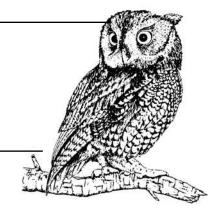
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Santa Barbara County WatchList By Callie Bowdish

"The message is clear: we must harness the energy of individuals and groups to work together to protect birds, their habitats, and other wildlife for the enjoyment and benefit of ourselves and our children."

Audubon California WatchList (ca.audubon.org/ca_watchlist.php)

One important tool for protecting birds is keeping track of how they are doing. Lists that include ranking criteria such as population size, range size, threats, and population trends are used in making wildlife protection decisions. The California Department of Fish and Game uses the *State and Federally Listed Endangered and Threatened Animals of California*, May 2008 (http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/pdfs/TEAnimals.pdf). This is a list of the animals found within or off the coast of California that have been classified as endangered or threatened by the California Fish and Game Commission (state list) and by the U. S. Secretary of the Interior or the U. S. Secretary of Commerce (federal list). Audubon California has the WatchList.

Another list is included in Bird Species of Special Concern, a Ranked Assessment of Species, Subspecies and Distinct Populations of Birds of Immediate Conservation Concern in California, edited by W. David Shuford and Thomas Gardali (Studies of Western Birds No. 1), 2008. It is published by the Western Field Ornithologists and the California Department of Fish and Game. Some Audubon members may find this book too scientific to read, but it is a helpful resource for those involved with monitoring and protecting birdlife. The book shows how important it is to protect and improve places (habitat restoration) that birds depend on and ranks birds in California that are not already on the state endangered and threatened list. It mentions that there was "the important limitation to available biological data and uncertainty as to how these limitations affected our results." Audubon is a leader in helping with getting bird data to scientists, but there is still a need for more data. Audubon California and PRBO Conservation Science are encouraging the use of California eBird, which is an online program designed to help us learn more about California birds by reporting observations.

Santa Barbara County has its own species list of birds found within its borders: the *Santa Barbara County Bird List* (mysite. verizon.net/res0d1yq/countychecklist.htm). This list puts stars next to birds known to breed in the county. It is a handy list and is used for the Santa Barbara Christmas Bird Count. Audubon's Christmas Bird Count is a staple for scientists doing bird research. Approximately 96 of the species on the Santa Barbara County list of 482 can be found on at least one or more of the ranked lists. In some cases the criteria for the lists involve whether the bird is breeding. Many of Santa Barbara County birders take special note on the "what, when and where" of nesting birds. Some of the species listed are subspecies, such as those found on the Channel Islands.

The following abbreviated Santa Barbara County WatchList contains all of the species found in Santa Barbara County that are included in the state and federally endangered and threatened animal lists, Bird Species of Special Concern "priority 1", and the Audubon California WatchList red category, as well as four red category species from the National Audubon WatchList. The complete list (www.rain.org/~audubon/SBWatchList.htm) shows that approximately 20 percent of the birds within Santa Barbara County need special help and monitoring.

The S. B. County WatchList of 96 species identifies birds that need our help. Audubon is an advocate for the protection of wetlands and other areas important to birds' survival. SBAS works with coalitions and legislators to support public policies that minimize threats such as oil spills and habitat loss. Audubon acts to secure funding for habitat restoration and other bird conservation efforts. "Only citizen action can fuel the changes that will improve the outlook for WatchList species." (National Audubon WatchList (webl.audubon.org/science/species/watchlist/))

Common Name watch list	Species Name	Listing	CA watch list	Red/ Yellow	ВоС	AOU
Arizona Bell's vireo	Vireo bellii arizonae	SE		Υ		BEVI
Ashy Storm-Petrel breeding	Oceanodroma homochroa		CA	R	2	ASSP
Bald eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	SE	CA			BAEA
Bank swallow	Riparia riparia	STFT	CA			BANS
Belding's savannah sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis beldingi	SE				BSSP

Common Name watch list	Species Name	Listing	CA watch list	Red/ Yellow	ВоС	AOU
Black-vented Shearwater	Puffinus opisthomelas			R		BVSH
California black rail	Laterallus jamaicensis coturniculus	ST		Υ		BLRA
California brown pelican	Pelecanus occidentalis californicus	SE FE				BRPE
California clapper rail	Rallus longirostris obsoletus	SE	CA	Υ		CLRA
California condor	Gymnogyps californianus	SE FE	CA	R		CACO
California least tern	Sterna antillarum browni	SE FE		R		LETE
California Spotted Owl	Strix occidentalis occidentalis		CA	R	2	SPOW
Channel Island Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia graminea				1	SOSP
Craveri's Murrelet	Synthliboramphus craveri		NA	R		CRMU
Greater sandhill crane	Grus Canadensis tabida	ST	CA	Υ		CACR
Island Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius ludovicianus anthonyi				1	LOSH
Laysan Albatross	Phoebastria immutabilis		CA	R		LAAL
Least Bell's vireo	Vireo bellii pusillus	FE		R		LBVI
Least Storm-Petrel	Oceanodroma microsoma		CA	R		LSTP
Lewis's Woodpecker	Melanerpes lewis		CA	R		LEWO
Light-footed clapper rail	Rallus longirostris levipes	SE FE	CA			CLRA
Marbled murrelet	Brachyramphus marmoratus	SE FT	CA	R		MAMU
Mountain Plover	Charadrius montanus		CA	R	2	MOPL
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi		NA	Υ	2	OSFL
Pink-footed Shearwater	Puffinus creatopus		CA	R		PFSH
Reddish Egret	Egretta rufescens		NA	R		REEG
San Clemente sage sparrow	Amphispiza belli clementeae	FT	CA			SAGS
San Clemente Spotted Towhee	Pipilo maculatus clementae		CA		1	SPTO
Short-tailed albatross	Phoebastria albatrus	FE	? SB			STAL
Southwestern willow flycatcher	Empidonax traillii extimus	SE FE				SWFL
Swainson's hawk	Buteo swainsoni	ST	CA	Υ		SWHA
Tricolored Blackbird breeding	Agelaius tricolor			Υ	1	TRBL
Tufted Puffin breeding	Fratercula cirrhata				1	TUPU
Western snowy plover	Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus	FT	CA	Υ		SNPL
Western yellow-billed cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus occidentalis	SE	CA	Υ		YBCC
Willow flycatcher	Empidonax traillii	SE	CA	Υ		WIFL
Wood Stork	Mycteria americana				1	WOST
Xantus's Murrelet	Synthliboramphus hypoleucus	ST	CA	R		XAMU
Yellow Rail	Coturnicops noveboracensis		NA	R	2	YERA

BoC CA Birds of concern category 1st, 2nd and 3rd priority California Audubon WatchList

NΑ Natioanl Audubon WatchList

RED or YELLOW RED: species

species in this category are declining rapidly and/or have very small populations or limited ranges, and face major conservation threats. These typically are species of global conservation

YELLOW: this category includes species that are either declining or rare.
These typically are species of national conservation concern.

AOU Four letter Alpha codes for common names - note that some subspecies were not included

SE = State-listed as Endangered
ST = State listed as Threatened
FE = Federally listed as Endangered
FT = Federally listed as Threatened



Snowy Plover by Peter Gaede



Annual Picnic — July 26, 2008
Noon to 3 p.m.
Toro Canyon Park
576 Toro Canyon Rd
Montecito, CA 93108

Please come to the Annual Members' Picnic.

Potluck—Be green and bring your own utensils.

Beverages and Hot Coals for BBQ'ing will be provided.

Live music by Glendessary Jam. Glendessary Jam formed in 1988 as a way for Old Time Musicians to get together and have fun. They play Appalachian String Band Music, lead by strong fiddling, backed by banjos, guitars, a mandolin, a ukulele and other visiting instruments. Toe-tapping up-beat music!



Please RSVP to Julie Kummel: (805) 403-3203.

Election of Audubon Board of Directors 2008-09 July 26th (at the picnic)

Note the slate for the chapter board of directors for one year terms, to be elected at the Annual Members' Picnic, July 26. We have several openings on the board: Science, Education, Publicity, and Newsletter.

Andy Lentz will continue as editor of our newsletter, El Tecolote, but prefers not to be on the board. So the Newsletter Chair assists with coordinating the lead articles, and other chapter projects based on interest and time. We have job descriptions or information about what each position entails, if you would like to contribute to bird conservation and education. Contact Darlene Chirman at dchirman@starband.net or 692-2008, or any board member, to find out more. The board meets monthly, on the second Wednesday evening, at the Goleta Valley Community Center. We'd love to have you join us!

Santa Barbara Audubon Society Board of Directors 08-09 Slate of Nominees for Election July 26, 2008

Reduce your carbon footprint Pervious surfaces

Reduce your carbon footprint — Low-carbon

Getting a tax rebate? Use it to reduce your carbon footprint ...and support Audubon education programs

Bicycle for work, errands, recreation.

Ride for health and to reduce your carbon footprint.

Don't have a bike?

Audubon auction will offer two bicycles to the highest

bidders.*

Need a new appliance?
Be sure to select Energy Star appliances for energy efficiency.

Sustainability — Locavore — Upcycle

Eat lower on the

foodchain

Recycle

Energy efficiency

Water

Reduce your water use. 20% of California energy is used to pump water. Get a rain barrel to water your garden.

Enhance your garden for your enjoyment, lower water use, attract birds.

Watch the birds in your yard—drive less for birdwatching.

Wildlife-friendly garden consult, gift certificate from Island Seed and Feed—at the auction.*

Reduce the "food miles" of the foods you eat--shop locally and eat lower on the food chain Farmers Market Gift certificates & cloth shopping bags available at the Silent Auction*

Insulate your home for better fuel-efficiency. Ceiling insulation makes for the biggest cost savings-save every year.

Provide experiences instead of more things for your children or grandchildren.

Museum of Natural History membership.

visit to SB Zoo --auction items.*

Put your home on an energy diet. Use a clothes line to dry your clothes. Switch to fluorescent light bulbs.

Support local wine production. 12-bottle mixed cased of Los Cinco Locos wine. Buy raffle tickets by mail, on line, or at the auction.* \$20/ticket; 3 tickets for \$50.

*Second Annual "Feather the Nest."
Auction will be held June 29 at Creekspirit.
Your invitation coming soon in the mail.

conservation — Green building — Appropriate

SAVE THE DATE! "Feather the Nest"

Santa Barbara Audubon Society

Second Annual BENEFIT AUCTION

to benefit our educational programs

Sunday, June 29, 2008 2 – 5 pm



at
Creekspirit
in Mission Canyon

Live & Silent Auction
Live Birds of Prey - Music - Wine & Hors d'oeuvres
Shuttle Parking from Rockwood Women's Club

Volunteers needed: Feather the Nest Decorations

YOU are invited to join the SBAS Outreach Committee to help create the decorations for our upcoming benefit auction!

Wednesday, June 4 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. SBAS Office, Goleta Valley Community Center, Room 5B

Materials provided, you bring the inspiration! RSVP 403-3203

Leave a message, someone will return your call

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.

Kenya: Birds & Wildlife in the Gem of East Africa

Roy Poucher Wednesday, June 25, 2008

Ome along on a photographic safari to Kenya with Roy Poucher and Bird Odysseys, getting up close and personal with its flashy birds, charismatic large mammals, and breathtaking landscapes. Your visual tour will transport you via stunning photography to the vast grasslands of the Serengeti and other wild locales. View life's dramas lived out by colorful and comical-looking birds and by the big game of hippos, rhinos, zebras, elephants, giraffes and lions. Grasp the mind-boggling millions of Lesser Flamingoes blanketing Lake Nakuru in pink.

Enjoy the antics of the gangly Secretary Bird and of the largest flying bird in the world, the Kori Bustard, as it displays for females. Fish Eagles capture their dinner before your eyes, and weavers construct their nests. Warthogs, Cape buffalo, elephants and



hippos gently tend to their young close to your safari van. Visit beautiful and bird-rich Lakes Baringo and Naivasha in the Great Rift Valley. Journey to the verdant and biologically diverse Kakamega Forest, and witness the famous Treetops Lodge, built above big game watering holes in Aberdare National Park. The current political and social upheavals will be briefly addressed also.

Roy Poucher is an international tour leader and, with his company Bird Odysseys, has led trips to Costa Rica, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands and Kenya. He just returned from touring Cambodia and Thailand. He also leads trips for Sea & Sage Audubon and has led their trips to North Dakota, the Great Lakes, southeast Arizona, and Texas. Trips to India and Australia are in the works.

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 Saturday, June 28th, 2008, 8:00 a.m. to 1-2 p.m. (7:00 a.m. at mandatory car pool location)

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 20th** to reserve your place. Please let Jack know if you are willing to drive your vehicle and how many people it will hold.

Target Birds: Songbirds, ocean and pond waterfowl, raptors and perhaps an owl or two. **Leader**: Robert (Rob) Lindsay

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 19, 2008, 8:30-11:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. at car pool location)

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

Leader: not announced

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

Take advantage of this opportunity to bird the private Trout Club.

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 13,2008

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 27, 2008

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.

Tabano Hollow Open Space Friday, July 11, 2008

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.

Hope Ranch Annex (Bonus Bird Walk) Friday, July 18, 2008 This is a new bird walk

Target Birds: Towhees, Warblers, Sparrows, etc.

Directions: From the north, take Hwy. 101 to the Turnpike Ave. off ramp and head towards the ocean. Turn left on Hollister. From the south take Hwy. 101 to the Highway 154 exit and turn left on Hollister/State. From Hollister Ave. turn on Puente Drive (towards the ocean). Park in front of the church on Mint Lane (on the left side of Puente Drive). We will bird Los Feliz Drive and the Atascadero Creek loop

La Mesa Park Friday July 25, 2008

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.

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.

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. Diane Pelton
Ms. Chloris Boone
Riparetti Stepie
Mrs. Karen Pass
Mr. Benjamin Chates
Ms. Susan Mazer

Mr. Leif Ourston
Dr. Sue Colin
Mr. Stuart Segal
Dianna Ricky
Donald Ricky
Paul Costello

George Durocher James Norris & Mark Saunders Jacqui Oliveira

Tony & Rachel Johansen

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 Itvolunteer@yahoo.com or 684-4405. For Coal Oil Point Reserve, contact Tara Longwell 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 8 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday July 6 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

COAL OIL POINT RESERVE

Contact: Tara Longwell

No workday in June

Saturday July 12 9 a.m.-12 noon

Tecolote Circle

Barbara Audubon, by donating \$1000 or more in cash, appreciated securities or a bequest to our Endowment Fund. The income from invested contributions provides ongoing support for our chapter core programs, such as Eyes in the Sky and the Snowy Plover education program. Of course, donations of any size are welcome! For more information, call 964-9444 or contact any board member.

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:

Training Schedule:

880-1195.

Audubon Office Work Party

You are invited to a "Work Party" at the Audubon office.

Wednesday, June 4 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

SBAS Office, Goleta Valley Community Center, Room 5B

Materials provided, you bring the inspiration! RSVP 403-3203

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 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.

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_______F-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/

- June 4 Office Work Party
- June 8 Restore Arroyo Hondo
- June 13 Atascadero Creek Bird Walk
- June 21 Ployer Training
- June 25 Program: Kenya: Birds & Wildlife
- June 27 Farren Road Bird Walk
- June 28 Hollister Ranch Field Trip
- June 29 **FEATHER THE NEST**
- July 6 Restore Arroyo Hondo
- July 11 Tabano Hollow Bird Walk
- July 12 Plover Training
- July 12 Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve
- July 18 Hope Ranch Annex Bird Walk
- July 17 Trout Club Field Trip
- July 25 La Mesa Park Bird Walk
- July 26 Annual Audubon Picnic
- July 26 Board Elections

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