

# El Tecolote



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Celebrating 50 Years of  
Conservation and Advocacy!

## The 114th Audubon Christmas Bird Count

By Rebecca Coulter

Preparations for Santa Barbara Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC), to be held Saturday, January 4th, 2014, are well underway as compilers Rebecca Coulter, Jared Dawson and Joan Murdoch work out the hundreds of details required to conduct a bird survey of this scope. Santa Barbara's CBC is usually at the top of the list for number of participants—fortunately, we are lucky to have such a rich and diverse circle to cover! Carving out and covering the count circle is a complex puzzle. Finding the right fit for eager birders and adequate coverage for each type of habitat are the keys to our success. Not all birders sign up for a multi-mile mountain hike on count day, but how will we cover the vast amount of dense chaparral and steep mountain slopes? Just how many birders are too many in one group? Where do we assign eager beginners and with which leaders? Do we have all the necessary permissions for private property: the zoo, the water treatment plants, the reservoirs? And what about boat donors? These considerations and many more consume the hearts and minds of the compilers in November and December, culminating in the arrival of count day and the unex-



*Searching the foothills  
Photo Liz Muraoka*

pected surprises it always holds.

We take pride as a community not only in the very high numbers of species found annually, but also in the quality of our bird science. We are all having a hand in helping to form a vital picture of wintering avian distribution throughout North America and increasingly in Central and South America.

For more information about the 114th count, go to [www.casbbirdcount.org](http://www.casbbirdcount.org).

Before the count, you can help us by scouting your neighborhood or anywhere else within the count circle (which is described at the website above) for the interesting and unusual birds listed below.

On the evening of count day, please join us at the compilation dinner at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History in Fleischmann Auditorium. The potluck dinner begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. and the compilation countdown at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite salad, main dish or dessert to share. If your group includes out-of-towners, they may contribute drinks, bread, chips, etc. Please bring your own service if possible.

blue-winged teal  
greater scaup  
mountain quail  
common gallinule  
virginia rail  
lesser yellowlegs  
Wilson's snipe  
Thayer's gull  
greater roadrunner

any owls other than great horned or barn  
white-throated swift  
any hummingbirds other than Anna's or Allen's  
sapsuckers (other than red-breasted)  
horned lark  
any swallows  
rock or pacific wrens  
common raven  
phainopepla

Nashville warbler  
black-throated gray warbler  
hermit warbler  
Wilson's warbler  
any tanagers  
any grosbeaks  
lark sparrow  
any orioles  
Lawrence's goldfinch

PLUS: any montane species such as: mountain chickadee, Townsend's solitaire, varied thrush, brown creeper or cassin's finch.

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.

# White-tailed Kite Monitoring 2013

By Anna Hilliard

Two years ago, El Tecolote Editor Susan Vaughn posed the question: “What might it take to create a formalized local monitoring program for the white-tailed kite?” This September, with the help of dedicated observers and coordinators, the White-tailed Kite Monitoring Project (aka Kite Watch) wrapped up its second successful season of nest and roost site monitoring sponsored by donors to the SB Audubon Society.



Of the 18 historic nesting sites regularly monitored, 12 were occupied early in the season, but after May 20th, only five nesting sites remained. These produced ten nestlings, nine of which survived beyond fledging. Two other juveniles from an unknown location were found at Ellwood.

As in 2012, kites showed an affinity for nesting at the junction of neighborhoods and open spaces.

## Roosting Results

In mid-July, we expanded our search to include nocturnal communal roosting sites. In the non-breeding season, September to February, kites will leave their hunting grounds near dusk and fly to a communal roost for the night. We located four roosting sites: More Mesa East, Ellwood Mesa West, Lake Los Carneros and the neighborhood east of Lake Los Carneros. Only More Mesa East was confirmed to support roosting birds coming in from nesting and hunting territories off site. Each roost site supported a small number of kites, in keeping with the smaller population numbers observed this year.

## Mortality

We found two dead kites this season near the 101 freeway north of Glen Annie and one on Ellwood Beach. One of these was a juvenile still in its buffy plumage with no indication as to the cause of death.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this program: our interns Kevin Lamb, Gina Lamb, Jay Lin, Brett Stormoen, Ryan Newkirk, Dayton Marchese, Chandra Brown and Vinh Truong; our community volunteers Adrian O’Loughlen, Carol Rae, Gayle Hackamack, Jeff Hanson, Peggy Kearns and Brian Sieck and the entire Santa Barbara Audubon community. Mark Holmgren provided hours of instruction and insight into kite behavior and local patterns.

To view a map of the sites monitored this season, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/kitewatch2013>.

*White-tailed kite photos taken by David Levasheff*

Under the guidance of long-time kite watcher Mark Holmgren, and project coordinators Mariah Edmonds and Anna Hilliard, student interns and community volunteers successfully collected data on breeding and roosting territories throughout the Goleta area.

After the massive influx of kites seen in the 2012 breeding season, this year’s kite crop is much more modest. Kites are capable of rearing two clutches during a breeding season if conditions are right. This season, the dry winter preceding the breeding season, combined with a lack of spring rain, appears to have reduced the local small mammal population that sustains the kites. This resulted in fewer kites seen in the area this year, and each breeding pair that did nest raised only one clutch.

## Internship Program

Along with our wonderful community volunteers, eight student interns from UCSB and Santa Barbara City College joined us in Kite Watch 2013. All gave three to four hours each week to monitor kite territories and roosting sites and report their findings. Project co-coordinators Mariah Edmonds and I trained them in kite behaviors and data collection techniques early in the season, with field trips and additional training throughout the season. Mark Holmgren gave a helpful tour of the bird and mammal specimen collections at UCSB, which allowed us to get an up close view of both kites and California voles, the kites’ primary prey.

## Nesting Results



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# The SBAS Birdathon Returns in 2014!

Our Birdathon will return for another year so be sure to highlight April 26th through May 4th in your 2014 calendar! Will we top last year's success? More than 50 intrepid birders raised over \$6,500 scouring the county and finding 202 species. Wow!



Begin thinking about how you'd like to participate. Will it be by joining a field trip or a team effort? Or perhaps you'll just go out on your own? We just want to see you out there and then at the celebration picnic on May 4th. We're in the planning stages now so if you would like to help, please contact Gayle Hackmack at [sbbirdathon@cox.net](mailto:sbbirdathon@cox.net)

## Other Christmas Bird Counts In Santa Barbara County

### Sunday, Dec. 15th Lompoc (La Purisima)

Alex Abela, [abela@lightspeed.net](mailto:abela@lightspeed.net)  
Phone: (805) 934-2873

### Friday, Dec. 20th Carpinteria

Rob Denholtz [robdenholtz@gmail.com](mailto:robdenholtz@gmail.com)  
Phone: (805) 684-4060

### Sunday, Dec. 22nd Santa Maria/Guadalupe

Alex Abela, [abela@lightspeed.net](mailto:abela@lightspeed.net)  
Phone: (805) 934-2873

### Friday, Dec. 27th Cachuma

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Phone: (805) 680-4045

## A unique gift idea from Audubon

The Santa Barbara Audubon Society's *Eyes in the Sky* program cares for injured hawks, falcons, and owls that cannot be safely returned to the wild. Instead, our birds serve as ambassadors for their wild cousins, helping us tell their stories through outreach and education.

- Your \$50 donation will help pay for food, shelter, and veterinary care for a bird of your choice.
- ASA BONUS**, your gift's recipient will receive a personal tour of our birds' aviary at the Museum of Natural History and experience an intimate nose-to-beak encounter with their avian adoptee.

## Adopt a bird for someone you know

1. Simply choose one of our birds below.

<b>Max</b>	Great Horned Owl
<b>Ivan</b>	Red-tailed Hawk
<b>Kisa</b>	Peregrine Falcon
<b>Athena</b>	Barn Owl
<b>Puku</b>	Western Screech Owl
<b>Kachina</b>	American Kestrel (female)
<b>Kanati</b>	American Kestrel (male)



*Athena*

2. Then mail your donation along with a completed bird adoption form to:

**Eyes in the Sky**  
2559 Puesta del Sol  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

- We will notify your gift's recipient with a packet of information and schedule their visit to the aviary.

### Eyes in the Sky Bird Adoption Form

*Gift recipient*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Donor*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the bird you wish to adopt: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Santa Barbara Audubon Society (memo: EITS)

# Santa Barbara Audubon Programs

## Special January Program: An Evening with Jon L. Dunn



**Tuesday, January 14th, 7:30 p.m.**

Few in the birding world have received as much acclaim as Jon L. Dunn—and with good reason. A birding tour leader with Wings over 30 years (<http://wingsbirds.com/leaders/jon-dunn/>), Dunn served as editor for all six editions of *The National Geographic Society's Field Guide to the Birds of North America*. And that is just the tip of the iceberg. Dunn co-authored (with Kimball Garrett) *Birds of Southern California: Status and Distribution*, *The Peterson Field Guide to Warblers* and several other books. He has written many articles on the identification of bird species and hosts The Advanced Birding video series. Dunn is a member of The Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of the American Ornithologists' Union and the American Birding Association (ABA) Checklist Committee and has served on the California Bird Records Committee for over 20 years. Along with David Sibley and Kenn Kaufman, Dunn is one of only seven people to receive the ABA Roger Tory Peterson Award for a lifetime devoted to promoting birding and conservation.

And all of this sparked by the innocuous act of identifying a hooded oriole in his backyard at the age of eight.

This January, the Santa Barbara Audubon Society is thrilled to be hosting Jon L. Dunn for a very special paid program. Jon will speak and present a slide show in Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History's Farrand Hall. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Jon's talk and slide show begin at 7:30 p.m.

For current Santa Barbara Audubon Society Members, the cost of entry is \$20 per person; \$30 dollars for non-members. Tecolote Circle members may attend free of charge.



*The colorful elegant trogon is easily Southeast Arizona's most admired bird.*  
Photo: Jon Dunn

**Regular free programs resume in February.**

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 7:30p.m. and are free to the public. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. SBAS members are encouraged to bring guests.

## Look who's in town

A green-tailed towhee made an unusual visit to a Santa Barbara backyard in early November.

Go to <http://www.sbcobirding.com> for more information and to see what other rare visitors are in the area.



*Distribution of the green-tailed towhee, Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Retrieved from the Birds of North America Online*



*Green-tailed towhee photo taken by David Levasheff*

# Santa Barbara Audubon Field Trips

## Audubon Field Trips

Audubon Field 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.



Virginia rail with cattails  
Artist Steven D'Amato

## Field Trips/Bird Walks Do you have an idea?

We are always looking for suggestions 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)

## Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station Field Trip

**Santa Barbara Audubon Members Only**

**Friday Dec 13, 2013, 7:00 a.m. (car pool time); 8a.m. - noon**

**Target Birds:** waterfowl, rails, egrets, shorebirds, ducks, vermilion flycatcher, raptors etc.

**Trip Leader:** Martin Ruane

**You must email the following information to Jack Sanford:** full name (last, first, middle), address, last four digits of your Social Security number, State D.L. #, Date of Birth. This information is required by the Navy for a security check.

Only 20 members will be allowed to enter the Naval Air Station, therefore it is necessary to make a reservation by emailing Jack Sanford at [birdsandtennis@hotmail.com](mailto:birdsandtennis@hotmail.com) and receiving a confirmation email from him. The deadline for making a reservation is Friday, November 29th.

We will car pool (\$8.00 gas money to drivers) from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge at 7:00 a.m. Once you receive a reservation confirmation, you can opt to meet us at the base if you so desire. Directions: Take Hwy 101 to the Rice Avenue off ramp. Head towards the ocean to Hwy 1. Take Hwy 1 south to Wood Road. Turn off on Wood Road towards the base and then turn left at the stop sign. Meet at the main gate parking lot. You must be a U.S. citizen. You will need a photo I.D. and to fill out a security form before entering the base. The base naturalist, Martin Ruane, will guide us around the base from 8:00 a.m.—noon. Join us for this unique and rare opportunity. Thanks to Peggy Kearns for making the necessary arrangements.

**PS: Please make note of Jack Sanford's new email address.**

## Lake Cachuma Eagle Boat Cruise

**Saturday, December 21st, 2013, (9:45 a.m. check in time at boat dock) 10 a.m. - noon**

**Trip Leader:** Park Naturalist Liz Gaspar

**Target Birds:** bald eagle, white pelican, grebes, common loon, sea and water birds, ducks, osprey, great-tailed grackle, peregrine falcon, etc.

**Cost:** \$15 for the boat trip payable on the boat.

\$10 per car for entering Lake Cachuma County Park

**Limit:** 35 people. You must email Jack Sanford at [birdsandtennis@hotmail.com](mailto:birdsandtennis@hotmail.com) to make a reservation on or before Tuesday, Dec 17th. Jack will then confirm your reservation.

Directions: Take Hwy 154 to Lake Cachuma County Park and park near the boat launching area and the Fishing and Tackle shop. To car pool (and it is a good idea since there is a \$10 entrance fee per car), meet at the 5 Points Shopping Center on the side of Big 5 Sporting Goods store at 9 a.m. We should be back around 1 p.m.

PS: The Neal Taylor Nature Center has made some big improvements and it's worth a visit after the Eagle Cruise. Don't miss this great opportunity to get out on the lake with a park naturalist!

## Hollister Ranch Field Trip

**Saturday Jan 11th, 2014, 8:00 a.m. — 1p.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 water fowl, raptors and perhaps an owl or two

**Leader:** Guy Tingos

Reservations are required. We are limited to 20 people (five vehicles). Please email Jack Sanford at [birdsandtennis@hotmail.com](mailto:birdsandtennis@hotmail.com) on or before Wednesday, January 8th to reserve your place. Please let Jack know if you are willing to drive your vehicle and how many people it will hold. I must confirm your reservation by email.

Directions: Coming from the south take Hwy 101 to Lake Cachuma /State Street off ramp. Turn right on State Street and then right into the Five Points Shopping Center. Coming from the north take Hwy 101 to the State Street off ramp. Turn left on State Street. Turn right into the Five Points Shopping Center. We will meet and park on the side of the Big 5 Sporting Goods store at 7:00 a.m. (\$8.00 gas money to drivers). We must car pool as we are limited to five vehicles. Bring water, snack or lunch and wear comfortable shoes. Binoculars and spotting scopes are useful. Don't miss this great opportunity to bird the private and unique Hollister Ranch.

# Friday Bird Walks

## **Santa Barbara Harbor (Note this is the 1st Friday of the month)**

**December 6th, 2013, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Target Birds:** waterfowl, shorebirds, peregrine falcon and songbirds

**Directions:** We will meet on the sidewalk next to the Sea Landing Sport Fishing building (301 West Cabrillo Blvd). Birders can park on Bath or Mason Street as there is no time limit there, or use the paid city lot parking. We will bird the SB Harbor and Stearns Wharf areas.

## **Arroyo Burro School Open Space**

**December 27th, 2013, 8:30- 10:30 a.m.**

**Directions:** From Hwy 101 from either direction, take the Las Positas Road off ramp. Turn towards the ocean (away from the mountains). Turn right on Modoc Road and left on Palermo Drive. Follow Palermo Drive all the way to the end and park. We will meet by the locked gate.

## **Coronado Drive and Devereux Creek**

**January 10th, 2014, 8:30-10:30 a.m.**

**Target Birds:** raptors, songbirds plus monarch butterflies

**Directions:** From Hwy 101 take the Glen Annie/Storke Road off ramp. Go south (towards the ocean) on Storke Road to Hollister Avenue. Turn right on Hollister Avenue and proceed to Coronado Drive. Turn left on Coronado Drive and park at the end of the street.

## **San Marcos Foothills Preserve**

**January 24th, 2014, 8:30- 10:30 a.m.**

**Directions:** Coming from the north on Hwy 101 take the State Street/Hwy 154 off ramp and proceed onto Hwy 154. Exit at Cathedral Oaks Road and turn left. Coming from the south on Hwy 101, take the Hwy 154 exit and proceed east on Hwy 154. Exit at Cathedral Oaks Road and turn left. Turn right on Via Chaparral and right on Salvar Road. Proceed across the "bridge to nowhere" and turn left. We will park and meet near the entrance.

Please contact Bird Walk leader **Jack Sanford at 566-2191** or **birdsandtennis@hotmail.com** if you are interested in leading a future bird walk to your favorite birding location or have any questions.



*northern shrike*  
Artist Steven D'Amato

## 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!*

Judy & John Bruton  
Lee Burrows  
Marcie & Arthur Chavez  
Paulina and Peter Conn\*  
Joe Flynn\*  
Ann Freidell  
Paul Genis\*  
Marty Greenberg  
Francis Hallinan  
Helen Harris  
Sue Jackson  
Vernon Kjonogaard  
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Margaret White\*  
Randal C. Williams  
G.J. Wittenstein  
Rachel Wolfe  
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\* Chapter only Member

## **THANK YOU for your donation to Santa Barbara Audubon!**

The Audubon Board would like to thank those who have responded with their donations and would like to remind all members to keep us in mind when you are doing your year-end tax planning.

# Opportunities

## Volunteer Habitat Restoration

### ARROYO HONDO

Contact: Sally Isaacson at 260-2252 or  
volunteer@sblandtrust.org

Sunday	December 8	9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sunday	January 5	9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### COAL OIL POINT RESERVE

Contact: Tara Longwell, at longwell@lifesci.ucsb.edu or  
805.893.5092

No workday in December		
Saturday	January 11	9 a.m.-noon

### Plover Project Docent Training

Training takes place at the West Campus Conference Center  
at Coal Oil Point Reserve

Training dates:

Saturday	December 7	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 18	9:00 -noon

Those interested should contact: April Price, COPR, conservation  
specialist at 893-3703 or copr.conservation@lifesci.ucsb.edu

### CHANNEL ISLANDS RESTORATION

San Marcos Foothills

For more information contact Linda Benedik at CIR  
805-448-6203 or volunteer@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 Tara Longwell, at longwell@lifesci.ucsb.  
edu or 805.893.5092 for Audubon's COPR or Lake Los Carneros  
restoration projects. Contact the Land Trust for Arroyo Hondo  
Preserve: Volunteer Coordinator Sally Isaacson at 260-2252 or  
volunteer@sblandtrust.org. Contact Channel Islands Restoration  
for San Marcos Foothills or other project sites: Volunteer Coordinator  
Linda Benedik at 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

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

## Eyes in the Sky Needs Volunteers

The location is the Audubon Aviary at the SB Museum of  
Natural History, a beautiful "back yard" where lots of birds  
flutter about.

EITS needs more volunteers to open up the aviary's  
shutters for our raptors so they can get visual stimulation  
and fresh air more hours during the day. Shifts are between  
10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and can be either 1.5 hours or all three  
hours. Volunteers will also educate visitors about the birds.

EITS is also looking for afternoon volunteers to be  
trained to handle, care for and present the birds to visitors.  
Hours are from 1:30 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. once or twice per  
week.

We also need a webmaster to maintain a website now  
under development and to update our Facebook page.

Call Gabriele Drozdowski at 805-898-0347 if any of this  
sounds interesting to you.

## 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: C3ZC130Z

This is my choice of membership!

Please do NOT share my contact information.

**Introductory \$20** (NAS subsequent yearly memberships \$35 per year)

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

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Officers and Chairs meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month Sept thru June. 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>

**November**

Nov. 29 Deadline for Pt. Mugu Registration

**December**

Dec. 6 Bird Walk: Santa Barbara Harbor  
 Dec. 7 Plover Training  
 Dec. 8 Restore Arroyo Hondo  
 Dec. 13 Field Trip: Pt. Mugu NAS  
 Dec. 15 Lompoc Christmas Count  
 Dec. 20 Carpinteria Christmas Count  
 Dec. 21 Cachuma Boat Cruise Field Trip  
 Dec. 22 Santa Maria/Guadalupe Count  
 Dec. 27 Cachuma Christmas Count  
 Dec. 27 Bird Walk: Arroyo Burro School

**January**

Jan. 4 Santa Barbara Christmas Count  
 Jan. 5 Restore Arroyo Hondo  
 Jan. 10 Bird Walk: Coronado Drive  
 Jan. 11 Field Trip: Hollister Ranch  
 Jan. 11 Restore Coal Oil Point  
 Jan. 14 Program: Evening with Jon L. Dunn  
 Jan. 18 Plover Training  
 Jan. 24 Bird Walk: San Marcos Foothills

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