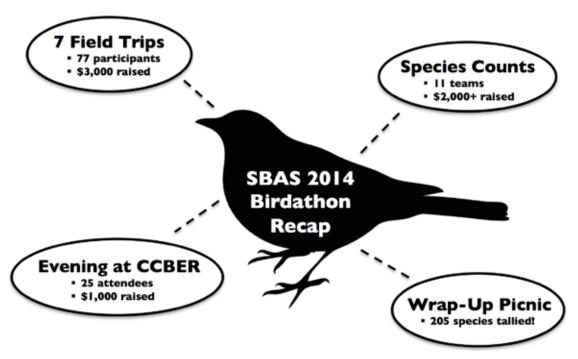
### 2014 Birdathon — How'd We Do?



### 2014 Birdathon Recap

by Libby Patten

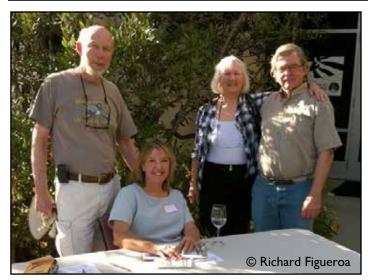
Santa Barbara Audubon's 2nd annual Birdathon (April 26 – May 4) was definitely a roaring success! We appreciate all of the time and money so many contributed to making this year's event so rewarding. So far, we have raised more than \$6,000 for our chapter — and team contributions are still coming in!

We'd like to thank our fantastic field trip leaders, without whom the Birdathon could not happen: Barbara Millet and Sally Isaacson, Peter Gaede, Nancy States and Cruz Phillips, Fred Emerson, Hugh Ranson, Mark Holmgren and Cristina Sandoval, and Rob Lindsay. They led 77 new and experienced birders to some very special birding locations in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. The Birdathon committee, led by Gayle Hackamack, included Nancy States, Kris Mainland White, Phila Rogers and Libby Patten with support from Paul Bryant and Jeff Simeon. Thanks also to Marge Erickson, Carol Rae Shulmistras, and Peggy Kearns for assisting with the field trips.

Some improvements and changes were made as compared with last year's Birdathon, such as new field trip locations, an evening event, and online registration. There were 7 field trips, a very educational and entertaining evening event at the UCSB Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration (CCBER) and 11 teams counting species during the nine days of the Birdathon. For an example of some of the amazing results from the energetic count teams, see Jared Dawson's article in this edition.

A quote from Susanne Barrymore about her trip to Sedgwick Reserve: "It was warm at Sedgwick, but there was a nice breeze, and Fred led us from one large oak tree to the next so we stood in the shade much of the time. I learned how to distinguish Blue Oak from Valley Oak! Two highlights were seeing and hearing Tricolored Blackbirds and Lawrence's Goldfinches up near the house, down on the gravel."

### 2014 Birdathon Recap (continued)



Gayle Hackamack (seated), flanked by Steve Ferry, Dolores Pollock, and Mark Holmgren at the sign-in table for the CCBER evening event. The evening was entertaining and educational - with views of numerous bird specimens, wine and cheese, and a fascinating and fun talk by Dr. Adrian O'Loghlen on songbird communication and how this relates to his research on cowbirds. This talk was so entertaining and enlightening it should be repeated at a future monthly program! Thanks to Jennifer Thorsch and her staff at CCBER including Andy Lanes, who put together a great specimen exhibit.

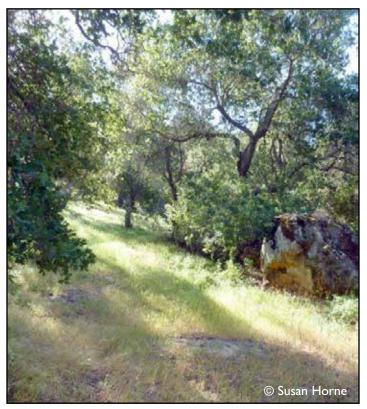


We were enchanted to visit Paradise Reserve, the privately-owned natural area on the north-facing slope of the Santa Ynez Mountains, established by biologists Cristina Sandoval and Kevin Lafferty to foster research and awareness of the mountain ecosystem. We heard a good number of species, thanks to the keen ears and knowledge of Mark Holmgren, while Chris and Kevin discussed many interesting aspects of the local flora and fauna. We enjoyed watching a pair of Hairy Woodpeckers as well as House Wrens going to nest cavities in the same tree. After a tough morning of birding and looking for Banana Slugs, we were treated to tea by Chris on their deck above the creek.

At the wrap-up picnic on May 4, we determined that we saw 205 species. It is interesting to note the differences in species seen this year versus last year. Please check our website (www. SantaBarbaraAudubon.org) for the official list of bird species seen. Building on the momentum from last year's event, there is a growing sense of community among birders in our area and many have said they are already looking forward to next year's Birdathon. We hope you'll think of how we can make this event even better, and help us do that in 2015!



Peter Gaede led a very memorable trip to Matilija Creek near Ojai. Seen above, we are either marveling at a Yellow-breasted Chat or perhaps trying to find the largely hidden "trail!" Peter's son Lucas and Dave Levasheff were indispensable in keeping us from getting completely lost. We heard Least Bittern by the lake and saw and/or heard well over 60 species for the day.



Early morning view at Paradise Reserve.

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The deadline is the 10th of the month prior to publication

### 2014 Birdathon Recap (continued)

#### **Our Birdathon Experience**

by Jared Dawson and Kathleen Boehm

As wonderful and varied as the specific outings offered by the Birdathon were, there is also the ability to create one's own birding experience during the week. My wife and I chose the ambitious idea of seeing how many species we could find within the bounds of Santa Barbara County from Saturday, April 26 through Saturday, May 3. It was fun to plan where and when to go to spots in north county, while still attending to some necessary local duties. We camped out two nights, and ended up visiting four spots new to us, including Sweeney Rd. near Lompoc and the A St. ponds near Santa Maria. We also went out to the Cuyama Valley as far east as Ballinger Rd., where we picked up Bell's Sparrow, Loggerhead Shrike, and Lawrence's Goldfinch.

We were happy to end up with 170 total species for the week. Other highlights were five Yellow-headed Blackbirds at the Santa Maria Wastewater Plant; Yellow-breasted Chat on Cieneguitas Creek, a walk away from our house; Peregrine Falcon and over 60 Whimbrel at the beach at the Santa Maria River Estuary; dozens of Hermit Warblers cresting a ridge on East Pinery Rd. at speed in a high wind; and a White-headed Woodpecker sailing over our campsite on Figueroa Mountain.

The Santa Barbara Audubon Society is to be commended for its imaginative and open-ended approach to fund-raising during this Birdathon week, which offers the challenges and excitement of spring birding to all levels of birders.

### **Other News**

#### **New Binoculars For Audubon**

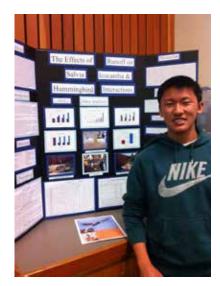
Thanks to the work of **Andy Lanes**, our Education Chair, Santa Barbara Audubon was awarded over \$1000 by UCSB Associated Students' Coastal Fund Board of Directors to purchase binoculars for education and citizen science projects. The grant will be generously matched by Eagle Optics, providing a total of ten new pairs of binoculars for our eager kite observers, beginning birders, and data gatherers. The Coastal Fund writes: "The Board was thoroughly impressed by your project's contribution to our local coastline and is excited to see the great work that will come from your efforts."

#### Take A Look At Our New Website

If you haven't gone to SantaBarbaraAudubon.org recently, give it a try. Thanks to generous donors, we have a new look and new features. We'd appreciate your feedback. Thanks to **Jeff Simeon** for his leadership on this update.

#### Santa Barbara Audubon Award

At the County Science Fair, Righetti High School senior Danny Luu received the Santa Barbara Audubon Award, named in honor of founding member Joy Parkinson. His project: "The Effects of Runoff on Salvia leucantha and Hummingbird Interactions" also won a gold medal and Best in Fair.



#### **Audubon Friends**

Friends of **Santa Barbara Audubon Society** members **Judy Blue** and **Peggy Kearns** made donations to Audubon instead of buying birthday gifts for themselves. Thank you, one and all!



Attention, Santa Barbara Audubon members! If you hire Single Point FM for any construction, 1% will be donated to Santa Barbara Audubon. Single Point FM specializes in Facility Management, Design and Construction. The owner, **Jim Balsitis**, is a SBAS member. Contact: jbalsitis@singlepointfm.com

#### **Meet your Audubon Board**

Second in a series introducing the directors of our chapter

## **GAIL KVISTAD**by Phila Rogers

Gail Kvistad, new this year on our Board, is the Communications Chair. On her resume, she lists among her core values "Gratitude," sharing with us the gratitude we all feel for the natural world and for living in such a community-minded place as Santa Barbara.



Gail has an abundance of experience in community service. As a board member

of the SBCC Foundation, she is currently in production of website video tours and an email donation campaign. She is also the host/producer of "Living Local" COX TV, a television show airing daily on COX Channel 8 featuring local businesses and non-profits as well as community projects.

### Santa Barbara Audubon Programs

### No program for June!

See you at the Stow Grove Membership Event (below) on June 28.

Programs resume in September

### Santa Barbara Audubon Society

## Annual Membership Meeting And Get-Together Saturday June 28 2014, 3-5

Stow Grove Park, Area #3

Join us for an afternoon of music and friends

#### **ELECTION OF NEXT YEAR'S BOARD**

Bring hors d'oeuvres or finger food to share. Soft drinks & waters provided. BYOB. ENJOY FOOD, DRINK and OLD TIME MUSIC by GLENDESSARY JAM

FEATURED SPEAKER to be announced

RAFFLE Items (Tickets are FREE!)

RECOGNITION of Bobbie Offen (12 years of service to our chapter) and other outgoing Board Members

#### Slate Of Nominees For Election On June 28, 2014

Co-Presidents	Steve Ferry &	Science Chair	Richard Figueroa
	Dolores Pollock	Membership Chair	Julia Kosowitz
Vice-President	Lee Moldaver	<b>Communications Chair</b>	Gail Kvistad
Secretary	Kris Mainland White	Publicity Chair	Kristie Maingot
Treasurer	Steve Beal	Field Trips Chair	Jack Sanford
<b>Conservation Chair</b>	Nancy Keltner	Programs Chair	Open
<b>Education Chair</b>	Andy Lanes	Development	Margo Kenney

Openings for the 2014-2015 Board include: Programs and Development Committee--if you are interested, please contact Steve or Dolores at President@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org

### Thanks to David Levasheff for his photos of some recent visitors.



Calliope Hummingbird



Costa's Hummingbird

### 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.

#### 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 bird-sandtennis@hotmail.com

### **Hollister Ranch**

#### Saturday, June 14, 2014 (8:00 am-1 pm)

(7:00 am at mandatory car pool location)

**Reservations** are required due to limited number of vehicles allowed on the Ranch **Target Birds:** song birds, 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 e-mail Jack Sanford at bird-sandtennis@hotmail.com on or before **Wed, June 11**, to reserve your place. Please let Jack know if you are willing to drive your vehicle and how many people it holds. Jack must confirm your reservation by e-mail.

**Directions:** Coming from the south take Hwy 101 to Lake Cachuma/State St off ramp. Turn right on State St and turn right into Five Points Shopping Center. Coming from the north take Hwy 101 to the State St off ramp. Turn left on State St and turn right into Five Points Shopping Center. We will meet and park alongside of Big Five Sporting Goods Store at 7:00 am. We **must** carpool. (\$8.00 gas money to drivers) 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.

### Trout Club, Santa Barbara

Saturday, July 12, 2014 (8:30-11:00 am)

(8:00 am at car pool location)

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

**Leader: Susanne Barrymore** 

**Directions:** Take Hwy 101 to Lake Cachuma/State St off ramp in Santa Barbara. Turn right on State St and right again into Five Points Shopping Center. Park alongside of Big Five Sporting Goods Store at 8 am. We will carpool (no gas money) from here or you can meet at the entrance to the Trout Club off Old San Marcos Rd. Take Hwy 101 to Hwy 154 north from Santa Barbara and turn left on Old San Marcos Rd (Painted Cave Rd is on your right). Go a very short distance and park in the dirt area near the Trout Club entrance. We will bird from there.

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

# Santa Barbara Audubon Thanks Its Hard-Working Committees

#### **Birdathon Committee**

Gayle Hackamack, Chair Libby Patten Phila Rogers Nancy States Kris Mainland White

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Steve Ferry Judy Hogan Kristie Maingot Dolores Pollock Bobbie Offen

#### **Hospitality Committee**

Teresa Fanucchi, Chair Bettie Cox Cheri Mersey Chris Mersey

### Friday Bird Walks

#### La Casa de Maria

Friday, June 13, 2014 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: Canyon Wren, song birds, raptors, etc

**Directions:** Take Hwy 101 to San Ysidro Rd. off-ramp (#93) and head towards the mountains. Turn right on East Valley Rd.-Hwy 192 (stop light). Proceed 2/10 mile and turn left on El Bosque Rd. Follow El Bosque into La Casa de Maria grounds. Upon entering the grounds immediately turn to your right and park across from the Registration office. We will meet at the fountain in the central courtyard near the Registration office for a brief welcome.

#### Tabano Hollow Open Space

Friday, June 27, 2014 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: songbirds, woodpeckers, hummingbirds, etc

**Directions**: Take Hwy 101 to Turnpike Ave. off-ramp and head towards the mountains. Turn left on Cathedral Oaks Rd. Turn left on Ribera Drive. Park where Ribera Drive and Matorral Way meet. (Bridge under Hwy 101 and Open Space sign can be seen)

#### Atascadero Creek

Friday, July 11, 2014 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: water birds, songbirds, raptors

**Directions:** From Hwy 101 take Patterson off-ramp and head towards the ocean. We will park in the dirt area near the Atascadero Creek Bridge.

#### **Farren Road**

Friday, July 25, 2014 (8:30 - 10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: hummingbirds, kingbirds, flycatchers, sparrows, Blue Grosbeaks

**Directions**: From SB area take Hwy 101 north to approximately 1 mile past the Winchester Canyon Rd. exit. Exit Hwy 101 (towards the mountains), turn left on Calle Real, go west for about 300 yards to Farren Rd. We will meet at the beginning of Farren Rd. at 8:30 a.m.

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.

### Welcome

Santa Barbara Audubon Society extends a warm welcome to our newest members. We look forward to seeing you at our programs and field trips. Thanks for joining!

Ann S. Allen Elizabeth B. Gilbertson Lucy S. Omer lanet Benner Claire Gottstanker Terre Ouwehand Laune Bentson Sandra Grasso-Boyd & William Boyd Richard Parker Don Borden Lucie C. Greer Janet S. Pickthorn Moya Brennan Matthew Hall\* Jim Poett\* Niles Brinton\* Jeff Hamers Curtis Roads\* Ann Brode Laurel Hansch\* Kyra Rogers Nancy Caponi Elizabeth Iones Ingrid Schenck Rhoda Clarke Cheryl Justice Kelly Smith Dennis & Connie Feeley Hannah Keturi Cathy Straits Terry Kleid Ann Veazey Yolanda Contreras Anne Crowe Phil Kligman Ruth Wardlaw Kent Lind Rick Doehring

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### **Opportunities**

#### Volunteer Habitat Restoration

#### **ARROYO HONDO**

Contact: Sally Isaacson at 260-2252 or

volunteer@sblandtrust.org

Habitat Restoration

Sunday June 8 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday July 6 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Trail Maintenance

Saturday June 21 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday July 19 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### **COAL OIL POINT RESERVE**

For COPR Trails Restoration contact:

**Tara Longwell**, at longwell@lifesci.ucsb.edu or 805.893.5092 For Audubon Slough Restoration contact:

**Aaron Kreisberg** at akberg90@gmail.com or 714.552.8392. Restoration projects are from 9 a.m. to Noon.

Please contact Tara or Aaron for training dates in June and July

#### CHANNEL ISLANDS RESTORATION

San Marcos Foothills and other areas
For dates, places and more information Contact:
Linda Benedik Volunteer Coordinator at
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. For COPR restoration contact Tara Longwell, at longwell@ lifesci.ucsb.edu or 805-893-5092; for Audubon's COPR or Lake Los Carneros restoration projects contact Aaron Kreisberg at akberg90@ gmail.com or 714-552-8392. 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.

## Plover Project Docent Training

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

#### **Training dates:**

Please contact April Price for June and July training dates.

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

### Join Tecolote Circle And Help Insure Santa Barbara Audubon's Future

See included brochure for more information. Connect our community with nature, now and for generations to come. For more information contact President@santabarbaraaudubon.org

#### 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: C4ZC130Z

- ☐ This is my choice of membership!
- □ Please do NOT share my contact information.

Introductory \$20 (NAS subsequent-yearly memberships are \$35/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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Santa Barbara County Birding http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sbcobirding Officers and Chairs meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month September 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

#### June

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June	28	Annual Picnic and Election
June	27	Bird Walk:Tabano Hollow
June	14	Field Trip: Hollister Ranch
Feb,	21	Arroyo Hondo Trails
June	13	Bird Walk: La Casa de Maria
June	0	Restore Arroyo Hondo

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July	6	Restore Arroyo Hondo
July	П	Bird Walk: Atascadero Creek
July	12	Field Trip: Trout Club
Mar,	19	Arroyo Hondo Trails
July	25	Bird Walk: Farren Road

#### Reminder: No program in June. **Programs resume in September**





## Santa Barbara Audubon Society Eyes in the Sky

Newsletter Spring/Summer 2014

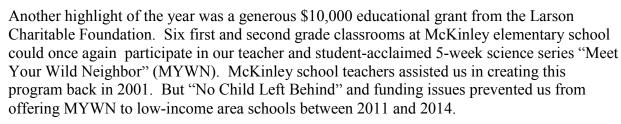
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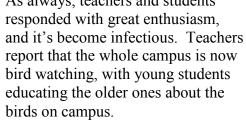
Hello Friends,

We are happy to report that fiscal year 2013/2014 has been Eyes in the Sky's best year to date: enough funding, wonderful volunteers, and EITS' first Open House, a collaborative venture with the Museum of Natural History.





As always, teachers and students













For some reason, the "vuck" factor makes owl pellet dissection especially appealing to young students.



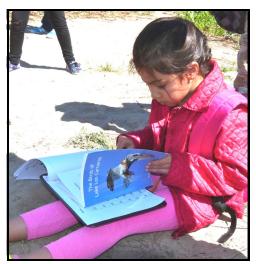
Classroom games: matching bird cards to bird sounds, clue cards to bird pictures, and feet or beaks to birds.



Our field trip walk around Lake Los Carneros is always a big hit with the students.







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http://tinyurl.com/k2g566b and http://tinyurl.com/khxyqu4

Everyone likes birds. What wild creature is more accessible to our eyes and ears, as close to us and everyone in the world, as universal as a bird?

David Attenborough

Thank you all, for your support - in all of its shapes and forms!