion of the SPDP; exploring such questions as why was it started, how the plovers benefit from it, and what a docent actually does? Docents will be present to share information regarding their own docent experience. Jennifer will conclude with information on what you can do to help maintain a healthy habitat with minimal disturbance for these tiny, threatened shorebirds.

During the second part of the program live birds of prey, no longer able to survive in the wild due to conflict with human activities, will be presented by EITS Program Director **Gabriele Drozdowski**. EITS educates about human impacts on local wildlife, and offers ideas and solutions to help protect the future survival of local wildlife species.

Don't miss this unique and fun evening!

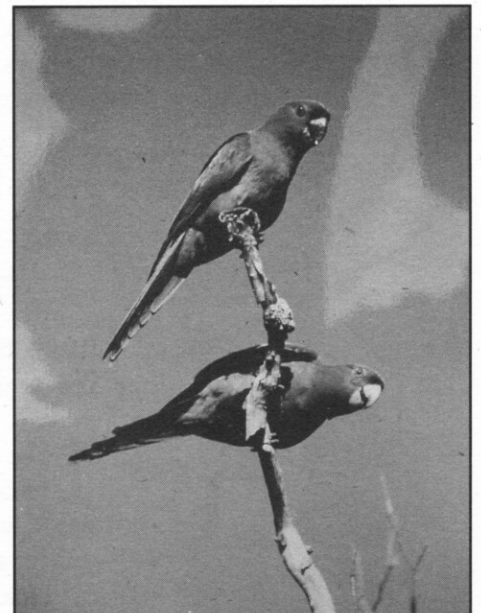
Socorro Island

Hartmut Walter, Speaker

Wednesday, March 24

Please join us for this fascinating program! Socorro Island in the Mexican Pacific is an unusual bird paradise. All the terrestrial birds are endemic and extremely tame. Half of the island is absolutely pristine; the other half has been degraded and is in need of restoration. The once common Socorro Dove survives only in captivity today. This lecture explores the island and gives an update on ecological restoration and dove repatriation projects that were initiated by the Commission of the Californias in 1988 and supported by local Audubon chapters.

Hartmut Walter is an ornithologist and conservation scientist at UCLA who specializes in island biogeography. He is the author of an award-winning book on the rare Eleonora's Falcon and is actively involved in the Socorro Island restoration project.



Socorro Parakeets

Santa Barbara Audubon Field Trips

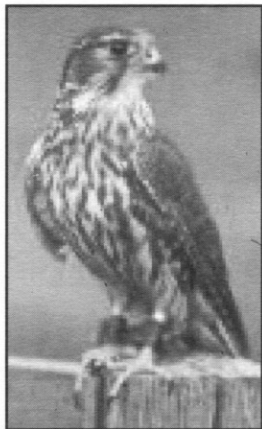
Everyone is welcome! These trips are fun for both beginning and expert bird lovers. Binoculars are useful for enjoyment of birds, but if you don't have a pair please call the trip leader and we'll lend you a spare. Trips are free unless noted.

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



Merlin
5 counted at CBC

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.

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.



Townsend's Warbler
151 counted at CBC

Lake Los Carneros County Park - Goleta

Saturday, March 27, 4:20 pm

Target birds: Spring songbirds and migrants, waterfowl

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



Take the Los Carneros exit from 101 north on Los Carneros Rd to the Stow House parking lot next to the fire station. We will first bird Stow House then work our way towards the dam circling the lake counterclockwise so wear walking shoes. Finish around sunset (6:10 pm).

Please join us for an evening at Lake Los Carneros when songbirds are singing and are most colorful. We will gear this trip towards beginners though all are welcome.

SBAS Christmas Bird Count - January 3, 2004



This Verdin, counted on the CBC, is the first seen in Santa Barbara County.

Photo by Larry Jon Friesen

LOONS

<u>3</u>	Red-throated Loon
<u>17</u>	Pacific Loon
<u>13</u>	Common Loon
<u>19</u>	loon sp.

GREBES

<u>127</u>	Pied-billed Grebe
<u>13</u>	Horned Grebe
<u>38</u>	Eared Grebe
<u>202</u>	Western Grebe
<u>1</u>	Clark's Grebe

SHEARWATERS

<u>4</u>	Northern Fulmar
<u>6</u>	Black-vented Shearwater

PELICANS

<u>279</u>	Brown Pelican
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CORMORANTS

<u>414</u>	Double-crested Cormorant
<u>16</u>	Brandt's Cormorant
<u>14</u>	Pelagic Cormorant

HERONS

<u>0</u>	American Bittern
<u>0</u>	Least Bittern*
<u>50</u>	Great Blue Heron
<u>35</u>	Great Egret
<u>36</u>	Snowy Egret
<u>3</u>	Cattle Egret
<u>4</u>	Green Heron
<u>102</u>	Black-crowned Night-Heron

SWANS, GEESE, & DUCKS

<u>0</u>	Gr. White-fronted Goose
<u>0</u>	Snow Goose*
<u>2</u>	Ross's Goose*
<u>0</u>	Brant*
<u>108</u>	Canada Goose
<u>0</u>	Canada Goose (small race)
<u>5</u>	Wood Duck
<u>20</u>	Green-winged Teal
<u>343</u>	Mallard
<u>20</u>	Northern Pintail

<u>4</u>	Blue-winged Teal*
<u>15</u>	Cinnamon Teal
<u>165</u>	Northern Shoveler
<u>52</u>	Gadwall
<u>1</u>	Eurasian Wigeon*
<u>70</u>	American Wigeon
<u>12</u>	Canvasback
<u>109</u>	Redhead
<u>217</u>	Ring-necked Duck
<u>4</u>	Greater Scaup*
<u>32</u>	Lesser Scaup
<u>126</u>	Surf Scoter
<u>0</u>	White-winged Scoter*
<u>3</u>	Common Goldeneye
<u>137</u>	Bufflehead
<u>36</u>	Hooded Merganser
<u>16</u>	Common Merganser
<u>19</u>	Red-breasted Merganser
<u>244</u>	Ruddy Duck

NEW WORLD VULTURES

<u>103</u>	Turkey Vulture
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HAWKS

<u>1</u>	Osprey*
<u>25</u>	White-tailed Kite
<u>9</u>	Northern Harrier
<u>17</u>	Sharp-shinned Hawk
<u>21</u>	Cooper's Hawk
<u>70</u>	Red-shouldered Hawk
<u>147</u>	Red-tailed Hawk
<u>0</u>	Golden Eagle

FALCONS

<u>34</u>	American Kestrel
<u>5</u>	Merlin
<u>2</u>	Peregrine Falcon*

QUAIL & TURKEYS

<u>25</u>	Wild Turkey
<u>232</u>	California Quail
<u>1</u>	Mountain Quail

RAILS & GALLINULES

<u>6</u>	Virginia Rail
<u>5</u>	Sora
<u>0</u>	Common Moorhen
<u>921</u>	American Coot

PLOVERS

<u>101</u>	Black-bellied Plover
<u>305</u>	Snowy Plover
<u>22</u>	Semipalmated Plover
<u>93</u>	Killdeer

STILTS & AVOCETS

<u>20</u>	Black-necked Stilt
<u>2</u>	American Avocet

SANDPIPERS

<u>28</u>	Greater Yellowlegs
<u>0</u>	Lesser Yellowlegs*
<u>274</u>	Willet

<u>9</u>	Spotted Sandpiper
<u>49</u>	Whimbrel
<u>38</u>	Long-billed Curlew
<u>188</u>	Marbled Godwit
<u>2</u>	Ruddy Turnstone
<u>12</u>	Black Turnstone
<u>475</u>	Sanderling
<u>7</u>	Western Sandpiper
<u>187</u>	Least Sandpiper
<u>7</u>	Dunlin
<u>27</u>	Long-billed Dowitcher
<u>18</u>	Wilson's Snipe
<u>0</u>	Red Phalarope*

JAEGERS, GULLS & TERNS

<u>1</u>	Pomarine Jaeger*
<u>2</u>	Parasitic Jaeger
<u>2</u>	jaeger sp.
<u>14</u>	Bonaparte's Gull
<u>970</u>	Heermann's Gull
<u>47</u>	Mew Gull
<u>159</u>	Ring-billed Gull
<u>335</u>	California Gull
<u>9</u>	Herring Gull
<u>1</u>	Thayer's Gull*
<u>1414</u>	Western Gull
<u>30</u>	Glaucous-winged Gull
<u>0</u>	Black-legged Kittiwake*
<u>2</u>	Caspian Tern*
<u>14</u>	Royal Tern
<u>69</u>	Forster's Tern
<u>208</u>	Black Skimmer

ALCIDS

<u>0</u>	Common Murre
<u>0</u>	Cassin's Auklet
<u>0</u>	Rhinoceros Auklet

PIGEONS

<u>946</u>	Rock Dove
<u>288</u>	Band-tailed Pigeon
<u>4</u>	Spotted Dove
<u>451</u>	Mourning Dove
<u>0</u>	Common Ground-Dove

CUCKOOS

<u>1</u>	Greater Roadrunner
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OWLS

<u>2</u>	Barn Owl
<u>3</u>	Western Screech-Owl
<u>21</u>	Great Horned Owl
<u>0</u>	Northern Pygmy-Owl
<u>0</u>	Burrowing Owl

SWIFTS

<u>82</u>	White-throated Swift
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HUMMINGBIRDS

<u>635</u>	Anna's Hummingbird
<u>2</u>	Costa's Hummingbird*
<u>1</u>	Allen's Hummingbird*
<u>4</u>	Selasphorus sp.

SBAS Christmas Bird Count - January 3, 2004

KINGFISHERS

17 Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

580 Acorn Woodpecker
1 Red-naped Sapsucker*
8 Red-breasted Sapsucker
36 Nuttall's Woodpecker
37 Downy Woodpecker
10 Hairy Woodpecker
136 No. (Red-shaft.) Flicker
0 No. (Yel.-shaft.) Flicker*

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

242 Black Phoebe
45 Say's Phoebe
1 Tropical Kingbird*
28 Cassin's Kingbird*

LARKS

0 Horned Lark

JAYS & CROWS

7 Steller's Jay
510 Western Scrub-Jay
8 Yellow-billed Magpie*
1278 American Crow
6 Common Raven

CHICKADEES & TITMICE

1 Mountain Chickadee
256 Oak Titmouse

BUSHTITS

1157 Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

6 Red-breasted Nuthatch
40 White-breasted Nuthatch

CREEPERS

4 Brown Creeper

WRENS

0 Rock Wren
16 Canyon Wren
127 Bewick's Wren
33 House Wren
3 Winter Wren
6 Marsh Wren

OLD WORLD WARBLERS & THRUSHES

5 Golden-crowned Kinglet
622 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
77 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
110 Western Bluebird
2 Townsend's Solitaire
125 Hermit Thrush
328 American Robin
2 Varied Thrush
192 Wrentit

THRASHERS

109 Northern Mockingbird
101 California Thrasher

WAGTAILS & PIPITS

79 American Pipit

WAXWINGS

506 Cedar Waxwing

SILKY FLYCATCHERS

4 Phainopepla

SHRIKES

21 Loggerhead Shrike

STARLINGS

860 European Starling

VIREOS

84 Hutton's Vireo

WOOD WARBLERS, TANAGERS & SPARROWS

190 Orange-crowned Warbler
0 Nashville Warbler*
2 Yellow Warbler*
2182 Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler
79 Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler
7 Black-th. Gray Warbler
151 Townsend's Warbler
2 Hermit Warbler*
3 Palm Warbler*
2 Black-and-white Warbler*
207 Common Yellowthroat
7 Wilson's Warbler*
1 Summer Tanager*
7 Western Tanager*
0 Rose-breasted Grosbeak*
3 Black-headed Grosbeak*
181 Spotted Towhee
422 California Towhee
4 Rufous-crowned Sparrow
2 Chipping Sparrow
10 Lark Sparrow
1 Sage Sparrow
207 Savannah Sparrow
37 Fox Sparrow
157 Song Sparrow
48 Lincoln's Sparrow
1 Swamp Sparrow*
9 White-throated Sparrow*
308 Golden-crowned Sparrow
958 White-crowned Sparrow
362 Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco
1 Dark-eyed (Sl.-col.) Junco
0 Dark-eyed (Gr.-head) Junco

BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES

207 Red-winged Blackbird
2 Tricolored Blackbird
237 Western Meadowlark
227 Brewer's Blackbird

47 Great-tailed Grackle
22 Brown-headed Cowbird
0 Orchard Oriole*
1 Hooded Oriole*
1 Baltimore Oriole*
3 Bullock's Oriole*
0 Scott's Oriole*

FINCHES

53 Purple Finch
1435 House Finch
0 Pine Siskin
126 Lesser Goldfinch
0 Lawrence's Goldfinch
446 American Goldfinch

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

241 House Sparrow

ADDITIONAL SPECIES

5 American White Pelican
12 white geese sp.?
3 Bald Eagle
1 Zone-tailed Hawk
2 White-winged Dove
1 Williamson's Sapsucker
1 Hammond's Flycatcher
1 Pacific-slope Flycatcher
2 Cassin's Vireo
23 Barn Swallow
1 Chestnut-backed Chickadee
1 Verdin
1 American Dipper
1 Harris's Sparrow

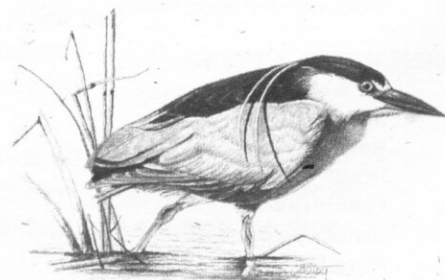
GRAND TOTAL: 208 Species

COUNT PERIOD BIRDS

2X Common Ground-Dove
1X Violet-green Swallow
1X Nashville Warbler
1X Scott's Oriole

* = Rare - requires written description

X = Seen in Count Period (3 days before and 3 days after Count Day) but not on Count Day



*Black-crowned Night Heron, 102 counted on CBC
 Drawing by Daniel S. Kilby*

474 and Counting!

Congratulations are in order to **Mark Holmgren** for finding the **Verdin** in the San Marcos Foothills. This is a new bird for Santa Barbara County and brings our grand total up to 474!

Santa Barbara Rare Birds Trip Report

By Sheila Golburgh Johnson

On January 10, at about 9:30 am, a cheerful group of about 25 birdwatchers, led by the intrepid **Paul Keller**, spread out at the San Marcos Foothills Coalition property to try to spot the Verdin that was sighted during the Christmas Bird Count. Although we spent about an hour looking, nobody saw the Verdin, a tiny gray bird with a bright yellow head and throat that is usually found in desert areas such as around the Salton Sea and Palm Springs. However, the

sun was warm, the air fragrant, and we did see several other birds that made a great stop: a Red-breasted Sapsucker, a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, a California Thrasher, a Say's Phoebe, several Yellow-rumped Warblers (often called "Butter Butts" by ornithology students at UCSB), a couple of Fox Sparrows, and the usual assortment of White-crowned Sparrows, House Finches, California Towhees, Scrub Jays, and a Red-tailed Hawk.

The next stop at UCSB to find the female Williamson's Sapsucker proved far more fruitful (birdful?). This rare bird (for our area) obliged us by busily pecking holes in a Canary Pine in typical horizontal Sapsucker fashion, on the bare areas of the tree trunk that were not obscured by needles. By the time our entire group was gathered, however, she flew around to the other side of the building, where she found another Canary Pine and continued drilling. I'm sure there must have been other birds around, but I was so intent on this Williamson's Sapsucker, a new bird for me, that I never noticed any others.

Devereux Slough, our third stop, held quite a bit of water with an incoming tide. We did find our target bird, the Eurasian Wigeon, and had fun sorting out an abundance of ducks, among them Northern Shovelers, Pintails, three female Hooded Mergansers, Redheads, a Ruddy Duck, Greater Scaup, American Wigeon, as well as a Pied-billed Grebe, a pair of Double-crested Cormorants, Greater Yellowlegs, a Belted Kingfisher, numerous Black-crowned Night Herons with the adults in their nuptial plumage, assorted Herons, Egrets, Gulls, and Sandpipers. Throughout, Paul was a veritable fountain of bird knowledge, and at noon invited anyone who was interested to stay and look for the Baltimore Oriole.



Eurasian Wigeon, photo by Mike Collins

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Calendar of Events

- Feb 7 Field Trip: Ventura Game Preserve
 Feb 14 Field Trip: Ennisbrook Nature Trail
 Feb 25 Program: Two Exciting **SBAS** Programs
 Mar 24 Program: Socorro Island
 Mar 27 Field Trip: Lake Los Carneros

Save this Date!

SCAPE* La Arcada Open Air Festival
 May 15 and 16, 11 am - 6 pm
 Art Benefit for **SBAS**

Come view/purchase paintings
 of local landscapes and birds

***Southern California Artists**
 Painting for the Environment

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