

# El Tecolote



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Celebrating 51 Years of  
Conservation and Advocacy!

## The 115<sup>th</sup> Audubon Christmas Bird Count

Rebecca Coulter

Preparations for Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC), to be held on Saturday, January 3, 2015, 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 usually tops the list for number of participants—fortunately, we are lucky to have such a rich and diverse circle to cover! But as the drought wears on and we dream of rain, tracking where the birds are this season is a challenge.

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, the 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 unexpected 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 115th 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 following interesting or unusual birds:

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.

If you see any of the above or know of any other interesting birds, please contact Jared Dawson: [webmaster@casbbirdcount.org](mailto:webmaster@casbbirdcount.org).

### 2014 CBC DINNER OPTIONS

We're making the CBC dinner even better by eliminating the potluck and offering you a catered dinner. If you prefer, you are welcome to bring your own food.

**THE CATERED CHOICES: meat lasagna (\$17.50) or vegetarian lasagna (\$15). Both dinners include Caesar salad, rolls, and a large cookie and will await you at 6:00 on Jan 3. Be sure to sign up by Dec 28. (No dinners sold at the door.) Here's the link to sign up:**

<http://sbas-cbc-dinner-2014.eventbrite.com>

SBAS will be providing water, plates, knives, forks, and napkins, or be kind to the environment and bring your own. Enjoy and celebrate the success of our CBC!

### Other Christmas Bird Counts in Santa Barbara County

Dec 14 La Purisima (Lompoc)

Alex Abela: [abela@lightspeed.net](mailto:abela@lightspeed.net)

(805) 934-2873

Dec 21 Santa Maria/Guadalupe

Alex Abela: [abela@lightspeed.net](mailto:abela@lightspeed.net)

(805) 934-2873

Dec 26 Cachuma

Mark Holmgren: [maholmgren33@gmail.com](mailto:maholmgren33@gmail.com)

(805) 680-4045

Dec 27 Carpinteria

Rob Denholtz: [robdenholtz@gmail.com](mailto:robdenholtz@gmail.com)

(805) 684-4060

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.

# Audubon and Climate Change—Time for Action

By Cherie Topper



One of the many things that delight me while in my canoe on the open water is the chance to view the shifting landscape of local marine bird life at close range. Today, I noted the sentimental return of my favorite flying fall

“fashionista” – a common loon still sporting her summer stripes, polka dots, and wild checks, placidly swimming beyond the harbor entrance. The loon is among our 118 beloved local birds threatened by climate change, but thankfully, it is not too late for us to take action to prevent further damage.

On September 9th of this year, the National Audubon Society used modern Geographic Information System (GIS) tools in tandem with over 30 years of traditional Christmas Bird Count (CBC) data from around the U.S. to release a groundbreaking study that exposed the dramatic impact of climate change on migrating bird populations. GIS is an amazing tool that correlates temporal (over time) data with spatial (maps) in novel ways that dramatically illuminate scientific data for laypeople and scientists alike. Using internationally recognized greenhouse gas emissions scenarios, Audubon mapped where each of 588 bird species' ideal climatic range may be found in the future as the climate changes. The maps serve as a guide to how each bird's current range could expand, contract, or shift across three future time periods, and it shows that over 50% of these birds are at risk. Viewed in sequence, the maps show dramatic changes in bird ranges under

predicted future climate scenarios. The news is sobering, and the implications are alarming unless we act to mitigate existing damage, and support policies and actions that prevent further degradation.

## LOCAL BIRD POPULATIONS AFFECTED:

In addition to the Common Loon, some other of the 118 Santa Barbara County Birds affected are the familiar Brown Pelican, the Golden Eagle, the Merlin and the Willet.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

Your active contributions to SBAS efforts to promote our three-pronged mission of conservation, restoration, and education are needed more than ever. Pick a project to support and get involved! Send a letter to our local officials stating your support of bird-friendly, greenhouse gas-limiting policies. Change habits to reduce your personal carbon footprint. Suggest a community group that would welcome a speaker (we are developing a standard climate change presentation for this purpose). For more information on the five ways that you can engage to protect birds, see the following link: <http://climate.audubon.org/article/what-you-can-do-help-protect-birds>

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

See <http://climate.audubon.org/> [http://birds.audubon.org/sites/default/files/documents/birds\\_and\\_climate\\_report.pdf](http://birds.audubon.org/sites/default/files/documents/birds_and_climate_report.pdf) <http://www.wired.com/2014/09/bird-map-climate-change/>

And by the way—according to the study, by 2080, the Common Loon is forecast to lose 56 percent of its current summer range and 75 percent of its current winter range. Let's take action to keep our beloved Santa Barbara birds with us for generations to come.

## Coming up Dry—SBAS Citizen Science 2014

Richard Figueroa

California's ongoing drought has proven to be a burden for wildlife throughout Santa Barbara County, and the impact on our local birds has been no exception.

The results of this year's Citizen Science monitoring show that breeding success among our birds is the lowest since the last statewide drought four years ago. Nesting activity was high to begin the season, but resource limitations brought on by the drought caused many birds to abandon their nests and made it difficult for those that did nest to sustain their young through the season.

The Tree Swallows at Coal Oil Point Reserve and Lake Los Carneros demonstrated the highest breeding success among the birds monitored. Multiple young from nests at both locations were documented to have fledged. However, despite this success, nestling mortality and instances of multiple failed breeding attempts were sources of concern. Although the drought was likely a major factor, other possible causes of nestling mortality are being investigated.

The Black Phoebe at Arroyo Hondo Preserve started the season by constructing nests in the usual places along the creek and on buildings around the preserve. Although water was present at many locations in the creek, the water level was noticeably lower than in previous years. This may have limited overall food supply, making it difficult for parents to sustain young, but it is unclear whether other factors might also have affected breeding success. Ultimately, many nests were built, but few were used.

Lastly, White-tailed Kites exhibited both low breeding activity and low foraging activity. No breeding success was documented among five observed pairs. Low foraging activity raises concern about the local availability of food for White-tailed Kites, whose diet consists primarily of California voles. This may signal the need for enhanced conservation measures that stress providing habitat for California voles, thereby increasing available foraging resources for White-tailed Kites.

Although this year yielded perhaps unfavorable results, the information gathered is crucial to our understanding what makes Santa Barbara County the refuge for birds that it is and how to improve it. Thank you to Don Schroeder, Mark Holmgren, Virginia Gardner, and all of our volunteers for their commitment to our local birds and for making these projects possible. We continue to seek your support and look forward to next year!

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Or email them to: [newsletter@santabarbaraaudubon.org](mailto:newsletter@santabarbaraaudubon.org).

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

# Eyes in the Sky Open House 2014

By Coni Edick

Over 550 visitors—including 180 kids—enjoyed Eyes in the Sky's 2nd annual Open House on October 19th at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Expanding on last year's success, this year's Open House featured more hands-on activities and several new guest contributors. Activities included the ever popular owl pellet dissection, a feather identification game, raptor sheets for coloring, a birding scavenger hunt through the Museum's halls, and crafts with recycled materials from Art from Scrap (a division of Explore Ecology). At the Museum's Backyard stage, audiences were fascinated by Chumash Elder Julie Tumamait-Stenslie's story-telling performances and mesmerized by Emiliano Campobello's Native American flute music.

The EITS birds were of course the stars of the event, holding court at two pavilions for up-close encounters with visitors, and displayed in more formal presentations on the Museum's Backyard stage. Visitors were treated to behind-the-scenes tours of the EITS aviary, where they learned more about the daily care, feeding, and

handling of EITS's seven wildlife ambassadors. EITS also had a table exhibit which displayed information about the organization, promoted its education programs, and recruited (successfully!) future volunteers.

SB Audubon, International Dark Sky Association and Explore Ecology each provided informative exhibits, and the Museum was again on hand with raptor specimens from its bird collection.

A fun "instant raffle" brought in the bulk of funds raised during the event, while the merchandise table also brought in a fair amount selling EITS t-shirts, jewelry, note-cards, hand-crafted bird houses, and bird feeders. Rori's Artisan Creamery sold delicious organic ice cream, definitely a hit. A great time was had by all. Thanks to all of the hard-working volunteers, the Museum of Natural History staff, and our guest contributors who made the Open House such a success!

## News From Eyes in the Sky

by Judy Hogan

EITS has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from Mosher Foundation. This grant is for EITS to teach "Meet Your Wild (Bird) Neighbor" 5-week science curriculum at McKinley School. Fun classroom work, live bird visits, and two birding field trips will be part of each student's learning experience. Depending on the classrooms chosen (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>), the science topic will be "12 Neighborhood Bird Species", "9 Raptor Species" or "8 Seabird Families".

The holidays are just around the corner. Let us help you

make your shopping and gift wrapping easier: a bird adoption is a gift that delights both kids and adults and makes our raptors happy, too!

The \$50 **Adopt A Bird** gift donation includes a certificate, bird photo, raptor info sheet and an invitation for a personal tour of the Aviary. Just fill out and mail the adoption form in this issue of *El Tecolote* or purchase online at: <http://eyesinthesky.org>, click on the **ADOPT A BIRD** icon).

### *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.
- **AS A 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

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

*Gift recipient*

*Donor*

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



# Santa Barbara Audubon Programs

## That “Dastardly” Cowbird - A Model for Human Behavior?

**Dr. Adrian L. O’Loughlen**

**Wednesday, January 28th, 7:30 p.m.**



Songbirds are one of the very few groups of animals known to learn their vocal behavior, i.e. their songs, and are used extensively as models for research into language acquisition and speech development in humans. There are many striking parallels between song development in songbirds and how infants and young children learn to speak a language. Language is a cultural tradition passed from generation to generation and some species of songbirds also have cultural traditions called “song dialects” which are equivalent in some ways to the regional dialects or accents in languages. Song dialects are distinct variations of the song(s) that a species typically sings and each discrete dialect is found only in a specific, often local, population. The dialects of White-crowned Sparrows are one of the most studied of these avian vocal traditions but perhaps the

most distinctive are the dialects of brown-headed cowbird populations in the Sierra Nevada. Dr. O’Loughlen will describe these remarkable dialect populations and talk about the research that he and Dr. Steve Rothstein (UCSB) have conducted on these populations over the 40 years or so that they have been studied. A key question in studies of dialects, both in humans and in songbirds, concerns the factors that prevent dialects from changing or breaking down over time and he will describe their research into the social and environmental factors that appear responsible for the stability of cowbird dialects. Interestingly, despite their parasitic “lifestyle” which involves the exploitation of parental care provided by “host” species, cowbirds are extremely social and are one of the leading model species used in studies of social influences on vocal learning. Dr. O’Loughlen will include demonstrations of the extraordinary songs and singing behavior of cowbirds, the complexity of which has led to cowbirds being described as “the undisputed winner in the decathlon of avian vocalizations” and will present their most recent research on the bowing displays that male cowbirds perform when they sing their “gurgling water” songs to other cowbirds.

Dr. O’Loughlen graduated from University College Dublin (Ireland) with a BSc. in Chemistry in 1970 and worked in advertising in London (UK) until 1987 when he moved to Santa Barbara and enrolled at UCSB as a biology student. He was awarded a PhD in Behavioral Ecology in 1993 and moved to Seattle to take a position as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Dept. of Psychology at University of Washington (UW) working on the vocal behavior in song sparrows. Since then he has worked as a Lecturer at UW (Fall/Winters) and Research Scientist/Co-Principal Investigator at UCSB (Spring/Summers). In 2011, he moved to Goleta and continues to work as a Research Scientist and Lecturer in Vertebrate Zoology at UCSB. Read more at [SantaBarbaraAudubon.org](http://SantaBarbaraAudubon.org).



*Brown-headed Cowbird*

*Photo: Birds of North America Cornell Lab of Ornithology*

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

## Meet Your Audubon Board

**A series introducing the directors of our chapter**

**JANICE TOYO LEVASHEFF**, our new Publicity Chair, was born in Los Angeles and attended Humboldt State University. She started out as a Wildlife Management major and later became an Art major, graduating in 1976. While at HSU she met her husband, our Webmaster, David Levasheff. They married and moved to Santa Barbara in 1978. Shortly thereafter, Janice began a long career at Santa Barbara Research/Raytheon, retiring as a Contracts Manager in 2011. “It was a great atmosphere in which to work,” Janice says. David and Janice have two children, Peter, a former Marine who is married and lives in Santa Maria, and Mari who attended Whitman College and currently works for UCSB Arts and Lectures. Janice enjoys quilting, sewing, and arts and crafts. She reads widely. Especially in retirement, she enjoys travel--she and David visited Scotland this summer and are planning a month-long trip to New Zealand.

Janice accepted the position as Publicity Chair seeing “an opportunity to help get the word out about a great organization.” She looks forward to joining forces with Cherie Topper, with whom Janice worked for many years.



# Santa Barbara Audubon Field Trips

## Lake Cachuma Eagle Boat Cruise

Lake Cachuma County Park

**Saturday, December 13, 2014 (9:45 a.m. check-in time at boat dock) 10 a.m. - 12 noon**

Trip Leader: Liz Gaspar, Park Naturalist

Target Birds: Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, Great-tailed Grackles, White Pelicans, Grebes, Common Loons, Ospreys, ducks, seabirds, water-birds

Organization: Santa Barbara Audubon Society

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

\$10 per car for entering the Lake Cachuma County Park

Limit: 35 people. You must email Jack Sanford (birdsandtennis@hotmail.com) to make a reservation on or before Tuesday Dec 9th. I will 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 carpool (and it is a good idea since there is a \$10 entrance fee per car) meet at the Five Points Shopping Center by the side of the Big 5 Sporting Goods store at 9:00 a.m. We should be back around 1:00 p.m.

P.S. The Neal Taylor Nature Center has made some big improvements and is 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, January 24, 2015 (8:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.)**

(7:00 a.m. at mandatory carpool location)

Reservations are required due to a limited number of vehicles allowed on the Ranch

Target Birds: Songbirds, ocean and pond waterfowl, raptors, and perhaps an owl or two

Leader: Guy Tingos

Reservations are required. We are limited to 20 people (five vehicles). Please email Jack Sanford (birdsandtennis@hotmail.com) on or before Tuesday Jan 20th 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 turn 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 by 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 5 vehicles. Bring water, snack or lunch, and wear comfortable shoes. Binoculars and spotting scopes are useful.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to bird the private and unique Hollister Ranch.

## 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!*

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Abe Bloom                  | Diane Meyer Simon     |
| Marjorie Boyle             | Drake Rabin           |
| Wesley Bredall             | Albert Rump           |
| Annabelle & Peter Browmell | Arthur G. Schaefer    |
| Sarah Cline                | Sherilyn C. Scranton  |
| Joseph Conway*             | Robert Smith          |
| Celine Eising*             | Diane Spaulding       |
| Joan Gerhardt*             | Jane Spiller*         |
| Cheryl Guthrie             | Patricia R. Stark     |
| Donald and Caroline Keogh* | Beverly Steinfeld     |
| Glenn Kincaid*             | Yozora Tadehara*      |
| Laurie and Cetin Koc*      | Anita & Toby Champion |
| Melissa Kreger             | Charles Toms          |
| Lynda Kreutzkamp           | Helen Wong*           |
| Dorothy Ludington          |                       |
| Shannon McGrary            | * Chapter Only Member |



## BIRDATHON 2015 IS EVOLVING!

We're shaking it up! Not only will the 3rd Birdathon be the entire month of April 2015 but we will also have a kick-off party mid-March.

Stay tuned—full disclosure in the February/March 2015 El Tecolote.

# Friday Bird Walks

## **Santa Barbara Harbor**

**December 12, 2014 (8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)**

Target Birds: Waterfowl, shorebirds, Peregrine Falcon, songbirds

Directions: We will meet on the sidewalk next to the Sea Landing Sport Fishing Building (301 W. Cabrillo Blvd). All birders should park on Bath Street or Mason Street (no time limit) or use paid city lot parking. We will bird the Santa Barbara Harbor and Stearns Wharf area.

## **Arroyo Burro School Open Space**

**December 26, 2014 (8:30 a.m. - 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. Turn 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 9, 2015 (8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)**

Target Birds: Raptors and 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 23, 2015 (8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)**

Directions: Coming from the north on Hwy 101 take the State Street/Hwy 154 off-ramp and proceed to Hwy 154. Take the Cathedral Oaks Road exit and turn left on Cathedral Oaks Road. Coming from the south on Hwy 101 take the Hwy 154 exit and proceed on Hwy 154. Take the Cathedral Oaks Road exit and turn left on Cathedral Oaks Road. From Cathedral Oaks Road 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.

## **Bonus Special Bird Walk for SB Audubon Members Only**

### **Sand Point Bird Walk**

**January 16, 2015 (8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)**

Target Birds: Long-bill Curlew, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Osprey, White-tailed Kite, Sandpipers, and waterfowl

Trip Leaders: Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson

A bonus birding field trip and you don't want to miss this one. We have received permission to offer a Friday (1/16/15) SB Audubon Birding Field Trip 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for a limited number (20) of SB Audubon Society members (only) at the Sand Point private-gated community.

Enjoy this opportunity to bird the Carpinteria Salt Marsh from the Sand Point Road. Unfortunately only a limited number of birders will be allowed to sign up for this bird walk so if you are interested please email Jack Sanford at [birdsandtennis@hotmail.com](mailto:birdsandtennis@hotmail.com) on or before Tuesday, 1/13/15. Leave your name and email address or phone number, and I will confirm your reservation.

Directions: To get to the Sand Point Road entrance take the Santa Claus Lane exit off Hwy 101 and follow Santa Claus Lane to the southeast end. Parking is available in the business area just before Santa Claus Lane enters Hwy 101 south. We will meet near the Sand Point Road entrance and proceed from there on foot.



White-tailed Kite  
Artist Steven D'Amato

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

# Volunteer Opportunities

## ARROYO HONDO PRESERVE

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

Habitat Restoration

First Sunday of the month

Trail Maintenance

Third full weekend of the month on Saturday

**Please contact Sally Isaacson to confirm work days.**

## 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 restoration dates**

## 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

## 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 training dates**

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

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to come. For more information contact President@santabarbara-  
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### 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.

Santa Barbara Audubon presents

## Winter Bird Count 4 Kids

Introducing young people to the fun of birdwatching

Saturday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.-noon

A free event for kids at Lake Los Carneros Park, Goleta

- All kids 8-16 are welcome with a responsible adult
- Led by experienced naturalists
- Birding Basics
- Binocular Boot Camp, bring binoculars or borrow ours
- Guided walk around Lake Los Carneros
- Snacks generously provided by Trader Joe's
- Record and tally the bird species observed
- Take home a souvenir bird list, new knowledge, and great memories



[more information at santabarbaraaudubon.org](http://more.information.at.santabarbaraaudubon.org)



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### Audubon Society Membership Application

#### Option 1: Local Chapter-only Membership

- This is my choice of membership!**  
**Cost: \$25 Annually.**

Complete application and mail along with check made out to:  
**Santa Barbara Audubon Society**  
**5679 Hollister Ave, Suite 5B**  
**Goleta CA 93117**

#### 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.)

Complete application and mail along with check made out to:  
**National Audubon Society**  
**PO Box 422249**  
**Palm Coast, Florida 32142-2249**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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## Calendar of Events

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

<http://www.SantaBarbaraAudubon.org>

**December**

- Dec. 5 **Members only Field Trip**  
Point Mugu NAS
- Dec. 12 Bird Walk: Santa Barbara Harbor
- Dec. 13 Field Trip: Lake Cachuma
- Dec. 14 Lompoc CBC
- Dec. 21 Santa Maria CBC
- Dec. 26 Cachuma CBC
- Dec. 26 Bird Walk: Arroyo Burro School
- Dec 28 Last day to order your Santa Barbara CBC dinner**
- Dec. 27 Carpinteria CBC

**January**

- Jan. 3 Santa Barbara CBC
- Jan. 9 Bird Walk: Coronado Drive
- Jan. 16 **Members only Bird Walk:**  
Sand Point
- Jan. 23 Bird Walk: San Marcos Foothills
- Jan. 24 Winter Bird Count 4 Kids
- Jan. 28 Program: Dastardly Cowbird
- Jan. 31 Field Trip: Hollister Ranch

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