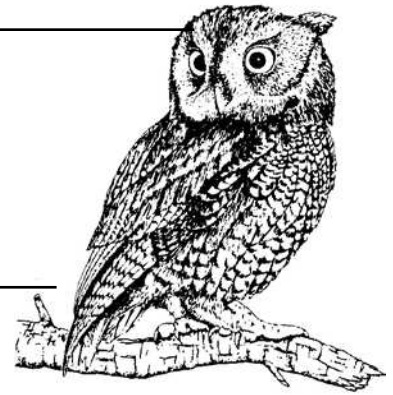


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Eyes In The Sky and the BIRDS OF PREY CAMPAIGN

Light at the End of the Tunnel
by John O'Brien, Dolores Pollock & Julie Kummel

Eyes in the Sky (EITS), a Santa Barbara Audubon Society (SBAS) educational outreach program, began in 2000, when Gabriele Drozdowski, the program's executive director, approached SBAS to ask for support with creating an environmental outreach program that utilizes non-releasable birds of prey to educate community members about birds and their surroundings. SBAS accepted the proposal, and EITS was "born".

EITS presents its wildlife ambassadors—birds of prey native to our area—to children and adults throughout the greater Santa Barbara area. Drozdowski and 15 volunteer docents present scientific information, share stories of encounters between wildlife and humans, and educate audience members about personal actions they can take to help protect wildlife and its habitats. EITS's ambassadors provide a personal glimpse into the lives and natures of our wild neighbors and increase audience members' awareness of how their actions affect wildlife and habitats. And, of course, most of you know our star ambassador, Max, the Great Horned Owl that helps rear orphaned baby owlets each year.

All EITS birds of prey are no longer able to survive in the wild on their own. They are kept under license from the California Dept. of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

The MAX Project (Museum Aviary eXhibit Project)

After several years of EITS presentations at the S.B. Museum of Natural History, the Museum's Director, Dr. Karl Hutterer, approached SBAS with the idea of potentially re-locating the birds to the museum, a collaborative venture in which EITS would continue to run its program but from the Museum location instead of Drozdowski's residence where EITS is currently located.

A Memo of Understanding was agreed to by the Museum and SBAS back in the fall of 2005 detailing the purpose and responsibilities of both parties and presenting an initial timeline for the construction of the aviary that would have the birds living at the Museum by the summer of 2006.

One must remember we live in Santa Barbara where getting anything approved and built can take some time, and add to that doing it at such a historically significant location as the Museum of Natural History, and you can appreciate why we are where we are. Over the past four years we have reduced the size of the aviary from 800 to 650 square feet, and we have moved its location from across the creek to behind the McVeagh House. With its new location certain, design changes were required to make the aviary better match the historic surrounding structures. The good news—the great news—is that we have finally obtained conceptual approval by Santa Barbara City's Historic Landmarks Commission. We can now finalize the engineering drawings, pull the building permits, and begin lining up our construction contractors. Move-in-date, with fingers crossed: end of 2009!



Max

The MAX Project becomes the BIRDS OF PREY CAMPAIGN

Now it's time to raise money to give Max (and five other rescued raptors) a new, permanent home. It is the Museum's first exhibit of living birds. The MAX Project is now The BIRDS OF PREY CAMPAIGN, underway and moving full steam

SAVE THE DATES

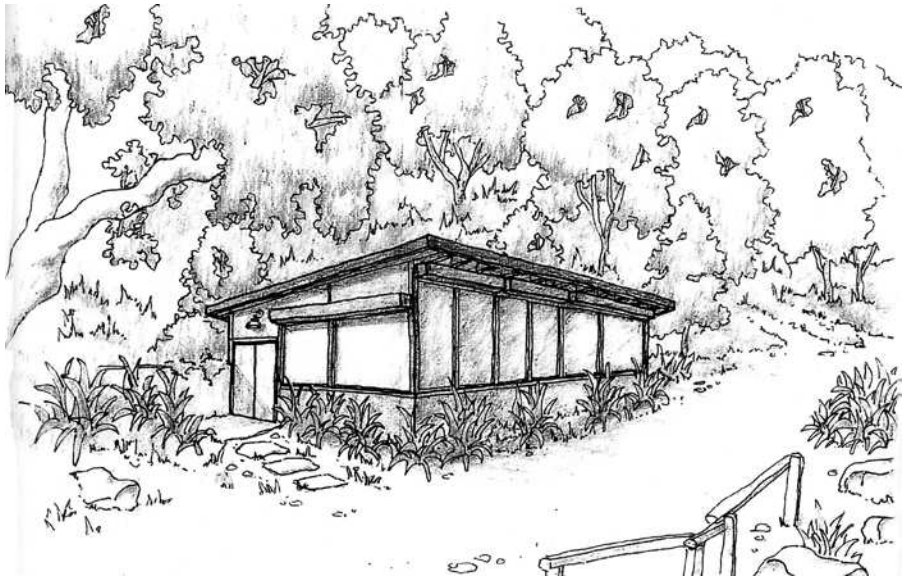
Sunday, June 14 (Noon – 3:00 p.m.) Annual Membership Picnic at Stevens Park
Saturday & Sunday, July 18 & 19 SCAPE Art Show in La Arcada Courtyard:
"On the Wings of Art" benefits Santa Barbara Audubon Society.

ahead with past donations, a bequest, and a generous foundation grant. SBAS plans to raise \$150,000 to build the aviary and support our educational programs. We are almost half way towards our goal!

If we can raise the remaining funds, we could build as early as this fall. We are asking for donations now to construct the new aviary—a public outreach with educational advantages to all those who come to the Museum. Children will be able to visit Max and the other birds whom they met in their classrooms. The aviary will also be a home base for the volunteers who care for our birds.

Names of donors to the aviary will appear on a Donor Wall. Naming opportunities exist for those who wish to underwrite significant portions of the project, either in their name or in honor or memory of a loved one. Audubon members, we are asking for your support.

For more information on The Birds of Prey Campaign, contact Julie Kummel at jkummel@rain.org or 964-9444 or go to the SBAS website at: www.santabarbaraaudubon.org/BOPCampaign2009.html.



Preliminary architect's conceptual drawing of the mews.

ON the WINGS of ART -- SBAS July Fundraiser!



Eagle by Susan LeVine

Santa Barbara Audubon Society in collaboration with SCAPE (Southern California Artists Painting for the Environment) will host “On the Wings of Art,” a two-day art exhibit in La Arcada Plaza to benefit SBAS. The event will take place on Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19, 2009, from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. in La Arcada Court/Library Arts Plaza between the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and the Main Library at 1114 State Street and 40 E. Anapamu.

Each year, SCAPE (www.s-c-a-p-e.org) organizes the La Arcada show to help a local environmental cause. This year, SBAS is the lucky recipient. Proceeds from the sales of paintings will benefit SBAS education programs like Eyes in the Sky and Meet Your Wild Neighbor and preservation activities like the Snowy Plover program.

Like all of SCAPE's annual La Arcada shows, it is an event you won't want to miss! “On the Wings of Art” is an open-air, juried show and sale featuring art works inspired by the birds of the area, and emphasizing preservation of shoreline and bird habitat. Expect to see unique paintings of Santa Barbara's coastline and its wildlife by some of the area's most well-known and inspired artists. Arts writer Josef Woodard recognized members of SCAPE as “artists who find plenty to paint about in the area's unspoiled wilds and who are intrinsically passionate about preserving nature's beauty in our midst.”

A reception with a raffle for a case of Los Cinco Locos wine will be held Sunday, July 19th, 4 to 6 p.m. Raffle tickets may be purchased @ \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win. Los Cinco Locos is a special handmade wine created by local wine makers and available only at charitable events.

The show is free and open to the public. Art sales will benefit SBAS.

For more information, call Julie Kummel at 964-9444 or Dolores Pollock at 681-8661.

Annual Picnic – June 14, 2009

Noon to 3 p.m.

Stevens Park

258 Canon Drive, Santa Barbara

Join Us at the Annual Members' Picnic.

Potluck: bring a dish to share.

Be green: bring your own place setting.

Beverages & Hot Coals for BBQ will be provided.

Glendessary Jam returns to provide Live Music! The group formed in 1988 as a way for Old Time Musicians to get together and have fun. Enjoy the toe-tapping, upbeat music of the Appalachian string band, featuring fiddle, banjos, guitars, mandolin, ukulele and more

To RSVP or for directions to the park, call Julie Kummel at 964-9444



Stevens Park

Photo: © Santa Barbara Independent
by Ray Ford

Election of S. B. Audubon Board of Directors 2009-10 to be held at the Annual Picnic, June 14, 2009

Here is the slate for the chapter Board of Directors for one-year terms. The Board meets monthly on the second Wednesday evening, at the Goleta Valley Community Center.

Santa Barbara Audubon Society Board of Directors Slate of Nominees

President Darlene Chirman
Vice-President Lee Moldaver
Secretary Susan Lentz
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SBAS, Andy Lentz, Editor
5679 Hollister Avenue, Suite 5B
Goleta, CA 93117

or email: newsletter@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org
Submissions deadline is the 10th of the month before publication.

The mission of the Santa Barbara Audubon Society is to help conserve and restore the earth's natural ecosystems and improve its biological diversity, principally in the Santa Barbara area, and to connect people with birds and nature through education, science-based projects and advocacy.

Santa Barbara Audubon Programs

All programs will take place at Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Mission Canyon, Santa Barbara. Free on-site parking. All programs 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.

Offshore Oil Platforms As Fish Habitats

Dr. Milton Love

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

For the past 14 years, Milton (only his wife calls him Dr. Love) has investigated the role that offshore oil and gas platforms might play as fish habitats. The results of this research have made him at least mildly unpopular with some members of the environmental community, which is ironic because that is the side of the street upon which he normally frolics. Come join us and listen as Milton purveys his results, and see if he winds up being mildly unpopular with you.

Dr. Milton Love is a research biologist at the Marine Science Institute, University of California, Santa Barbara. He has been investigating the marine fishes of southern California for over 40 years and has written over 50 publications on their ecology and behavior. Proving that you can fool some of the people all of the time, in 2007 he was awarded the Carl R. Sullivan Award for Conservation of Fishery Resources by the American Fisheries Society.



*Vermilion Rockfish Photo
by: Donna Schroeder*

There will be no programs in July and August. They will resume in September.

Audubon California Honors local Volunteer

Audubon California honored Santa Barbara Audubon Society board member, Steve Ferry, at its annual Asilomar State Chapters Conference for his “exceptional service to Audubon values, in California.”

Ferry (a retired Raytheon project manager) regularly participates in the Central Coast chapters council; volunteers with the Coal Oil Point Snowy Plover project; actively monitors California Condors in the back country; chairs Santa Barbara Audubon’s conservation committee; sits on the Endowment Committee; has served on a work group to reduce conflicts between migrating birds and wind farms; and, in his spare time, serves on the Audubon California board as a chapters representative. Congratulations, Steve!



*Glenn Olson, Director of Audubon California
presents Steve with his award.
Photo: California Audubon Society*

Santa Barbara Audubon Field Trips

*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 13, 2009,

8:00 a.m.-1 or 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: Jared Dawson

Reservations are required as we are limited to 25 people (five vehicles). Please call or email Jack Sanford ((805) 566-2191 or jacksanford@hotmail.com) on or before June 10th to reserve your place. Please let Jack know if you are willing to drive your vehicle and how many people it will hold.

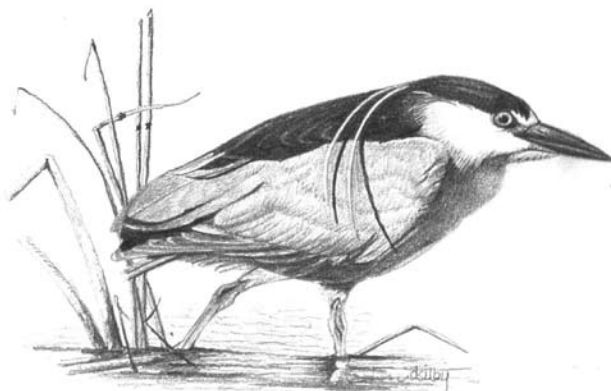
Directions: Coming from the south take Hwy. 101 to Lake Cachuma/State St. off-ramp. Turn right on State St. and turn right into the Five Points Shopping Center. Coming from the north take Hwy. 101 to the State St. off-ramp. Turn left onto State St. Turn right into the Five Points Shopping Center. We will meet and park near Carl's Jr. restaurant at 7:00 a.m. (\$8.00 gas money to drivers.) We must car pool, as we are limited to 5 vehicles. Bring water, snack 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.



Sora

Artist: Daniel S. Kilby



Black-crowned Night-heron

Artist: Daniel S. Kilby

Trout Club, Santa Barbara

Saturday July 18, 2009, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

(8:00 a.m. at car pool location)

Target Birds: Flycatchers, thrushes, gnatcatchers, hummingbirds, sparrows, orioles, etc.

Leader: pending

Directions: Coming from the south take Hwy. 101 to Lake Cachuma/State St. off-ramp. Turn right on State St. and turn right into the Five Points Shopping Center. Coming from the north take Hwy. 101 to the State St. off-ramp. Turn left onto State St. Turn right into the Five Points Shopping Center. We will meet and park near Carl's Jr. restaurant at 8 a.m. or you can meet us in the dirt parking area near the entrance to the Trout Club off Old San Marcus Rd. We will bird from there.

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

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 12, 2009

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 26, 2009

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 10, 2009

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 Friday, July 17, 2009 (Note: this is the 3rd Friday of the month)

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). Puente Drive is between Turnpike Road and the Page Recreation Facility. 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.

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!

Karen M. Blumenshine DVM
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Mr. & Mrs. Paul Chesnut
Mitzi Clayton
Cary & Elizabeth Conyers
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Cynthia Manzer
Joanne Miles
Marlene Mills
Mike Nichols

Phyllis Olsen
Amanda Pascoe
William D. Pennycook
Hjalmar Pompe
Ernest C. Pratt
Lawrence Pratt
Jennifer Riley
Mary Vogel
W. Wood

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** at longwell@lifesci.ucsb.edu or 252-4903. or **Darlene Chirman** at dchirman@starband.net or 692-2008.*

ARROYO HONDO

Contact: **Jane Murray**

Sunday June 7 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Sunday July 5 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

COAL OIL POINT RESERVE

Contact: **Tara Longwell**

No weekend Volunteer Restoration in June
 Saturday July 18 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:

June 27
 July 18
 August 15

Training Schedule:

Tour 9-11 a.m.
 Training 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Those interested should call to register at (805) 893 3703

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 Membership@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org

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

Correction. In our rush to get the previous issue of **El Tecolote** to the printer one of the points of the new membership category was printed as: *Most of membership dues applied to national issues*; it should have read: *All dues applied to local programs and issues (currently NAS keeps most of your dues after the first year)*. The new membership form listed the benefits correctly. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused. Editor

Audubon Society Membership Application



Local Chapter-only Membership

This is a full membership to the Santa Barbara Audubon Society, with all funds put to work locally.

Includes:

- * a subscription to the local newsletter, *El Tecolote*
- * new enrollments current through June 30, 2010
- * subsequent membership dues on a July - June cycle

Does Not Include:

- * National magazine, *Audubon*,
- * distribution of your name to any other organization

The cost is \$25 annually.

This is my choice of membership!

- ☐ Make check payable to:
Santa Barbara Audubon Society



National and Local Membership

Santa Barbara Code: C9ZC130Z

This is the traditional membership offered by the National organization. Includes:

- * membership on both the local and national levels
- * most of membership dues applied to national issues and advocacy
- * both the national magazine, *Audubon*, and the local *El Tecolote*
- * renewal notices from National organization
- * your name may be distributed to third party advertisers

The cost for this introductory membership is \$20, or \$15 for senior 62+ or student.

(NAS subsequent-year memberships are currently \$35/year.)

- ☐ **This is my choice of membership!**
☐ **This is a Senior/Student membership.**
☐ **Please do NOT share my contact information.**

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

Name: _____

My special interests: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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E-mail: _____

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Hear Rare Bird Report 964-8240

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

Calendar of Events

Check our website for any changes or late additions
to our Bird Walks, Field Trips or Programs:
<http://www.SantaBarbaraAudubon.org>

June

June	7	Restore Arroyo Hondo
June	12	Atascadero Creek Bird Walk
June	13	Hollister Ranch Field Trip
June	14	Annual Picnic and Board Election Stevens Park
June	24	Program: Offshore Oil Platforms
June	26	Farren Road Bird Walk
June	27	Plover Training

July

July	5	Restore Arroyo Hondo
July	10	Tabano Hollow Bird walk
July	17	Hope Ranch Annex Bird Walk
July	18	Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve
July	18	Plover Training
July	18	Trout Club Field Trip
July	18 & 19	SCAPE art show La Arcada

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