



AN ALARM AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Story and photos by Betsy Mooney

Have you ever heard a Peregrine Falcon's alarm call? If you were at the annual SB Audubon Summer Get-together on June 23, you have now been initiated. Our Eyes in the Sky Peregrine Falcon, Kisa, gave us a clear rendition of her way of announcing danger. All activity stopped as we looked around. Kisa may have seen another bird in the sky as a threat, or perhaps she wanted to make sure we were aware of the two juvenile Great Horned Owls perched quietly in the Redwood trees. Whatever the stimulus that set her off, we were duly notified. If you've never heard a Peregrine Falcon's alarm call, a friend once described it as a cross between a gull and a donkey and very LOUD... You get the idea!

In addition to Kisa, three other Eyes in the Sky raptors enjoyed the picnic at Stow Grove: Kanati, our American Kestrel; Athena, our Barn



Owl; and Ivan, our Red-tailed Hawk. Thank you, Eyes in the Sky volunteers, for bringing the birds out to join the fun.

Once again, we enjoyed the traditional music entertainment of the Glendessary Jam.

Thank you, musicians!

As always, there was a plethora of scrumptious food for all. Members also enjoyed a free raffle, with happy winners going home with bird pictures, books, or T-shirts. In addition, we elected our Board of Directors for the coming year and voted on changes to our by-laws. President Dolores Pollock asked for those in favor and received a chorus of "ayes". We took a last look at the Great Horned Owls, now regular attendees for our Summer Get-togethers, and headed home.

Thanks to all who contributed goodies or items for the raffle. Thanks to those who set up, greeted, and cleaned up, making this another enjoyable summer get-together.

REPORT FROM OUR SBAS SUMMER BOARD RETREAT

By Lee Moldaver, Vice President

On July 8, Santa Barbara Audubon's board and staff met at Coal Oil Point Nature Center to welcome new people, reintroduce ourselves, work our way through a well-facilitated board agenda, consider and approve our chapter's budget for the coming year, and review our strategic plan.

Kudos to: David Levasheff and Cris Sandoval for obtaining our venue; David for leading a pre-retreat bird walk; Lori Gaskin for securing our *pro bono* facilitator; Janice Levasheff, for helping organize the venue and preparing the excellent retreat packet; Dolores Pollock for enhancing our tradition of *taking time away* from normal duties to collaboratively ponder/plan our chapter's programs and priorities.

We welcomed our newest key arrivals: Executive Director Katherine Emery, Education Co-chair Coni Edick, and (still relatively recent) EITS Director Hannah Atkinson.

Facilitator Geoff Green (Chief Executive Officer of Santa Barbara City College) examined "charitable and not-for profit activity" in the US. He suggested we emphasize our long-standing educational programs more strongly to expand future funding.

After lunch, Treasurer Chris Mersey explained chapter finances and the thinking of our Finance Committee on projections for anticipated revenue and expenses for the 2019-20 year. The new year's budget was unanimously approved.

In the remaining time, Katherine Emery introduced herself, and Dolores gave updates on progress on our current strategic plan. Amazingly, we were able to adjourn at 3:00 p.m., as planned.



OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THREE WEEKS IN

By Joyce Carasa



Katherine flanked by Geoff Green and Dolores Pollock
(Photo by Janice Levasheff)

Enthusiasm is the word that best characterizes Katherine Emery's feelings after her first three weeks as Executive Director of SBAS. She shows this abundantly as she talks about her experiences to date and her hopes and plans for the future.

A trained scientist and teacher who has worked in many different projects and classroom settings, Katherine expresses amazement at the breadth and depth of scientific understanding among our various Board and committee members. She is encouraged by the projects and successes of our Science and Conservation Committees and looks forward to supporting their work.

She is also pleased by the attitude of those working on behalf of our environment through SBAS, finding them not only knowledgeable, but also respectful of different opinions and interpretations and willing to work together toward the shared goal of protecting the environment and its inhabitants. Equally, she is very glad to see that SBAS is well organized and fiscally responsible. Further, she is

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very impressed by the work of the Education Committee in reaching out to the public.

One of the more pressing needs she has identified is to expand public understanding of our mission, sharing with both current and potential members “all the amazing work SBAS does on an ongoing basis.” In addition, she wants to encourage all members to recognize “the precise needs we have, and the specific opportunities in which members can become more actively involved to address those needs.” She further notes that “we are currently looking for a nature- and bird-loving Development Chair to help hone our financial goals, sharpen our methods to procure resources, and strengthen our nest egg.”

Katherine is “very excited to bring some science to young people,” possibly calling upon her extensive connections with the K-12 community, Santa Barbara City College, and UCSB.

As she looks forward, Katherine knows she will need to listen with an open mind, focus on both big-picture issues and details, and keep her thinking flexible. Not only enthusiastic, she is also optimistic, as she recognizes that she will be working with a “Board and Board Emeriti that provide a treasure of experts with specific administrative, scientific, and conservation leadership skills.”

Members are invited to meet Katherine and enjoy light refreshments by coming early to our September 25 Program in Farrand Hall.

MEET YOUR AUDUBON BOARD

A SERIES INTRODUCING THE DIRECTORS OF OUR CHAPTER

By Coni Edick and Joyce Carasa

Seventeen-year veteran Eyes in the Sky (EITS) volunteer Coni Edick has joined Jayne Wamsley as Co-chair of the Santa Barbara Audubon Society Education Committee. Together, Jayne and Coni will be saving the environment through Audubon education programs and the EITS birds of prey education program.

Coni was born and raised in Santa Barbara, attending local schools through Santa Barbara City College. She transferred from City College to California State University, Sonoma, where she earned a B.A. in Psychology. After college graduation she returned to Santa Barbara and pursued a professional career in human resources for over 30 years. She has done HR work for local manufacturer Electro Kinetics, Santa Barbara City Schools and the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB). She retired from UCSB in 2013.

At one point during her career Coni found that her professional work alone was not fulfilling enough. She began volunteering at the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network (WCN), a local wildlife rehabilitation organization, in 2001. This new pursuit all began with her attending a presentation put on by none other than Gabriele Drozdowski (then Director of Eyes in the Sky), Gabriele’s husband Jim Walker, and Max the Great Horned Owl. Inspired by this presentation, Coni started volunteering at WCN. Birds were the most numerous patients there and Coni’s wildlife rehab training and education were primarily directed towards them. “Bird-in-hand” experience led to bird identification, then to birding in the field, and eventually circled back to Gabriele and EITS, where Coni began volunteering in 2002. Today she continues to be an EITS Shift Lead at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History in addition to her new role as Education Co-chair.

Coni’s dedication to birds is extensive. She has taken a number of related courses, including workshops in wildlife rehab, a credited class in ornithology from SB City College, a 4-day “Care and Maintenance of Captive Raptors” workshop at the Minnesota Raptor Center, and an 8-week training on nature interpretation through the Santa Barbara Zoo docent program.

All in all, becoming Co-chair of the SBAS Education Committee is a logical step for Coni. She believes that as important as rehabilitation is for injured, orphaned, or sick animals, habitat preservation is key to overall species survival. Habitat preservation requires awareness and education. If people learn to cherish our environment, they will develop the political will to sustain it. She hopes to reach young people – especially those who have little opportunity to experience wildlife – through programs in schools and youth organizations. In addition, she wants to reach adults through programs and events like Earth Day, with the goal of encouraging active conservation as an act of enlightened self-interest.



Photo by Bonnie Whitney

TEACHER NEEDED FOR MEET YOUR WILD NEIGHBOR!

By Hannah Atkinson

As the 2019/2020 school year takes off, SBAS is looking for the next elementary-school teacher to teach its Meet Your Wild Neighbor (MYWN) program.

For years, MYWN has brought a curriculum of science education to 1st- and 2nd-grade classrooms in Santa Barbara. The program visits classrooms once a week for a five-week series. Each series includes classroom visits by our live raptors, a neighborhood bird walk, and a field trip to Lake Los Carneros. The impact of such



lessons lasts far beyond the classroom: it's an opportunity for young people to get outdoors and learn hands-on in nature.

This year will see a strengthening and revitalization of our past curriculum. SBAS is pressing forward to create new partnerships with under-served schools in our community. Now we need a teacher to deliver the program in 1st- and 2nd-grade classrooms.

The ideal candidate is an experienced elementary school teacher who is passionate about conservation and excited to lead experiential lessons in nature. If you are interested, please contact Eyes in the Sky program director Hannah Atkinson at EITSDirector@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org.



THREE CONDOR ENTHUSIASTS (left to right): Stephanie Herrera, Jan Hamber, and Teodolina Martelli, our May program presenter. With many others, they are helping the California Condor thrive.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to everyone who has joined our Chapter, or National Audubon, or both!

Linda O. Armstrong**
 Gail Berkeley**
 Paul Bielaczyc*
 Barbara Blinderman*
 Wendy Branch*
 Tom Carvey**
 John Chapman**
 Bessie Condos**
 James Cummins***
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Many thanks to those of you who have recently joined or renewed. Your chapter membership is key to our success!

News Flash: At our Annual Membership Meeting this past June, we approved updates to our By-Laws. One change is that there is now only one chapter membership renewal date: June 30 of every year. Those of you with upcoming December renewal dates will be automatically moved out to a June, 2020, renewal.

Questions about Membership?

If you have questions about your membership status, or want to know more about the difference between national and chapter memberships, please contact Janice Levasheff, Membership Chair, at Membership@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org.



Photo by Alex Loos

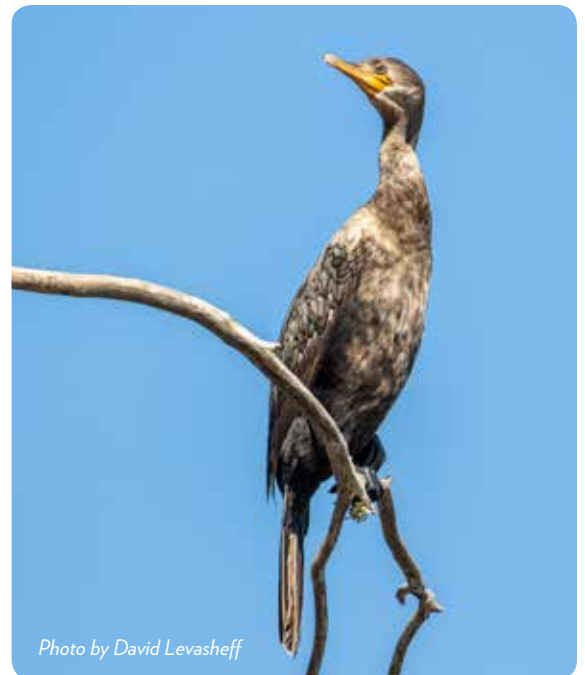


Photo by David Levasheff

This Neotropical Cormorant, Santa Barbara County's first documented sighting, was first spotted at Devereux Slough on 31-June-2019 by Nick Lethaby. Since then it has spent most of its time at the Slough, though it has been notably absent for short stretches of time.

SBAS WANTS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STRAUSS WIND ENERGY PROJECT

By Steve Ferry

Our country needs renewable energy. Nevertheless, renewable energy that itself causes excessive environmental damage is counterproductive. As designed, the Strauss Wind Energy Project is such a project. This proposed wind farm would put 30 huge Wind Turbine Generators nearly 500 feet tall on agricultural land near Lompoc.

Santa Barbara Audubon is concerned about the environmental destruction that will be caused by this wind farm as currently proposed. The developer has designed the project solely to achieve maximum electrical output. Minimizing bird deaths by strategically locating the wind turbine generators (WTGs) was not even considered. This approach contradicts State and Federal wind energy guidelines. Most wind farms that have begun in the last few years in the United States have been designed to reduce avian mortality by properly locating WTGs. Strauss should be designed that way too!

As proposed by the developer, the project will destroy 607 mature oak trees. This is unacceptable! SBAS believes that the project should be designed to be more similar to the Lompoc Wind Energy Project (LWEP) that was approved 10 years ago. The County should require the developer to change the project design to one that would move some of the generators off ridgetops and adjust the number and type of generators to meet the project's energy production goals. The County should require the use of more of the smaller 1.79-MW wind turbine generators that have already been proposed by the developer. Using smaller WTGs would mean smaller blades that can be transported by helicopter or airship. Then San Miguelito Road would not have to be reworked, which would save 158 mature oak trees from destruction. The County should also change the transmission line design back to the route that was proposed for LWEP. That alone would eliminate the destruction of 62 mature oak trees.

SBAS has been working for years to try to ensure that the Strauss project would be environmentally friendly. We have worked with the County, the developer, La Purisima Audubon, and state and federal wildlife agencies. We have written numerous comment letters and testified at many hearings. At this point, the County is considering public comments on the draft environmental impact report. We hope that the County will take our comments to heart as they prepare the final EIR, which will probably be released in the fall.

If you'd like to help Audubon's effort on the Strauss project, please contact me or one of our Conservation Committee co-chairs at Conservation@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org. Please also consider writing a letter and/or testifying on the final EIR.



2019 POINT MUGU NAVAL AIR STATION PREMIER TRIP

By Jeff Hanson and Peggy Kearns

We are pleased to offer a premier trip to NBVC Point Mugu again this year. **Note: This will be the only trip to Pt. Mugu offered this year.**

Friday, December 6, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Trip Leaders: Jeff Hanson, Peggy Kearns, and base biologist Martin Ruane

Cost: \$55.00 – same as last year! (Group size limited to 14)

This unique opportunity allows us to visit roughly 2,000 acres bordered by the Pacific Ocean and some of the most bountiful agricultural land in Southern California. Marsh, coastal wetlands, and grasslands provide a stopover for thousands of migrating birds each year, along with habitat for several endangered species of birds. The area is so rich in wildlife that we typically count 80 species, including egrets, rails, songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, and more.

For this trip, 14 lucky SBAS members will be granted access to the base. As a bonus, additional local experts normally accompany us on this popular trip.

NBVC Point Mugu is an active Navy base, so your access onto the base must be approved prior to the trip date. U.S. Citizenship and advance submittal of an Access Pass Registration Form are required. NO CAMERAS are allowed on base.

TO REGISTER:

1. Go to: <https://santabarbaraaudubon.org/events/premier-trip-pt-mugu-naval-air-station-7/>.
2. Download the additional instructions for the Navy Access Pass Registration Form.
3. Download the Navy Access Pass Registration Form itself.



A Tricolored Heron was seen during last November's trip. This photo by David Levasheff was not taken at NBVC Point Mugu, as cameras are forbidden on base.

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4. Review the form first to ensure you can meet the requirements.
5. Purchase your ticket on Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-dec-06-pt-mugu-premier-trip-tickets-68284267081>
6. Fill out the Access Pass Registration Form completely.
7. Sign and email the access form to Jeff Hanson at jlh749@cox.net.

You can also contact Jeff if you have any questions or problems.

IMPORTANT: *You must submit your form to Jeff no later than November 8, 2019. Registration for the trip opens on October 7, 2019.*

You must arrange your own transportation to Pt. Mugu. It takes more than an hour drive to the base. Please be sure to arrive no later than 7:45 a.m., as we will be led onto the base as a single group. Those who arrive after our group has left will not be admitted.

IN MEMORIAM

We wish to acknowledge two wonderful Audubon supporters who have recently passed away.

Robert "Bob" Sollen covered the 1969 oil spill as a reporter for the *Santa Barbara News Press*, and for years wrote about environmental issues. His late wife, Tomi, was once President of our Audubon chapter.

Jean Schuyler was another beacon in our community. She quietly and graciously supported many organizations and causes, and Santa Barbara Audubon was fortunate to be among those included in her generous embrace.

Bob and Jean have been honored by local groups for their work and interest in the environment and conservation. They will be missed, but their actions have left a lasting imprint that will shine on in the community.

NATIONAL AUDUBON CONVENTION IN MILWAUKEE



SBAS Board members Jessie Altstatt and Kathleen Boehm at the National Audubon Convention in Milwaukee this summer.

SBAS: PROGRAMS

CONSERVATION ADVENTURES IN HOTSPOTS FOR WESTERN MIGRATORY BIRDS

Presented by Sarah Otterstrom

Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 7:30 p.m. (Doors open 7:00 p.m. Join us for refreshments.)

Location: Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Many of central California's migratory birds winter in tropical areas where intensive agriculture and coastal development pose a threat to their survival. Paso Pacifico is a Ventura-based non-profit that works to protect these ecosystems in western Central America. Executive Director Sarah Otterstrom will share stories of the challenges and rewards of practicing conservation in the region. She'll talk about Paso Pacifico's migratory bird program and the organization's efforts to transform interactions between local people and birds through a slingshot-for-binoculars exchange and junior ranger programs.

Dr. Sarah Otterstrom founded the non-profit Paso Pacifico in 2005 in response to the urgent need to protect Nicaragua's coastal dry tropical forests, where she did her graduate research. Today the organization works in both El Salvador and Nicaragua, where conservation investments are otherwise very limited. Sarah holds a Ph.D. in ecology from UC Davis and an undergraduate biology degree from the Universidad Latina de Costa Rica. She first fell in love with birds when she worked as a naturalist tour guide in Costa Rica in the early 1990s. Sarah resides in Ojai, California, where she enjoys backyard birding with her children.



Photo by Orlando Jarquin

NEW ZEALAND BIRD CONSERVATION

Presented by Glenn Kincaid

Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 7:30 p.m. (Doors open 7:00 p.m. Join us for refreshments.)

Location: Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

New Zealand's natural history has produced a distinctive collection of avifauna – over half of its native birds are found nowhere else on earth! Its native birds face unique threats, and many species are at risk or endangered. New Zealand has been at the forefront of developing innovative approaches to counter these threats. Our talk will touch on the evolution of New Zealand's native birds, their present status, and some of the strategies that have been developed to save them from extinction.

In his youth, Glenn Kincaid was fascinated by birds that came to his feeder. Then, he realized he could actually go looking for birds. Since then, he has gone looking for birds on all continents except Antarctica. In 2015 he undertook a Green Big Year in Santa Barbara county, saw 285 species of birds, and biked over 4400 miles. He is interested in bird conservation and has been involved for several years in monitoring Santa Barbara's only known breeding population of Purple Martins. Glenn divides his time between Santa Barbara, Castle Valley, Utah, and Blenheim, New Zealand.



Photo by Glenn Kincaid

LIVING WITH PENGUINS—FILM AND Q & A

Presented by Naira De Gracia and Michael Love

Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 7:30 p.m. (Doors open 7:00 p.m. Join us for refreshments.)

Location: Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Join biologist Naira De Gracia and filmmaker Michael Love for a screening of *Living with Penguins*, a 30-minute film that chronicles Naira's two 6-month seasons in Antarctica collecting data on breeding Gentoos and Chinstraps. It offers a rare and often humorous glimpse into the life of a field biologist living in a remote outpost with three other researchers. Naira's narration is a reflective journal that both educates about these flightless birds and examines the spiritual rewards of working in a starkly beautiful place. After the screening, both presenters will speak briefly, followed by Q & A.

Naira De Gracia is a field biologist who works at remote sites monitoring wildlife and habitat restoration. Her family is from Santa Barbara (Michael is her uncle), and she enjoys spending time here between field seasons. She will head to New Zealand in January to complete her master's degree in conservation biology. Michael Love is a prizewinning filmmaker specializing in natural history projects locally and nationally. He has had seven films selected for the Santa Barbara International Film Festival and is now at work on *Endangered in California*, a film and series about endangered species in California that have been brought back from the brink of extinction.



SBAS: FRIDAY BIRD WALKS

Join us for two Friday Bird Walks each month.

For questions, please contact Peter Thompson at Birdwalks@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org.

TORO CANYON PARK

Friday, September 6, 2019 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: Songbirds, raptors

Directions: From Hwy 101 take exit 90 (Padaro Ln off-ramp coming from the north; Summerland off-ramp from the south). Turn toward the mountains and then right on Via Real. Turn left on Toro Canyon Rd. Proceed on Toro Canyon Rd until reaching the park sign on the right. Turn right and follow the road to the park. Enter the park and follow the road to the end parking lot. We will meet and bird the park.

GOLETA BEACH/ATASCADERO CREEK

Friday, September 20, 2019 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: Herons, egrets, ospreys, kingfishers

Directions: From Hwy 101 northbound take Hwy 217 toward UCSB. Exit to Sandspit Rd (Exit 1). At the stop sign turn left toward the ocean. From Hwy 101 southbound exit at Fairview Ave (Exit 105). Follow Fairview Ave past the stoplight and airport. The road eventually becomes Sandspit Rd. After Sandspit Rd turns left and goes under the Hwy 217 overpass, turn right into Goleta Beach Park and cross the bridge. Turn left at the stop sign. Park in the parking lot. We will meet in the lot near the bathrooms by the Beachside Bar Café.

HIDDEN VALLEY PARK

Friday, October 11, 2019 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: Black-headed Grosbeaks, woodpeckers, flycatchers

Directions: From Hwy 101 take the Las Positas Rd exit. Turn south toward the ocean. Turn right on Modoc Rd. Travel 0.9 miles on Modoc Rd and turn left on Calle de los Amigos. Follow Calle de Los Amigos for 0.75 mile. Park near the corner of Calle de los Amigos and Torino Dr. We will bird the loop trail around the open space.

ROCKY NOOK PARK

Friday, October 25, 2019 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: Woodpeckers, warblers, wrens, vireos

Directions: From Hwy 101 take the Mission St exit and turn toward the mountains. Proceed on Mission St and turn left on State St, then right on Los Olivos St. Continue on Los Olivos past the Mission (passing Alameda Padre Sierra and Mountain Dr on the righthand side). Heading toward the mountains, Rocky Nook Park is on the right. We will park and meet in the first parking area on the right at the park entrance.

STEVENS PARK

Friday, November 8, 2019 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: Raptors, woodpeckers, warblers, phoebes, wrens, kinglets, towhees

Directions: From Hwy 101 take the Las Positas Rd exit. Turn toward the mountains. Follow Las Positas Rd until it becomes San Roque Rd. Follow San Roque Rd and turn left on Calle Fresno, then right on Canon Dr. The entrance to Stevens Park is on the right. We will park and meet in the left lot at the park entrance.

WINCHESTER CANYON

Friday, November 22, 2019 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: Kingbirds, kinglets, raptors, siskins, woodpeckers, titmice, towhees

Directions: Take Hwy 101 to the Winchester Canyon Rd exit. Follow Winchester Canyon Rd across Cathedral Oaks Rd. Turn right on Winchester Dr, then left on Rio Vista Dr. We will park near the open space area on the left.

SBAS: FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is welcome! These trips are fun for both beginning and expert bird lovers. Trips are free unless noted. Please contact ThisisRobLindsay@gmail.com for details or questions.

SANTA BARBARA HARBOR AND ANDREE CLARK BIRD REFUGE

Saturday, September 21, 2019, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Target Birds: Shorebirds and water birds

Trip Leader: Rob Lindsay

Directions: We will meet at the base of the breakwater at the Santa Barbara Harbor, looking for birds in the marina, offshore, and along the sandspit between the harbor and Stearns Wharf. There is ample free parking on the right as you enter the harbor across from La Playa Stadium off Shoreline Dr. From there, we will drive to the Andree Clark bird refuge to explore this freshwater ecosystem. Many migrant and resident sea birds and water birds are expected.

OSO FLACO LAKE FIELD TRIP, “LAKE TO THE OCEAN”

Saturday, October 5, 2019, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Fresh water and saltwater birds plus Northern Harriers and wrens

Trip Leader: Rob Lindsay.

Fee: \$5 entrance fee per car or park outside the entrance. Participants may wish to get together in informal carpools to share the cost.

Directions: Take Hwy 101 to Hwy 166 (Main St exit) in Santa Maria and head west toward the town of Guadalupe. Turn right at the Hwy 1 intersection and go through the town. Travel 3 miles to Oso Flaco Rd. Turn left on Oso Flaco and proceed 3 miles to the parking lot. Dress in layers and bring water and a snack. Please contact the leader if you have any questions.

We will take a leisurely 2-mile walk across the Oso Flaco Lake Bridge and follow the boardwalk trail to the ocean. We will view this rare and unique ecosystem while spotting birds and enjoying the beauty of the area.

LAS CRUZITAS RANCH, NEAR SANTA YNEZ

Saturday, November 16, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Target Birds: Goldfinches, buntings, Rufous-crowned Sparrows, phainopeplas, Yellow-billed Magpies, Prairie Falcons, nuthatches, hummingbirds and maybe a Golden Eagle

Trip Leader: Cruz Phillips, 688-8233, cruzitas@aol.com

Directions: Meet Rob Lindsay (SBAS Field Trip Coordinator) near the ranch at 9:00 a.m. Take Hwy 154 to Armour Ranch Rd, which is 3.3 miles west of Bradbury Dam (Lake Cachuma). Go north on Armour Ranch Rd 1.4 miles and turn right on Happy Canyon Rd. After 2.4 miles stop at Alisos Ave.

We will bird the fields around this intersection and then caravan to the ranch a few more miles away. We will arrive a little after 9:00 a.m. and bird for about 2 hours near the ranch, where there are numerous bird feeders and habitats. Then we will take an easy walk around the general area and perhaps tour a canyon. Bring water, a snack and/or lunch.

THANK YOU

Geoff Green, CEO of the Santa Barbara City College Foundation, for leading our Board Retreat.
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