

# El Tecolote

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## Rain Or Shine Santa Barbara Birders Tops In California!

By Joan Easton Lentz



Never mind the soggy rubber boots, the rain dripping off your hat, the binoculars fogging up, or the fact that you can't concentrate on identifying birds because you're so cold and WET! It's the Santa Barbara Christmas Bird Count and nobody even says a word (out loud, that is) about the challenging conditions. Besides, this annual effort organized by the Santa Barbara chapter of Audubon has so much community support and so many great birds; folks just participate for the fun of it, despite the weather.

No question, though, after days of stormy weather and huge downpours, we were prepared for whatever it took to count all the birds in the circle. Perhaps the birders in the mountains had the worst of it: poor visibility, wind gusts, and closed roads. But at the end of the day, when everyone gathered in Fleischmann Auditorium at the Museum of Natural History to enjoy the potluck dinner and count down the list of birds seen, there were several great surprises and a lot of interesting species to report. The final tally was a remarkable 201 species sighted within the Count circle on January 2, 2005.

The Zone-tailed Hawk appeared for its twelfth winter, soaring over north Fairview Avenue in Goleta. A Red-necked Grebe was sighted off More Mesa. On the UCSB campus, a Magnolia Warbler (a first for a Santa Barbara CBC), and a Black-and-white Warbler showed up in the trees between North and Kerr Halls. A Red-naped Sapsucker returned for a second winter in a pepper tree near the Kellogg Ave. tennis courts in Goleta. And at the Santa

Barbara Cemetery, a Worm-eating Warbler was discovered in the oak trees down the north slope.

Due to a small "invasion" of montane species, we counted a White-headed Woodpecker at La Cumbre Peak, as well as Pygmy Nuthatches there. Pine Siskins were to be found everywhere in the lowlands, and Red Crossbills were at Ocean Meadows Golf Course. You can't get much farther away from the mountains than that!

Other interesting species were: an American Bittern at Lake Los Carneros and at Atascadero Creek; six adult male Allen's Hummingbirds scattered around; six White-throated Sparrows at various feeders; four Northern Rough-winged Swallows over Glen Annie Reservoir; and an adult male Orchard Oriole near the Biltmore Hotel in Montecito.

After every Count, we go over the species list and realize there were some really painful misses. We couldn't find a Clark's Grebe or a Royal Tern, but at least they appeared for Count Week. (Two other Count Week birds, the Cackling Goose and the Glaucous Gull, are both rather rare.) But many species of landbirds were difficult to find or missed altogether on Count day, due to the wet conditions. Numbers of tanagers and orioles were way down



*This lone Black-and-white Warbler was found and counted at UCSB during the Christmas Bird Count.*

*Photo by Roger Millikan*

compared to other years.

As always, it is gratifying to see the support and enthusiasm of the birders, which are the strength of a Christmas Bird Count. In addition, the volunteers

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who help the Count in other ways are invaluable. A special thank you to **Chris Walden**, who took the sign-ups and helped me organize the Count. Chris is retiring after many years helping me, so we owe her a lot. The CBC Committee, the folks who help me compile the Count once all the paperwork is in, deserve a huge thank you: **Karen Bridgers, Dave Compton, Rebecca Coulter, Joan Murdoch, and George Roland.**

So, how did we stack up against other bird counts in the friendly rivalry for most species seen on a CBC? Santa Barbara was first in California! However, the Texas Counts out-performed us this year. Freeport, Texas, totaled 216, and, although I don't know the exact numbers, I'm sure that Mad Island Marsh was number one – again!

Still, there is only one Santa Barbara, and it is always filled with special birds and great birders. To me, we're a winner every time!



*We didn't all go sailing out to sea or sloshing up the creeks!  
Left to right: Anne Eissler, Audrey von Bieberstein, Jean Sankey, Fran Stevens. Photo by Marshall von Bieberstein*

## Friday Bird Walks

Join us on the first and third Fridays of each month from 8:30 am – 10:30, except otherwise noted. Contact **Jack Sanford**, 566-2191, jacksanford@hotmail.com, if you have any questions or are interested in leading a future bird walk or field trip.

### Friday, Feb 4: Stow House/Lake Los Carneros

**Target Birds:** waterfowl & winter song birds

**Trip Leader:** Jack Sanford

From 101 take the Los Carneros exit and turn north towards the mountains. Stow House is on the right. We will park and meet behind the fire station.

### Friday, Mar 18: Kellogg Tennis Court and San Jose Creek areas

**Target Birds:** song birds, woodpeckers, kinglets, etc.

**Trip Leader:** Jack Sanford

From 101 take the Patterson Ave exit and turn north towards the mountains. Turn left on Cathedral Oaks Rd and left on Kellogg (at the signal). We will park and meet near the public tennis courts.

### Friday, April 1: Loon Point

**Target Birds:** water and shore birds, raptors, etc.

**Trip Leader:** Jack Sanford

From 101 north take the Padaro Lane exit and turn towards the ocean. From 101 south take the Summerland exit (# 90) and turn left on Padaro Lane. We will park and meet in the Loon Point parking area (near the intersection of Padaro Lane and 101).

## Friday Field Trips

### Friday, Feb 18, 8:15 am – 12:00: Pt Mugu Naval Air Station, near Oxnard, Ventura County

**Target Birds:** waterfowl, rails, egrets, shorebirds, Vermillion Flycatcher?

**Trip Leader:** Martin Ruane

We will car pool from Andree Clark Bird Refuge parking lot at 8:15 am. Only 25 people will be allowed to sign up so please make your reservations with **Jack Sanford**, 566-2191, jacksanford@hotmail.com. You will need a photo ID, social security number and must fill out a security form before we enter the base. Base Naturalist **Martin Ruane** will guide us around the base from 9:00 am to 12:00.

### Friday, Mar 4, 8:30 – 12:30: Ventura County Game Preserve, near Oxnard, Ventura County

**Target Birds:** waterfowl, Virginia Rail, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, American Bittern, White-faced Ibis, Yellow-headed Blackbird, etc.

**Trip Leader:** Peggy Kearns

We will car pool from Andree Clark Bird Refuge at 8:30 am. If you want to meet at the Preserve 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 Preserve and park by the green bungalows by 9:30 am.



# 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.

## The Coral City

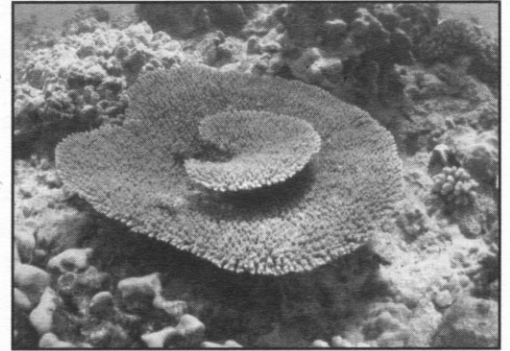
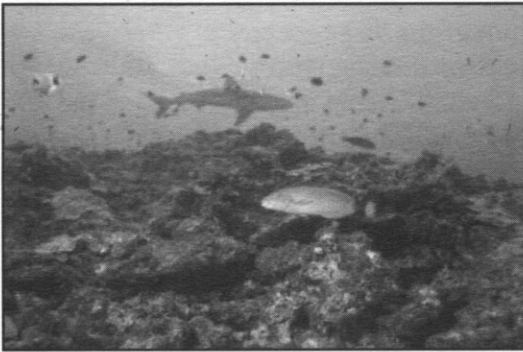
**Dr. Richard C. Murphy, Speaker**  
Wednesday, February 23

**D**r. Murphy, the Director of Science and Education of the Ocean Futures Society, will present a program on coral reefs. Coral reefs are one of the biggest structures created by any living thing, bigger than any building in the world, even the pyramids. Remarkably simple animals, called corals, have worked generation after generation, for thousands of years to construct coral reefs and islands. Creating calcium carbonate homes for themselves, they build the structure of the reef, which remains after they die.

The focus of this presentation is how a coral reef functions – the jobs of individual residents and how they collectively create a sustainable community. We will explore how corals construct the structure of this city under the sea.

But this is also a story about humanity and the places where we live. Coral reefs are, in many ways, like cities even though there are certainly many differences at many different levels of organization. Yet by viewing coral reefs in the context of a city we can more easily see how they operate in ways that neither undermine their own survival nor that of others elsewhere; in other words, how the variety of species collectively enhances the survival of the entire community.

During this multi-media presentation we shall explore life in the coral city in greater depth. Ours will be an adventure of discovery. You will leave having a much better idea about how a coral reef functions and, based on this knowledge, you will better understand how we might live a bit more gently on our planet.



## John James Audubon

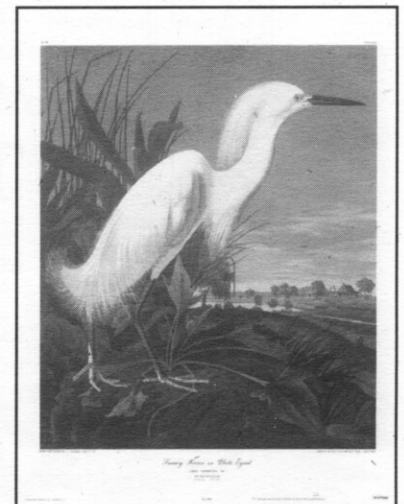
**The Man and His Antique Natural History Prints**

**Linda Miller, Speaker**  
Wednesday, March 23

**T**o most of us, **John James Audubon** is a household name, but few people know much about his life. Myth and erroneous facts about his birth have been perpetuated. Even though Audubon himself contributed to the problem, researchers have now established the truth through painstaking record searches. **Linda Miller**, Curator of the Maximus Gallery at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, will discuss this extraordinary man and his fascinating life.

The Museum's collection of antique natural history prints includes nearly one hundred prints from Audubon's famous work, *The Birds of America*, as well as sixty lithographs from his mid-nineteenth century work on America's mammals, *The Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America*. Join us for a rare and personal behind-the-scenes look at some of these original prints in the Maximus Gallery collection room.

The program will convene in the Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, and then proceed to the Maximus Gallery.





## 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.*

### Sandhill Crane Overnight Trip

**Saturday and Sunday, February 12 and 13**

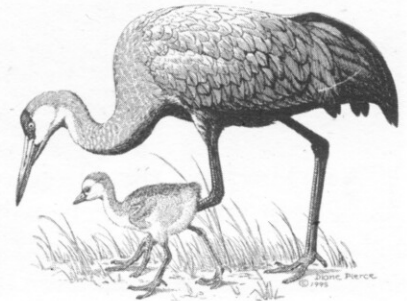
**Target Birds:** Sandhill Cranes, water birds, Burrowing Owls

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

On this trip we will visit the Kern National Wildlife Refuge, the Pixley National Wildlife Refuge, Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park and perhaps the Wind Wolves Preserve. It will be an overnight trip with (free) primitive camping (w/bathroom) available at the Kern National Wildlife Refuge. Everyone must make their own travel arrangements and bring the necessary camping equipment, layers of clothes, food and drink plus birding equipment.

We will meet at 8 am on Saturday February 12 at the Five Points Shopping Center parking lot near Carl's Jr. We will caravan from here to Lost Hills for lunch. From there we will proceed to the Kern National Wildlife Refuge or you can meet us there between 1:30 and 2 pm. It is approximately 220 miles to the Refuge. Take Hwy 101 to Paso Robles and Hwy 46 east to Lost Hills. Once you cross Hwy 5 look for the sign to the Kern National Wildlife Refuge. The turn off is approximately 5 miles or less past Hwy 5. We will meet in front of the visitor center.

After we get organized and camping set up we will visit the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park (Burrowing Owls) and then proceed to the Pixley National Wildlife Refuge to view the Sandhill Cranes as they approach the wetland area for the night. We will then return to the Kern National Wildlife Refuge and spend the night. On Sunday morning we will tour the Kern Refuge (water birds) and then either head home the same way we came or we can go a different route and visit the Wild Wolves Preserve which is located off Hwy 166.



*Sandhill Cranes*

### Lone Star Ranch,

East end of Lake Cachuma

**Saturday, March 19, 7:30 am – noon**

(7:30 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 and other water and song birds

**Leader:** Dave Compton, 965-3153, davcompton@earthlink.net

Take 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 near Carl's Jr (3925 State St). We will car pool from here. Or you can meet us at 8:00 am at the gate to the Lone Star Ranch (4001 Hwy 154, pipe gate with star). We must all enter as a group.

Wear walking shoes. Binoculars and spotting scopes useful. Bring water. Enjoy ranch owner **Lee Carr** and his brother **Charles Carr's** hospitality at one of the best inland winter birding areas in the county!



*Wood Ducks*

### Friday Bird Walks & Field Trips

Please see page 2 for a description of upcoming Friday Bird Walks and two great Field Trips!



# SBAS Christmas Bird Count - January 2, 2005



*American Bittern*

## DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS

1	Gr. White-fronted Goose
	Snow Goose*
2	Ross's Goose*
x	Cackling Goose
44	Canada Goose
	Brant
4	Wood Duck
122	Gadwall
	Eurasian Wigeon*
115	American Wigeon
437	Mallard
3	Blue-winged Teal*
27	Cinnamon Teal
158	Northern Shoveler
7	Northern Pintail
47	Green-winged Teal
1	Canvasback
28	Redhead
108	Ring-necked Duck
2	Greater Scaup*
44	Lesser Scaup
74	Surf Scoter
112	Bufflehead
	Common Goldeneye
2	Hooded Merganser
2	Common Merganser
40	Red-breasted Merganser
133	Ruddy Duck

## QUAIL & TURKEYS

59	Wild Turkey
	Mountain Quail
217	California Quail

## LOONS

5	Red-throated Loon
4	Pacific Loon
20	Common Loon
	loon sp.

## GREBES

71	Pied-billed Grebe
12	Horned Grebe
29	Eared Grebe

183	Western Grebe
x	Clark's Grebe

## SHEARWATERS

	Northern Fulmar
290	Black-vented Shearwater

## PELICANS

663	Brown Pelican
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## CORMORANTS

78	Brandt's Cormorant
457	Double-crested Cormorant
6	Pelagic Cormorant

## HERONS

2	American Bittern
	Least Bittern*
48	Great Blue Heron
51	Great Egret
61	Snowy Egret
3	Cattle Egret
2	Green Heron
119	Black-crowned Night-Heron

## NEW WORLD VULTURES

100	Turkey Vulture
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## HAWKS

	Osprey*
25	White-tailed Kite
5	Northern Harrier
4	Sharp-shinned Hawk
20	Cooper's Hawk
85	Red-shouldered Hawk
92	Red-tailed Hawk
1	Golden Eagle

## FALCONS

31	American Kestrel
12	Merlin
3	Peregrine Falcon*

## RAILS & GALLINULES

6	Virginia Rail
5	Sora
	Common Moorhen
773	American Coot

## PLOVERS

116	Black-bellied Plover
369	Snowy Plover
71	Semipalmated Plover
372	Killdeer

## STILTS & AVOCETS

24	Black-necked Stilt
	American Avocet

## SANDPIPERS

52	Greater Yellowlegs
	Lesser Yellowlegs*
215	Willet
19	Spotted Sandpiper

40	Whimbrel
3	Long-billed Curlew
226	Marbled Godwit
	Ruddy Turnstone
27	Black Turnstone
623	Sanderling
16	Western Sandpiper
208	Least Sandpiper
6	Dunlin
62	Long-billed Dowitcher
22	Wilson's Snipe
	Red Phalarope*

## JAEGERS, GULLS & TERNS

3	Pomarine Jaeger*
1	Parasitic Jaeger
1	jaeger sp.
38	Bonaparte's Gull
1192	Heermann's Gull
160	Mew Gull
177	Ring-billed Gull
625	California Gull
5	Herring Gull
1	Thayer's Gull*
1317	Western Gull
37	Glaucous-winged Gull
	Black-legged Kittiwake*
7	Caspian Tern*
x	Royal Tern
70	Forster's Tern
379	Black Skimmer

## ALCIDS

	Common Murre
	Cassin's Auklet
2	Rhinoceros Auklet

## PIGEONS

1013	Rock Pigeon
537	Band-tailed Pigeon
28	Eurasian Collared-Dove
2	Spotted Dove*
	White-winged Dove*
613	Mourning Dove
2	Common Ground-Dove

## CUCKOOS

3	Greater Roadrunner
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## OWLS

3	Barn Owl
4	Western Screech-Owl
17	Great Horned Owl
	Northern Pygmy-Owl
2	Burrowing Owl

## SWIFTS

7	White-throated Swift
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## HUMMINGBIRDS

636	Anna's Hummingbird
1	Costa's Hummingbird*
6	Allen's Hummingbird*
24	Selasphorus sp.

# SBAS Christmas Bird Count - January 2, 2005

## KINGFISHERS

16 Belted Kingfisher

## WOODPECKERS

453 Acorn Woodpecker  
1 Red-naped Sapsucker\*  
2 Red-breasted Sapsucker  
28 Nuttall's Woodpecker  
22 Downy Woodpecker  
5 Hairy Woodpecker  
97 No. (Red-shaft.) Flicker  
No. (Yel.-shaft.) Flicker\*

## TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

205 Black Phoebe  
49 Say's Phoebe  
1 Tropical Kingbird\*  
15 Cassin's Kingbird\*

## SHRIKES

33 Loggerhead Shrike

## VIREOS

34 Hutton's Vireo

## LARKS

5 Horned Lark

## JAYS & CROWS

3 Steller's Jay  
491 Western Scrub-Jay  
3 Yellow-billed Magpie\*  
1266 American Crow  
3 Common Raven

## CHICKADEES & TITMICE

5 Mountain Chickadee  
197 Oak Titmouse

## BUSHTITS

1020 Bushtit

## NUTHATCHES

8 Red-breasted Nuthatch  
51 White-breasted Nuthatch

## CREEPERS

1 Brown Creeper

## WRENS

1 Rock Wren  
13 Canyon Wren  
86 Bewick's Wren  
34 House Wren  
4 Winter Wren  
21 Marsh Wren

## OLD WORLD WARBLERS & THRUSHES

1 Golden-crowned Kinglet  
571 Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
43 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
71 Western Bluebird  
Townsend's Solitaire  
105 Hermit Thrush

250 American Robin  
Varied Thrush  
108 Wren

## THRASHERS

105 Northern Mockingbird  
59 California Thrasher

## STARLINGS

1055 European Starling

## WAGTAILS & PIPITS

112 American Pipit

## WAXWINGS

189 Cedar Waxwing

## SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

1 Phainopepla

## WOOD-WARBLERS

149 Orange-crowned Warbler  
3 Nashville Warbler\*  
2 Yellow Warbler\*  
2365 Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler  
25 Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler  
2 Black-th. Gray Warbler  
131 Townsend's Warbler  
Hermit Warbler\*  
1 Palm Warbler\*  
1 Black-and-white Warbler\*  
165 Common Yellowthroat  
5 Wilson's Warbler

## TANAGERS

Summer Tanager\*  
2 Western Tanager\*

## SPARROWS & GROSBEAKS

125 Spotted Towhee  
414 California Towhee  
Rufous-crowned Sparrow  
12 Chipping Sparrow  
35 Lark Sparrow  
Sage Sparrow  
91 Savannah Sparrow  
17 Fox Sparrow  
199 Song Sparrow  
30 Lincoln's Sparrow  
1 Swamp Sparrow\*  
6 White-throated Sparrow\*  
331 Golden-crowned Sparrow  
1348 White-crowned Sparrow  
504 Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco  
Dark-eyed (Sl.-col.) Junco  
Dark-eyed (Gr.-head) Junco  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak\*  
1 Black-headed Grosbeak\*

## BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES

336 Red-winged Blackbird  
2 Tricolored Blackbird  
419 Western Meadowlark  
336 Brewer's Blackbird

36 Great-tailed Grackle  
40 Brown-headed Cowbird  
1 Orchard Oriole\*  
Hooded Oriole\*  
Baltimore Oriole\*  
2 Bullock's Oriole\*  
Scott's Oriole\*

## FINCHES

28 Purple Finch  
1047 House Finch  
240 Pine Siskin  
258 Lesser Goldfinch  
Lawrence's Goldfinch  
167 American Goldfinch

## OLD WORLD SPARROWS

163 House Sparrow

## INTRODUCED EXOTICS

4 Nutmeg Mannikin

## ADDITIONAL SPECIES

1 Red-necked Grebe  
1 Zone-tailed Hawk  
1 White-headed Woodpecker  
1 Plumbeous/Cassin's Vireo  
15 Tree Swallow  
4 Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
1 Chestnut-backed Chickadee  
9 Pygmy Nuthatch  
1 Magnolia Warbler  
1 Worm-eating Warbler  
10 Red Crossbill  
x Glaucous Gull (Count Week)

**GRAND TOTAL: 201 species**

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



*Orchard Oriole*

## Volunteer Restoration Opportunities

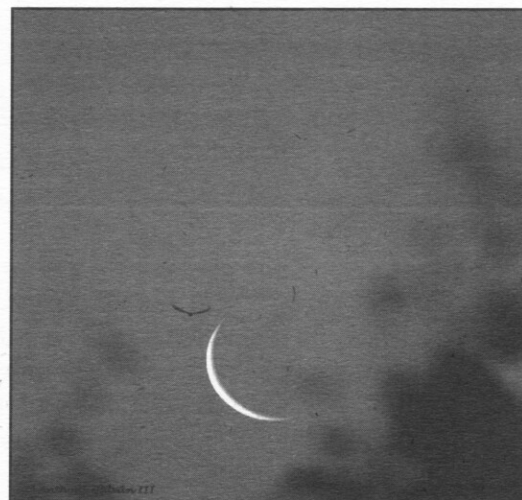
Audubon helps recruit volunteers for habitat restoration for Coal Oil Point Reserve and Arroyo Hondo Preserve. Come spend a morning in a beautiful bird habitat, helping restore our local natural areas. To volunteer at Coal Oil Point contact **Julie Love**; [jlove@lifesci.ucsb.edu](mailto:jlove@lifesci.ucsb.edu), 453-4840, or **Darlene Chirman**, [dchirman@rain.org](mailto:dchirman@rain.org), 692-2008. For Arroyo Hondo contact Land Trust Volunteer Coordinator **Jane Murray**, [ltvolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:ltvolunteer@yahoo.com), 684-4405.

Date	Time	Place	Contact
Sun, Feb 6	9am-12:30pm	Arroyo Hondo Preserve, bring a lunch, hike afterwards if you like	Jane
Sat, Feb 26	9am-noon	Coal Oil Point Reserve, contact for site	Julie
Sun, Mar 6	9am-12:30pm	Arroyo Hondo Preserve, bring a lunch, hike afterwards if you like	Jane
Sat, Mar 26	9am-noon	Coal Oil Point Reserve, contact for site	Julie



*Sanderling by Steven D'Amato*

The photo on the right was taken by **Anthony Galvan** and is a Great Horned Owl heading towards its roost after a night of hunting. It is one of a pair that he sees regularly in his neighborhood.



*Great Horned Owl, by Anthony Galvan*

## Welcome!

**S**BAS extends a warm welcome to our newest members. We look forward to seeing you at our programs and field trips. Thanks for joining!

<i>Mark Abate</i>	<i>Vicki Kunzel</i>
<i>Jeanne Anderson</i>	<i>Mr &amp; Mrs John Mac Kenzie</i>
<i>Diane Bartel</i>	<i>Mary Mc Gee</i>
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## Las Cruzitas Ranch

### Field Trip Report

**Saturday, November 13, 2004**

**By Richard D. Miller**

Our field trip to the Cruz ranch in the Santa Ynez Valley was a very rewarding experience. Stopping on the way to the ranch, we were treated to an extended viewing of a Ferruginous Hawk and a White-tailed Kite. The ranch house, surrounded by many trees, berry bushes and bird feeders was a veritable oasis, teeming with birds, surrounded by pasture land and harrowed fields. Within 100 feet of the ranch house over 50 species of birds were observed, including Cedar Waxwings, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Hummingbirds and Yellow-billed Magpies. Our gracious hostess **Cruz Phillips** then took us to other areas on her 1500 acre ranch. We observed other types of birds in the canyons, including a Roadrunner. Our many thanks to **Cruz Phillips**!



## Calendar of Events

- Feb 4 Bird Walk: Lake Los Carneros
- Feb 6 Restore: Arroyo Hondo Preserve
- Feb 12-13 Field Trip: Sandhill Cranes
- Feb 18 Field Trip: Pt Mugu NAS
- Feb 23 Program: The Coral City
- Feb 26 Restore: Coal Oil Point Reserve
- Mar 4 Field Trip: Ventura Game Preserve
- Mar 6 Restore: Arroyo Hondo Preserve
- Mar 18 Bird Walk: San Jose Creek
- Mar 19 Field Trip: Lone Star Ranch
- Mar 23 Program: John J. Audubon
- Mar 26 Restore: Coal Oil Point Reserve
- Apr 1 Bird Walk: Loon Point

Check our website for any changes or late additions to our Bird Walks, Field Trips or Programs:  
<http://www.rain.org/~audubon/>



A special thanks to **Lee Moldaver** and **Natasha Carr** who did a great job with hospitality at the CBC dinner. It was a lovely warm ending to a long (sometimes cold and wet) exciting day!

## SBAS - July 2004/June 2005

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