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MEETING THE MOMENT

By Dolores Pollock, President, and Katherine Emery, Executive Director

In these unusual times, we are inspired by birds who maintain their regular schedules: coming, going, and nesting to the delight of us all. We work diligently for them, and they bring us joy and beauty. It is a rewarding exchange.

At Audubon, we see our mission more clearly than ever. While we worry about the sickness and sorrow brought by COVID-19, we continue our work to make this world better for birds and, ultimately, for us all. While social distancing!

Our work includes helping our chapter thrive, so thank you for your membership and donations of time, talent, and money – more needed now than ever – especially as budget-planning proves challenging.

In the first six weeks of required social distancing, we took care of safety issues. We temporarily adjusted the number of Eyes in the Sky volunteers at the Audubon Aviary from nearly 50 to only 5 and we moved Board, Conservation, Science, and other committee meetings to Zoom.

Moving forward, keeping physical distancing and other restrictions in mind, we plan a “welcome-back-to-the-nest” picnic for members and a thank-you to Eyes in the Sky volunteers. We want to add: bird walks for kids and families (led by Peter Thompson and Rob Lindsay); stationary birding (launched by Alex Loos); and new overnight field trips, starting with one to the Salton Sea (organized by Ron Hirst). We’ll move forward when it is safe to do so.

We hope to resume monthly programs at Farrand Auditorium. We look forward to seeing our “rescued raptors” again grace the grounds of the Natural History Museum each afternoon. We want to re-start Meet Your Wild Neighbor classes in local elementary schools. We want to un-pause citizen science work at Devereux Slough, meanwhile hoping birds enjoy our 22 nest boxes.

The Board and Conservation and Science Committees meet monthly to keep Audubon organized and focused on important conservation issues and bird protections. Other committees meet as needed: Finance, Bird Walks/Field Trips, Eyes in the Sky. We are finalizing Strategic Plan 2020-2025. Watch for a new “look” to our website and brochure. Hannah Atkinson’s dedicated crew is caring for our raptors. Individuals are submitting data to the Breeding Bird Study.

We are truly fortunate that you, our members and volunteers, continue to be passionate, committed, and strong. We have just received one of our most generous donations ever, and the donors hope they will inspire others. It is an opportune time to show continuing support for our work.

Thank you again for being part of the Audubon family. This important work has been going on for well over a century, and we sincerely want to keep it happening. We wish you and your families well.



Photo by Fernando Calderon

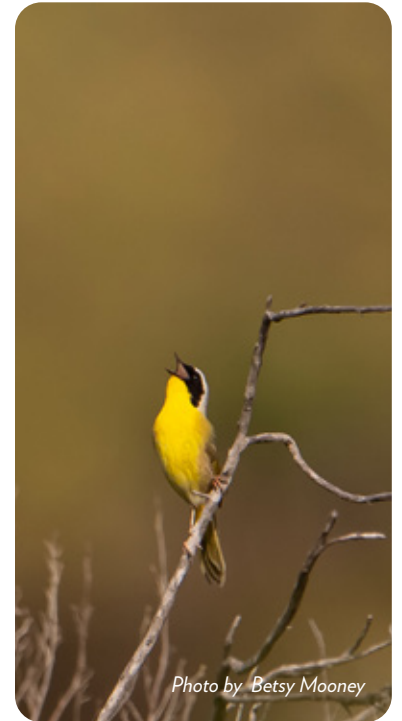


Photo by Betsy Mooney



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EVER CONSIDERED JOINING THE AUDUBON BOARD?

By Dolores Pollock

In Spring, we create the slate of officers that will constitute the coming year's Audubon Board. With up to 20 members, the Board meets monthly to oversee Santa Barbara Audubon – all those activities from bird walks to the Audubon Aviary to our website – plus much behind-the-scenes work like budgeting and fundraising. There's a lot to do, and we invite you to participate!

If you feel qualified to help with development, education, or conservation, either on the Board or on a committee, please contact President@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org

WE NEED YOUR EXPERTISE

By Lori Gaskin, Conservation Committee Co-chair

SBAS's Conservation Committee is engaged in a number of technical issues and we could sure use your help. If either of these volunteer opportunities is of interest to you and you have expertise to assist, please contact Lori Gaskin, Conservation Committee Co-Chair, at Conservation@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org:

- **Research support** focused on the impact to birds of the use of rodenticides, insecticides, herbicides, and vector-control (e.g., mosquito) chemicals and bird-friendly alternatives for property owners seeking to control weeds, insects, rodents, and the like.
- **Provide** seasonal nesting bird surveys to property owners to guide their decision-making regarding the timing/scheduling of fuels and vegetation removal/reduction

Thank you so much for considering these opportunities to help us protect birds and their habitat.

FROM THE DESK OF KATHERINE EMERY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SBAS is actively working on many projects related to our three main focus areas: education, conservation, and science. This column will be updated regularly with an overview of selected current projects and goals (project list is not all-inclusive). Likewise, the goals summarize what each SBAS committee is working towards with occasional opportunities for member involvement.



Photo by David Levasheff

CURRENT PROJECTS

GOALS

Education

- Using 1st- and 3rd-grade teacher feedback about Meet Your Wild Neighbor (MYWN) to fine-tune program.
- Supporting new UCSB Goleta Coast Audubon.
- Strategizing COVID-19 "socially distant" bird walks, programs, and Eyes in the Sky (EITS) outreach.

- Clarify to the general public who SBAS is and what we're doing; highlight SBAS actions in 5 local newspapers (March-May 2020.)
- Explore online outreach to elementary & high school students for 2020-21 school year.
- Continue reaching out to EITS volunteers, members, and local nonprofit leaders to strengthen SBAS community during this time of uncertainty.

Conservation

- Signing local conservation letters and providing public comments to promote bird & biodiversity protections.
- Using science to inform decision making for bird protections and their habitat for Goleta creeks and watersheds and Wildfires Protection Plans.
- Protecting Goleta open spaces (including Lake Los Carneros [LLC] & Ellwood) by providing guidance to Goleta City Council, Commissioners, and Parks Staff.

- Communicate to the greater SB public the impacts of the Strauss Wind Energy Project on birdlife, including California Condors.
- Build advocacy to protect local open spaces, wetlands, bird habitats, and ecosystems.
- Collaborate with Goleta Parks and Open Space Manager to preserve birdlife and habitat at regional open spaces (LLC & Ellwood).

Science

- Providing Nest Box habitat for cavity-dwelling birds at LLC and opportunities for people to understand Tree Swallows and Western Bluebirds more deeply.
- Encouraging broad agency use of Santa Barbara County Breeding Bird Study records as a tool to inform land management and resource planning.

- Collect breeding data for Tree Swallows and Western Bluebirds at 22 Nest Boxes at LLC.
- Resume Snowy Plover monitoring, water quality and invertebrate research at North Campus Open Space & Coal Oil Point Reserve.
- Get White-tailed Kite nesting data from Winchester, Ellwood, More Mesa, & San Marcos Foothills.

In Loving Memory of Dr. Sam Chirman, beloved husband of Darlene Chirman, President Emerita of SBAS. He died peacefully on May 9 in Portland, Oregon. Sam truly led a long, remarkable, and rewarding life of service to the community and friendship to Santa Barbara Audubon.



SBAS: EITS NEWS

HOLDING PATTERNS FOR OUR RAPTORS AND THEIR HANDLERS

By Hannah Atkinson, EITS Director

Normally, nearly 50 volunteers care for the six rehabbed raptors of Eyes in the Sky. Each day of the week, a different crew takes up their shifts at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, where the aviary might see up to eight volunteers together each afternoon.

Being disabled, each bird has special health and handling needs. Their time outdoors is more than a chance for sunlight and fresh air: handling is an opportunity for behavioral enrichment and a daily health check. Each bird needs individual attention, and our volunteers are experienced in providing it.

Social distancing required in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic has changed things. We have temporarily reduced our crew to five. Now, only one person at a time works at the aviary. Each volunteer takes on two or three shifts every week, far more than their usual commitment. For some furloughed volunteers, this marks the longest break in service in over ten years.



Photo by Will Adler

On a normal afternoon, all birds would come outdoors, but under current conditions, only one bird comes out at a time. The “bird of the day” is rotated through the week, so that each hawk, owl, and falcon has a turn with special handler attention and a sunny afternoon.

Some routines are unchanged: Volunteers scrub bird poop from the aviaries, prepare dinners of whole mice and rats, and deliver doses of daily medication. The morning volunteer still focuses on Kisa, our Peregrine Falcon, who needs special attention to reduce excessive picking behavior that threatens her wellbeing. Twice a day, a volunteer checks on her behavior and provides snacks of raw quail injected with specially-formulated medications.

Our birds are used to a consistent schedule. They grow impatient around dinnertime and they eye new toys and techniques with suspicion. They are each used to eating meals out of a trusted food bowl on the same favorite perch. Now, offered treat balls and food puzzles, they seem baffled.

Still, with the help of five incredibly hard-working volunteers, things at the aviary are holding steady. The rest of the trained volunteers, a small army of more than forty, wait eagerly for the go-ahead to return to the aviary and once again donate their time to our birds.

The timeline is still uncertain: no one yet knows when the museum will reopen. Until then, both birds and humans maintain their holding patterns and do their best to enjoy the sunny days.

HAVE A BLAST!

Twice a month, Santa Barbara Audubon sends out electronic “Blasts” as a supplement to our quarterly newsletter, *El Tecolote*.

Not receiving our Blasts? Send your e-address to Membership@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org, and one will appear in your in-box soon.



Photo by Richard Nordli

WHY I JOINED AUDUBON

By Alex Shu

Santa Barbara Audubon Society (SBAS) and Eyes in the Sky (EITS) provide a bridge for people to get to know their wildlife neighbors, whether via bird walks or meeting our educational ambassadors at the Museum. We help people connect to the animals in their backyards, sparking a desire to learn more and contribute to their wellbeing.

EITS is near and dear to my heart because it was the organization that introduced me to the incredible world of raptors and, most importantly, showed me how to provide the best possible quality of life to animals who unfortunately cannot return to the wild; all the volunteers are incredibly dedicated and have a deep personal interest in the wellbeing of our birds. I also volunteer at another wonderful wildlife rehab and education facility down south and can personally attest that the care EITS provides to its ambassadors is absolutely top-notch, and that's what keeps me coming back and devoted.



WEAKENING OF THE MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT (MBTA), A KEY BIRD PROTECTION LAW

By Sean Cummings

The MBTA has successfully protected nearly all of our native bird species for over a century. Passed in 1918, it is credited with saving species such as the Snowy Egret and Sandhill Crane. With a few exceptions, it outlaws killing, capturing, or selling birds, their nests, eggs, or feathers.

Over time, the MBTA evolved to hold companies accountable for unintentional bird deaths, or “incidental take,” resulting from their normal business practices. An uncovered oil waste pit, for instance, may drown grebes mistaking it for a pond. The federal government enforced accountability through penalties such as fines. Companies had incentives to avoid these penalties by working with conservation organizations and government agencies to develop and implement practices that prevent bird deaths. Many of these measures were not difficult or expensive.

And yet, in December 2017, the Department of the Interior (DOI) released a new legal opinion on the MBTA, arguing that the original law never mentions incidental take and ending industry accountability for it. This allows the federal government to cease investigating and prosecuting incidental take, thus removing penalties for incidents such as large oil spills that kill substantial numbers of birds. Some \$100 million in fines from BP's Deepwater Horizon oil spill went to support bird conservation and habitat restoration. Under the new legal opinion, this would not happen.



In January 2020, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service released a proposal to codify this interpretation, making it harder to reverse.

None of this goes unchallenged. In May of 2018, the National Audubon Society filed suit against the DOI in objection to the new legal opinion. California has passed a bill stating it will continue to prohibit incidental take. And this January, Alan Lowenthal (D-CA) introduced a bill to the U.S. House of Representatives to formally clarify that the MBTA prohibits incidental take.

We need birds, not just as ecosystem contributors but as omnipresent sources of color, music, and joy. Should you feel strongly about the bird protection measures in the MBTA, please write to our congressional representatives in support of

Representative Lowenthal's bill, submit letters to the editors of local papers about the importance of the MBTA, and stay informed.

To learn more about this critical issue visit websites:

National Audubon: <https://www.audubon.org/news/the-migratory-bird-treaty-act-explained>

Audubon California: <https://ca.audubon.org/press-release/administration-doubles-down-bird-killer-policy>

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Your support empowers Santa Barbara Audubon Society to provide ongoing funding for a variety of positive, community-oriented environmental programs in education, conservation, and science.

Year by year, with your support, we are building our future!

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NEW INFORMATION ABOUT MAKING A DONATION

In these troubled times, birds have given us great pleasure and comfort, and we pledge to keep them and their environment safe. Please consider helping us with a donation. Your support right now is so needed and appreciated.

The new CARES Act offers interesting advantages when you make a donation, beginning in 2020. First, even households that do not itemize their taxes may take a charitable deduction of up to \$300. The CARES Act also relaxes the limit on donations for itemizers – increasing the amount that can be deducted from 60% of adjusted gross income to 100% of adjusted gross income. Both of these provisions explicitly exclude enhanced deductions to donor advised funds (DAFs), so if you regularly give to a DAF you might consider making additional gifts outright to take advantage of the extra tax advantages. Finally, if you are above age 70.5 you can still make charitable donations from your IRA, even if you are not yet taking distributions. As always, consult with a tax advisor to optimize the giving plan that is right for you.

THANK YOU!

To all who are caring for us and our community during the pandemic. We are so grateful!

To the five **Eyes in the Sky** volunteers who are keeping our raptors fed, exercised, and comfortably clean while the other volunteers are on furlough due to social distancing guidelines.

To the furloughed **Eyes in the Sky** volunteers who more or less patiently endure the sadness of raptor withdrawal.

To all 200+ of you submitting reports for the **Breeding Bird Study**.

To **Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson** for organizing a March field trip to Point Mugu to thank Board members and other volunteers for their hard work for SBAS.

To **Cher Hollingworth** for providing a Birding Checklist for our field trips.

To **Richard Nordli** for his work on the beautiful new SBAS signs at the Audubon Aviary.

To the **Museum of Natural History** for their continuing generous support of SBAS.

To **Alex Loos** for seamlessly taking over the design and layout of this publication.

For your **membership in Santa Barbara Audubon!**

2020 GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT HAS BUMPER YEAR

By Jayne Wamsley, Education Co-Chair

Running February 14-17, the 23rd Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) set new records in all categories. Participants jumped by 43,893 with 249,444 checklists submitted. The species count was 6,942 worldwide, with 661 species documented in the United States. The top ten species for Canada and the US by rank were: Northern Cardinal, Dark-eyed Junco, Mourning Dove, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, House Sparrow, House Finch, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, and Red-bellied Woodpecker (which pushed the White-breasted Nuthatch from 10th place this year). Worldwide, the Snow Goose count came in at 7,194,952, the most of any species.



Alex Loos's photo of a Black Oystercatcher appeared in the GBBC photo contest home page. Congrats, Alex!

California tallied the most checklists at 13,331, followed by New York State with 10,535. Santa Barbara County recorded 197 species with 244 checklists submitted; 300 Ruddy Ducks and 200 Western Grebes topped our species count.

A collaborative event coordinated by the Cornell Lab, Audubon, and Birds Canada, the Great Backyard Bird Count provides an opportunity for birders to become citizen scientists, collecting vital statistics for ornithologists and environmental scientists. The checklists collected provide vital information on how bird species are adapting to environmental changes, including how birds may change their breeding and migration ranges. Anna's Hummingbirds are one example of this: since the 1930's they have extended their breeding range north into Vancouver, B.C. and east to southern Arizona.

A big thank you to all who participated this year. Remember, birds are a critical keystone species; they need our protection every day.

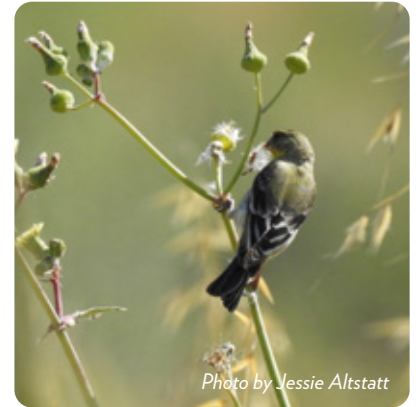


Photo by Jessie Altstatt

BIRD-FRIENDLY GARDENING TIPS

By Jessie Altstatt, Conservation Committee Co-Chair

Let Plants Flower and Go To Seed: If you have a garden, it's easy to make a positive difference for birds. Small songbirds love seeds, so plan to let some garden plants (like lettuce, radish, mustard, kale, or fennel) go to seed to attract House Finches and Lesser Goldfinches. Any aphids that appear on these bolting plants are a favorite for Orange-crowned Warblers and bushtits.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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

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Many thanks to those of you who have recently joined or renewed. Your chapter membership is key to our success! 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.

2020 WHITE-TAILED KITE BREEDING ACTIVITY AT STOW HOUSE

By Jeff Hanson and Peggy Kearns

This year the Lake Los Carneros (LLC) /Stow House White-tailed Kites have been successful in bringing at least 3 chicks into the world. Observers had to wait about 10 days from hatch date to see their fuzzy little heads poking up from the nest. It takes that long for the chicks to grow strong enough to hold themselves up. They seem to grow faster from this point on. Within days, the female could no longer sleep in the nest with them.

The nestlings will need another 2+ weeks of constant feeding before doubling their weight and transitioning to fledglings. During this period, the feeding will shift from the female to the male. Initially, she will bring in the prey and manage its distribution, ensuring that all nestlings get a fair share. When the male takes over, he usually just drops the prey into the nest and leaves. In abundant years like this, he may bring in 4 prey items within an hour. That is enough to stuff 3 or 4 nestlings to the point where they simply have to stop eating! No nestling goes without.



Photo by Jeff Hanson

Once they become fledglings, the male will continue to feed and train for the next 4 weeks or so. After that, the family ties are cut, and the fledging are on their own.

Both adults are exhibiting exemplary behavior. The male does all of the hunting and is getting most of the abundant prey from La Patera Ranch to the north. That makes sense, as much of the LLC grasslands are currently choked with wild mustard and radish. These invasive plants can get up to 6 feet in height, obliterating the field as a source of prey. In one photo the adults are about to exchange prey from a perch, rather than in the air: the male has a nice fat vole,

with the female following; you can see how small their feet are, which drives their hunting method. Also note when the Kite extends his right leg to land, the vole is held by the head or neck with the left foot. That foot must be pulled in to allow his fully extended right foot to grip the branch. Given the branch he chose, it got tricky.

The adults are showing signs of breeding again, so a second clutch will probably happen. Go Kites!



Photo by Jeff Hanson

SAVING BIRDS WHILE LOVING CATS – CATIOS: THE MAN-CAVES AND SHE-SHEDS FOR OUR FELINE FRIENDS

By Lisa Nelms

Sobered to learn that three billion birds have been lost in North America in the past fifty years, I wondered how individual citizens can help mitigate this rapid decline. I learned that, along with habitat loss, climate change, and pesticides, free-roaming cats are implicated in the loss.

The good news is that we can save the lives of countless birds by not letting our cats run freely outdoors. But how do you take an outdoor cat used to roaming free, and sequester it indoors without it driving you crazy? And how do you expose your indoor cat to the fresh air and sights, sounds, and stimulation of the outdoors, without putting its life – and the lives of vulnerable birds – at risk? By creating a Catio!

The Catio, or cat patio, is a safe (and often stimulating and enriching) enclosed environment that allows cats outside without the risks and dangers (coyotes, cars, cat fights, etc.). With their infinite configurations – freestanding, built-in, pre-fab, portable, custom – these enclosures are embraced by enlightened cat owners who find themselves torn between letting their cat “be a cat” and their sensitivity to the plight of birds.

Jeffrey Sturnick, a Santa Barbara carpenter and cat lover who has donated time, materials and skills to building an elaborate outdoor space for ASAP Cat Rescue in Santa Barbara, emphasizes that a catio is not a kennel, but a controlled environment that allows cats to freely do what cats do – play, explore, investigate, jump, climb, perch, get sun – all under their guardians’ protection.

Please visit <https://santabarbara-audubon.org/saving-birds-while-loving-cats-catios/> to learn more about catios in three local homes.



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If you're not already a Chapter-Supporting Member, we urge you to join SBAS and invite your friends, neighbors, relatives to join us, too.

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