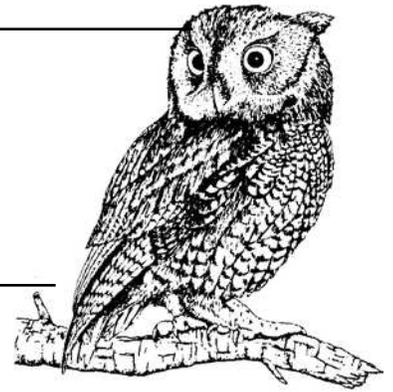


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Annual Membership Picnic Saturday, July 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Arroyo Hondo Preserve

Join Audubon board and members for our yearly potluck. This year we'll meet in the beautiful Arroyo Hondo Preserve. The potluck will be at noon in the Hollister Meadow; bring something to put on the grill, if you like, and a dish to share. We encourage you to bring your own dishes and utensils to conserve resources. The chapter will provide non-alcoholic beverages.

The Preserve will be open at 10 a.m., and you are welcome to join a docent-led natural history hike, join **Darlene Chirman** for a tour of the restoration sites, or hike on your own. Groups will leave from the barn/bridge area at 10 a.m. Someone will be available to shuttle "stuff" to the picnic area in the Preserve truck. We'll walk to Hollister Meadow; transport will be available for the mobility-impaired.



the new Board of Directors for the coming year. See the Slate of Nominees below. Note the open position of Science Chair. Contact any board members if you are interested and want to learn more.

Please RSVP to Darlene at dchirman@starband.net or 692-2008. We encourage you to carpool; let us know if you'd like assistance in finding a ride or rider. A donation of \$5 per person is suggested to the Arroyo Hondo Preserve. The Preserve is on the Gaviota Coast. Traveling north on Hwy. 101, the Preserve is approximately 23 miles past the La Cumbre Rd. overpass. Approximately 5 miles past Refugio State Beach, turn right into the Preserve driveway immediately after Call Box #101-412. The gate will be open; come down the driveway, cross the bridge, and park by barn.

Following the picnic we will hold our election for

SB Audubon Society Slate of Board Nominees 2007-08

President Darlene Chirman
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At-Large: Outreach Julie Kummel
At-Large: Outreach Dolores Pollock

Endowment Fund of Santa Barbara Audubon

The **Tecolote Circle** is growing! It has been almost two years since the chapter established an endowment fund to support core programs. The Tecolote Circle was established to recognize and honor contributors of \$1000 or more, which can be a cash donation, a bequest, or appreciated securities.

You have until the end of June to become a **charter member** of **Tecolote Circle**. Send a contribution or notify us that you've included **Santa Barbara Audubon** in your estate plan. You can invest in the future, helping to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds and their habitats. The earth's biological diversity and humanity will benefit. Of course, we welcome contributions of any amount to the endowment!

Our endowment fund has now reached approximately \$18,000. The board set a benchmark of \$10,000 at which point we could start using income from the endowment assets to support chapter programs. Thus a small sum can be included in our budget for the next fiscal year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed!

Here is sample wording to include in your estate plan. We encourage you to consult your financial advisor or attorney.

"I bequeath to the Santa Barbara Audubon Society, a not for profit organization, with its principal offices located at 5679 Hollister Avenue, 5B, Goleta, CA 93117, _____% of my residuary estate (or the sum of _____) for its ongoing environmental conservation and education programs."

We are planning a special event for Tecolote Circle members in the fall. For more information, contact Julie Kummel at 964-9444.

Well Traveled Plover From Christina Sandoval



Dear Christina.

One of your birds, OG:YO [Orange-Green:Yellow-Orange leg bands], banded at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in 2003 and observed at COPR on 1/13/2004, has spent the last three winters at the Crissy Field Wildlife Protection Area in the Presidio of San Francisco. This bird, along with PG:BY, has been key in gaining better protections for this small bayside beach and dune complex.

Matt Zlatunich
Golden Gate Audubon

Checklist: Birds of Santa Barbara County by Dave Compton and Joan Lentz

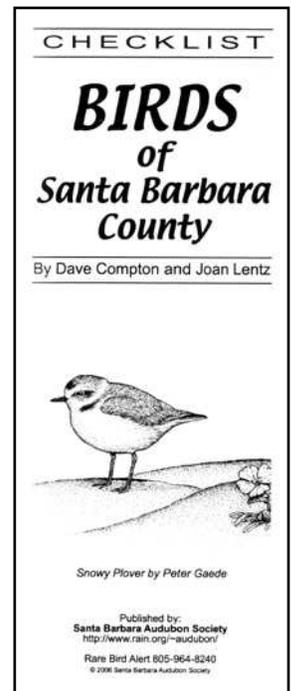
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Santa Barbara Audubon Programs

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.

Marine Mammals of the Santa Barbara Region

Michelle Berman

Assistant Curator of Vertebrate Zoology, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

Michelle Berman will be presenting the natural history of marine mammals in the Santa Barbara Region. Please come and join us as we explore the lives of whales, dolphins, porpoises, seals and sea lions inhabiting our waters and dive into their biology and behavior.

Michelle is the Assistant Curator of Vertebrate Zoology at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. She received her B.S. from Colorado State University where she first gained marine mammal experience during a summer internship at Moss Landing Marine Laboratory in Monterey Bay, California. She completed her Masters work studying lipid metabolism in fasting Steller sea lions at the University of Central Florida. She is currently the California Marine Mammal Stranding Network's

central coast stranding coordinator for cetaceans. Michelle's main research interests include examining cetacean natural history and epidemiology as well as studying anatomical and physiologically adaptations to their environments. Through presentations at international scientific conferences, regional society meetings and boat-based natural history tours, Michelle has educated people of all ages, classes and backgrounds on marine mammal natural history, anatomy and physiology. In addition to coordinating the marine mammal stranding response at the museum, she curates regional mammals, marine mammals, reptiles and amphibians for the museum's research collection.



(Above) Michelle with beached Sperm Whale. (Right) working on lissodelphis.

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.

Hollister Ranch, near Gaviota
Saturday, June 9th, 2007, 8:00 a.m. to
1-2 p.m.
(7:00 a.m. at mandatory car pool location)

Reservations are required due to a limited number of vehicles allowed on the Ranch.

Target Birds: Songbirds, ocean and pond waterfowl, raptors and perhaps an owl or two.

Leader: Guy Tingos

Reservations are required and we are limited to 25 people (five vehicles). Please call or email Jack Sanford (566-2191 or jacksanford@hotmail.com) on or before June 6th to reserve your place. Please let Jack know if you are willing to drive your vehicle and how many people it will hold.

Directions: We will car pool at 7:00 from the parking lot near Carl's Jr. in the Five Points Shopping Center. (\$6.00 gas money to drivers). We must car pool as we are limited to 5 vehicles. Bring water, snacks or lunch and wear comfortable shoes. Binoculars and spotting scopes are useful.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to bird the private and unique Hollister Ranch.

Trout Club, Santa Barbara
Saturday, July 21, 2007, 8:30-11:00
a.m.
(8:00 a.m. at car pool location)

Target Birds: Flycatchers, Thrushes, Gnatcatchers, Hummingbirds, Sparrows, Orioles, etc.

Leader: Jared Dawson

Directions: We will car pool at 8:00 from the parking lot near Carl's Jr. in the Five Points Shopping Center. Or you can meet us at the entrance to the Trout Club off Old San Marcus Rd. Park in the dirt area near the entrance. We will bird from there.

This is another great opportunity since the private Trout Club is normally off-limits to birders.



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!

Mr. Jack Amon
 Hilary Andrews
 Leslie Becker
 Ms. Patricia Brooks
 Ms. Judith Cardinal
 Ms. Helen Coffey
 David Compton
 Mr. Larry Duff
 Robert Ebenstein
 Kim H. Flory
 Michael Furner
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 Jerre Stetson
 Everett Stevens
 Jennifer Stroh
 Ms. Lydia Swanson
 Ms. Clara Vanmeeuwen
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Field Trip Report

Lone Star Ranch

Photos and text by Jeff Hanson

It certainly felt like we were in Ireland, driving over the pass on this St. Patrick's Day! The hills were green and shrouded in fog as we headed for the magnificent Lone Star Ranch for our annual SBAS field trip. By 8 am, 57 of us had convened for one of the largest SBAS trips this writer has ever experienced! Upon heading out, we were greeted by a covey of California Quail and a Merlin. Our first stop was the dock on Lake Cachuma, where we spotted a Wood Duck in the mist, amongst Grebes, Coots, Ruddy's, Cormorants, Great Blue Herons & their nests.

After a fruitful stay, we proceeded to walk the 2 mile loop that takes us through a variety of habitats. The oak woodland provided woodpeckers, nuthatches, and many others. The trail then opened up to a broad grassland bordering the lake just in time for the sun to come out. Meadowlarks, Bluebirds and Sparrows as well as many raptors and waterfowl were viewed along the way.

We completed the loop a bit early, so many of us went back to the dock, now in full sun. We were treated to a number of courtship displays by the Western and Clark's Grebes. We also witnessed a dispute between an Osprey and a young Eagle. Other sightings of mention include a Common Goldeneye, White Pelican, a single Cedar Waxwing and Golden and Bald Eagles. Total species for the trip was 54.

Our sincere thanks to the **Carr family** for allowing us on their pristine ranch, and to **Rob Lindsey** for his expert & informative guidance. And as always, a big thanks to **Jack Sanford** for putting this field trip together & keeping us all in line!



Birders taking advantage of the Lone Star Ranch.



Waxwing



Grebes

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.*

Atascadero Creek Friday, June 8

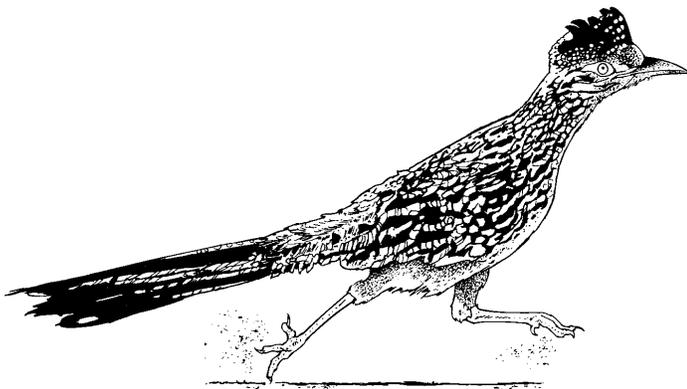
Target Birds: Water birds, songbirds and raptors

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

Farren Road Friday June 22

Target Birds: Hummingbirds, kingbirds, flycatchers, sparrows and Blue Grosbeaks

Directions: From S.B. area, 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. (Or exit at Winchester Canyon and proceed west to Farren Rd. on Calle Real.) We will meet at the beginning of Farren Rd.



Downy Woodpecker by Rosemary Gilbert Bell

Tabano Hollow Open Space Friday, July 6 (Note: this is the 1st Friday)

Target Birds: Songbirds, woodpeckers, hummingbirds, etc.

Directions: Take Hwy. 101 to the Turnpike Ave. off ramp and head towards the mountains. Turn left on Cathedral Oaks Road. Turn left on Ribera Road. Turn left on Matorral Way and continue on Matorral Way until you must turn to the left. Park there.

La Mesa Park Friday July 27 (This is a new bird walk)

Target Birds: (unknown)

Directions: Take Hwy. 101 to the Carrillo St. off ramp and head toward the ocean. Carrillo turns into Meigs Road which turns into Shoreline Drive. La Mesa Park is located on the ocean side of Meigs /Shoreline about 1/10 mile beyond Cliff Drive, across the street from Washington School. We will meet in front of the La Mesa Park building.

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	June 3	9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sunday	July 8	9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

COAL OIL POINT RESERVE

Contact: **Tara Longwell**

Saturday	June 2	9 a.m.-12 noon
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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:

June2
June30
July7
August4

Training Schedule:

Tour is9-11 a.m.
Training is11 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Membership Picnic

Arroyo Hondo Preserve

July 7

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

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Steve Ferry
SBAS Membership Chair

Calendar of Events

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

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June	2	Plover Training
June	2	Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve
June	3	Restore Arroyo Hondo
June	8	Atascadero Creek Bird Walk
June	9	Hollister Ranch Field Trip
June	22	Farren Road Bird Walk
June	30	Plover Training
June	27	Program: Marine Mammals
July	7	Annual Members Picnic
July	7	Plover Training
July	6	Tabano Hollow Bird Walk
July	8	Restore Arroyo Hondo
July	21	Trout Club Field Trip
July	27	La Mesa Park Bird Walk
Aug.	4	Plover Training

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