Annual Membership Picnic

Saturday, July 23, 11 am - 3 pm
Skofield Park, Area C
1819 Los Canoas Rd, Santa Barbara

We will gather under the oaks for our yearly potluck, sharing food, good conversation and Audubon adventures.

Skofield Park offers a creek-side setting and hiking trails, ideal for nature walks and exploration.

An optional pre-picnic natural history walk up Rattlesnake Trail with David Kisner and Darlene Chirman will begin at 11 am from the Skofield Park parking lot. We’ll identify and talk about what we see — birds, plants, reptiles, animal signs...

Picnic to begin at noon. Grill will be sizzling, bring a dish to share. The chapter will provide non-alcoholic beverages.

A short program will follow the picnic: First will be the election of the Board of Directors for the coming year (Slate of Nominees on right). We will then honor some special people who have contributed to Santa Barbara Audubon and the conservation and education we espouse. We’ll also highlight some achievements of the past year.

This will be a great time to get reacquainted with old members and to meet the new ones!

Be there! The more, the merrier!

SB Audubon Society
Slate of Nominees, 2005 - 2006

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Directions: Take Hwy 101 to Mission St and head towards the mountains. Turn left on Laguna St then right on Los Olivos St. Los Olivos St runs into Mission Canyon Rd. Continue on Mission Canyon Rd to the stop sign at Foothill Rd. Turn right on Foothill Rd and left on Mission Canyon Rd (across from Fire Station #15). Turn right on Las Canoas Rd and proceed to Skofield Park.
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, 453-4840, or Darlene Chirman, dchirman@rain.org, 692-2008. For Arroyo Hondo contact Land Trust Volunteer Coordinator Jane Murray, ltvolunteer@sblandtrust.org, 684-4405.

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Save this Date!

Thank Goodness It’s Friday!

Friday, July 8, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Environmental Defense Center
906 Garden St
(corner of Garden & Canon Perdido)
Cost: $10 at the door

TGIF is Environmental Defense Center’s summer outreach to the community. Four Fridays each summer the public is invited into their beautiful courtyard for drinks and generously donated light food. The Santa Barbara Audubon Society will be the main sponsor of the TGIF on July 8. Ten dollars gets you grazing privileges plus two drink tickets good for beer or wine if you so choose. Raffle tickets purchased at the door will put you in the pecking order for great prizes, with the proceeds going to the SBAS.

Western Bird Banders Association Meeting

The 78th annual meeting of the Western Bird Banders Association, co-hosted by Tree Swallow Nesting Projects, will be held in Camarillo from September 29 through October 2. Camarillo, located 40 miles north of Los Angeles, is in the middle of the Oxnard plain, a major migration stop-off for hundreds of species. For more information please contact:
Jan Wasserman: bandlady@treeswallows.org
Walt Sakai: SAKAI_WALTER@smc.edu

Other Trips & Events

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
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 Salton Sea
California’s “Crown Jewel of Avian Biodiversity”
Kathie Satterfield, Speaker
Wednesday, June 22

Plans are underway to reduce the size of the Salton Sea by approximately half. This reduction has many ramifications, not only for the birds using the Sea itself, but also for those using the numerous other habitats that make up the Salton Sea ecosystem. These habitats include agricultural lands – both flooded and dry fields, canals, drains riparian areas and fresh water marshes. How this reduction is accomplished and how much water is transferred out of Imperial Valley will significantly affect literally millions of birds and hundreds of bird species.

400+ Bird Species
100+ Breeding Species
124,000 Shorebirds (44+ species)
30,000 Cattle Egret in a single nesting colony
25,000+ Snow & Ross’ Geese
45% of all Yuma Clapper Rails

Kathie Satterfield is a past president of the San Diego Audubon Society. She is active in conservation efforts for the San Diego Museum of Natural History, the San Diego Zoo and many other organizations. Please join Kathie to learn more about what is at stake at the Salton Sea and how you can participate in Audubon’s campaign to save and restore California’s “Crown Jewel of Avian Biodiversity”.

Note that there is no program in July.
Hope to see everyone at the July 23 Membership Picnic!
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.

Valley View Ranch
near Santa Paula
Saturday, June 25, 8:15 am - 1 pm
(7:30 am at car pool location)
(Note: Riders should share gas costs - $5)
Target Birds: White-tailed Kite, Blue Grosbeak, Yellow-breasted Chat, flycatchers, vireos, warblers
Leader: Jim Greaves

We will meet at the Andree Clark Bird Refuge off Cabrillo Blvd at 7:30 am to car pool. Riders should share gas costs ($5). If you want to meet us at the ranch at 8:30 take Hwy 101 to Ventura and exit on Hwy 126 east. In Santa Paula take the 10th St exit. Go under the freeway then right on Harvard Blvd to 12th St and turn right at light where Harvard Blvd becomes South Mountain Rd. Go 3.7 miles past # 20089 and then turn left at the next driveway with a green gate. Follow road through the groves about ½ mile to the parking area. Jim will be waiting for us here.

Please join Jim, an environmental consultant with two decades of experience monitoring Least Bell’s Vireo populations in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, for a morning of viewing and learning about our common and endangered breeding woodland and streamside birds. Bring water, snack and insect repellant. Dress in layers; wear long pants and walking shoes. For further details or questions contact Jack Sanford at 566-2191.

Trout Club
near Santa Barbara
Saturday, July 30, 8:30 am - noon or 1 pm
(8:00 am at car pool location)
Target Birds: flycatchers, thrushes, gnatcatchers, hummingbirds, sparrows, orioles, etc.
Leader: Robert Lindsay

Take Hwy 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 at 8 am. We must car pool because of limited parking. We are limited to 25 people so reservations are necessary. Please call Jack Sanford at 566-2191 to make a reservation or if you have any questions. Let Jack know if you are able to drive and provide a ride for others. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, July 27.

Don’t miss this opportunity to bird this unique area! The private Trout Club is located off Old San Marcus Rd and is normally off limits to birders.
Friday Bird Walks

Join us on the first and third Fridays of each month from 8:30 am – 10:30, except otherwise noted. Please call Trip Leader Jack Sanford, 566-2191, if you have questions or are interested in leading a bird walk or field trip.

Friday, June 3: Nojoqui Falls County Park
(Note: Riders should share gas costs - $5)
Target Birds: Yellow-billed Magpie, Acorn Woodpecker, Purple Martin, Black Phoebe, Blue Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, owls, vireos, towhees and orioles
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 at 8:30. We will go north on 101 to the Nojoqui Falls turnoff and proceed to the park. We will bird the park and hike to the falls (an easy walk). This walk will take a little longer than usual and we will return by 11:30. We will also bird Gaviota State Park on the way back, time permitting.

Friday, June 24: San Jose Creek open space
(Note: this walk is scheduled for the fourth Friday of June)
Target Birds: songbirds, woodpeckers, hummingbirds, etc.
Take Hwy 101 to the Patterson Ave off ramp and head towards the mountains. Turn left at Parejo Drive (second street from Hwy 101). Follow Parejo Drive to the end (at Merida Drive and San Jose Creek). Turn right on Merida Drive, proceed to the end and park.

Friday, July 1: Farren Road, west of Goleta
Target Birds: hummingbirds, kingbirds, flycatchers, sparrows and Blue Grosbeaks
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 at 8:30. Or, if you prefer, take Hwy 101 north to approximately 1 mile past the Winchester Canyon Road exit. Exit Hwy 101 (towards the mountains), turn left on Calle Real and go west for about 300 yards to Farren Rd and park there (meet at 9 am).

Friday, July 22: Tabano Hollow open space
(Note: this walk is scheduled for the fourth Friday of July)
Target Birds: songbirds, woodpeckers, hummingbirds, etc.
Take Hwy 101 to the Turnpike Ave off ramp and head towards the mountains. Turn left on Cathedral Oaks Road. Turn left on Ribera Drive, proceed to the end at Matorral Way and park.

Lone Star Ranch
Field Trip Report
Saturday, March 19
By Judy Hogan

Location, location, location! The spectacular Lone Star Ranch, owned by Lee and Charles Carr, includes pond, meadow, forest and is contiguous to Lake Cachuma. So a rainy, wet day with periods of blue sky and even a bright rainbow, didn’t stop our small group from our mission: sighting water birds, shore birds, song birds and raptors. By the end of the morning our list included 42 species. One Osprey was particularly entertaining as it dove under water for its fish but had to “catch and release” as it was too heavy.

Thanks to our superb field leader, Dave Compton, for arranging this field trip and making it such a fun and bird-filled morning.
Hollister Ranch
Field Trip Report
Saturday, May 7
By Jack Sanford

We could not have had a more perfect day for this trip! Thirty-three birders met at the Five Points Shopping Center and traveled in 5 vehicles to the Hollister Ranch. There we met Wendy (the Hollister Ranch representative) at the main house at 9:30 in the morning. We birded the entire area around the house with our leader Guy Tingos pointing out bird after bird and his wife Betsy recording the data (total for the day – 63 species). From there we traveled to a beach location where we spotted ocean and pond birds. Oscar Johnson, a 16-year-old from Ventura who has participated in several of our events and is an excellent birder and spotter, was a big asset to the trip. Between Guy and Oscar and other good spotters not many, if any, birds escaped our eyes.

It was a great birding experience and Santa Barbara Audubon wants to offer a special thanks to the Hollister Ranch Association and to Wendy for allowing us the privilege of birding the Ranch. And, as we were about to leave the Hollister Ranch main gate, someone spotted one of my favorite birds – a Greater Roadrunner in a tree just several feet from the roadway. All in all it was a very rewarding experience and a special thanks goes to Guy for his leadership.

Rancho La Vina
Field Trip Report
Saturday, April 9
By Kathleen Morrissey & Debbie Patelzick

As the two “newbie’s” to the Audubon birder scene, we weren’t sure we were going to be intimidated by the experienced birders on our first Audubon Society birding field trip. But...after meeting the other eight members of the group organized by Jack Sanford and lead by naturalist Paul Keller, we felt most welcome and able to lend our eyes and ears to the day’s experience.

Rancho La Vina was spectacular with its grape vines, walnut orchards, oak forests, a mountain-ringed meadow and year round flowing creek. Happily, the rain held-off and the wind allowed the sunshine to occasionally peek through.

We saw a variety of birds starting with a Great Egret and a pair of Western Bluebirds. After parking and introductions, we came upon the spectacular mating acrobatics of Red-tailed Hawks, along with Turkey Vultures, and a family of California Quail. As we headed up a ranch road through oak forests, we spotted the Dark-eyed Junco, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Spotted Towhee, Bushtit, Oak Titmouse, Wrentit, and a Sharp-shinned Hawk.

When we arrived at the meadow, we entered a horse corral and were followed around by three curious and very friendly horses. We spotted a flock of Golden-crowned Sparrows, California Towhee, and had a vigorous debate on the identification of a woodpecker (which was finally agreed to be a Nuttall’s). As we left the horses we saw a Western scrub-Jay and an Acorn Woodpecker. The finale of the hike was spotting a Yellow-billed Magpie.

We’d like to thank Paul for his birding and botanical expertise and Jack for keeping us on schedule and for his friendly, charming humor. We’re looking forward to many more Audubon hikes and adventures!
Welcome!

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

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Jun 5  Restore Arroyo Hondo Preserve
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Jun 25  Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve
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Jul 16 Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve
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