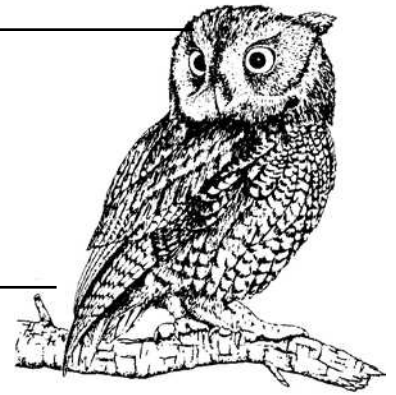


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NEW YEAR'S DAY BIRDING BONANZA 210 SPECIES ON THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT!

By Joan E. Lentz

While everyone else was watching the Rose Parade on television or nursing a headache from New Year's Eve festivities, we birders woke up and hit the ground running. Of course, some of us had already been awake for hours listening for owls and the pre-dawn calls of marsh birds, but most ventured out at daylight to scour every corner of our Count circle in search of birds.

Heaving a sigh of relief that there was NO RAIN (despite draconian forecasts by weather experts), Santa Barbara birders went to work counting all the species to be found from the Pacific Ocean on the south to Gibraltar Reservoir on the north, and from Ellwood on the west to San Ysidro Road on the east.

In scouting before the Count, it appeared that the unseasonably cold weather and heavy rains in mid-December might have driven many birds further south, thus curtailing numbers in our region. In spite of this, and due to an incredible effort on the part of everyone involved, we were able to pull out 210 different kinds of birds in the 24-hour period allotted to the census.

The "stake-out" birds that we knew about beforehand were ticked off early in the day: two Long-tailed Ducks in the harbor, the Vermilion Flycatcher and Eastern Phoebe (returning for a second winter) at Ocean Meadows Golf Course, Tropical Kingbirds at Devereux Slough and the Bird Refuge, a Lewis's Woodpecker in Montecito, and five species of geese: Ross's, Snow, Cackling, Canada, and Greater White-fronted!

More goodies were discovered on Count Day. It turned out that the blooming eucalyptus trees and ornamental hedges in Isla Vista harbored 5 Orchard Orioles, a Hooded Oriole, and a Baltimore Oriole. Other Baltimore Orioles were located at Devereux and at the Municipal Golf Course. Scott's Orioles were discovered at the San Marcos Trout Club and in Montecito. All in all, it was an oriole sweep.

Other interesting birds found on Count Day were a Palm Warbler in the Goleta agricultural fields, and an American Redstart in Hope Ranch.

There are always a few "misses"—birds that we had hoped to get but that didn't show up on Count Day. Among these were Northern Pygmy-Owl, Townsend's Solitaire, and Greater Scaup. And only finding ONE Wilson's Snipe (formerly Common Snipe) was a little shocking considering all the marshy habitat about!

Some species of birds have been termed "irruptive", meaning they can show up in numbers one year and be absent the next. This year Red-breasted Nuthatches, normally a montane species, were to be found everywhere. This didn't apply to other montane birds, however, unless you count Pine Siskins, which showed up sporadically at certain backyard feeders.

As you can imagine, organizing and compiling this monster Christmas Bird Count is a daunting job, but with superb helpers like **Joan Murdoch, Rebecca Coulter, Jared Dawson, and Dave Compton**, everything went incredibly well. **Bill Pollock's** ability to crunch all the numbers into an invaluable computer version of the Count is essential. And **Patrick McNulty** kept track of all the rarities for us before the Count, so we knew where to look on Count Day. A huge thanks goes to these fabulous volunteers!

And how did Santa Barbara stack up against other CBCs in California and nationwide? We came in second in California, behind a high San Diego CBC total of 218 species. And, of course, the two big Texas Counts at Mad Island Marsh and Guadalupe River Delta were way ahead of all of us with totals of 235 for the former and 222 for the latter. Freeport, our "used-to-be" rival, had only 204 species.

At the end of the day, it's the camaraderie and fantastic spirit behind the Santa Barbara Christmas Bird Count that has made it so famous. We are known for our excellent habitats for birds, our top birders, and the accuracy of our Count. Santa Barbara Audubon can be proud of another successful effort, and we thank them for their generous support and encouragement.

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 Christmas Bird Count Results Jan 1, 2011

DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS

1	Gr. White-fronted Goose
1	Snow Goose *
3	Ross' Goose *
1	Brant
2	Cackling Goose *
139	Canada Goose
19	Wood Duck
63	Gadwall
1	Eurasian Wigeon *
164	American Wigeon
521	Mallard
3	Blue-winged Teal *
11	Cinnamon Teal
298	Northern Shoveler
19	Northern Pintail
67	Green-winged Teal
1	Canvasback
20	Redhead
125	Ring-necked Duck
	Greater Scaup *
94	Lesser Scaup
84	Surf Scoter
97	Bufflehead
7	Common Goldeneye
14	Hooded Merganser
9	Common Merganser
9	Red-breasted Merganser
263	Ruddy Duck

QUAIL, TURKEYS

15	Wild Turkey
	Mountain Quail
256	California Quail

LOONS

8	Red-throated Loon
10	Pacific Loon
3	Common Loon
6~	Loon species

GREBES

80	Pied-billed Grebe
27	Horned Grebe
62	Eared Grebe
3422	Western Grebe
4	Clark's Grebe
1600~	Clark's / Western Grebe

SHEARWATERS

	Northern Fulmar
	Black-vented Shearwater

PELICANS

1802	Brown Pelican
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CORMORANTS

282	Brandt's Cormorant
353	Double-crested Cormorant
3	Pelagic Cormorant

HERONS

1	American Bittern *
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1	Least Bittern *
63	Great Blue Heron
44	Great Egret
51	Snowy Egret
	Cattle Egret
10	Green Heron
121	Black-crowned Night-Heron

NEW WORLD VULTURES

134	Turkey Vulture
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HAWKS

	Osprey
21	White-tailed Kite
6	Northern Harrier
8	Sharp-shinned Hawk
31	Cooper's Hawk
91	Red-shouldered Hawk
175	Red-tailed Hawk
1	Golden Eagle

FALCONS

55	American Kestrel
3	Merlin
4	Peregrine Falcon

RAILS, GALLINULES

9	Virginia Rail
19	Sora
1	Common Moorhen
1582	American Coot

PLOVERS

107	Black-bellied Plover
240	Snowy Plover
106	Semipalmated Plover
163	Killdeer

STILTS, AVOCETS

60	Black-necked Stilt
3	American Avocet

SANDPIPERS

15	Spotted Sandpiper
32	Greater Yellowlegs
135	Willet
	Lesser Yellowlegs *
41	Whimbrel
43	Long-billed Curlew
151	Marbled Godwit
	Ruddy Turnstone
46	Black Turnstone
994	Sanderling
5	Western Sandpiper
52	Least Sandpiper
4	Dunlin
169	Long-billed Dowitcher
1	Wilson's Snipe
	Red Phalarope *

JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS

	Black-legged Kittiwake *
16	Bonaparte's Gull

727	Heermann's Gull
282	Mew Gull
286	Ring-billed Gull
1389	Western Gull
460	California Gull
15	Herring Gull
7	Thayer's Gull *
43	Glaucous-winged Gull
2	Caspian Tern *
154	Forster's Tern
181	Royal Tern
223	Black Skimmer
2	Pomarine Jaeger
5	Parasitic Jaeger
~	Jaeger species

ALCIDS

55	Common Murre
28	Rhinoceros Auklet

PIGEONS

884	Rock Pigeon
661	Band-tailed Pigeon
201	Eurasian Collared-Dove
	White-winged Dove *
508	Mourning Dove
	Common Ground-Dove *

CUCKOOS

2	Greater Roadrunner
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OWLS

4	Barn Owl
6	Western Screech-Owl
24	Great Horned Owl
	Northern Pygmy-Owl
	Burrowing Owl

SWIFTS

4	White-throated Swift
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HUMMINGBIRDS

1067	Anna's Hummingbird
	Costa's Hummingbird *
59	Allen's Hummingbird
65~	Selasphorus sp.

KINGFISHERS

17	Belted Kingfisher
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WOODPECKERS

733	Acorn Woodpecker
	Red-naped Sapsucker *
4	Red-breasted Sapsucker
35	Nuttall's Woodpecker
48	Downy Woodpecker
13	Hairy Woodpecker
97	Northern (red-shftd) Flicker
~	Northern (yel.shftd) Flicker *

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

342	Black Phoebe
71	Say's Phoebe

- 2___ Tropical Kingbird *
- 34___ Cassin's Kingbird

SHRIKES

- 15___ Loggerhead Shrike

VIREOS

- 50___ Hutton's Vireo

JAYS, CROWS

- 6___ Steller's Jay
- 513___ Western Scrub-Jay
- 6___ Yellow-billed Magpie
- 1728___ American Crow
- 4___ Common Raven

CHICKADEES, TITMICE

- 3___ Mountain Chickadee
- 11___ Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- 301___ Oak Titmouse

BUSHTITS

- 1702___ Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

- 49___ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- 83___ White-breasted Nuthatch

CREEPERS

- 4___ Brown Creeper

WRENS

- 9___ Rock Wren
- 6___ Canyon Wren
- 133___ Bewick's Wren
- 48___ House Wren
- 3___ Pacific Wren
- 7___ Marsh Wren

KINGLETS, GNATCATCHERS

- 2___ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- 458___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- 56___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

THRUSHES, WRENTIT

- 175___ Western Bluebird
- ___ Townsend's Solitaire
- 105___ Hermit Thrush
- 445___ American Robin
- 1___ Varied Thrush
- 151___ Wrentit

MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS

- 205___ Northern Mockingbird
- 81___ California Thrasher

STARLINGS

- 1056___ European Starling

WAGTAILS, PIPITS

- 165___ American Pipit

WAXWINGS

- 414___ Cedar Waxwing

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

- 5___ Phainopepla

WOOD-WARBLERS

- 364___ Orange-crowned Warbler
- 5___ Nashville Warbler *
- 5___ Yellow Warbler *
- 3265___ Yel.rumped (Audubon's) Wrblr
- 134~___ Yel.rumped (Myrtle) Warbler
- 3___ Black-throated Gray Warbler
- 222___ Townsend's Warbler
- 3___ Hermit Warbler *
- 1___ Palm Warbler *
- ___ Black-and-white Warbler *
- 180___ Common Yellowthroat
- 8___ Wilson's Warbler

TANAGERS

- 3___ Summer Tanager *
- 11___ Western Tanager

SPARROWS

- 164___ Spotted Towhee
- 574___ California Towhee
- 1___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow
- 2___ Chipping Sparrow
- 18___ Lark Sparrow
- ___ Sage Sparrow *
- 38___ Savannah Sparrow
- 30___ Fox Sparrow
- 261___ Song Sparrow
- 33___ Lincoln's Sparrow
- 3___ Swamp Sparrow *
- 8___ White-throated Sparrow
- 1417___ White-crowned Sparrow
- 217___ Golden-crowned Sparrow
- 467___ Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco
- 1~___ Dark-eyed (Slate-col) Junco

GROSBEAKS

- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak *
- 1___ Black-headed Grosbeak *

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

- 332___ Red-winged Blackbird
- ___ Tricolored Blackbird
- 343___ Western Meadowlark
- 387___ Brewer's Blackbird
- 52___ Great-tailed Grackle
- 33___ Brown-headed Cowbird
- 5___ Orchard Oriole *
- 1___ Hooded Oriole *
- 10___ Bullock's Oriole
- 3___ Baltimore Oriole *
- 2___ Scott's Oriole *

FINCHES

- 25___ Purple Finch
- 1375___ House Finch
- 52___ Pine Siskin
- 348___ Lesser Goldfinch
- ___ Lawrence's Goldfinch
- 270___ American Goldfinch

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- 411___ House Sparrow

UNESTABLISHED EXOTICS

- 165~___ Nutmeg Mannikin

ADDITIONAL SPECIES (counted)

- 2___ Long-tailed Duck
- 2___ Spotted Owl
- 3___ Northern Saw-whet Owl
- 1___ Rufous Hummingbird
- 1___ Lewis's Woodpecker
- 1___ Vermilion Flycatcher
- 1___ Eastern Phoebe
- 20___ Horned Lark
- 1___ No. Rough-winged Swallow
- 1___ Grace's Warbler
- 1___ American Redstart
- 1___ Clay-colored Sparrow

210 SPECIES GRAND TOTAL

42811 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 countable

Additional Count Week Sightings

- x___ Bald Eagle
- x___ Solitary Sandpiper
- x___ Black-legged Kittiwake *
- x___ Cassin's Vireo
- x___ Violet-green Swallow

Other Christmas Bird Count Totals

- Carpinteria.....143*
- Cachuma.....160*
- La Purisima.....123
- Santa Maria-Guadalupe.....151

*See the SB Audubon chapter website SantaBarbaraAudubon.org for Recap of these counts.

Congratulations to all who participated in our Christmas Bird Counts!

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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.

Climate Change In The California Foothills

Frank W. Davis
Wednesday, February 23

California foothill landscapes—a patchwork of grasslands, woodlands, and shrub-lands—harbor a large portion of our native plant and animal species and support the state's ranching economy. Foothill ecosystems are already in flux due to invasive weeds, air pollution, changing fire regimes, and expanding vineyard and residential development. Ongoing climate change is yet another driver of ecological trends, and the pace of that change is likely to accelerate over the next several decades. This talk will provide an overview of recent scientific efforts to assess ecological risks from 21st century climate change in California's foothill environments and will consider possible adaptation strategies to reduce climate change impacts.

Frank W. Davis is a professor at the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at the University of California, Santa Barbara. His research interests are in landscape ecology, biogeography, conservation planning, and California oak woodlands and shrub-lands.

Santa Barbara County Rare Birds a 10-year Retrospective Using Digital

Photography
Roger Millikan
Wednesday, March 23

For more information on this program please contact the office or go to the Audubon website:
<http://www.SantaBarbaraAudubon.org/sbasprograms.html>



This Audubon Warbler finds a way to evade the Christmas Bird Count!

Aviary

by President Darlene Chirman

The aviary for the Eyes in the Sky (EITS) Birds, was dedicated at the Museum of Natural History on December 15. We anticipate move-in by the time you receive this newsletter. This project is the culmination of several years of planning, permitting, and fundraising. Thank you to all who helped! See photos on the Audubon website at www.SantaBarbaraAudubon.org/AviaryDedication.pdf

We are sad to report that Angel, the peregrine falcon new to the program, has died. She was adopted by EITS October 17 with a wing injury that limited her flying ability. On December 22, while in a training session inside Program Manager Gabriele Drozdowski's home, she was startled by something, flew straight at a window, broke the glass and escaped. She was sighted numerous times, as recently as December 31, but could not be coaxed down. She was found dead at More Mesa New Year's Day; she seemed emaciated and was probably unable to hunt successfully.

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!

Caroline Alcorn
Barbara G. Anderson
Mr. David S. Arnot
Renee G. Basile
Nancy Bauerle
Shirley Bauhaus
Judith Benedict
Theresa Bisson
Jan A. Buur
June Carpenter
Leeza Charleboix*
Ellen Clark
Sara Cooper
Floyd A. Dewitt

Joan Domingue
J. Robert Dunn
Susan Flanery
Kenneth Gaynes
Marilyn Gevirtz
William J. Green
Crystal Harris
Cindy Hellriegel
Yvonne Hindmarsh
Bruce & Cherilyn Hollingworth*
Mr. Jack Huthsing
Jasmine Kova
Sam Kryder
Michael Kuehn

Louise Latham
Maureen Mc Fadden
Dave & Patty Mellen
Frances Morris
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Bob Zimmer
Mary Zurbuchen
*Chapter Only Membership

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 or jacksanford@hotmail.com for details or questions.*

Duck Ponds/Wetlands
(next to Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station)
Friday, February 11, 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
(Note: This field trip is on a Friday)
(8:00 a.m. car pool time)

Santa Barbara Audubon Members only. If you are interested, please contact Jack Sanford by phone ((805) 566-2191) or email (jacksanford@hotmail.com) before Feb. 5. Leave your name and phone number or email address, and Jack will confirm your reservation.

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

Leaders: Peggy Kearns, Jeff Hanson

Directions: We will car pool from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge at 8 a.m. (\$8.00 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 go towards the ocean. Turn right onto Hueneme Rd. Turn left on Casper Rd. Proceed about a mile to the end of Casper Rd. Turn left into the Duck Ponds/Wetlands. Please park on the paved road near the drainage ditch.

Thanks to Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson for making the necessary arrangements. Enjoy.

Rancho Santa Barbara (Lone Star)
(East end of Lake Cachuma)
Saturday, March 12, 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: Rob Lindsay

Directions: To car pool area: 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. Park near Carl's Jr. restaurant. We will car pool from here at 7:30 a.m.

Or you can meet us at 8:00 a.m. at the gate to Rancho Santa Barbara (4001 Hwy. 154, identified by a pipe gate with a large star on it). 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 and Charles Carr's hospitality at one of the best inland winter birding areas in the county!

Sandhill Crane Field Trip

plus a bonus visit to
Atwell Island Wetlands
Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19-20
(This is the 3-day Presidents' Day weekend.)



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

Leader: Jack Sanford

Cost: free (Camp ground fees are \$20. Motels are 20 minutes away in Lost Hills or Delano.)

This Audubon field trip will visit the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park (CASHP), the Atwell Island Wetlands (AIW), the Pixley National Wildlife Refuge (PNWR) and the Kern National Wildlife Refuge (KNWR). It will be an overnight trip with camping at one of two places. CASHP has a nice campground with showers (\$20/night). As a back up we can primitive camp at KNWR. Motels at Lost Hills include Motel 6 and Day's Inn. At Delano there is a Holiday Inn. Everyone must make their own vehicle arrangements and bring the necessary camping equipment, layers of clothes, food and drink plus birding equipment.

We will not caravan; each participant will travel from the Santa Barbara area leaving approximately at 6 a.m. on Saturday or earlier to meet just outside the CASHP at noon or so on Saturday February 19. After determining where we will camp, we will bird the park for a very short time looking for Burrowing Owls. About 12:45 p.m. we will travel to AIW. This is a new BLM 7000 acre restoration project that recently opened with a viewing platform overlooking the wetlands. After that (between 4-5 p.m.) we will travel to PNWR and view the Sandhill Cranes coming in till dark. After Sunday breakfast we will bird the KNWR for several hours. We will return home Sunday evening.

Directions: It is approximately 200-230 miles to CASHP. One way to get there is to take Hwy. 101 to Paso Robles. Take Hwy. 46 to Lost Hills. Cross Hwy. 5, but stay on Hwy. 46 to Hwy 43 (18 miles). Turn left (north) on Hwy. 43 and proceed to CASHP (15 miles). Or you can take Hwy. 101 south to Hwy. 126 to Hwy. 5 to Hwy. 46. Take Hwy. 46 east to Hwy. 43 (18 miles). Turn left (north) on Hwy. 43 to CASHP (15 miles).

Friday Bird Walks

Join us on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 8:30-10:30 a.m., except as otherwise noted. 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 4

(Note: This is the first Friday of the month)

Target Birds: Waterfowl, winter songbirds

Directions: From Hwy. 101 take the Los Carneros off ramp and head towards the mountains. (Stow House is on the right.) Turn into the driveway by the fire station. We will meet in the parking lot behind the fire station.

San Jose Creek Area

(near Kellogg Tennis Courts)

Friday, February 25

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.

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

(New Bird Walk)

Friday March 11

We will meet in the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History parking lot near the Blue Whale.



Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station

(Bonus Field Trip/Bird Walk combination)

Friday, March 18 (Note: this is the 3rd Friday)

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 Sunday, March 6. Jack must forward a list of participants to Pt. Mugu on March 7. We will car pool (\$8.00 gas money to drivers) from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge 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 and Jeff Hanson for making the necessary arrangements to visit the Base.

Elings Park

Friday, March 25

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.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Habitat Restoration

*Audubon helps recruit volunteers for habitat restoration, 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 President@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org or 692-2008. For Lake Los Carneros contact **Julie Kummel**, 805-403-3203.*

ARROYO HONDO

Contact: **Jane Murray**
 Sunday February 6 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Sunday March 6 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

COAL OIL POINT RESERVE

Contact: **Tara Longwell**
 Saturday February 12 9 a.m.-12 noon
 Saturday March 5 9 a.m.-12 noon

LAKE LOS CARNEROS

Contact: **Julie Kummel**
 No restoration planned for February and March.

Plover Project Docent Training

Training takes place at Coal Oil Point Reserve

Training:
 February 12
 March 5

Training Schedule: . . 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with lunch

Those interested should call for more information at
 (805) 893 3703

AUDUBON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to help Santa Barbara Audubon?
 Here are several opportunities:

Program Chair

Arrange monthly public programs at the Museum. Some technical savvy helpful for digital projector and computer interface. Elliot Chasin has accepted a job in Sacramento and must resign. Contact President Darlene

Hospitality for Monthly Public Programs

Bring snacks to programs, generally 4th Wednesday (reimbursed) Nancy Rohrer would like to retire!
 Contact President Darlene

Webmaster

Update website, generally on a monthly basis. Material provided by the board and program chairs, Bobbie Offen would like to retire (and stay on as Treasurer).
 Contact Bobbie or Darlene for more information

Eyes in the Sky

Ongoing opportunities for new volunteers to work with our birds of prey.
 Must be available during daytime hours. Call Gabriele 805-898-0347.

Audubon Society Membership Application

Option 1: Local Chapter-only Membership

- This is my choice of membership!
 Cost: **\$25 Annually**
 Make check payable to: **Santa Barbara Audubon Society**

Option 2: National and Local Membership

Santa Barbara Code: COZC130Z

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

Introductory \$20, or \$15 for senior/student; \$35 annually thereafter.

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

For more information on these options please go to our website at:
www.SantaBarbaraAudubon.org or call (805) 964-1468

Name: _____
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Calendar of Events

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February

Feb.	4	Lake Los Carneros Bird Walk
Feb.	6	Restore Arroyo Hondo
Feb.	11	Duck Ponds/Wetlands Field Trip
Feb.	12	Plover Training
Feb.	12	Restore Coal Oil Point
Feb.	19&20	Sandhill Crane Field Trip
Feb.	23	Program: Climate Change
Feb.	25	San Jose Creek Bird Walk

March

Mar.	5	Plover Training
Mar.	5	Restore Coal Oil Point Reserve
Mar.	6	Restore Arroyo Hondo
Mar.	11	SBMNH Bird Walk
Mar.	12	Rancho Santa Barbara Field Trip
Mar.	18	Pt Mugu Field Trip & Bird Walk
Mar.	23	Program: Roger Millikan
Mar.	25	Elings Park Bird Walk

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