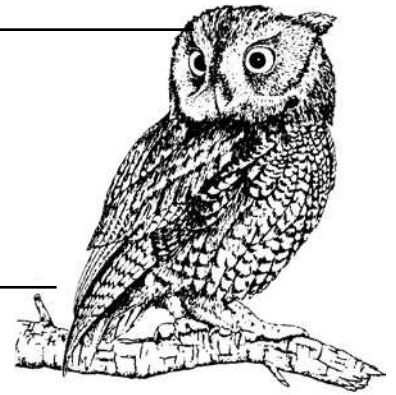


El Tecolote

Newsletter of the Santa Barbara Audubon Society, Inc.
Volume 45, Issue 4

February—March 2007



SANTA BARBARA BREAKS RECORDS WITH HIGH COUNT OF 224 SPECIES ON 2006 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT!

By Joan E. Lentz

Nobody thought we could do it! Up until now, the record high number of species sighted on Santa Barbara Audubon's Christmas Bird Count was 219 in 1982. That was the gold standard. The good old days....., right?

Wrong. We beat that total handily this year, and we tied the record for the highest number on any California CBC in history: San Diego in 1969 with 224. What a triumph for Santa Barbara Audubon, participants from far and near, and all of you who worked so hard to make this the most successful Count ever!

Everything came together, and the day was perfect. Excellent weather (at last!), high observer participation resulting in more coverage of our Count circle, a quantity of skilled observers, and plenty of pre-Count scouting added up to a winning situation.

This year highlighted the fact that Santa Barbara still has a diversity of habitats, which hold a wonderful array of birds. In addition, there was somewhat of a montane influence. Several species such as White-headed Woodpecker, Red Crossbill, and Mountain Chickadee, which are normally found in the high mountains, made an appearance within the Count circle, being spotted on La Cumbre Peak.

The Chestnut-collared Longspur, a first for the Santa Barbara CBC, was counted on the hang-glider field at Elings Park. An assortment of warblers showed up, including a Black-throated Green Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Painted

Redstart, and American Redstart. Orioles were everywhere: 3 Orchard Orioles, 2 Hooded Orioles, and a Scott's Oriole all appeared.

The venerable Zone-tailed Hawk, most frequently seen at the intersection of North Fairview Avenue and Cuesta Verde, was counted for her 14th year of returning to winter in Santa Barbara. A tiny Hammond's Flycatcher, a repeat for its second year, was seen perched at Bohnett Park on the west side of downtown Santa Barbara.

From the early hours of Saturday morning until darkness fell, we found approximately 41,000 individuals. That is a handsome number and well above recent years when we were plagued by rain and wind.

My thanks go to the following wonderful volunteers without whom this would never have happened: Dave Compton and Karen Bridgers, who keep track of all the birds sighted up until Count Day; Joan Murdoch, who is a fabulous assistant and spends much time organizing the sign-ups; the "scouters", those birders who help by going out birding in all the Count areas before the actual Count Day to get "stake-outs", birds that we can then return and count for the CBC; the Compilation Committee led by Bill Pollock and staffed by Dave Compton, Rebecca Coulter, and Jared Dawson; the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History who lets us have our Compilation Potluck there for a minimal fee; and Santa Barbara Audubon and Darlene Chirman, who totally support the CBC effort.

How did we do nationwide?

Besides being Number 1 in California, Santa Barbara was Number 3 in the nation, behind two Texas Counts: Corpus Christi with 235 and Mad Island Marsh with 232. At least we can say we bested our old rival Freeport, which counted 214 this year.

All in all, it doesn't get any better than this. Let's celebrate our incredible bird diversity and lovely climate by going out birding every day of the year—not just for the Christmas Bird Count!



Mid day meeting. Photo Callie Bowdish

Santa Barbara 2006 Christmas Bird Count Results

DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS	HERONS	JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS
<u> </u> Gr. White-fronted Goose	<u> </u> American Bittern	<u> 12</u> Pomarine Jaeger *
<u> 1</u> Snow Goose *	<u> 1</u> Least Bittern *	<u> 7</u> Parasitic Jaeger
<u> 4</u> Ross' Goose *	<u> 47</u> Great Blue Heron	<u> 1</u> ~ Jaeger sp
<u> 2</u> Cackling Goose	<u> 33</u> Great Egret	<u> 12</u> Bonaparte's Gull
<u> 110</u> Canada Goose	<u> 37</u> Snowy Egret	<u> 611</u> Heermann's Gull
<u> 50</u> Brant	<u> 1</u> Cattle Egret	<u> 66</u> Mew Gull
<u> 1</u> Wood Duck	<u> 6</u> Green Heron	<u> 252</u> Ring-billed Gull
<u> 103</u> Gadwall	<u> 63</u> Black-crowned Night-Heron	<u> 558</u> California Gull
<u> 1</u> Eurasian Wigeon *		<u> 7</u> Herring Gull
<u> 137</u> American Wigeon		<u> 1</u> Thayer's Gull *
<u> 439</u> Mallard	NEW WORLD VULTURES	<u> 1124</u> Western Gull
<u> 4</u> Blue-winged Teal *	<u> 89</u> Turkey Vulture	<u> 18</u> Glaucous-winged Gull
<u> 20</u> Cinnamon Teal		<u> </u> Black-legged Kittiwake *
<u> 419</u> Northern Shoveler	HAWKS	<u> </u> Caspian Tern *
<u> 20</u> Northern Pintail	<u> 1</u> Osprey *	<u> 52</u> Royal Tern
<u> 152</u> Green-winged Teal	<u> 31</u> White-tailed Kite	<u> 192</u> Forster's Tern
<u> </u> Canvasback	<u> 13</u> Northern Harrier	<u> 415</u> Black Skimmer
<u> 55</u> Redhead	<u> 7</u> Sharp-shinned Hawk	
<u> 28</u> Ring-necked Duck	<u> 26</u> Cooper's Hawk	ALCIDS
<u> 2</u> Greater Scaup *	<u> 57</u> Red-shouldered Hawk	<u> 1</u> Common Murre
<u> 38</u> Lesser Scaup	<u> 139</u> Red-tailed Hawk	<u> </u> Cassin's Auklet
<u> 83</u> Surf Scoter	<u> x1</u> Golden Eagle	<u> 16</u> Rhinoceros Auklet
<u> 126</u> Bufflehead		
<u> 3</u> Common Goldeneye	FALCONS	PIGEONS
<u> 2</u> Hooded Merganser	<u> 54</u> American Kestrel	<u> 907</u> Rock Pigeon
<u> 54</u> Common Merganser	<u> 12</u> Merlin	<u> 396</u> Band-tailed Pigeon
<u> 23</u> Red-breasted Merganser	<u> 6</u> Peregrine Falcon *	<u> 77</u> Eurasian Collared-Dove
<u> 262</u> Ruddy Duck		<u> </u> Spotted Dove *
	RAILS, GALLINULES	<u> </u> White-winged Dove *
	<u> 7</u> Virginia Rail	<u> </u> Mourning Dove
QUAIL, TURKEYS	<u> 7</u> Sora	<u> </u> Common Ground-Dove
<u> 21</u> Wild Turkey	<u> </u> Common Moorhen	
<u> 2</u> Mountain Quail	<u> 1551</u> American Coot	CUCKOOS
<u> 410</u> California Quail		<u> 4</u> Greater Roadrunner
	PLOVERS	OWLS
	<u> 60</u> Black-bellied Plover	<u> 8</u> Barn Owl
<u> 10</u> Red-throated Loon	<u> 257</u> Snowy Plover	<u> </u> Western Screech-Owl
<u> 26</u> Pacific Loon	<u> 9</u> Semipalmated Plover	<u> </u> Great Horned Owl
<u> 10</u> Common Loon	<u> 275</u> Killdeer	<u> </u> Northern Pygmy-Owl
<u> 8</u> ~ Loon sp		<u> </u> Burrowing Owl
	STILTS, AVOCETS	SWIFTS
	<u> 33</u> Black-necked Stilt	<u> 13</u> White-throated Swift
<u> 163</u> Pied-billed Grebe	<u> </u> American Avocet	
<u> 37</u> Horned Grebe	SANDPIPERS	HUMMINGBIRDS
<u> 32</u> Eared Grebe	<u> 16</u> Greater Yellowlegs	<u>1131</u> Anna's Hummingbird
<u> 117</u> Western Grebe	<u> </u> Lesser Yellowlegs *	<u> 2</u> Costa's Hummingbird *
<u> 3</u> Clark's Grebe	<u> 86</u> Willet	<u> 12</u> Allen's Hummingbird *
<u> 420</u> ~ Aechmophorus sp	<u> 11</u> Spotted Sandpiper	<u> 19</u> ~ Selasphorus sp
	<u> 26</u> Whimbrel	
SHEARWATERS	<u> 24</u> Long-billed Curlew	KINGFISHERS
<u> </u> Northern Fulmar	<u> 70</u> Marbled Godwit	<u> 19</u> Belted Kingfisher
<u>1993</u> Black-vented Shearwater	<u> </u> Ruddy Turnstone	
	<u> 45</u> Black Turnstone	WOODPECKERS
	<u> 422</u> Sanderling	<u> 565</u> Acorn Woodpecker
PELICANS	<u> 6</u> Western Sandpiper	<u> 1</u> Red-naped Sapsucker *
<u> 402</u> Brown Pelican	<u> 105</u> Least Sandpiper	<u> 8</u> Red-breasted Sapsucker
	<u> 3</u> Dunlin	<u> 52</u> Nuttall's Woodpecker
CORMORANTS	<u> 31</u> Long-billed Dowitcher	<u> 56</u> Downy Woodpecker
<u> 112</u> Brandt's Cormorant	<u> 19</u> Wilson's Snipe	<u> 17</u> Hairy Woodpecker
<u> 490</u> Double-crested Cormorant	<u> </u> Red Phalarope *	
<u> 23</u> Pelagic Cormorant		

<u>138</u>	Northern (red-shftd) Flicker	
<u> </u>	~ Northern (yellow-shftd) Flicker *	<u>1410</u>

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

<u>392</u>	Black Phoebe	<u>155</u>
<u>73</u>	Say's Phoebe	
<u>2</u>	Tropical Kingbird *	
<u>40</u>	Cassin's Kingbird *	<u>1243</u>

SHRIKES

<u>16</u>	Loggerhead Shrike	<u>4</u>
-----------	-------------------	----------

VIREOS

<u>98</u>	Hutton's Vireo	<u>354</u>
-----------	----------------	------------

LARKS

<u> </u>	Horned Lark	<u>2</u>
		<u>2983</u>

JAYS, CROWS

<u>3</u>	Steller's Jay	<u>2</u>
<u>583</u>	Western Scrub-Jay	<u>459</u>
<u>4</u>	Yellow-billed Magpie *	<u>1</u>
<u>992</u>	American Crow	<u>1</u>
<u>5</u>	Common Raven	<u>337</u>
		<u>6</u>

CHICKADEES, TITMICE

<u>9</u>	Mountain Chickadee	
<u>310</u>	Oak Titmouse	<u>3</u>
		<u>6</u>

BUSHTITS

<u>2471</u>	Bushtit	
-------------	---------	--

NUTHATCHES

<u>1</u>	Red-breasted Nuthatch	<u>163</u>
<u>74</u>	White-breasted Nuthatch	<u>580</u>

CREEPERS

<u>2</u>	Brown Creeper	<u>7</u>
		<u>5</u>

WRENS

<u>2</u>	Rock Wren	<u>22</u>
<u>10</u>	Canyon Wren	<u>1</u>
<u>221</u>	Bewick's Wren	<u>95</u>
<u>66</u>	House Wren	<u>54</u>
<u>2</u>	Winter Wren	<u>191</u>
<u>10</u>	Marsh Wren	<u>61</u>

OLD WORLD WARBLERS, THRUSHES

<u>12</u>	Golden-crowned Kinglet	<u>2</u>
<u>1027</u>	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>2</u>
<u>98</u>	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<u>1</u>
<u>150</u>	Western Bluebird	<u>394</u>
<u>4</u>	Townsend's Solitaire	<u>1949</u>
<u>179</u>	Hermit Thrush	<u>905</u>
<u>520</u>	American Robin	<u>1</u>
<u>7</u>	Varied Thrush	<u>2</u>
<u>235</u>	Wrentit	

THRASHERS

<u>220</u>	Northern Mockingbird	<u>281</u>
<u>74</u>	California Thrasher	<u>1</u>

STARLINGS

European Starling	
-------------------	--

WAGTAILS, PIPITS

American Pipit	
----------------	--

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing	
---------------	--

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

Phainopepla	
-------------	--

WOOD-WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler	
Nashville Warbler *	
Yellow Warbler *	
Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Wblr	
Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Wblr	~
Black-throated Gray Warbler	
Townsend's Warbler	
Hermit Warbler *	
Palm Warbler *	
Black-and-white Warbler *	
Common Yellowthroat	
Wilson's Warbler	

TANAGERS

Summer Tanager *	
Western Tanager *	

SPARROWS, GROSBEAKS

Spotted Towhee	
California Towhee	
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	
Chipping Sparrow	
Lark Sparrow	
Sage Sparrow	
Savannah Sparrow	
Fox Sparrow	
Song Sparrow	
Lincoln's Sparrow	
Swamp Sparrow *	
White-throated Sparrow *	
Golden-crowned Sparrow	
White-crowned Sparrow	
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	
Dark-eyed (Slate-col) Junco	~
Dark-eyed (Gray-hd) Junco	~
Rose-breasted Grosbeak *	
Black-headed Grosbeak *	

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

Red-winged Blackbird	
Tricolored Blackbird	
Western Meadowlark	
Brewer's Blackbird	
Great-tailed Grackle	
Brown-headed Cowbird	
Orchard Oriole *	
Hooded Oriole *	
Baltimore Oriole *	
Bullock's Oriole *	
Scott's Oriole *	

FINCHES

<u>40</u>	Purple Finch
<u>1907</u>	House Finch
<u> </u>	Pine Siskin
<u>382</u>	Lesser Goldfinch
<u>5</u>	Lawrence's Goldfinch
<u>322</u>	American Goldfinch

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

<u>314</u>	House Sparrow
------------	---------------

UNESTABLISHED EXOTICS

<u>208</u>	~ Nutmeg Mannikin
------------	-------------------

ADDITIONAL SPECIES (counted)

<u>1</u>	Tundra Swan
<u>1</u>	Red-necked Grebe
<u>1</u>	Bald Eagle
<u>1</u>	Zone-tailed Hawk
<u>2</u>	Ferruginous Hawk
<u>13</u>	Ancient Murrelet
<u>1</u>	Spotted Owl
<u>1</u>	Rufous Hummingbird
<u>1</u>	Williamson's Sapsucker
<u>1</u>	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
<u>1</u>	White-headed Woodpecker
<u>1</u>	Hammond's Flycatcher
<u>1</u>	swallow sp
<u>2</u>	Chestnut-backed Chickadee
<u>1</u>	Tennessee Warbler
<u>1</u>	Black-throated Green Warbler
<u>1</u>	American Redstart
<u>1</u>	Northern Waterthrush
<u>1</u>	Painted Redstart
<u>1</u>	Clay-colored Sparrow
<u>1</u>	Grasshopper Sparrow
<u>1</u>	Chestnut-collared Longspur
<u>13</u>	Red Crossbill

224 SPECIES GRAND TOTAL
41294 Bird count grand total

* = Rare - requires written description
x = Seen in Count Week (3 days before and 3 days after Count Day) but not on Count Day
~ = Individuals counted but species not countable

Additional Count Week Sightings

<u>x 2</u>	Black Oystercatcher
------------	---------------------



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 p.m. and are free to the public. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. SBAS members are encouraged to bring guests.

Birds of the Okavango Delta Grant Reed Wednesday, February 28, 2007

Come and join us in an engaging and beautiful slide presentation of the birds of Botswana's Okavango Delta and Chobe River systems. The presentation will focus on each habitat's geography, conservation efforts and its associated birds.

Grant Reed, author of "Okavango—Spirit of Life", has 15 years of guiding experience in 5 African countries. Grant holds a post-graduate degree in Nature Conservation and is currently working on his second post-graduate degree, analyzing the sound response of birds to predators. He also holds the highest guiding qualification in southern Africa (Field Guide Association of Southern Africa SKS (DA)) and is a recognized trainer and evaluator for FGASA. Grant is the owner of Okavango Guiding School and does extensive guide training for private individuals as well as for lodges and large tourism companies.



Portraits in Nature Dr. Larry Jon Friesen Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Dr. Larry Jon Friesen is Professor of Biological Sciences at Santa Barbara City College where he teaches a wide variety of courses including Cell Biology, Evolution, Ecology, Animal Diversity, Ornithology, Insect Biology and Nature Photography. His photography is widely used in textbooks, research articles, and his own Internet courses in biology and two new online nature magazines: Santa Barbara Nature and Nature Journal.

"Portraits in Nature" is a kaleidoscopic presentation of plants and animals describing his subjects and techniques for capturing their images, including scanning electron microscopy, photomicroscopy, macro-and telephoto-photography.

Santa Barbara Audubon Field Trips

Everyone is welcome! These trips are fun for both beginning and expert bird watchers. 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. Please contact Jack Sanford (805) 566-2191 jacksanford@hotmail.com for details or questions.

Sandhill Crane Field Trip

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10-11, 2007

Target Birds: Sandhill Cranes, Burrowing Owls, Common Moorhens, Horned Larks, Loggerhead Shrikes, Lark Sparrows, Blue-winged Teal, Marsh Wrens, plus many other species.

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

Cost: free (camp ground fees: \$8-\$10) (Motel: 20 minutes away in Lost Hills)

This Audubon field trip will visit the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, the Pixley National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), and the Kern National Wildlife Refuge. It will be an overnight trip with (free) primitive camping available at the Kern NWR or paid camping at Allensworth State Park (w/bathroom and showers) if there are open spaces. (There usually are this time of year. This will be our 1st choice.) Everyone must make their own vehicle arrangements and bring the necessary camping equipment, layers of clothes, food and drink plus birding equipment.

We will meet at 7 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Five Points Shopping Center parking lot near Carl's Jr. We will caravan to Lost Hills, meet at the ARCO gas station, and have lunch in the area. We will proceed to the Kern NWR Visitors Center (220 miles) or you can meet us there about 1-1:30 p.m. Take Hwy. 101 to Paso Robles. Take Hwy. 46 east to Lost Hills. Once you cross Hwy. 5, look for the sign to the Kern NWR. The turn off is approximately 5 miles beyond Hwy. 5. From the Kern NWR we will travel to the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park to view the Burrowing Owls and check on camping availability. After determining where we will camp, we will travel to Pixley NWR and view the Sandhill Cranes till dark. On Sunday morning we will bird the Kern NWR for several hours and then return home arriving Sunday evening.

Ventura County Game Preserve (near Oxnard)

**Sunday, February 18, 2007, 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(8:00 a.m. car pool time)**

Target Birds: Waterfowl, Virginia Rails, Merlins, Peregrine Falcons, American Bitterns, White-faced Ibis, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, etc

Trip Leaders: Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson

We will car pool from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge at 8:00 a.m. (\$6.00 gas money to drivers) If you want to meet us at the Preserve, take Hwy. 101 to Oxnard. Exit Rice Ave. and towards the ocean to Hwy. 1. Go south/east on Hwy. 101. Take Hueneme Rd. turnoff. Head west of Hueneme Rd. and turn left on Casper Rd. About a mile after the left bend on Casper Rd. turn right into the Preserve. Park on the paved road near the drainage ditch. We are only allowed 2 vehicles for birders unable to walk, otherwise we will all bird the area on foot. This is a private preserve, and a wonderful opportunity has been offered to us to bird the preserve. Thanks to **Peggy Kerns** for making the necessary arrangements to visit the preserve. Enjoy.

Lone Star Ranch

(East end of Lake Cachuma)

**Saturday, March 17, 2007, 8 a.m.-noon
(7:30 a.m. at car pool location)**

Target Birds: Geese, Common Goldeneyes, Wood Ducks, Lewis's Woodpeckers, Bald Eagles, Clark's Grebes, American White Pelicans and other water and song birds.

Leader: Robert (Rob) Lindsay capnbob@sbcco.org

We will car pool from the Five Points Shopping Center near Carl's Jr. at 7:30 a.m. (\$6.00 gas money to drivers.) Or you can meet us at 8:00 a.m. at the gate to the Lone Star Ranch (4001 Hwy. 154)—a pipe gate with large star on it on the right hand side of the road after the golf course if coming from S.B. We must all meet at the gate and enter the ranch as a group. Wear walking shoes. Binoculars and spotting scopes are useful. Bring water and a snack. Enjoy ranch owners **Lee Carr** and his brother **Charles Carr's** hospitality at one of the best inland winter birding areas in the county!

Field Trips/Bird Walks Do you have an idea?

We are always looking for suggestion for places to visit on our monthly field trips. If you have an idea and are not sure where or what to do next, or are interested in helping coordinate a field trip contact **Jack Sanford** (805) 566-2191.

Friday Bird Walks

*Join us on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 8:30-10:30 a.m. Please call Bird Walk leader **Jack Sanford** 566-2191 or email at jacksanford@hotmail.com if you are interested in leading a future bird walk to your favorite birding location or have any questions.*

Lake Los Carneros Friday, February 9, 2007

Target Birds: Waterfowl and winter songbirds

Directions: From Hwy. 101 take the Los Carneros off ramp and head towards the mountains. (Stow House is on the right.) Park behind the fire station.

Elings Park Friday, March 9, 2007

Target Birds: Raptors, songbirds, Juncos, Warblers, Finches, etc.

Directions: From Hwy. 101 take the Las Positas off ramp and head towards the ocean. Look for the Elings Park entrance sign and turn left on Jerry Harwin Parkway. Proceed to the Battistone Foundation Soccer parking lot located in front of the park office building. Park in that immediate area. We will meet there and bird the area.



*Zone-tailed Hawk — Osprey
Bob MacLeod took these photos on previous bird walks.
See what you are missing!*

San Jose Creek Area (near Kellogg Tennis Courts) Friday, March 23, 2007

Target Birds: Songbirds, Woodpeckers, Thrashers, Thrushes, Kinglets, etc.

Directions: From Hwy. 101 take the Patterson Ave. off ramp and head towards the mountains. Turn left on Cathedral Oaks Rd. Turn left at the Kellogg Rd. stoplight. Park and meet near the tennis courts.

Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station (near Oxnard) (Field Trip/Bird Walk combination)

Friday, February 23, 2007

8:00 a.m. (car pool time)-1:00 p.m.)

Target Birds: Waterfowl, Rails, Egrets, shorebirds, ducks, Vermillion Flycatchers, raptors etc.

Trip Leader: Martin Ruane

Only 25 people will be allowed to enter the Naval Air Station so it is necessary to make a reservation by calling **Jack Sanford** at 566-2191 or emailing him at jacksanford@hotmail.com and receiving confirmation. The deadline for making a reservation is Mon. Feb 19, since Jack must forward a list of participants to Pt. Mugu on Feb. 22. We will car pool (\$6.00 gas money to drivers) from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge parking lot at 8:00

a.m. Once you receive reservation confirmation you can meet us at the base if you so desire.

Directions: Take Hwy. 101 to Oxnard and the Rice Ave. off ramp. Head towards the ocean. Take Hwy. 1 southeast to the Wood Rd. turnoff towards the Base, and turn left at the stop sign. Meet at the main gate parking lot. You must be a citizen of the United States. You will need a photo ID and social security number, and you must fill out a security form before we enter the base. The Base Naturalist, **Martin Ruane**, will guide us around the base from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Join us for this unique and rare opportunity. Thanks to **Peggy Kearns** for making the necessary arrangements to visit the Base.

OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Habitat Restoration

Audubon helps recruit 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 Tara Longwell for site at longwell@lifesci.ucsb.edu or 252-4903. or Darlene Chirman at dchirman@rain.org or 692-2008.

ARROYO HONDO

Contact: **Jane Murray**

Sunday	February 4	9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sunday	March 4	9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

COAL OIL POINT RESERVE

Contact: **Tara Longwell**

Saturday	February 24	9 a.m.-12 noon
Saturday	March 10	9 a.m.-12 noon

Plover Project Docent Training

Training takes place at the Cliff House at Coal Oil Point Reserve, from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Training dates:

February3
March3

Training Schedule:

Tour is 10-11 a.m.
Training is11 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

Those interested should call **Jennifer Stroh** to register at 880-1195.

Audubon Office Work Party

You are invited to a "Work Party" at the Audubon office. If there is interest, we'll hold these once a month or so.

Wednesday, February 21 — 7-8:30pm

SBAS Office, Goleta Valley Community Center, Room 5B

Refreshments provided

Primary project: Make packets for Meet Your Wild Neighbors with Eyes In the Sky

RSVP 964-1468 Leave a message, someone will return your call

SBAS Needs Your E-mail Address

To be added to the **SBAS** e-mail list, just send an e-mail message with the subject line, "Add + your name" to sjferry@cox.net. The **SBAS** e-mail mailing list will only be used for **SBAS** business and will not be sold or shared with any other group.

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!

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Bonnie B. Bisoglio | Melissa C. Marsted |
| Tom & Joan Bolton | Mrs. Arthur Morel |
| Buynak Law | Ms. Zoe G. Nathan |
| Mrs. Joseph Caldwell | Paula Phillips |
| Mr. & Mrs. Jack Camiel | Rosanne Puff |
| Joseph Debase | Ms. Karla Shelton |
| Mary Elliott | Cassandra Thomsen |
| Del J. Fianagan | Ms. Susan Thomson |
| Margaret Fuller | Donald Thornton |
| Mr. Donald Gingrich | Joyce A. Tolle |
| Steven C. Granaroli | Ann M. Tonkin |
| Mary Henson | Anthony Vigilante |

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

- \$20 Introductory Membership
- \$15 Senior (62+) or Student

Make check payable to: **National Audubon Society**

Mail to: **Santa Barbara Audubon Society**
5679 Hollister Ave., Suite 5B
Goleta, CA 93117

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Calendar of Events

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

<http://www.rain.org/~audubon/>

- Feb. 3 Plover Training
- Feb. 4 Restore Arroyo Hondo
- Feb. 9 Lake Los Carneros Bird Walk
- Feb.10-11 Sand Hill Crane Field Trip
- Feb. 18 Ventura Game Preserve Field Trip
- Feb. 21 Audubon Office Work Party
- Feb. 23 Pt. Magu Field Trip/Bird Walk
- Feb. 24 Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve
- Feb. 28 Program: Okavango Delta Birds
- Mar. 3 Plover Training
- Mar. 4 Restore Arroyo Hondo
- Mar. 9 Elings Park Bird Walk
- Mar. 10 Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve
- Mar. 17 Lone Star Ranch Field Trip
- Mar. 23 San Jose Creek Bird Walk
- Mar. 28 Program: Portraits in Nature

El Tecolote is published 6 times a year by the **Santa Barbara Audubon Society, Inc.** Members are invited to send announcements, letters, articles, photos and drawings for consideration to:

SBAS, Andy Lentz, Editor
5679 Hollister Avenue, Suite 5B
Goleta, CA 93117

or email: sbasnews@cox.net
Submissions deadline is the 10th of the month before publication.

SBAS - July 2006/June 2007

(805) 964-1468, audubon@rain.org
<http://www.rain.org/~audubon/>

OFFICERS

President	Darlene Chirman	692-2008	dchirman@starband.net
Vice-President	Lee Moldaver	964-1468	audubon@rain.org
Secretary	Susan Lentz	968-6011	salentz@cox.net
Treasurer	Ginny Turner	964-6384	vtturner10@cox.net

BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Field Trips Chair	Jack Sanford	566-2191	jacksanford@hotmail.com
Programs Chair	John O'Brien	962-7799	mlbm@cox.net
Conservation Chair	Julie Love	453-4840	jlove805@gmail.com
Education Chair	Patricia Malone	569-1993	pamalone@verizon.net
Science Chair	Melissa Kelly	687-7109	farmer.kelly@gmail.com
Membership Chair	Steve Ferry	967-5162	sjferry@cox.net
Newsletter Chair	Callie Bowdish	968-2857	cjbowdish@hotmail.com
Publicity Chair	Ben Shalant	448-4447	kagawaben@hotmail.com
At Large–Outreach	Julie Kummel	964-9444	jkummel@rain.org
At-Large–Outreach	John Walker	570-7864	johnlee@umail.ucsb.edu
At Large–Outreach	Margo Kenney	963-3011	margo@margokenney.com

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Webmaster: Bobbie Offen	684-0160	bobbieo@cox.net
Eyes In The Sky: Gabriele Drozdowski	898-0347	eyes-in-the-sky@cox.net
Snowy Plover Docent Prog: Jennifer Stroh	880-1195	stroh@lifesci.ucsb.edu
Hospitality: Sylvelin Edgerton	964-1658	sylvelin@earthlink.net
Nancy Rohrer	687-7587	rohrer_n@yahoo.com
Report Rare Birds: Karen Bridgers	964-1316	k.bridgers@cox.net
Hear Rare Bird Report	964-8240	

Officers and Chairs meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Members are welcomed to attend. Call **SBAS office to verify dates and times. FAX: 967-7718. Cover art by Daryl Harrison.**



Printed on recycled paper.

El Tecolote
Santa Barbara Audubon Society, Inc.
5679 Hollister Avenue, Suite 5B
Goleta, CA 93117

**DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE EXPEDITE**

NON PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
SANTA BARBARA, CA.
PERMIT NO. 125

or current resident