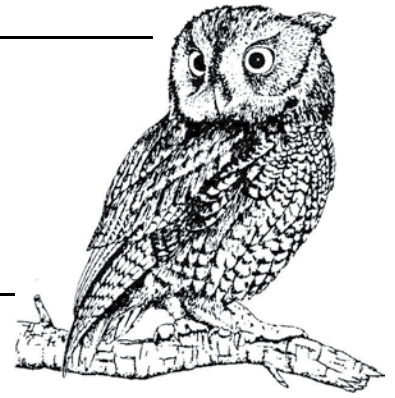

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“Penguins” Fund Raiser a Great Success

SBAS's special benefit showing of “The March of the Penguins” at the Riviera Theater on July 14 was a resounding success! A sell-out crowd enjoyed a pre-screening talk by naturalists **Brad Schramm** and **Elise Stephens**, along with delicious refreshments provided by local restaurants and stores. Wildlife photographer **Larry Wan** was on hand to donate a beautiful penguin photo for the drawing. A wonderful time was had by all and over \$3000 was raised for Eyes In The Sky and the Plover Docent Program! We want to especially thank Metropolitan Theaters and Warner International for providing venue, film and prizes.

Special thanks as well to local businesses that donated food, drinks, gift certificates, and media coverage:

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Café del Sol
Chuck's
Natural Café
Our Daily Bread
Peet's Coffee and Tea
Playa Azul

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And a HUGE thank you to volunteers **Susan Lentz, John O'Brien, Ben Shalant, John Walker, Darlene Chirman, Julie Kummel, Mary Thompson, Patricia Malone, and Lee Moldaver.**



*John O'Brien, Larry Wan and Lee Moldaver
with recipient of Larry's photo.*



Reception in the lobby of the Riviera Theater.

President's Message

by Darlene Chirman

Forty members of Santa Barbara Audubon met under the shade of the Coast Live Oaks at Skofield Park for our Annual Membership Picnic and election of the Board of Directors. Please see the back page for the current board. A group of intrepid hikers braved the heat for a short walk up Rattlesnake Creek Trail with Science Chair **David Kisner** before the picnic. We learned to identify several bird species by their unique calls.

After a great potluck, we introduced and voted in the slate of nominees for the board of directors for the coming year. Honored were outgoing board members **Mary Thompson**, who served on the board for two years, most recently as Education Chair, and **Bill and Elaine Uomini**, who served as editors of El Tecolote for six years. Dedicated volunteers were recognized for their contribution to the chapter programs. **Kathi Backus** was recognized for her long service as a habitat restoration volunteer. **Coni Edick** is a dedicated and experienced volunteer with the Eyes in the Sky program. **Yuvaraj Dora** was recognized for his great contribution as a Snowy Plover Docent. The Board would like to thank these and all volunteers for Santa Barbara Audubon, which make it the vibrant organization it is for conservation of local wildlife and habitats, educating the public, and utilizing science-based monitoring programs to aid in these conservation efforts.



Julie Love, Conservation Chair, Kathi Backus, honored as habitat restoration volunteer, Board President Darlene Chirman, EITS Program Manager Gabriele Drozdowski, and Coni Edick, EITS volunteer.

The establishment of an **Endowment Fund of Santa Barbara Audubon Society** was announced. This is being created to support the core programs of the chapter.

It's official! As of July 1, **SBAS** has launched the Tecolote Circle. We



Joan LaCombe and Hellen Brown chat over lunch.



Jack Sanford announcing upcoming field trips.



*Potluck under the oaks.
Photo by Callie Bowdish*



Sam Chirman kept the BBQ going.

invite you to become a charter member of the Tecolote Circle with a minimum donation of \$1000, which can be in the form of cash, a bequest, or appreciated securities. Your donation can help ensure that Audubon programs such as Eyes in the Sky and the Plover Docent Program will continue to serve the community for generations. Yearly income will be maintained thorough careful investment. The Endowment Fund was established by a board resolution in June, and will be managed by our newly-appointed SBAS Endowment Management Committee with the assistance of a professional Investment Advisor. If you have been thinking of a gift or bequest to **SBAS**, please consider the Tecolote Circle as a gift that truly will keep on giving! Your generosity will be recognized with a special yearly Tecolote Circle members-only event, and you will be recognized in our newsletter as a Tecolote Circle Donor. Of course, donations of any size to our Endowment Fund will be accepted and appreciated! For more information, contact **Julie Kummel** at 964-9444.

TGIF at the EDC

The TGIF party at the Environmental Defense Center, July 8th, hosted by the **SBAS**, drew a large, cheerful crowd. Max, the owl, and other raptors from Eyes In The Sky were on hand as ambassadors. The donated refreshments disappeared with gusto and the drawing for the raffle prizes was a great hit especially with the winners. Music was provided by Gary Foshee and Tompeet.



Max holding court.



SBAS President Darlene welcomes all to the TGIF party.

Thanks to the donors of raffle prizes for the EDC TGIF party:

Bed Bath and Beyond
Café La Luz
Callie Bowdish—Photography
Chaucer's Books
EDC
Island Seed and Feed
Lynn Watson — More Mesa Note Cards
Patagonia
Phyllis Shalant—Book
Valerie Olson — S.B. Zoo



Jack Sanford and others enjoy the balmy evening event.



Ben Shalant, Darlene and their assistant call out the raffle numbers.

Thanks also to the donors of refreshments:

Bucatini
Emilio's
Fresco
Our Daily Bread
Pascucci
Sojourner
Trader Joe's
Yankee Farms

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.

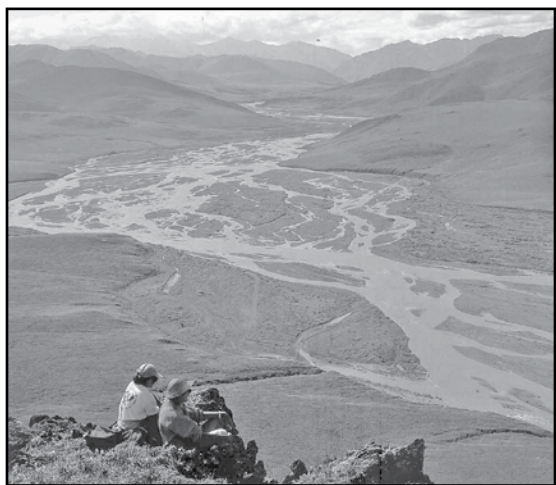
The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Powerful Landscape/Powerful Politics

Kathryn Hannay

Wednesday, September 28

The Arctic Refuge is a unique and pristine wilderness area that is crucial both to the Native people and a huge range of wildlife. The coastal plain is the most biologically productive part of the Arctic Refuge for wildlife activity. It is the most important onshore polar bear denning area in the United States and is also home to many unique and important animals including grizzly bears, Dall sheep,



musk oxen, arctic foxes and wolverines. Hundreds of thousands of migratory birds, representing more than 130 species, make stopovers on their trips from Baja Peninsula, Chesapeake Bay and Antarctica to use the remote coastal plain as a breeding and nesting-ground. The area is most recognized for the annual migration of the 130,000 member Porcupine River Caribou herd. Each spring these animals travel over 400 miles to reach the coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge to give birth to their young.

We invite you to a slide presentation presented by **Kathryn Hannay**, who was fortunate to join the Sierra Club on a backpack trip to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to learn about the natural history, cultural traditions, and political pressure on this pristine wilderness.

August & September Volunteer Restoration Opportunities

Audubon helps recruits volunteers for habitat restoration at the Coal Oil Point Reserve and the Arroyo Hondo Preserve. Come help to restore a creek or estuary while spending a morning in a beautiful bird habitat. Contact the Land Trust, Arroyo Hondo Preserve Volunteer Coordinator Jane Murray at ltvolunteer@yahoo.com or 684-4405. For Coal Oil Point Reserve, contact Julie Love at jlove@lifesci.ucsb.edu or 453-4840 or Darlene Chirman at dchirman@rain.org or 692-2008.

Date	Time	Place	Contact
Sat, Aug. 20	9-noon	Coal Oil Point Reserve—contact for site.	Julie
Sun, Sept. 4	9-12:30pm	Arroyo Hondo Preserve. Bring a lunch if you like.	Jane Murray
Sat, Sept. 17	9-noon	Coal Oil Point Reserve—contact for site.	Julie
Sun, Oct. 2	9-12:30pm	Arroyo Hondo Preserve. Bring a lunch if you like.	Jane Murray

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.

Rancho Guadalupe Dunes

Summer Bird Life

Saturday, August 13, (8:00am car pool time)

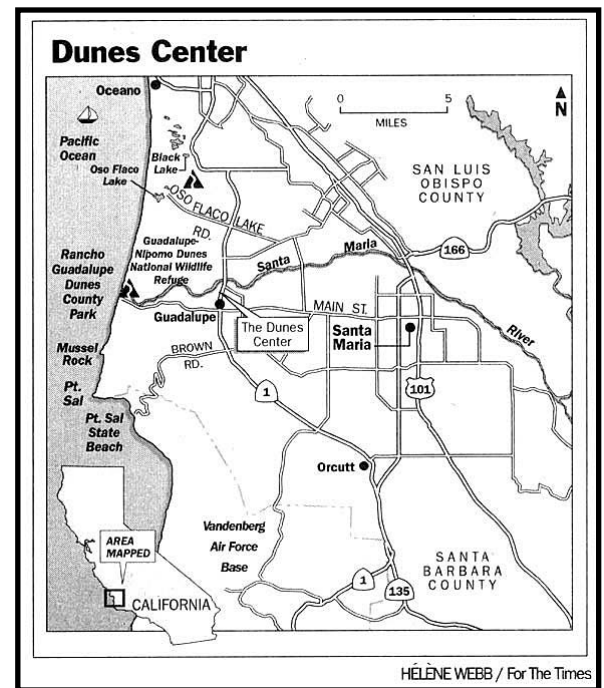
Target Birds: Shorebirds

Trip Leader: Dunes Center Docent Naturalist Willie Richerson

Cost: \$5 for gas money to car pool drivers

We will be joining Guadalupe Dunes Center Naturalist **Willie Richerson** for a leisurely stroll at Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve from **10am to 12 noon**. We will view shorebirds along the beach and the Santa Maria River Estuary with Mr. Richerson sharing how these birds use our land. Dress in layers and it is recommended that you bring water and food.

We will meet at the Kmart parking lot in Goleta at 8:00am and car pool to the Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve. If you would like to meet us at the dunes at 10:00am, take Hwy 101 north to Hwy 166 (Main St. exit in Santa Maria) and head west towards the Guadalupe Dunes parking lot. You will cross Hwy 1 and continue on Hwy 166 for 5 additional miles. Please contact **Jack Sanford** at 566-2191 if you have any questions.



Oso Flaco Lake

Sunday, September 18, (7am car pool time)

Target Birds: Fresh water and salt water birds plus Northern Harriers and Wrens.

Trip Leader: Dunes Center Docent Ken Wolf

Cost: \$5 for gas to car pool drivers + \$5 entrance fee per car (unless you have a State Park Pass)

We will be joining Guadalupe Dunes Center Docent **Ken Wolf** for a walk at Oso Flaco Lake Natural Area from **9am to 11am**. This will be a leisurely 2 mile jaunt that includes a raised boardwalk that allows hikers (birders) to walk across the freshwater lake. Learn about this rare and unique ecosystem while birding too. Dress in layers and it is recommended that you bring water and a snack.

We will meet at the Kmart parking lot in Goleta at 7am to car pool to Oso Flaco Lake. If you would like to meet us at the lake at 9am, take Hwy 101 north to Hwy 166 (Main Street exit in Santa Maria) and head west towards the town of Guadalupe. Go thru Guadalupe and at the Hwy 1 intersection turn north (right) on Hwy 1 and travel 3 miles to Oso Flaco Road. Turn west (left) on Oso Flaco Road and proceed 3 miles to the parking lot.

Please contact **Jack Sanford** at 566-2191 if you have any questions.

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!

William Aikele
John S. Alexander
Dianne Armitage
Mae Bergman
Gary D. Bobo
Ms. Carol Bond
Kathy Bower
Jane Cairns
Ms. Stella Cetone
Twila L. Christensen
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Bruce Wilson
Deborah Winant
Thomas M Wolf
Diane Wallace-Wolf
Mary Young



Yellow-breasted Chat
photo by Jim Greaves

Valley View Ranch Field Trip Report Saturday, June 25, 2005 By Jack Sanford

We had a little trouble locating the Ranch because the Green Gate land mark was open so we drove right by it. We also could not find the fruit tree groves that we were supposed to drive through, because they had been torn out and replanted with chilli pepper plants. However after a short delay we arrived at the proper location where Jim Greaves, our leader, greeted us and our field trip began. And it began with a bang for perching on a nearby pole was a Yellow-breasted Chat one of our target birds. In fact Jim located and pointed out all the target birds we had listed in the El Tecolote. We spotted a Blue Grosbeak, a White-tailed Kite, an Ash-throated Flycatcher, a Bell' Vireo, a Hutton's Vireo , and a Yellow Warbler plus 20 other species. Jim used his bird caller to entice both a male and female Blue Grosbeak to come close enough so that we could get a really good look at them. He also located a Bell's Vireo's nest with 2 eggs in it. The female Vireo came to sit on the nest while we were spotting it through a scope. We were also treated to the company of the owner of the Ranch, **Sanger (Sandy) Hedrick**, who offered a great deal of history and knowledge both of the land and the birds. All in all the approximately 15 birders that attended the Audubon Valley View Ranch field trip went home more knowledgeable about wildlife habitat and especially birds.

All of us want to thank **Jim Greaves** for his expert leadership and **Sandy Hedrick** who has dedicated his lifestyle to protecting and improving the preserve.



Blue Grosbeak
photo by Jim Greaves

Friday Bird Walks

Join us on the first and third Fridays of each month from **8:30am -10:30am**, except as otherwise noted. Please call Bird Walk leader **Jack Sanford**, 566-2191, if you have questions or are interested in leading a bird walk or field trip to your favorite birding place.

Friday, Aug. 5: Lake Los Carneros



Sora by Daniel S. Kilby.

Take Hwy 101 to the Los Carneros Road off ramp and head towards the mountains. Follow the Los Carneros Road to the Los Carneros County Park (Stow House & Railroad Museum) The parking lot is located behind the Fire Station

Friday, Aug. 19: Hidden Valley Park

Take Modoc Rd to Calle De Los Amigos. The park is on the corner of Calle De Los Amigos and Torino Drive. Park on street.

Friday, Sept. 2: Atascadero Creek

From Hwy 101 take the Patterson off ramp and head towards the ocean. Park in the dirt area near the Atascadero Creek bridge.

Friday, Sept. 16: Ennisbrook Nature Trail

Take Hwy 101 to the Sheffield Drive turn off, Follow Sheffield Drive and turn left on San Leandro Lane (first left). The nature trail is located on right side of road past the white picket fence near a pump house.

An Evening with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

A Contract With Our Future

and signing his latest book
"Crimes Against Nature"

Friday, Sept. 16, 8pm

Tickets on sale at Lobero, \$27.50

Dinner reception preceding talk,
phone 965-4491 for more information.

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*Western Scrub Jay
by Kirsten Munson.*

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Calendar of Events

- Aug. 5 Lake Los Carneros Bird Walk
 Aug. 13 Guadalupe Dunes Field Trip
 Aug. 19 Hidden Valley Park Bird Walk
 Aug. 20 Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve
 Sept. 2 Atascadero Creek Bird Walk
 Sept. 4 Restore Arroyo Hondo Preserve
 Sept. 16 Ennisbrook Nature Trail Bird Walk
 Sept. 16 Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
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 Sept. 17 Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve
 Sept. 18 Oso Flaco Lake Field Trip
 Sept. 28 The Arctic National Wildlife
 Refuge Program
 Oct. 2 Restore Arroyo Hondo Preserve

*Check our website for any changes or late additions
 to our Bird Walks, Field Trips or Programs:*
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Editors Note:

My thanks to Bill and Elaine for all their help in getting me started on the newsletter. It's going to be a real hard act to follow!!

Submissions for the next issue are due September 10th and can be sent to:
sbasnews@cox.net

Andy

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