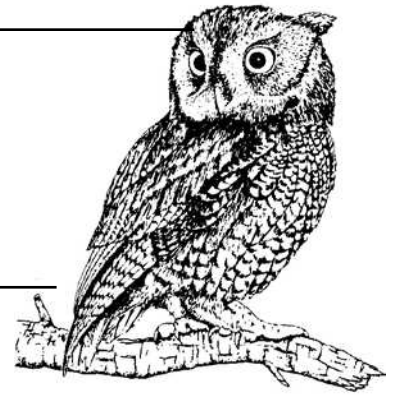


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SANTA BARBARA BIRDERS SNATCH VICTORY FROM A STORM-PLAGUED WEEKEND!

By Joan Easton Lentz

When the weather forecast came out several days before the Christmas Bird Count – held January 5, 2008 – most of us simply could not believe it. A series of severe rainstorms accompanied by high winds were set to pummel Santa Barbara County's South Coast, and there was nothing birders could do but watch the Weather Channel and wring our hands.

Miraculously, Count Day dawned – not clear – but at least not pouring the buckets of rain which had come down the day before and were to come down the day after! Snatching victory from a “draconian” forecast, Santa Barbara birders totalled 206 species in what can only be described as one of the best efforts ever made by our dedicated group of locals and out-of-towners.

Despite the fact that the boat had to be cancelled, and two other areas of the Count were inaccessible due to high water, some interesting birds were found.

Waterbirds and some seabirds were good finds: a Red-necked Grebe floated off More Mesa; White-winged and Black Scoters were seen in Goleta Bay and the Santa Barbara Harbor. Also in the harbor was a Long-tailed Duck. At Devereux Slough, a Eurasian Wigeon was seen,

and at Goleta Beach, a Glaucous Gull, very rare this far south, flew in at the end of the day.

For landbirds, we were really hurting prior to the Count. There were just not many “stake-outs”, those rarities that we know are here, and that we can then go and tally on Count Day. One of the few stake-outs was a Pine Warbler, found feeding in small conifers in a Goleta business park. The other was a Green-tailed Towhee found on private property in Montecito.

Alas, the female Zone-tailed Hawk, which had been present for 14 straight winters, was not seen this year. Perhaps she is in “hawk heaven” – but we surely do miss that bird, a fixture on the CBC.

The new birds, those we didn't know were around, are always exciting. These included a Gray Flycatcher at the Goleta Cemetery, a Western Kingbird in Hope Ranch, a Summer Tanager and a Tennessee Warbler in Montecito, and four Cassin's Finches on the Riviera.

As we all walked into the Countdown Dinner at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, and the rain began to fall once again heralding the next storm, everybody heaved a sigh of relief. We'd snatched victory and a fun Bird Count from what might have been a really hard day!

A special thanks to Bill Pollock who completely digitized the SBAS bird count data, so that it can be quickly and easily assembled every year, and to Joan Murdoch who handled all the participants sign-ups with graciousness and good humor.

And how did the total of 206 stack up against other CBCs nationwide? We tied for second in California with Coastal Orange County (San Diego got 214 for the winning spot), and the Texas Counts were way above us, as they traditionally have been now for several years.

Not to worry. There wasn't a single birder on our Santa Barbara Count that had even dared to expect we'd tally this many wonderful birds in the midst of all that forecasted rain and wind!



Kyle Braunger scanning the Goleta Bay.

Santa Barbara 2007 Christmas Bird Count Results

DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS

1	Gr. White-fronted Goose
	Snow Goose *
5	Ross' Goose *
6	Cackling Goose
79	Canada Goose
	Brant
4	Wood Duck
86	Gadwall
1	Eurasian Wigeon *
175	American Wigeon
594	Mallard
1	Blue-winged Teal *
15	Cinnamon Teal
401	Northern Shoveler
38	Northern Pintail
105	Green-winged Teal
6	Canvasback
112	Redhead
94	Ring-necked Duck
13	Greater Scaup *
136	Lesser Scaup
243	Surf Scoter
108	Bufflehead
	Common Goldeneye
9	Hooded Merganser
2	Common Merganser
23	Red-breasted Merganser
254	Ruddy Duck

QUAIL, TURKEYS

29	Wild Turkey
	Mountain Quail
252	California Quail

LOONS

1	Red-throated Loon
5	Pacific Loon
14	Common Loon
5	Loon species

GREBES

76	Pied-billed Grebe
52	Horned Grebe
50	Eared Grebe
1117	Western Grebe
10	Clark's Grebe
562	Clark's / Western Grebe

SHEARWATERS

	Northern Fulmar
	Black-vented Shearwater

PELICANS

514	Brown Pelican
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CORMORANTS

277	Brandt's Cormorant
608	Double-crested Cormorant
13	Pelagic Cormorant

HERONS

	American Bittern *
	Least Bittern *
48	Great Blue Heron
76	Great Egret
43	Snowy Egret
	Cattle Egret
2	Green Heron
134	Black-crowned Night-Heron

NEW WORLD VULTURES

70	Turkey Vulture
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HAWKS

1	Osprey *
9	White-tailed Kite
7	Northern Harrier
13	Sharp-shinned Hawk
25	Cooper's Hawk
60	Red-shouldered Hawk
116	Red-tailed Hawk
x	Golden Eagle

FALCONS

39	American Kestrel
11	Merlin
4	Peregrine Falcon *

RAILS, GALLINULES

8	Virginia Rail
7	Sora
	Common Moorhen
1772	American Coot

PLOVERS

93	Black-bellied Plover
268	Snowy Plover
6	Semipalmated Plover
160	Killdeer

STILTS, AVOCETS

45	Black-necked Stilt
	American Avocet

SANDPIPERS

26	Greater Yellowlegs
	Lesser Yellowlegs *
302	Willet
8	Spotted Sandpiper
31	Whimbrel
44	Long-billed Curlew
184	Marbled Godwit
	Ruddy Turnstone
7	Black Turnstone
992	Sanderling
2	Western Sandpiper
205	Least Sandpiper
3	Dunlin
42	Long-billed Dowitcher
4	Wilson's Snipe
	Red Phalarope *

JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS

1	Pomarine Jaeger *
3	Parasitic Jaeger *
	~ Jaeger species
1	Bonaparte's Gull
2182	Heermann's Gull
82	Mew Gull
262	Ring-billed Gull
1980	California Gull
14	Herring Gull
1	Thayer's Gull *
1302	Western Gull
15	Glaucous-winged Gull
	Black-legged Kittiwake *
8	Caspian Tern *
57	Royal Tern
123	Forster's Tern
177	Black Skimmer

ALCIDS

2	Common Murre
	Cassin's Auklet
	Rhinoceros Auklet

PIGEONS

1452	Rock Pigeon
525	Band-tailed Pigeon
96	Eurasian Collared-Dove
	Spotted Dove *
	White-winged Dove *
1013	Mourning Dove
	Common Ground-Dove

CUCKOOS

5	Greater Roadrunner
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OWLS

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

SWIFTS

x	White-throated Swift
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HUMMINGBIRDS

1011	Anna's Hummingbird
	Costa's Hummingbird *
13	Allen's Hummingbird *
25	~ Selasphorus sp.

KINGFISHERS

18	Belted Kingfisher
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WOODPECKERS

595	Acorn Woodpecker
1	Red-naped Sapsucker *
13	Red-breasted Sapsucker
52	Nuttall's Woodpecker
42	Downy Woodpecker

8 _____ Hairy Woodpecker
 102 _____ Northern (red-shftd) Flicker
 _____ ~ Northern (yel.-shftd) Flicker *

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

255 _____ Black Phoebe
 52 _____ Say's Phoebe
 2 _____ Tropical Kingbird *
 29 _____ Cassin's Kingbird

SHRIKES

14 _____ Loggerhead Shrike

VIREOS

62 _____ Hutton's Vireo

LARKS

_____ Horned Lark

JAYS, CROWS

10 _____ Steller's Jay
 572 _____ Western Scrub-Jay
 5 _____ Yellow-billed Magpie
 2643 _____ American Crow
 5 _____ Common Raven

CHICKADEES, TITMICE

5 _____ Mountain Chickadee
 292 _____ Oak Titmouse

BUSHTITS

1573 _____ Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

2 _____ Red-breasted Nuthatch
 62 _____ White-breasted Nuthatch

CREEPERS

3 _____ Brown Creeper

WRENS

2 _____ Rock Wren
 1 _____ Canyon Wren
 91 _____ Bewick's Wren
 18 _____ House Wren
 3 _____ Winter Wren
 9 _____ Marsh Wren

KINGLETS, GNATCATCHERS

_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet
 592 _____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
 43 _____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

THRUSHES, WRENTIT

137 _____ Western Bluebird
 2 _____ Townsend's Solitaire
 205 _____ Hermit Thrush
 873 _____ American Robin
 1 _____ Varied Thrush
 130 _____ Wrentit

MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS

179 _____ Northern Mockingbird
 92 _____ California Thrasher

STARLINGS

883 _____ European Starling

WAGTAILS, PIPITS

175 _____ American Pipit

WAXWINGS

430 _____ Cedar Waxwing

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

10 _____ Phainopepla

WOOD-WARBLERS

221 _____ Orange-crowned Warbler
 5 _____ Nashville Warbler *
 4 _____ Yellow Warbler *
 2208 _____ Yel.rumped (Audubon's) Warbler
 76 _____ ~ Yel.rumped (Myrtle) Warbler
 _____ Black-throated Gray Warbler
 237 _____ Townsend's Warbler
 1 _____ Hermit Warbler *
 3 _____ Palm Warbler *
 _____ Black-and-white Warbler *
 173 _____ Common Yellowthroat
 3 _____ Wilson's Warbler

TANAGERS

1 _____ Summer Tanager *
 3 _____ Western Tanager

SPARROWS, GROSBEAKS

170 _____ Spotted Towhee
 622 _____ California Towhee
 6 _____ Rufous-crowned Sparrow
 _____ Chipping Sparrow
 16 _____ Lark Sparrow
 _____ Sage Sparrow *
 151 _____ Savannah Sparrow
 56 _____ Fox Sparrow
 286 _____ Song Sparrow
 49 _____ Lincoln's Sparrow
 _____ Swamp Sparrow *
 4 _____ White-throated Sparrow *
 462 _____ Golden-crowned Sparrow
 1962 _____ White-crowned Sparrow
 902 _____ Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco
 3 _____ ~ Dark-eyed (Slate-col) Junco
 _____ ~ Dark-eyed (Gray-hd) Junco
 _____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak *
 1 _____ Black-headed Grosbeak *

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

427 _____ Red-winged Blackbird
 7 _____ Tricolored Blackbird
 364 _____ Western Meadowlark
 386 _____ Brewer's Blackbird
 53 _____ Great-tailed Grackle
 48 _____ Brown-headed Cowbird

_____ Orchard Oriole *
 _____ Hooded Oriole *
 1 _____ Baltimore Oriole *
 7 _____ Bullock's Oriole
 _____ Scott's Oriole *

FINCHES

24 _____ Purple Finch
 1574 _____ House Finch
 67 _____ Pine Siskin
 615 _____ Lesser Goldfinch
 25 _____ Lawrence's Goldfinch
 312 _____ American Goldfinch

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

244 _____ House Sparrow

UNESTABLISHED EXOTICS

55 _____ ~ Nutmeg Mannikin

ADDITIONAL SPECIES (counted)

3 _____ White-winged Scoter
 2 _____ Black Scoter
 1 _____ Long-tailed Duck
 1 _____ Red-necked Grebe
 3 _____ White-faced Ibis
 1 _____ Glaucous Gull
 1 _____ Common Poorwill
 1 _____ Rufous hummingbird
 1 _____ Gray Flycatcher
 1 _____ Western Kingbird
 2 _____ Chestnut-backed Chickadee
 2 _____ Tennessee Warbler
 1 _____ Pine Warbler
 1 _____ American Redstart
 1 _____ Green-tailed Towhee
 2 _____ Vesper Sparrow
 1 _____ Black-throated Sparrow
 4 _____ Cassin's Finch

206 SPECIES GRAND TOTAL
43471 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

~ = Birds counted but species not count-
 able

Additional Count Week sighting

x _____ Prairie Falcon
 x _____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

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.

Our next 3 program topics will relate to climate change

Timing is Everything:

Launching a National (and local!) Phenology Network to detect the link between climate change and seasonal events

Dr. Susan Mazer, Professor of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, UCSB

&

Brian Haggerty, 2nd-year PhD student in Evolutionary Ecology, UCSB

Wednesday, February 27, 2008



Phenology is the study of the timing of seasonal events and the environmental factors that trigger them. Such events include: migration, the emergence from hibernation or dormancy in the spring, pollinator activity, and leafing out and flowering. Phenological studies also target the appearance of less welcome springtime visitors, including allergens such as pollen as well as agricultural insect pests and weeds. In this program, UCSB Professor Susan Mazer and PhD student Brian Haggerty will describe the ways in which biologists are now detecting and measuring the effects of climate change on the phenological patterns of plants and animals, including ways in which the relationships among them (e.g., pollination and seed dispersal) may be disrupted when interacting species respond differently to climate change in their native habitats.

Mazer will also demonstrate the use of "Project Budburst", a new national, on-line program, designed for the public, with which anyone can upload phenological observations of any plant species (www.budburst.org) and download the records of other observers in the U.S.

THE POLAR BEARS OF CHURCHILL AND THE EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING

Pam Strickland and Bob MacLeod

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Santa Barbara Audubon members Pam Strickland and Bob MacLeod traveled with the National Audubon Society in November, 2007, to photograph and study the polar bears of Churchill, Manitoba, Canada (the "Polar Bear Capital of the World"). Accompanied by one of the world's foremost ursine researchers, Dr. James Halfpenny, and representatives from Polar Bears International, Pam and Bob returned with incredible photographs, videos, and first-hand information about these majestic animals and the effects of global warming on their future survival. Join them as they share their experience and knowledge through words and pictures!



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 9-10

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

Leader: Jack Sanford

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 and the Kern National Wildlife Refuge. It will be an overnight trip with (free) primitive camping available at the Kern National Wildlife Refuge or paid camping at Allensworth State Park (w/bathroom and showers) if there are open spaces. There usually are at this time of year, and this will be our first 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. on Saturday, Feb. 9 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 or you can meet us there at about 1-1:30 p.m. It is approximately 220 miles to the Kern NWR. 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 turnoff is approximately 5 miles or less past 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 Sunday evening.

Duck Ponds/Wetlands (next to Pt Mugu Naval Air Station) Saturday, February 16, 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (8:00 a.m. car pool time)

Target Birds: Waterfowl, Virginia Rails, Merlins, Peregrine Falcons, American Bittern, White-faced Ibis, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Vermilion Flycatchers, etc.

Leaders: Peggy Kearns, Jeff Hanson and Jack Sanford

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 Duck Ponds/Wetlands, take Hwy 101 to Oxnard. Exit at Rice Ave. and head towards the ocean. Go southeast on Hwy. 1. Take the Hueneme Rd. turnoff. Head west on Hueneme Rd. Turn left on Casper Rd. **Wait for our leaders at the Casper Road turn off. We must all enter as a group.** When our leaders join us, we will proceed about a mile after the left bend on Casper Rd. and turn right into the Duck Ponds/Wetlands. Park on the paved road near the drainage ditch. We will bird the area on foot. It will be approximately a 3-mile walk. We **must** remain as a group. This is a private area and a wonderful opportunity has been offered us to bird the Duck Ponds/Wetlands. Thanks to Peggy Kearns for making the necessary arrangements. Enjoy.

Lone Star Ranch (East end of Lake Cachuma) Saturday, March 22, 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@sbceo.org

We will car pool from the 5 Points Shopping Center parking lot near Carl's Jr. (\$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, if coming from S.B. and after the golf course. 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!

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 8

Target Birds: Waterfowl and winter songbirds

Directions: From Hwy. 101 take the Los Carneros off ramp; head towards the mountains. Turn right into the Stow House/Goleta Depot parking lot. Park behind the fire station where we will meet.

Rancho Goleta (New Walk!)

Friday, February 22

Leader: Norm Yiskis

Directions: From the south on Hwy. 101, take Ward Memorial Blvd. off ramp. Turn left onto Hollister Ave. and proceed to Ward Drive, the first right after passing under Ward Memorial. Ward Drive parallels Ward Memorial Blvd. From the north on Hwy. 101, take Patterson off ramp and head towards the ocean. Turn right onto Hollister. Turn left on Ward Drive (just before the Ward Memorial overpass). Park at the end of Ward Drive. We will meet there, and Norm will lead us on a bird walk through Rancho Goleta Mobile Home Park.

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

Friday, March 7 8:00 a.m. (car pool time)-1:00 p.m.

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

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 Monday, February 22. Jack must forward a list of participants to Pt. Mugu on February 25. 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.

Elings Park

Friday, March 14

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.

San Jose Creek Area (near Kellogg Tennis Courts)

Friday, March 28

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.

Family Bird Walk Lake Los Carneros Sunday, February 17, 2008

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Open to all parents and children

Contact: Patty Malone 569-1993 or pamalone@verizon.net

Join Santa Barbara Audubon Society for a family bird walk around beautiful Lake Los Carneros. See how many species of birds we can spot. We will look for waterfowl, winter songbirds, raptors, woodpeckers and more.

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 3 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Sunday March 2 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

COAL OIL POINT RESERVE

Contact: **Tara Longwell**

Saturday February 9 9 a.m.-12 noon

Saturday February 23 9 a.m.-12 noon

Saturday March 8 9 a.m.-12 noon

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**

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5679 Hollister Ave., Suite 5B

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

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:

February2

March1

April5

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.

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!

Ms. Linda Akens

Mrs. Candace C. Corbani

Ms. Joan Fogel

Ms. Barbara Greenlee

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Mr. Benjamin B. Burns

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Birding Festival Information

San Diego Bird Festival

February 6 -11, 2008

Kenn Kaufman Keynote Speaker

Trip & Workshop leader

For a Festival brochure and registration information contact us at: sandiegoaudubon.org or 619-682-7200

Leave a Legacy

Consider a bequest to **Santa Barbara Audubon**, to provide education about birds and wildlife for future generations.

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 jdawson@silcom.com. The **SBAS** e-mail mailing list will only be used for **SBAS** business and will not be sold or shared with any other group.

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. 2	Plover Training
Feb. 3	Restore Arroyo Hondo
Feb. 8	Los Carneros Bird Walk
Feb. 9	Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve
Feb. 9-10	Sandhill Crane Field Trip
Feb. 16	Duck Pond/Wetlands Field Trip
Feb. 17	Los Caneros Lake Family Bird walk
Feb. 22	Rancho Goleta Bird Walk
Feb. 23	Restore Coal Oil Point
Feb. 27	Program: Project Budburst
Mar. 1	Plover Training
Mar. 2	Restore Arroyo Hondo
Mar. 7	Pt. Magu NAS Bird Walk
Mar. 9	Restore Coal Oil Point
Mar. 14	Elings Park Bird Walk
Mar. 22	Lone Star Ranch Field Trip
Mar. 26	Program: Polar Bears of Churchill
Mar. 28	San Jose Creek Bird Walk

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