

# El Tecolote



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Celebrating 50 Years of Conservation  
and Advocacy!

## CBC Draws Over 250 Participants *By Rebecca Coulter*

### Compiler's Notebook: Nov. 30th

Thanksgiving is over and I, along with my fellow Santa Barbara Christmas Bird Count (CBC) coordinators Jared Dawson and Joan Murdoch, begin planning in earnest for this monster of a CBC, even though we've already been meeting regularly for months. We have a feeling that our participant numbers will go higher than last year's record 215 people, as national Audubon is no longer charging its 5 dollars per-person fee. We carefully go over the Areas—the divisions that make up our 15-mile diameter count circle—adding new birding sites and deleting those no longer active or interesting. One of the most successful aspects of our CBC is the diversity of habitats contained within that circle: mountains, foothills, chaparral, coastal plain, sandy and rocky beaches, near-shore waters, and the immense variation of exotic flora in our neighborhoods. All the while, participants begin to sign up for our count... day by day, names accumulate on the list.



A flock of SB birders on count day. Photo by Liz Muraoka

### Compiler's Notebook: Monday, December 31st

With nearly 200 participants on our roster, the scouting begins in earnest. Birders fan out into all the nooks and crannies known to hold birds. Our montane year has materialized on a small scale: **Red-breasted Nuthatches** and **Pine Siskin** are in every patch of conifers, and **Red Crossbills** have been moving around the count circle with alarming unpredictability. After many years of squeaking out a couple of **oriole** species each winter, the increasing wintering **orioles** this year are in the expected places, feasting on blooming Eucalyptus and other exotics. **Ducks** are showing a marked decline at local lakes and ponds. And where are the **sapsuckers**? We worry, we plan, we go birding...often.

### Compiler's Notebook: Count Day, 7:00 AM

The hearty owlers have already been out in the mountains since midnight, turning up birds such as **Spotted, Western Screech** and **Northern Saw-whet owls**. Dawn brings frost on the ground, clear bright sunshine, and temperatures

below freezing in spots. Reports from the army of birders begin to flow in: **Eurasian Wigeon** on Goleta Slough; **Costa's Hummingbird** coming to a backyard sage plant; **Tropical Kingbird** at the Bird Refuge; **Varied Thrush** on a seldom-done hike down the Arroyo Burro Trail; five species of **oriole**; **Red Crossbills** on La Cumbre Peak and a dismal report from the boating birders. At the compilation dinner, more surprises: **American Bittern** at Lake Los Carneros; **Common Ground-Doves** near Glen Annie; **Short-eared and Burrowing owls**

on More Mesa; **Northern Waterthrush** returning to Arroyo Burro Creek; four **Hermit** and three **Palm warblers**; and both **Clay-colored** and **Brewer's sparrows** on private ag fields in Goleta. Reports of slow birding throughout the day dissolve as the evening draws to a festive close. Our species total stands at 214.

### Compiler's Notebook: January 12th

After a week of tabulating, assessing movement of birds around the count circle, and reports from other CBCs, our species total will stand at 214—the second highest count in the state. It's the compilers' duty to agonize over the ones that got away. How could we have missed **Redhead** and **White-throated Swift**? And that pesky count-week **Olive-sided Flycatcher** that didn't show on count day? Nevertheless, the consensus among this huge tribe of birders—from the large number of first timers to the many groups of old friends catching up at the compilation dinner—is that it was great fun and something we can all be proud of. In fact, this huge tribe—268 at last count—will likely represent the largest group of field participants on any count anywhere. We don't expect our totals to change significantly, but all the numbers are preliminary until submitted to national Audubon. Our thanks go to all of you who make it possible! and especially to Santa Barbara Audubon, fellow compilers Dawson and Murdoch, and the Museum of Natural History for supporting this community effort.

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 CBC: Species and Individuals

## DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS

8	Gr. White-fronted Goose
2	Snow Goose *
4	Ross' Goose *
11	Brant
1	Cackling Goose *
291	Canada Goose
5	Wood Duck
42	Gadwall
1	Eurasian Wigeon *
67	American Wigeon
437	Mallard
7	Blue-winged Teal *
16	Cinnamon Teal
344	Northern Shoveler
11	Northern Pintail
97	Green-winged Teal
3	Canvasback
	Redhead
34	Ring-necked Duck
3	Greater Scaup *
168	Lesser Scaup
138	Surf Scoter
115	Bufflehead
2	Common Goldeneye
13	Hooded Merganser
18	Common Merganser
22	Red-breasted Merganser
252	Ruddy Duck

## QUAIL, TURKEYS

18	Wild Turkey
	Mountain Quail
242	California Quail

## LOONS

64	Red-throated Loon
125	Pacific Loon
7	Common Loon
4	~ Loon species

## GREBES

67	Pied-billed Grebe
46	Horned Grebe
33	Eared Grebe
617	Western Grebe
9	Clark's Grebe
460	~ Clark's / Western Grebe

## SHEARWATERS

	Northern Fulmar
2	Black-vented Shearwater

## PELICANS

668	Brown Pelican
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## CORMORANTS

365	Brandt's Cormorant
577	Double-crested Cormorant
13	Pelagic Cormorant

## HERONS

1	American Bittern *
	Least Bittern *
54	Great Blue Heron
57	Great Egret
86	Snowy Egret
	Cattle Egret
9	Green Heron
82	Black-crowned Night-Heron

## NEW WORLD VULTURES

127	Turkey Vulture
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## HAWKS

3	Osprey
27	White-tailed Kite
18	Northern Harrier
12	Sharp-shinned Hawk
42	Cooper's Hawk
86	Red-shouldered Hawk
195	Red-tailed Hawk
4	Golden Eagle

## RAILS, GALLINULES

11	Virginia Rail
13	Sora
1	Common Gallinule
2044	American Coot

## PLOVERS

151	Black-bellied Plover
144	Snowy Plover
22	Semipalmated Plover
178	Killdeer

## STILTS, AVOCETS

46	Black-necked Stilt
	American Avocet

## SANDPIPERS

12	Spotted Sandpiper
27	Greater Yellowlegs
117	Willet
	Lesser Yellowlegs *
20	Whimbrel
8	Long-billed Curlew
149	Marbled Godwit
	Ruddy Turnstone
27	Black Turnstone
471	Sanderling
52	Western Sandpiper
95	Least Sandpiper
24	Dunlin
55	Long-billed Dowitcher
7	Wilson's Snipe
	Red Phalarope *

## JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS

	Black-legged Kittiwake *
6	Bonaparte's Gull
133	Heermann's Gull

100	Mew Gull
162	Ring-billed Gull
674	Western Gull
774	California Gull
2	Herring Gull
2	Thayer's Gull *
3	Glaucous-winged Gull
4	Caspian Tern *
58	Forster's Tern
123	Royal Tern
72	Black Skimmer
	Pomarine Jaeger
2	Parasitic Jaeger
1	~ Jaeger species

## ALCIDS

47	Common Murre
43	Rhinoceros Auklet

## PIGEONS

814	Rock Pigeon
1338	Band-tailed Pigeon
182	Eurasian Collared-Dove
	White-winged Dove *
477	Mourning Dove
3	Common Ground-Dove *

## CUCKOOS

3	Greater Roadrunner
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## OWLS

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

## SWIFTS

	White-throated Swift
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## HUMMINGBIRDS

1120	olpiAnna's Hummingbird
2	Costa's Hummingbird *
95	Allen's Hummingbird
84	~ Selasphorus sp.

## KINGFISHERS

24	Belted Kingfisher
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## WOODPECKERS

899	Acorn Woodpecker
	Red-naped Sapsucker *
13	Red-breasted Sapsucker
72	Nuttall's Woodpecker
53	Downy Woodpecker
14	Hairy Woodpecker
149	Northern (red-shftd) Flicker
	~ Northern (yel.shftd) Flicker *

## FALCONS

52	American Kestrel
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11 \_\_\_\_\_ Merlin  
8 \_\_\_\_\_ Peregrine Falcon

#### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

421 \_\_\_\_\_ Black Phoebe  
78 \_\_\_\_\_ Say's Phoebe  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Tropical Kingbird \*  
66 \_\_\_\_\_ Cassin's Kingbird

#### SHRIKES

15 \_\_\_\_\_ Loggerhead Shrike

#### VIREOS

58 \_\_\_\_\_ Hutton's Vireo

#### JAYS, CROWS

5 \_\_\_\_\_ Steller's Jay  
674 \_\_\_\_\_ Western Scrub-Jay  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow-billed Magpie  
1876 \_\_\_\_\_ American Crow  
18 \_\_\_\_\_ Common Raven

#### CHICKADEES, TITMICE

2 \_\_\_\_\_ Mountain Chickadee  
8 \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut-backed Chickadee  
426 \_\_\_\_\_ Oak Titmouse

#### BUSHTITS

2383 \_\_\_\_\_ Bushtit

#### NUTHATCHES

117 \_\_\_\_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch  
139 \_\_\_\_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch

#### CREEPERS

3 \_\_\_\_\_ Brown Creeper

#### WRENS

2 \_\_\_\_\_ Rock Wren  
7 \_\_\_\_\_ Canyon Wren  
196 \_\_\_\_\_ Bewick's Wren  
52 \_\_\_\_\_ House Wren  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific Wren  
15 \_\_\_\_\_ Marsh Wren

#### KINGLETS, GNATCATCHERS

\_\_\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet  
628 \_\_\_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
63 \_\_\_\_\_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

#### THRUSHES, WRENTIT

261 \_\_\_\_\_ Western Bluebird  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Townsend's Solitaire  
185 \_\_\_\_\_ Hermit Thrush  
779 \_\_\_\_\_ American Robin  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Varied Thrush  
203 \_\_\_\_\_ Wrentit

#### MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS

192 \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird  
150 \_\_\_\_\_ California Thrasher

#### STARLINGS

1028 \_\_\_\_\_ European Starling

#### WAGTAILS, PIPITS

207 \_\_\_\_\_ American Pipit

#### WAXWINGS

565 \_\_\_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing

#### SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

8 \_\_\_\_\_ Phainopepla

#### WOOD-WARBLERS

469 \_\_\_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Nashville Warbler \*  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow Warbler \*  
3428 \_\_\_\_\_ Yel.rumped (Audubon's) Wrblr  
45 \_\_\_\_\_ ~ Yel.rumped (Myrtle) Warbler  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ Black-throated Gray Warbler  
342 \_\_\_\_\_ Townsend's Warbler  
4 \_\_\_\_\_ Hermit Warbler \*  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ Palm Warbler \*  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ Black-and-white Warbler \*  
293 \_\_\_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat  
10 \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler

#### TANAGERS

2 \_\_\_\_\_ Summer Tanager \*  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ Western Tanager

#### SPARROWS

162 \_\_\_\_\_ Spotted Towhee  
652 \_\_\_\_\_ California Towhee  
9 \_\_\_\_\_ Rufous-crowned Sparrow  
9 \_\_\_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow  
55 \_\_\_\_\_ Lark Sparrow  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sage Sparrow \*  
93 \_\_\_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow  
10 \_\_\_\_\_ Fox Sparrow  
333 \_\_\_\_\_ Song Sparrow  
59 \_\_\_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Swamp Sparrow \*  
7 \_\_\_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow  
1693 \_\_\_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow  
255 \_\_\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Sparrow  
832 \_\_\_\_\_ Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ ~ Dark-eyed (Slate-col) Junco

#### GROSBEAKS

\_\_\_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak \*  
\_\_\_\_\_ Black-headed Grosbeak \*

#### BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

648 \_\_\_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ Tricolored Blackbird  
130 \_\_\_\_\_ Western Meadowlark  
425 \_\_\_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird  
52 \_\_\_\_\_ Great-tailed Grackle  
84 \_\_\_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ Orchard Oriole \*  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Hooded Oriole \*  
6 \_\_\_\_\_ Bullock's Oriole  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ Baltimore Oriole \*  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ Scott's Oriole \*

#### FINCHES

43 \_\_\_\_\_ Purple Finch

1643 \_\_\_\_\_ House Finch  
226 \_\_\_\_\_ Pine Siskin  
562 \_\_\_\_\_ Lesser Goldfinch  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lawrence's Goldfinch  
267 \_\_\_\_\_ American Goldfinch

#### OLD WORLD SPARROWS

225 \_\_\_\_\_ House Sparrow

#### UNESTABLISHED EXOTICS

218 \_\_\_\_\_ ~ Nutmeg Mannikin

#### ADDITIONAL SPECIES (counted)

12 \_\_\_\_\_ American White Pelican  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Surfbird  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Short-eared Owl  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Spotted Owl  
4 \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Saw-whet Owl  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Vermilion Flycatcher  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Swallow sp.  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Grace's Warbler  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Waterthrush  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Clay-colored Sparrow  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Brewer's Sparrow  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ Grosbeak sp  
27 \_\_\_\_\_ Red Crossbill

#### Additional Count Week Sightings

x \_\_\_\_\_ Lewis's Woodpecker  
x \_\_\_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher  
x \_\_\_\_\_ Ruddy Turnstone  
x \_\_\_\_\_ Cassin's Finch  
x \_\_\_\_\_ White-throated Swift  
x \_\_\_\_\_ Redhead

#### 214 SPECIES GRAND TOTAL

#### 41803 Bird count grand total

\* = Rare, requires documentation  
(as do the additional species)  
x = Detected during Count Week (3 days  
before and 3 days after count)  
but not on Count Day  
~ = Categories of birds counted but  
not countable as ABA species

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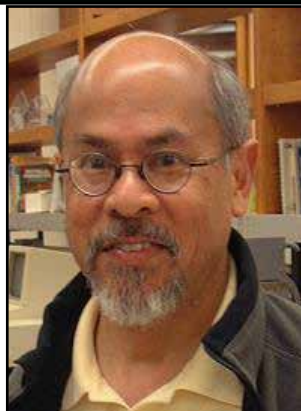
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# Santa Barbara Audubon Programs

## The Philippine Biodiversity Crisis



*Dr. Raul Suarez*

On Wednesday, February 27th, at 7:30 pm, Raul Suarez PhD., will speak about the 7000-plus islands that comprise the Philippines. Known for its immense diversity of species, Dr. Suarez will discuss this country's history and its colonial and post-colonial political and economic institutions. At the time of its first contact with Europeans in 1521, about 90 percent of the Philippines was forested and home to flora and fauna that had evolved over millennia. Although some forest loss occurred during roughly three centuries of Spanish colonial rule—and subsequent half century of American colonial rule—the loss accelerated greatly after World War II, and today, only 20 percent of its land mass has forest cover. Suarez, who is a professor in the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology at UCSB, will also discuss factors that have led

## One Hundred Years of Counting Birds

On Wednesday, March 27th, at 7:30 pm, Rebecca Coulter and Jared Dawson, co-compilers of the Santa Barbara Christmas Bird Count (CBC), will give details of what is now the longest running continuous citizen science project in America, explaining just how local bird lovers set out to count, and not recount, every bird in a 15-mile diameter circle in 24 hours. Discover why Santa Barbarans and birders around the globe participate in this project and why the Santa Barbara CBC consistently ranks at the top of state and national species totals.

A Santa Barbaran since 1979, Rebecca has been birding passionately since her first Christmas Bird Count in 1995. She teaches birding classes at SBCC's Continuing Education program and at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. She is the volunteer manager at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Jared Dawson is a retired cartographer who has lived in Southern California for 50 years. He served as membership chair of SBAS and studied bird vocalization with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

*Looking high and low on count day. Photo by Liz Muraoka.*



## Get Ready for Santa Barbara Audubon's First Birdathon

Plans for Santa Barbara's first Birdathon are entering their final stages! From April 20th to 28th, the Birdathon will include special events such as field trips and individual team trips to raise funds for our chapter's missions while introducing birding to a broader segment of the community.

There will be many ways to have fun and participate in the Birdathon. You can bird on your own or form a team to count bird species. You can raise funds for SBAS by asking friends and family to sponsor your sightings. Other events such as Big Sits will be held for kids in collaboration with scouting groups.

Expert birders will lead field trips for small groups on Friday, April 26th through Sunday, April 28th. The locations and leaders are still being finalized, but trip locations will sample good birding spots for late April. Well-known expert birder Joan Lentz has agreed to lead one of these trips. Lentz has published three books about birds and her latest, *A Naturalist's Guide to the Santa Barbara Region*, is about to be published. Mark Holmgren, another expert birder, and Susanne Barrymore, *Joan Lentz* will also lead field trips. Complete details about the trips and leaders will be detailed in a special Birdathon newsletter that you'll receive by March 15th. It will include a mail-in registration form to secure spots on field trips as well as other information about participating.

We hope you'll join us in April for our first Birdathon—an event to celebrate the Santa Barbara Audubon Society's 50th birthday. For more information, please check our website ([www.santabarbaraaudubon.org](http://www.santabarbaraaudubon.org)) and the next issue of *El Tecolote*.

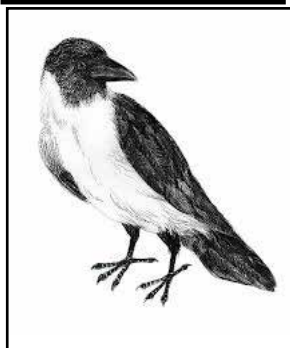


All programs will take place at Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Mission Canyon, Santa Barbara. Free on-site parking. All programs will begin at 7:30 pm and are free to the public. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. SBAS members are encouraged to bring guests.

# 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** at [birdsandtennis@hotmail.com](mailto:birdsandtennis@hotmail.com) for details or questions.



*Yellow-billed Magpie*

## 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** at 805-566-2191 or [birdsandtennis@hotmail.com](mailto:birdsandtennis@hotmail.com)

## Duck Ponds/Wetlands (Next to Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station)

**Sunday Feb. 10th, 2013, 7:00 am (car pool time) 8 am–noon**

Target Birds: **Waterfowl, Virginia Rail, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, American Bittern, White-faced Ibis, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Vermilion Flycatcher**, etc

Trip Leaders: Peggy Kearns, Jeff Hanson

We will car pool from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge at 7:00 am (\$8 gas money to drivers). Or if you want to meet us at the Duck Ponds/Wetlands at 8:00 am, email Jack Sanford at [birdsandtennis@hotmail.com](mailto:birdsandtennis@hotmail.com) for directions. Special thanks to Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson for making the necessary arrangements. Enjoy.

## Sandhill Crane Overnight

**Saturday and Sunday Feb. 16th and 17th, 2013**

Target Birds: **Sandhill Cranes, Burrowing Owls, Common Moorhen, Horned Larks, Loggerhead Shrike, Lark Sparrows, Blue-winged Teal, Marsh Wren, Great Horned Owls** plus many other species.

Leader: Jack Sanford [birdsandtennis@hotmail.com](mailto:birdsandtennis@hotmail.com) (No Reservations are necessary)

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

This field trip is to the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, The Atwell Island Wetlands, the Pixley National Wildlife Refuge, and the Kern National Wildlife Refuge. It will be an overnight trip with camping at one of two places. Colonel Allensworth SP has a nice campground with showers (\$20 per night). As a backup, we can primitive camp at the Kern National Wildlife Refuge. A Motel 6 and Day's Inn are in the vicinity. Everyone must make their own vehicle arrangements and bring the necessary camping equipment: layers of clothes, food, beverages, and birding equipment.

We will not caravan. Each participant will travel from SB, leaving at approximately at 6:00 am Sat or sooner for the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park campground. We will meet just outside the park at noon +/- 15 minutes. It is approximately 230 miles to Colonel Allensworth SHP from SB depending upon the route. For directions, email Jack Sanford at [birdsandtennis@hotmail.com](mailto:birdsandtennis@hotmail.com))

## Las Cruzitas Ranch near Santa Ynez

**Sunday March 17th, 2013 (7:45 am at car pool location) return between 1:00 & 2:00 pm**

Target Birds: **Goldfinches, Buntings, Rufous-crowned Sparrows, Phainopepla, Yellow-billed Magpie, Prairie Falcon, Nuthatches, Hummingbirds and maybe a Golden Eagle**

Trip Leader: Cruz Phillips, 688-8233, [cruzitas@aol.com](mailto:cruzitas@aol.com)

Cost: \$8.00 gas money to car pool drivers. Car pooling is recommended as parking is limited.

We will meet at the Five Points Shopping Center (3925 State St near Big 5) at 7:45 am. For directions, email Jack Sanford at [birdsandtennis@hotmail.com](mailto:birdsandtennis@hotmail.com). We will arrive around 9 am and bird near the ranch house for about 2 hours where there are a large number of feeders and bird habitat. Then we will take an easy walk around the general area and perhaps a tour of a canyon. Bring water, a snack and/or lunch.

## Rancho Santa Barbara

**Saturday March 23rd, 2013 (8 am -noon)**

Leader: Rob Lindsay

Formerly known as "The Loan Star Ranch," Rancho Santa Barbara is off Hwy 154.

Meet at 7:30 am at Five Points shopping mall, in front of Big Five. No gas money required.

Target Birds: **geese, Common Goldeneye, Wood Duck, Lewis's Woodpecker, Bald Eagle, Clark's Grebe, American White Pelican** and other water and song birds

# Friday Bird Walks

## Lake Los Carneros

Friday, Feb. 8th, 2013, 8:30-10:30 am

Target Birds: **Waterfowl** and **winter song birds**

Bird Walk Leader: Jack Sanford (birdsandtennis@hotmail.com)

Directions: From Hwy 101 take the Los Carneros exit off ramp and head towards the mountains (Stow House on the right) Park behind the fire station.

## San Jose Creek Area (near Kellogg tennis courts)

Friday, Feb. 22nd, 2013 8:30-10:30 am

Target Birds: **Song birds, woodpeckers, thrashers, thrushes, kinglets** etc.

Bird Walk Leader: Jack Sanford

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 stop light. Park and Park and meet near the tennis courts.



## Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Friday Mar. 8th, 2013, 8:30-10:30 am

Bird Walk Leader: Jack Sanford

We will meet at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History near the Blue Whale.

## Elings Park

Friday, March 22nd, 2013, 8:30-10:30 am

Target Birds: **Raptors, song, Juncos, Warblers, Finches, Hutton Vireo, California Thrasher** etc

Bird Walk Leader: Jack Sanford

Directions. From Hwy 101 in either direction, 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. We will meet there and bird the area.

Join us on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 8:30-10:30am, **except as otherwise noted**. Please call Bird Walk leader **Jack Sanford 566-2191** or email at **birdsandtennis@hotmail.com** if you are interested in leading a future bird walk to your favorite birding location or have any questions.

# 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!

Thomas Angna	Katie Hart-Thelander	Jamie McLeod	Erlaine Seeger	Marianne Wampler
Peter Pieter Crawford-Vanmeeuwen	Kathi Heaslet	Javier Moreno	Megan Shannon	Sadie Wholeheart
Lauren Croghan	Ruth Heeger	Carl Nolt	Lucia Snowhill	
Ann Crosby*	Rudolf Hergenrother	David Parker*	Bill Stanton	
Dawn Flink	Maureen Horner	Anita C. Pulido	Sharron Stricker	
T. Frey	Patricia Jones	William H. Raber	Linda L. Taber	
Ruth Giwoff	Alan Karbousky	Rhoda Rosenthal	H. Takahashi	
Richard Goodstein	Leah Larson*	John R. Schmidhauser	Elena Urschel	*Chapter Only Membership
	Nancy L. Lynch	Jeanne Schroeder	Isabelle T. Walker	

# Opportunities

## Volunteer Habitat Restoration

### ARROYO HONDO

Contact: **Sally Isaacson**

Sunday Feb. 3 9 am-12:30 pm  
Sunday Mar. 3 9 am-12:30 pm

### COAL OIL POINT RESERVE

–Audubon Restoration–

**Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon**

Date	Restoration	Contact
Saturday Feb. 2	Coastal Poppy Site	Darlene Chirman
Saturday Mar. 9	Slough Margin	Darlene Chirman

### LAKE LOS CARNEROS-Audubon

Saturday Mar. 2 9:00 am-1:00 pm

### CHANNEL ISLANDS RESTORATION

San Marcos Foothills: Trail Enhancement. Darlene is biologist with Channel Islands Restoration

Saturday Feb. 9 Site TBD 8:45-1:00pm-

Please consult their website or Dee on restoration projects including San Marcos Foothills, Santa Barbara Zoo, Anacapa Island and others. Their website is: [www.cirweb.org](http://www.cirweb.org)

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 Darlene Chirman at [President@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org](mailto:President@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org) or 455-3541 for any site. Contact The Land Trust for Arroyo Hondo Preserve: Volunteer Coordinator Sally Isaacson at 260-2252 or [volunteer@sblandtrust.org](mailto:volunteer@sblandtrust.org). Contact Channel Islands Restoration for San Marcos Foothills or other project sites: Volunteer Coordinator Dee Hamby at [volunteer@cirweb.org](mailto:volunteer@cirweb.org).

### 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](mailto: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.

## Plover Project Docent Training

Training takes place at the West Campus Conference Center at Coal Oil Point Reserve, from 9 am-1:30 pm

### Training dates:

Saturday Feb. 9 9:00 am-1:30 pm  
March ..... No Training

### Training Schedule:

Tour ..... 9-11 am  
Training ..... 11 am-1:30 pm

Those interested should Contact: April Price. COPR Conservation Specialist at 893-3703 or [copr.conservation@lifesci.ucsb.edu](mailto:copr.conservation@lifesci.ucsb.edu)

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Officers and Chairs meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Members are welcomed to attend.

**Calendar of Events**

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

<http://www.SantaBarbaraAudubon.org>

**February**

Feb	2	Restore Coal Oil Point Poppies
Feb.	3	Restore Arroyo Hondo Preserve
Feb	8	Lake Los Carneros Bird Walk
Feb.	9	Restore San Marcos Foothills
Feb	9	Plover Project Docent Training
Feb	10	Duck Ponds/Wetlands Field Trip
Feb	16	Sandhill Crane Field Trip—Overnight
Feb	22	San Jose Creek Area Bird Walk
Feb	27	Raul Suarez, PhD SBAS Program

**March**

Mar.	2	Restore Lake Los Carneros
Mar.	3	Restore Arroyo Hondo Preserve
Mar	8	SB Museum Natural Hist. Bird Walk
Mar	9	Restore Coal Oil Point Slough Mrgn
Mar	17	Las Cruzitas Ranch Field Trip
Mar	22	Elings Park Bird Walk
Mar	23	Rancho Santa Barbara Field Trip
Mar	27	R. Coulter & J. Dawson Program

**April**

Apr.	20	SBAS's Week-long Birdathon
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